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Local News - Great Britain

THE GREEN PAGES

Fleetwoods' knack

Welcome to the first edition of The Green Pages of 1989, and what a way to kick off ... In our Winter issue, you may remember, we ran a competition, in association with our friends at **Airtours Swiss** and the **SNTO**, to win 2 free tickets (and two free 'Fly-Rail Baggage' passes) to Switzerland. Admittedly, the quiz itself was quite easy but we never expected such a huge response. Thank you all, most sincerely, for your support. All you runners-up will be receiving your Airtours Swiss discount vouchers very soon, and some of your best 'Tie-Break' comments (pro and anti) appear in our 'Opening Letters' column.

So who is the winner? Well, it was a hard decision, with so many correct answers to choose from, but we eventually plumped for the one with the 'Tie-Breaker' that made us laugh the most. The entry was from 7-year-old **Sarah Fleetwood** of Worthing in West Sussex. She had all the correct answers ...

1. *Airtours Swiss fly to FOUR Swiss airports.*
2. *Our travel columnist is Joe Buehler.*
3. *Swiss Government buildings are in Berne.*

... but it was this tie-breaker that tickled us all:

"I like the new look Green Pages of the Swiss Review because it has excellent drawings, but I am too young to understand what it says but Mummy can explain"

I must confess to being curious as to how on earth young Sarah manages to type so well, but the likely ghost-writer, Emma Fleetwood (Mother? Sister?), is so flattering I care not ...

"... because it makes reading very interesting and the design is excellent."

Sarah's 10-year-old brother Andrew was also a close runner-up so we decided (with the generous agreement of Airtours Swiss and the SNTO) to send the Fleetwoods THREE winning tickets instead of two. We will be in touch soon to make the arrangements.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up. We will be launching a new competition in our next issue.

Advertising success

Bearing in mind the kindness Airtours Swiss have shown us, it is gratifying to report that they and other advertisers have been in touch to report that their advertising in our new look Green Pages has been an enormous success. Very pleased to be of service !!

I recently heard rumour that some people are not happy with the content of these pages !! Apparently the picture we recently ran of **Neil Kinnock** chatting to our young columnist **Aliah Blackmore**, was a waste of space ! I wasn't told which particular political bigot it was who didn't have our telephone number to lodge their complaint directly, but may I just say that I regard it as EXTREMELY interesting that such a polite, intelligent young girl as Aliah should be given the opportunity to interview the leader of Her Majesty's Opposition. She should make her Swiss mother very proud.

Furthermore, re: Trudi Bott's letter mentioned overleaf. To my knowledge these pages have never been called 'Club News'. So why are you so offended that your local club's events/gossip can no longer be featured in this supplement? However, I DO appreciate the good service the clubs provide on a local basis and as of this issue we now print a directory of all the Swiss Clubs and Societies (page II). New members, we gather, are always welcome.

More Lingo

We have had a good response to our request for Swiss-German language tutors and those wishing to learn but space does not allow us to pursue the subject. More next issue. Promise.

More 'Picture Power'



Following the gratuitous use of our picture of Nadia Myerscough in the last edition for 'no apparent reason' other than that she is very talented and very attractive, I spotted this picture of equally lovely budding track star Debbie Marti from Redhill, who was born in Zofingen. It was published in an old edition of this magazine. I wonder how goes the career of this fellow (fellow?) Taurean? Perhaps Debbie or her family may like to update us ...

Nick Miller, Editor

Nick Miller is a regular feature presenter of LBC Radio's weekend programme 'The Night is Young' and 'Movie' magazine columnist

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A huge post bag this time, 94% positive, and your competition tie-breakers.

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For those keen to mingle with other Swiss persons in their locality, we publish a useful list of contact names and numbers.

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Opening LETTERS

Only THREE of the 100 plus letters and competition entries we have received since December were unsupportive of the content of our new look 'Green Pages'. **Mrs J. Kilroy** of Hartley Witney in Hants suggests that "... the comments, although amusing, are intrusive, and the highlighting of almost every name is hard on the eye". Fair comment. By the way, I'm sorry I highlighted YOUR name ...

