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The Chairman exhorted the members to be present at the lecture arranged by Swissair at Conway Hall on Thursday, April 21st, under the auspices of the City Swiss Club, Unione Ticinese, Swiss Mercantile Society and Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

The Chairman then had a very pleasant duty to perform. On behalf of the Society he presented Mrs. T. Lunghi-Rezzonico, who had been a member of the House Committee for eleven years, with an electric coffee percolator set. Mrs. Lunghi during her term of office had rendered invaluable services to the Society by her regular visits to Swiss House where she looked after the welfare of the lady students. Mrs. Lunghi had to relinquish her membership of the House Committee due to reasons of health. This presentation was made in accordance with a decision made at the Annual General Meeting. Mrs. Lunghi suitably expressed thanks, saying that she would always treasure that gift as a souvenir of the many happy hours she had spent at Swiss House. She extended an open invitation to all present to her house at Hinchley Wood for a good cup of coffee at any time they cared to call. Mrs. Lunghi's words were heartily applauded and this closed the official part of the meeting.

The members then adjourned into the lecture room to listen to Mr. Bernard Newman who addressed them on "The Blue Danube." The students of the College were also invited to this lecture and the lecture room was filled to capacity, a number of friends of the Society also being present.

Mr. Newman, who is a well-known author, gave a vivid account of his bicycle ride from the Black Forest to the Black Sea. The "Blue Danube," said the lecturer, was not blue anywhere on its 1,800 miles course!

The lecturer first acquainted us with "George," his companion which though of "rubber and steel" had become more of a friend to him than one of "flesh and blood" might have been.

On it, the lecturer said, he had crossed numerous European countries including Switzerland. He said it was no ordinary bicycle to him for when he traversed Eastern Europe it was for him, who from the linguistic point of view was a typical Englishman, the only bit of England. He had often engaged in long conversations with this extraordinary being on his long and lonely rides across tracts of uninhabited and inhospitable country.

The lecturer then went on to describe by word of mouth and by lantern slides made from his own photographs as well as by films, the story of this singular adventure and feat of endurance. We saw pictures of numerous countries including Germany, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Roumania and Bulgaria. Famous towns such as Ulm, Linz, Vienna and Budapest, the Eastern "City of Lights," floodlit and silhouetted against the night sky, interspersed with magnificent views of beautiful landscapes, mountains, river scenes, etc. The lecturer in his narrative account unfolded the long and interesting trail of his journey, often interwoven with humorous and gruesome experiences. We saw the endless Hungarian plains with the primitive cowboys, renowned for their hospitality, the Roumanian cornfields with prowling wolves and heard stories of vampires and queer local customs. Some of the accounts sounded like tales from the Middle Ages.

The lecturer concluded by pleading the cause of the Balkan States which needed the help and guidance of this country.

Mr. W. Deutsch moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his most interesting and entertaining as well as instructive talk. He said that no doubt many of the audience would make a point of reading Mr. Newman's excellent book which formed the subject matter of the lecture and which teems with valuable information.

The audience heartily endorsed Mr. Deutsch's words with prolonged acclamation and this concluded another most successful evening at Swiss House.

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## SWISS ACCORDION CLUB.

Encouraged by the success of their last concert the Swiss Accordion Club have decided to give yet another performance on Friday, April 29th, in the spacious hall of the Schweizerbund (Swiss Club) 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. The concert, which will take the form of a grand social supper dance, will begin with dancing at 8.30 p.m., the Accordionists starting their programme at 9 p.m. An extension until 2 a.m. has already been applied for. We may therefore look forward to a very jolly entertainment and those who were present on February 25th last will no doubt remember just how jolly and how homely such a gathering can be.

The untiring Mr. Gandon, leader of this wonderful little band, has arranged a very attractive programme and here are a few items:

The band will strike up with a Swiss Military March after which you will hear "Gondolieri," a concert valse played by Miss Niggli and Mr. Gandon, who are, of course, the two aces of the club. The band then closes the first part of the programme with another piece. Dancing will follow until 9.45 when the Accordionists begin their second part. This also is composed of three pieces, the main item being a "Ländlermarsch" played only by the young members of the club, girls and boys who have played the Accordion for less than six months. After this second part of the programme dancing will again follow until 10.30. The band will then begin the third and last part with a slow movement "Sonata di Sera." This is followed by another duet this time played by Miss Heinz and Mr. Gandon. A lively March played by the club closes the concert and dancing will proceed until the early hours.

However, a surprise item will await you at about 11.30. — Mrs. Rossier and Mrs. Aebersold have kindly consented to give us some Yodels. They will be accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Schaerer. Those of you who have not so far heard this trio make it a point not to miss it, — they are the real thing!

As you have seen, the programme is divided into various parts enabling you to dance during the intervals. I understand the dance band for the evening is of a different character and more pleasing than before, so if you want to spend a jolly evening do not fail to come along and come early and come in large numbers. — you will not regret it.

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## EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY SWISS ARTIST.

We would like to recommend to our readers the Exhibition of Paintings and Pastels (including sketches of the Revolution in Spain) by our compatriot, M. Oscar Barblan, at the Modern Gallery, 15, Greek Street, W.1.

The Exhibition opens on Friday, April 22nd and will run until May 4th. There is no entrance fee.

M. Barblan is a Swiss refugee from Spain.

## CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que

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aura lieu Mardi 3 Mai au Restaurant PAGANI, 42, Great Portland Street, W.1. et sera précédée d'un souper à 7h. 15 précises (prix 5/-).

#### ORDRE DU JOUR:

Procès-verbal.

Démissions.

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Divers.

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Le Comité.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, April 29th, from 8.30 till 2 a.m. — Swiss Accordion Club — Grand Social Supper Dance, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m. — Société de Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Thursday, May 5th — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Lecture by Major Paul de Vallière, further particulars to be announced.

Wednesday, May 11th, at 8 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting — followed by a lecture by Dr. G. P. Gooch, M.A., on the "European Situation," at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.

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Sonntag, den 24. April 1938.

11 Uhr morgens, Gottesdienst und Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

## TAUFE.

Am 17. April wurde getauft: Ingrid Hildegard Engel Rutishauser; geb. am 7.12.1937; Tochter des Max von Uzwil (St. Gallen) und der Hildegard geb. Engel von Berlin.

## CONFIRMATION.

Am 17. April wurde confirmiert: Edwin Oderbolz von Wagenhausen (Thurgau).

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