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COMPATRIOT TAKES UP IMPORTANT POST AT BRITISH MUSEUM

The Trustees of the British Museum have appointed Dr. E. Sollberger, FBA, a Swiss who has taken British nationality in 1967, to be keeper of Western Asiatic Antiquities in succession to Dr. R. D. Barnett, who retires in January.

Dr. Sollberger is 53 years old and specialises in Cuneiform studies, particularly Sumerian. He joined the British Museum as an Assistant Keeper in 1961, and has been Deputy Keeper since 1970. Formerly he was Principal Keeper and Acting Director of the Musée d'arts et d'histoire at Geneva.

Farewell-Party of the Swiss Consul-General of Manchester

Being in Leeds on the occasion of the Lord-Mayor's Ball on the 18th December, 1973 our Consul-General of Manchester and Mrs. Born gave a farewell luncheon party at the Queen's Hotel in Leeds to the Committee-Members of the Yorkshire Swiss Club.

Mr. Rolf Born expressed his deep regret to have to leave this Country where he had made so many good friends, to take up his new appointment as Consul-General in Chicago, U.S.A.

Our Immediate past President Prof. J. P. Inebnit responded with a few appropriate words and was followed by Mr. Karl Kaegi, the Club's honorary Treasurer who forwarded to him also the good wishes of the Club's President, Mr. Ermanno Berner, at present in the Hospital in Blackburn, slowly recovering from a severe surgical intervention. He continued by thanking our Consul-General, also in the name of all the Yorkshire Swiss for all the selfless help he had given to them, the interest shown in

their many problems and wishing both "bon voyage", good health and many satisfactions in their new sphere of activities.

K.K. and E.B.

PAUL LEHRIAN

We have the sad duty of reporting the death of Mr. Paul Lehrian, one of the most distinguished caterers of the Colony. Mr. Lehrian, of 6 Sherrock Gardens, Hendon, N.W.5, was eleven days away from his 76th birthday when he passed away on 28th August after a period of ill health. Mr. Lehrian had retired at the age of 70 after 55 years of service in the hotel and catering business. His wide career began at the Schlosshotel, Waldhaus Flims, and the Suvretta House in St. Moritz, Born in Lausanne, Mr. Lehrian came to Britain in 1914.

He held posts at the Monaco Restaurant in London and the Metropole Hotel in Brighton. He became head waiter at the Carlton before working from 1917 to 1921 with the Canadian trade mission in France. For a time he was assistant manager of the St. Petersburg Hotel in Paris.

Back in London in 1922, Mr. Lehrian worked at the Ritz, became in charge of the Grill Room of the Carlton (15 years). For 21 years he managed the "Ecu de France" and became a director in 1940. In 1958 he was appointed manager of the Charing Cross Hotel, a position which he held for five years before ending his career as assistant to the General Manager of British Transport Hotels.

Mr. Lehrian was a director of Wild Hotels Ltd (Royal Court, Sloane Square and Highcliff, Bournemouth). He was a member of the Réunion des Gastronomes and exclusive holder of the title of

"Officier du Mérite Agricole".

Mr. Lehrian was interested in the Union Helvetia right from his arrival in this country until the Club was closed in Gerrard Street. He was a member of its various committees and President of the London branch. His son, Mr. G. P. Lehrian, is the General Manager of the Grosvenor House, Park Lane. To him and to his family we should like to express our deepest sympathy.

P.M.B.

We have recently been told of the death at the end of April of Mr. Ernst Eha, at the age of 87. A former and active member of the Swiss Colony, Mr. Eha was in Basle at the time of his death.

PROMOTIONS AT THE EMBASSY

With the turn of the year, the following promotions at the Swiss Embassy in London have become effective: Dr. F. Birrer to the rank of Councillor of Embassy (Cultural Affairs). Mr. F. Adams to the rank of Consul General.

Mr. F. Roberts to the rank of Consul.

Mr. R. Born, Consul General in Manchester, has been appointed Consul General in Chicago and will be replaced as head of the representation in Manchester by Consul General H. Jaques.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY: Friday, 30th January, Auction.

SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH: Tuesday, 29th January, Fondue Party at the Hartmanns at 8 p.m. Tuesday, 26th February, 8 p.m., Beer evening at the "Ski Lodge Lounge", Fairmilehead.

UNIONE TICINESE: 17th February, Centenary Dinner.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY: Thursday, 31st January, 7.30 for 8 p.m. Orchid Suit, Dorchester Hotel, Dinner with expose on "Oil" by Mr. Peregrine Fellowes. Dinner jacket.

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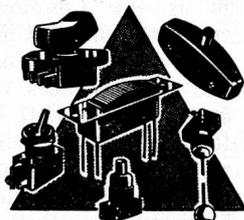
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