Ursula Langley of Bristol is disappointed that "... our voices from the different clubs are not heard any more, this paper is meant for the Swiss in England." ... and **Trudi Bott**, of the Edinburgh Swiss Club, agrees saying that the 'Club News' "... drew people's attention to the existence of a club in their area ... there was no other way to spread news Scotland-wide". My comments on this appear in my editorial. Of most concern to Trudi was the fact that we had not acknowledged the generous response of Scottish readers to her appeal for funds for the CH-91 campaign. She does, kindly, add that she does not wish to criticise the articles we published and finds them "interesting".

On the positive side, **Mrs Margrit Cowell** of Ashford in Kent, says that our Green Pages are "informative and bring home closer" to her. **Mrs Woodhead-Carroz** of Grantham says they are "... concise and very informative ...", while **Tobias Salathé** thinks they are "... done very professionally, funny and easy to read."

Very flatteringly, **Jeffrey Long** of Bradford, thinks that our "... distinctive column headings create interest, and knowledgable columnists mean stimulating reading ...", while **Mrs A. Glen** of Dunstable thinks we are "... informative, stimulating and impartial". **Violet Schmidt**, from Sidmouth compares us favourably with the "seriousness" of the white pages and **Mrs E. MacFarlane** of Yeovil concurs, adding that we write in clear english and not the awful "translationese" in the rest of the magazine. We couldn't agree more !

The Green Issue

Gluttons for punishment, **Mrs Ida Burclaff** and **Mrs J. Jacobsen** of London and Stockport respectively ask for MORE green pages !! Most curiously, **D. Phillips** of Cambridge says we are "... as useful and collectable as green stamps ..." (try exchanging US for a toaster !). Out what better way to end than to mention that **Ginette Light**, also of Cambridge (obviously a barmy town !) says that we match her bathroom curtains !!!!

Martin Norris ARTS

Visual Arts

Two Swiss artists are currently enjoying appreciative audiences in Central London. The Tate Gallery (01-821 1313) is the venue for a series of paintings by **Jacques-Laurent Agasse**, running until April 2nd. Meanwhile, over at the JPL Fine Arts Gallery, 26 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2630), **Felix Vallotton** displays 40 paintings, drawings, woodcuts and water-colours. That event shuts up shop on April 14th.

Classics

A wide variety of classical music events. The **Berne Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by **Peter Maag**, have a heavy schedule in the second week of April ...

Friday 7th **London** Barbican Centre
 Saturday 8th **Manchester** Free Trade Hall
 Sunday 9th **Milton Keynes** Bletchley Leisure Cntr
 Tuesday 11th **Portsmouth** Guildhall
 Wednesday 12th **Croydon** Fairfield Hall
 Thursday 13th **City of London**
 Guildhall (Charity concert in aid of British Red Cross)

Stefan Hasler conducts the **Holberg Ensemble** on March 10th in concert at Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, London W14 (01-602 3316). The suggested programme includes the Concerto for 2 Violins by Paul Müller, Four Seasons by Vivaldi, and Dvorak's Serenade.

Heinz Holliger follows the success of his Elliot Carter 80th birthday tribute in London last December with 'Two Liszt Transcriptions'. The date is March 22nd (7.15pm) and the venue is the London Barbican Centre. The concert, also featuring pieces by Dvorak and Shostakovich, is conducted by the greatly respected **Simon Rattle**.

All that jazz

The internationally renowned **George Gruntz Concert Jazz Band** traverse the country for gigs in London and Glasgow on May 4th and 5th respectively. Venue confirmation at this juncture is not possible but feel free to contact the remarkably helpful and friendly **Maya Floess** at the Swiss Embassy Cultural Section on 01-723 0701 ext 248 for further details.

Maya will also, I am sure, assist with details of other forthcoming events should you so wish.

Martin Norris is a feature writer for MGB Publications and welcomes articles and information on art, music, photography, literature, performing arts and cinema at our editorial address.

