

New arrivals at the swiss embassy

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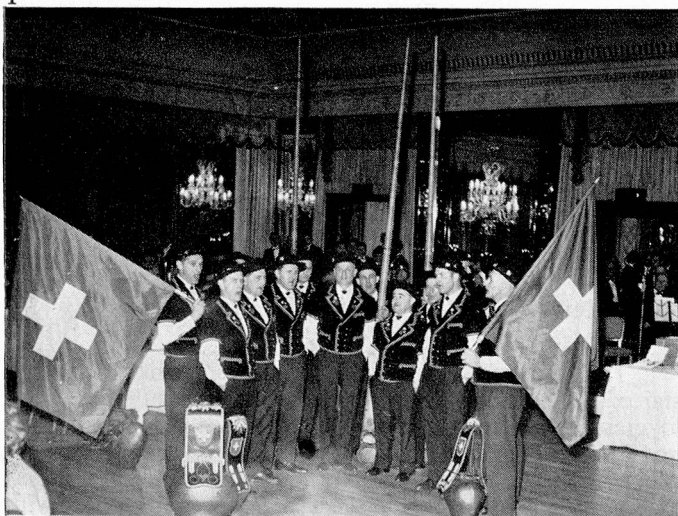
particular affection of the Club's Honorary Vice-President and faithful member for many years, our dear old friend Fred Stauffer who had still been with us a year ago and who had worked hard during the last few weeks of his life to make this event a success. His wife was there and we loved her for it.



The President — Madame R. Bonvin — Mrs. H. Jauslin with the OMEGA watch — Madame B. de Fischer.

Of course, an evening like this cannot be an unqualified success without much careful planning and hard detailed work. Amongst those who had done their share, apart from the President and (behind the scenes) his wife Francine, were Mr. H. Jauslin — how well he deserved the first prize of the tombola, the magnificent OMEGA watch — Mr. E. Tobler and Mr. J. Jobin. Thanks are also due to Mr. E. Burgaezzi, Deputy Manager of Swissair, for getting the Yodel Group and folklore band over from Switzerland for the occasion. The Club are also grateful to the Swiss National Tourist Office and the many donors of valuable prizes for the tombola. Just how successful this was, is shown by the splendid result: £200 have been distributed to the Swiss Benevolent Society, and £75 each to the Eglise Suisse, the Schweizerkirche and the Swiss Catholic Mission.

But also the ladies and gentlemen who were not lucky in the draw, received some consolation. Everybody was presented with rare scent or toilet water, a gift from the Club. The Swissair yodellers and alphorn players distributed gramophone records of Swiss folklore music, a present from home.



The Cabaret was provided by Swissair, the Yodellers in the traditional black "Sennechutteli", the "Ländlerkapelle" in embroidered blue tunics. The alphorn sounded remarkably genuine in the unfamiliar surroundings. The elegance of the gathering did not disturb the skill of the flag tossers who performed their art with great dexterity. David Kay from the Empress Club entertained by means of singing and other musical turns. The best part, both in my personal opinion, and to judge from the applause, was the dance music supplied by the Ländlerkapelle". With all due respect to Arthur Salisbury and his excellent dance orchestra, nothing could beat the racy rhythm and very helvetic strains of the folklore band. What a change and what fun!

Regrettable that dancing time was so short. Only too soon the red candles in their silver holders had burnt down. The red and white flowers on the tables began to wilt just a trifle. The last note of Auld Lang Syne and the two National Anthems died away. We drained our glasses and gratefully and confidently drank to the Club's future — had not the President said earlier on that "as in cricket we are one hundred not out — let's play on to a double century."

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NEW ARRIVALS AT THE SWISS EMBASSY

Monsieur **Richard Gaechter** arrived in July to replace Monsieur Gallusser who returned to Berne. He is attached to the Section for Economic Affairs at the Swiss Embassy. Monsieur Gaechter hails from St. Gall. He studied in Geneva and the United States (political science). He had assignments in Berne, Paris and, for the past 4½ years in Germany. He is married and has four children. We wish him and his family a happy stay in this country.

Monsieur **Paul Stauffer** arrived in November from Moscow. He takes over Cultural Affairs and Educational Matters at the Embassy and replaces Monsieur J. Revilliod, now Ambassador to Indonesia, Cambodia and Laos. Monsieur Stauffer is a citizen of the Aargau. He studied modern history, literature and philology. Previous assignments included Berlin and Berne. He is a bachelor. We wish him a successful stay in Great Britain.

PERSONAL

We have just learnt that Mr. E. M. Huber, "Cophornes", Crabtree Drive, Givons Grove, Leatherhead, Surrey, has been seriously ill. We are glad to hear that Mr. Huber is making progress and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

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Once again it is farewell to old friends. Mr. and Mrs. William Bernhard Sigerist have left their Hampstead home after many years' residence in this country. They have both been active in the Swiss community, and we shall sadly miss them. We wish them many years of happy retirement in their new home at Territet on the shores of Lake Geneva.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 14th January 1966. We shall be glad to receive reports and articles not later than Wednesday, 5th January. Short news items only can be accepted later.