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EIDGENÖSSISCHES SCHUTZENFEST LUZERN

Eleven members representing the Swiss Rifle Association of London joined in the Overseas Swiss competition and celebrations during the weekend 14th–16th July.

The 14th July was the official day of the Overseas Swiss and following the reception in the Kunsthau, groups from virtually every part of the world joined the carefully organised cortège. The colourful parade moved slowly through the City to the delight of the crowds lining the streets. Traditional folk costumes and uniforms of Carabiniers, Arqebusiers, Horsemen, Foot Soldiers and Musicians mingled with the picturesque attire of the overseas groups, Dutch, Canadian, Mexican and many more including the Londoners, immaculately dressed as City gentlemen and headed by standard bearer Ben Trinkler. The proceedings continued with lunch in the Festhalle followed by a boat trip around the Lake.

Monday 16th was the day of the competition, held on the Zihlmatt Stand. Shooting started promptly at 8 a.m. and notwithstanding the considerable number of participants, the programme was completed by midday: a tribute to the efficiency of Range Masters, Scorers and Cibarres.

Many medals were won by the London Group including president Marcel Bucherer and lady member Gertrud Tresch who was participating in a Schutzenfest for the first time.

The outstanding score was by Traugott Shaffner who achieved maximum points and shared first place in the competition. He was also awarded the coveted Master-shot Medal in general competition. Other medal winners included Peter Fischer, Thomas Derrer, Armin Loetscher and Jack Wetter.

The concluding ceremony and prize-giving in the Festhalle was preceded by a special presentation to Adolphe Schmid the veteran shooter from London and senior veteran of the entire meeting. Over

90 years of age, Adolphe Schmid has attended every Eidgenössische Schutzenfest since 1925 and still shoots pistol at practice meetings in London.

The Association was seventh in the overall placings, not as good as hoped but standards were high and competition intense.

The meeting was a unique occasion in which over 80,000 competitors took part. Lasting from the 7th–22nd July it was organised and conducted with commendable efficiency. The promoters may take justifiable pride in their achievement and to them the Swiss Rifle Association of London send their congratulations and thanks.

Brian D. Kett



Rear:— Left to right, B. Trinkler, G. Tresch, A. Schmid, T. Schaffner, P. Fischer.
Front:— Left to right, J. Tresch, A. Loetscher, M. Bucherer and T. Derrer.

BERNE – EXHIBITION AT PTT-MUSEUM

As a contribution to the "Year of the Child", the PTT (Swiss Post, Telephone and Telegraph Services) is staging a special exhibition until December 1979. The permanent exhibition of the history of the PTT has been adapted to "The Child and the PTT". A collection of toys from the fields of post, telephone and telegraph will also be on show, and on certain dates special introductory courses for young people will be arranged on how to collect stamps.

Further information: PTT-Museum, Helvetiaplatz 4, 3030 Bern/Switzerland.

Gifts that will cure a few homesick friends.

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