Swiss Club DIRECTORY

Whilst we may no longer be able to carry reports and reviews of events and gossip within Britain's many Swiss Clubs and Societies, we thought it may be of use to carry a full listing of names and numbers of same for those interested in becoming involved ...

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Swiss Welfare Office for Young People
 Tel: 01-458 3859 (Mrs G. Ficker, President)
Swiss Youth Club Tel: 01-341 7224 (Miss Muller)

Union Ticinese Tel: 01-568 3916 (Mr Berti)

John Chapman IN PRINT.

Swiss Scene

From the impressive cover, one would imagine that **Swiss Scene - News and Views on Switzerland** would be full of the sort of glossy advertisements for perfume and cigarettes which tend to fill the Sunday supplement magazines. Fortunately, this is not the case. In fact the advertisements blend in well with the actual content of the magazine. A monthly guide to all aspects of Swiss life, Swiss Scene itself takes a neutral stance on the issues it reports, which range from business and technological innovations to general news (as featured in the 'Headlines' section). Indeed, this section touches every aspect of Swiss life.

The feature pages cover issues which are frequently related to finance and investment, although fortunately these tend to be written with the layman in mind. Regional issues are dealt with in the 'Riviera Scene' and 'Zurich Scene' pages and, and for visitors there is a 'Tourist News' page.

The range of news and features covered in 70 pages is very impressive and editor **Janice Binkert** has assembled a very professional editorial team. There is perhaps a lack of colour photography, but this is out-weighed by the quality of writing sustained throughout.

Swiss Business

The January/February issue of **Swiss Business** (The International Swiss Magazine for Trade and Investment) as usual maintained its high

standards of writing on the widest range of issues from the economic, business and investment spheres.

The issue in question looked at some market trends and featured an eye-opening article about Switzerland's charter airline companies. Whilst on subjects 'transportational', the export-promotion consortium Swissair came under focus. This feature examined the collective Swiss rail and rail engineering companies' achievements around the world. These include a major involvement in the mono-rail which was featured at the 1986 World Expo in Vancouver, Canada. The centre pages 'Switzerland your business partner' are written by the Swiss Office for Trade Promotion (OSEC) giving some indication of the content therein.

The underlying tone, in many articles, revolves around the position of Switzerland post-1992 and the formation of the 'Single Market' in Europe. Naturally, this primarily has business implications, particularly as Austria seems a likely future member, leaving Switzerland 'land-locked' as the only non-EC nation in Western Europe (excepting Scandinavia). swissBusiness, in fact, used the Switzerland-EC relationship as the basis of its heartfelt editorial by **John Wicks**.

If you would like more information regarding either magazine mentioned please contact:

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John Chapman is a feature writer for MGB Publications and Editor of the Swiss in Britain magazine - the mouth-piece of all Britain's Swiss Clubs and societies. He's also a jolly nice chap !

Swiss Radio HEAR THIS!

As promised, from this issue we are carrying information and programme details on the English Language Service broadcast by **Swiss Radio International**. It aims itself at Swiss citizens living abroad, fulfilling a similar function to that of the BBC's World Service but with the 4-fold disadvantage of having to broadcast in 3 mother tongues plus English. Sadly, like all good civil service operations, it remains one of Switzerland's best kept secrets.

I met **Richard Dawson**, one of SRI's journalist-presenters, in Näfels last September. When I offered free space in the Review to display programme and wavelength information he seemed keen. We both agreed that the previously published wavelength guide was incomprehensible to a mere mortal. Since then he has not returned my calls or responded to my correspondence. Perhaps he's been got at ! Perhaps a senior governmental mandarin heard that he was about to leak programme information and now he's breaking rocks or painting road signs !

Subsequently, I have spoken to the head of English Language programming, **Israel Cinman**, who was most helpful. He tells me that SRI broadcasts here on **9560 MHz and 11935 MHz Short Wave**. Each English programme (on air at 7.30, 8.30, 12 noon, 14.00, 16.30 and 19.30 GMT) contains 7 minutes of news from Switzerland plus 23 minutes of World affairs, with special interest travelogues and features at the weekends. I shall attempt to tune in and tell all next time.

