

Swiss holidays for United Kingdom Swiss children

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**JOE GALLO †**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Joseph Gallo, who passed away on 29th December.

Joseph Gallo arrived in this country in 1917 to take up a position at the Savoy Hotel, where his brother Jack was already wine-butler. After a brief stay in Switzerland to do military service, he came back to the Savoy in 1919. From there he moved to the Carlton Hotel, and then to the Ritz Hotel, becoming second in charge of the Ritz Grill Room famous in those days under the well-known restaurateur Luzio. When the Grill Room was closed owing to World War II, he joined the company of the Dorchester Hotel, where he reached the position of second-in-command of the Restaurant, a position he retained until his retirement.

Joe was a convinced Swiss patriot, and he never forgot his place of origin in the Grisons Alps, where he often returned for relaxation.

A Requiem was held at the Church of St. Anselm in Kingsway, Holborn, on 8th January.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

PERSONAL

We should like to congratulate Mr. Alfred Knapp, of "Oberland", 29 Wineham Road, Sale, Cheshire, on reaching his seventy-ninth birthday on 5th January and wish him many happy returns of the day.

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We have been informed that Mr. Pierre Lorsignol, a Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation, London, for ten years, retired on 31st December. We wish him many happy years of well-earned rest.

NOTE FOR GOURMETS

Swissair is showing off its culinary craft at the Swiss Food Festival in the International Restaurant, London Hilton, Park Lane, from 20th to 26th January. No Swiss roll on the menu, as this is purely a non-Swiss invention. No Swissair subsidy for meal bills.

This festival was planned to take place last September and was subsequently cancelled on account of the Air disaster at Duerrenaes,.

SWISS HOLIDAYS FOR UNITED KINGDOM SWISS CHILDREN

The Foundation "Pro Juventute" in Zurich is again organizing a holiday for children of 7 – 15 years, of Swiss parentage who live in the United Kingdom, provided always that there is a sufficient number of participants.

As usual these holidays will start at the best and most attractive time to enjoy Switzerland, i.e. towards the end of July, and are scheduled to last six weeks according to arrangements made by "Pro Juventute".

As regards board and lodging in Switzerland, "Pro Juventute" offers various schemes, such as:

- (a) Board and lodging at reduced prices of about 14/- to 23/- per day in a recognized children's home, selected by "Pro Juventute", available for children up to 12 years of age, only for children holding Swiss passports.
- (b) A stay of about 4 weeks in various holiday camps, available for children of about 12-14 years of age, only for children holding Swiss passports.
- (c) Free board and lodging with Swiss families for a limited number of children up to 14 years whose parents are unable to pay either the whole or part of the cost. Only children holding Swiss passports can be considered under this scheme.
- (d) Children who are in the happy position of holding a written invitation from relations or friends in Switzerland are welcome to join the party for the journey both ways. Age limit: 15 years.

Parents who are not able to pay the whole of the cost, which is kept as low as possible, are entreated most earnestly to contribute as much as they possibly can in order to reduce the strain on the funds of the Benevolent Societies and "Pro Juventute".

In cases where parents would value such holidays for their youngsters but are not in a position to defray the cost of the journey, the Swiss Benevolent Societies would endeavour to provide the necessary funds. This should be stated in the application.

It is expected that many Swiss parents in the United Kingdom will gladly avail themselves of this opportunity of enabling their children to enjoy a healthy and happy holiday in the most pleasant surroundings and scenery of our homeland.

Applications should be sent in writing at the latest by 25th March to:

- (a) in the London Consular District: Mrs. B. Kaluza, 152 West Hill, London S.W.15;
- (b) in the Manchester Consular District: Swiss Consulate, 56 Spring Gardens, Manchester 2.

The parents will then be supplied with all relevant information.

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