

Raclette cocktail party?

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It was decided to hold again a Christmas Draw in 1969 instead of a Bazaar.

Finally the Chaplain thanked Mr. Grob for conducting the Meeting.

E.S.

BIRTHDAYS

Among readers who will be celebrating their birthdays within the next three weeks, are Mrs. F. G. Sommer and Mr. G. Friberg (78), to whom we wish many happy returns of 15th May. Mr. W. Schedler will be 65 on 24th May; he is shortly retiring from his responsible position with the Swiss Bank Corporation, and we wish him and his wife many happy years of peace and good health.

We have just heard that Mr. Walter Zuber of "The Grove", Grove Road, Ventnor, I. of W., celebrated his 70th birthday on 29th April in the best of health. He is well known on the island as a charming and conciliatory personality. We wish him many more years of good health and happy retirement.

RACLETTE COCKTAIL PARTY?

What a strange time, to have raclette at 5 p.m.! That is what I thought when I received an invitation to a Raclette Party at the Swiss Centre in London where the Lausanne Hotel Keepers Association and the Lausanne Tourist Office entertained travel writers and agents on 14th and 15th April. But when I was comfortably settled at one of the tables in the "Taverne" and began to dig into the lovely meal (dried meats and "Raclette", followed by "Kirschtorte"), I changed my mind. I had to agree with my English companions that it was a far better way of meeting than having to stand around precariously balancing glass and plate, clutching handbag and gloves and trying not to upset the lot when expected to shake hands as well, not even men-

THE REV. FATHER

A. LANFRANCHI †

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on Monday, 28th April, of the former Chaplain to the Swiss Catholics in London, the Rev. Father A. Lanfranchi.

In 1936, Father Lanfranchi was attached to the Clergy of Westminster Cathedral at the request of His Grace, the Archbishop of Westminster and with the permission of the Bishop of Chur. He looked after refugees from Fascist Italy and Nazi Austria and Germany and founded an international circle for Catholics from many countries. He also cared for Italian prisoners during the war. As the war progressed, a small committee was formed by the late Col. Bon, then President of the Swiss Benevolent Society in London, and Mr. J. Boos, K.S.G., and they asked H.E. Cardinal Hinsley to release Father Lanfranchi to look after the many Swiss Roman Catholics. The request was graciously granted, and in 1941, he was placed at the service of the Swiss community.

It was no easy task, but Father Lanfranchi did well and undertook much-valued spiritual and social work. He started the youth club "Alpenrosen", the forerunner of today's R.C. Youth Club.

It was not until 1952, however, that services could be held at St. Ann's Church, and Father Lanfranchi was appointed by H. E. Cardinal Griffin as Parish Priest to the Swiss community. Father Lanfranchi took a keen interest in other activities, too, and he was greatly missed when, at the end of 1958, he returned to Switzerland.

The funeral service was held at Poschiavo on 1st May and a Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Ann's in London. R.I.P.

tioning the impossibility of a smoke and the discomfort of standing for two hours.

No, give me a "Raclette" served at a table: hot, lovely melted cheese, helped down with a drop of excellent white Swiss wine from the Léman region. But then, the Vaudois know how to present things: They already announce "Lausanne new Super Economy Package Tours" for 1970 (information for agents only so far). Incidentally, Lausanne is the only Swiss City where visits by British holiday-makers went up by 11% in 1968 — the average in Switzerland was down over the previous year. Not surprising if the well-organised "Raclette" Party is anything to go by! Good luck to the enterprising Vaudois!

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CITY SWISS CLUB

The City Swiss Club held its Annual General Meeting on 29th April and we have been asked to publish the names of the new Officers and Committee members. Mr. A. Kuhn was elected President for 1969/70 and Mr. W. E. Bion Vice-President. The Hon. Treasurer is Mr. H. J. Keller, the Assistant Hon. Treasurer is Mr. G. Ronus. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. F. Ackermann and the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. F. Jobin are supported by an additional member, Mr. H. Jauslin.

The Committee would like to draw readers' attention to the Informal Dinner Dance at Great Forsters on Friday, 27th June. Final details will be announced later.

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