Nick Miller

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Eating SWISS

The Restaurant Review

In the inaugural restaurant review, in our last issue, Nick Miller tried out the exciting food fayre of The Chesa and the other restaurants under The Swiss Centre's roof. We decided that he is still so filled from their delights, that we would have to send another intrepid reporter on the next eating expedition. John Chapman was tempted to sample the winter delights of St. Moritz...

St. Moritz

I last went to St Moritz in September of 1982, though at that time I was on holiday in Western Switzerland! This time the St Moritz I took time out to visit was its namesake restaurant in Wardour street in London's Soho district, home of some of Britain's finest eating establishments. Set on two levels and decorated in authentic Swiss style, St Moritz has an immediately noticeable friendly and intimate atmosphere. Owner Armin Loetscher told me that this aspect leads to a more personal service and I must admit, this was certainly the case with my meal. A tasty 'Potage du Jour' was followed by a sumptuous main course of 'Scampi Provencal', in a delicious sauce, served with mixed vegetables. For dessert, a specially concocted Gran Marnier soufflé. I am virtually vegetarian, but for meat eaters, the fayre was varied and well presented.

St Moritz has had an interesting history. Armin told me of his early days in London (he arrived

in 1958) and the St Moritz of the 'Swinging Sixties'. In those days, Armin was in charge of the club which lies below the restaurant. Then it was almost exclusively Swiss youth who visited the club, and Swiss musicians would play live music interspersed by Beatles and Rolling Stones records. In the early seventies, Armin ('Sweetie' to his friends!) took over the responsibility of the restaurant and has made it very much 'his own'.

Today, largely due to the more restrictive immigration policy for non-EC citizens, the club has only a handful of Swiss attendees. At lunchtimes, the restaurant is largely populated by TV and music business personnel, but in the evenings one can still find a sprinkling of Swiss eaters. For the personal touch and fine cuisine I can heartily recommend a meal at St Moritz. Of course, it is also ideally situated for combining a meal with a night at one of the many theatres or cinemas nearby.

Fondue Memories...

If 'St. Moritz' suggests not so much a Soho restaurant as a heartwarming log fire in a mountain homestead on a cold Alpine night after a day on the slopes, then your thoughts turn to one of the delights of Swiss nights, namely the shared pleasure of a Fondue. With this in mind, The Swiss Centre held its annual Fondue promotion from January 16th to February 19th of this year.

As usual, there were a wide variety of menus available from £10.00 per head prepared by the Executive Chef, Felix Zund. These ranged from the traditional cheese 'Fondue Valaisanne' to the somewhat more exotic 'Fondue Chinoise'. As if these were not tempting enough, how about the 'Toblerone Fondue' to send your taste buds into triangles ... a pot of melted Toblerone served with freshly sliced fruits.

These mouth-watering dishes, served in the Locanda, were all successfully received by the visiting masses, though apparently those responsible for 'losing a cube of bread' in the bubbling pot tended not to undergo the traditional forfeits! Ladies forfeit a kiss for each lost piece of bread and men have to fork out for a bottle of wine or a round of kirsch each time. High penalties for careless eaters, you might think. Still, if all this talk of delicious dishes has got you enthused enough to cook Fondue for yourselves, here are a couple of recipes which were the high points of the Swiss Centre promotion, supplied courtesy of Felix Zund ...

Swiss Cheese Fondue

Ingredients

300g Gruyère grated, 300g Emmentale grated, 2 teaspoons of cornflour, 1 clove of garlic, 400ml dry white wine, 40ml Kirsch, Dash of lemon juice, Ground nutmeg, Pepper from peppermill

Method

Rub the inside of the Fondue pot with the garlic. Add the wine and the lemon juice, and heat over a low flame. Add the cheese gradually and stir all the time. When the mixture bubbles, pour in the cornflour blended smoothly with the Kirsch and cook for about five minutes. Add pepper and nutmeg to taste ...

Serves 4.

