

A new biological research centre in Basle

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Restaurant

As most of the foreign pavilions have their own restaurant in Montreal, within the precincts of the Exhibition, it was only natural that Switzerland which, in this field, can boast some remarkable achievements, should do likewise. In fact, while Switzerland is considered the classical tourist country, we find hotelkeepers, gastronomic experts, chefs, waiters and other Swiss hotelkeeping personnel, who are appreciated for their skill all over the world. In short, the Swiss restaurant at the Montreal Exhibition represents hospitality and the culinary arts as practised in Switzerland. Mr. Albert Frossard, former Manager of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Montreal has been appointed Manager.

The restaurant, housed on three different levels, has a seating capacity of about 200. The four linguistic regions of Switzerland are represented not only as regards decoration and setting but also choice of dishes. The Italian-speaking Ticino is represented in the basement by a dining-room resembling a typical "grotto", the Romanch Grisons and the German-speaking parts of Switzerland are on the ground-floor, and the French-speaking section on the mezzanine, the focal point being a big open stove for raclettes (the famous cheese speciality from the Canton of the Valais). In addition to local dishes and typical wines of these regions, all sections offer menus chosen to suit North-American tastes, prepared and presented with the greatest care and originality, unpretentious but excellent and original.

Swiss culture: contribution to the World Festival

The programme of cultural events, entertainment and sport — drama, music, lectures, folklore and sports events — planned for the duration of Expo 67, is the most varied and spectacular ever put on by a single town over a period of six months.

The Management of Expo 67, who have spared no efforts to achieve this result, nevertheless counted on the assistance of all countries taking part, within the measure of their possibilities. Switzerland is doing her share, and the programme includes performances by "Le Centre Dramatique Romand", concerts by the *Orchestre de la Suisse Romande* conducted by Ernest Ansermet and Paul Klecki, recitals given by famous Swiss soloists, and concerts by the Chamber Orchestra of Collegium Musicum, Zurich, conducted by Paul Sacher. On the Swiss National Day and subsequent days early in August, there will be folklore performances by a group of 130 people from several regions of Switzerland.

In addition, a number of lectures are being given by well-known Swiss personalities.

Mention should also be made of the fact that the Switzerland Cheese Association, in co-operation with Chocolat Tobler have a privately operated Restaurant in the Amusement Section of the Exhibition, called "La Ronde" on the South-Eastern tip of St. Helen's Island.

This information has been given by Mr. Michel Vidoudez, Press-Attaché for Switzerland's Participation at the Expo Montreal, and it was sent from the Office of the Commissioner General for Switzerland in Montreal.

In the first few days, the Mayor of Montreal invited Municipal President Chevallaz of Lausanne, to thank him for the many valuable impulses received from the Swiss National Exhibition in 1964.

Mr. Albert Frossard, manager of the restaurant in the Swiss Pavilion at the Montreal Universal Exhibition 1967, has just been awarded the title of Commander of the Order of Hotelkeeping Merit on the occasion of the semi-annual

meeting of the Hotelkeepers Association of the province of Quebec, in Montreal. This honour bears witness to the great esteem enjoyed in Canadian hotelkeeping circles by the manager of the restaurant of the Swiss pavilion.

EXPO 1967 was opened on 28th April and will last till 27th October.

In many parts of Switzerland, celebrations take place to mark the Centenary of the Canadian Confederation.

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Paul Kunz (80), Thun, former teacher in Aargau who took on the editorship of the "Oberländer Tagblatt"; was elected first full-time Municipal President of Thun in 1919 (—1925 and 1939 — 1952); member of the Bernese Cantonal Parliament from 1934 to 1948 (Liberal); on many communications and tourist organisations and Chairman of the Cantonal *Seminar-kommission* for 14 years; member of the National Council from 1947 to 1955.

Prof. Dr. Ernst Freudenberg (82), Basle, a refugee from Germany, he was given the Chair for *Kinderheilkunde* at Basle University in 1938 and appointed Director of the Children's Hospital; he kept both jobs with distinction until 1954; holder of many awards for pediatrics.

Raymond Waeber (64), Fribourg, Chief of the subscribers' department of the Fribourg Electricity Works; member of the Fribourg General Council and well known in sports circles; died on a staff excursion to Les Avants above Montreux.

Emil Boesch (83), St. Gallen, *Schulvorsteher* of St. Gall for many years; President and later Honorary President of the Swiss Houseowners Association.

Ernst Weber (86), Zurich, former President of the National Bank (1939 to 1947); from 1948, appointed by the Federal Council as Chairman of the Administrative Council of the Equalisation Fund of the Old Age and Dependents' Insurance.

Jules Bluntschli (71), Reinach (BL), former Commune President; member of the Cantonal Parliament since 1927; President of the R.C. Synod.

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A NEW BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTRE IN BASLE

Ciba Ltd., the big Swiss chemical and pharmaceutical factory in Basle, has just inaugurated a new seventeen-storey building, in which it has installed its biological research centre staffed by some 400 research workers. Biological research, which also comprises experimental medicine, is becoming more and more important for the pharmaceutical industry. It should be pointed out that Ciba carries out research not only in the parent firm in Basle but also in its branches in the United States and Great Britain as well as, more recently, in its Indian branch, where only Indian scientists are employed.

[O.S.E.C.]