Toblerone Chocolate Fondue

Ingredients

400g milk Toblerone chocolate, Kiwi Fruit, Pineapple, Strawberries, Lychees, Pears

Method

Break the Toblerone chocolate into small pieces and place in a small copper pot. Stir over a gentle heat until the Toblerone chocolate melts. Serve a variety of freshly sliced fruits cut into medium sized pieces to dip into the chocolate Fondue ...

Serves 4.

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Healthy living

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The Golden Shot

Staying on a sporting theme, in July of this year Lausanne is the host town to the 35th **World Archery Championships**, organised in association with the **International Archery Federation (FITA)**. In fact Lausanne is going to be home to a number of sporting events this year, should you choose to travel there. From the 2nd to the 6th August the 10th **World Baton Twirling Championships** take place boasting competitors from 15 nations whilst October sees the **Complete International Riding Competition** planned for the Lausanne Riding Centre in the forests above the city.

With the Men's **European Artistic Gymnastics Championships** taking place at the end of May to kick the summer of sport off, Lausanne will be a must for sports fans this year. Of course, Lausanne's natural charm makes it an ideal travel choice for non-sports fans too! Full details about travel arrangements to and from Lausanne (and indeed all your travel requirements) are of course available from the Swiss National Tourist Office.

Time for a break...

From 12th to 19th April **The Basle Show** will be the home to the European Watch, Clock and Jewellery Fair. This is one of the most

important events in the annual trade calendar and will feature exhibits from 22 countries covering every aspect of the industry from traditional designs to thoroughly modern samples. The work covers a wide spectrum of design and construction. From hand-made crafts to mass-produced commercial items. Quite an array, in fact, and the SNTO has details of a special package deal, organised in association with 'British Jeweller'. This includes flights to Zurich from Heathrow, Birmingham or Manchester (and subsequent train journey to Basle) and a choice of hotels close to the venue.

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Provided you can part with SFr 50 and can notify the authorities by 15th March, why not take part in the first Ski-Marathon in Zermatt on the 16th April, covering 52km and reaching the dizzy heights of 4275m? More details are obtainable from ...

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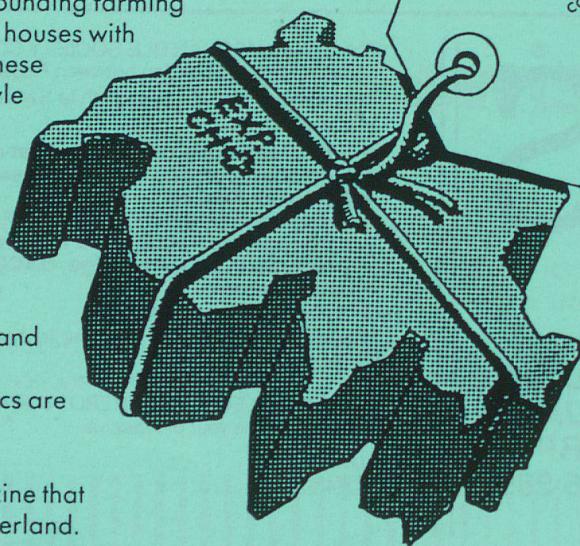
Joseph Buehler is the Director of the Swiss National Tourist Office in London. Further information on any of the subjects discussed here may be obtained from the SNTO at The Swiss Centre, New Coventry Street, London W1. Tel: 01-734 1921.

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In future months, we'll visit Delémont, Switzerland's newest cantonal capital. The streets of olde Berne with their many arcades and picturesque fountains ... and the Lötschberg, featuring the well-known railway line and the not-so-well known mountain pass. These and many other fascinating topics are all discussed in forthcoming issues of **SCHWEIZ SUISSE SVIZZERA SVIZRA SWITZERLAND**. An illuminating magazine that captures the many splendours of Switzerland.



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LGW	08.45	11.15	Daily	BA736	B737-200
LHR	08.50	11.15	Saturday & Sunday	BA724	B757
LHR	10.05	12.35	Daily	SR831	A310
LGW	12.00	14.30	Daily	AE070	B737-300
LHR	12.30	14.55	Daily	BA728	B757
LGW	13.40	16.10	Daily	BA738	B737-200
LHR	15.05	17.35	Daily	SR833	A310
LHR	15.30	17.55	Daily	BA730	0757
LGW	18.40	21.10	Daily (except Sat)	BA740	B737-200
LHR	19.15	21.40	Daily (except Sat)	BA732	B757
LHR	20.05	22.30	Daily (except Sat)	SR837	MD80

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From	Depart	Arrive	Frequency	Flight No	Aircraft
LHR	07.50	10.20	Daily	BA710	B757
LHR	08.10	10.50	Daily	SR801	A310
LGW	09.25	12.00	Daily	DA862	BAC1-11
LHR	09.50	12.25	Daily	SR803	A310
LHR	12.00	14.30	Daily	BA714	B757
LGW	12.15	14.55	Friday & Sunday	UL512	Tristar
LHR	13.50	16.25	Daily	SR805	A310
LGW	14.20	16.55	Mon, Fri & Sun	DA868	BAC1-11
LGW	14.20	16.55	Tues & Wed	DA868	BAC1-11
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LGW	14.55	17.30	Sat (except 24/12)	DA870	BAC1-11
LHR	15.00	17.30	Daily	BA718	B718
LHR	16.05	18.40	Daily	SR807	A310
LGW	16.30	19.05	Sat (17/12 only)	DA872	BAC1-11
LHR	18.55	21.25	Daily (Except Sat)	BA720	B757
LGW	19.00	21.35	Daily (Except Sat)	DA874	BAC1-11
LHR	19.10	21.45	Daily	SR809	A310

RETURN

Geneva to London

From	Depart	Arrive	Frequency	Flight No	Aircraft
LHR	08.20	09.00	Monday to Saturday	SR830	A310
LGW	08.40	09.20	Daily	BA735	B737-200
LHR	08.50	09.30	Daily	BA723	B757
LHR	11.10	11.45	Monday to Friday	BA725	B757
LGW	12.00	12.35	Daily	BA737	B737-200
LHR	12.20	12.55	Saturday & Sunday	BA725	B757
LHR	13.40	14.15	Daily	SR832	A310
LGW	15.15	15.45	Daily	AE071	B737-300
LHR	15.55	16.25	Daily	BA729	B757
LGW	17.15	17.55	Daily (except Sat)	BA739	B737-200
LHR	18.35	19.10	Daily	SR836	MD80
LHR	19.00	19.35	Daily (except Sat)	BA731	B757
LHR	20.00	20.35	Daily	SR838	MD80

Zurich to London

From	Depart	Arrive	Frequency	Flight No	Aircraft
LHR	07.35	08.25	Daily	SR800	A310
LGW	07.50	08.40	Daily (exc 25,26/12)	DA861	BAC1-11
LHR	08.30	09.15	Daily	BA709	B757
LGW	09.35	10.15	Friday & Sunday	UL511	Tristar
LHR	11.15	11.50	Daily	BA711	B757
LHR	12.10	12.55	Daily	SR802	A310
LGW	12.45	13.20	Mon, Thurs & Fri	DA865	BAC1-11
LGW	12.45	13.20	Tues & Wed	DA865	BAC1-11
LGW	12.45	13.20	Sunday	DA865	BAC1-11
LGW	13.20	13.55	Saturday	DA867	BAC1-11
LHR	14.30	15.15	Daily	SR804	A310
LHR	15.30	16.05	Daily	BA715	B757
LHR	17.15	17.55	Daily	SR806	A310
LGW	17.40	18.15	Daily (except Sat)	DA869	BAC1-11
LHR	18.35	19.15	Daily (Except Sat)	BA719	B757
LGW	19.50	20.25	Saturday 17/12 only	DA873	BAC1-11
LHR	20.00	20.40	Daily	SR808	A310

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Of Anglo-Swiss relations and three nonagenarians

Anglo-Swiss relations go back to Roman times, when a Rhaetian legion came to Britain ... an historic curiosity ! It was Bishop Armenfredus (Ermenfroid) from Sion who crowned William the Conqueror.

In his book '**The Swiss and the British**' (published by Michael Russell) Sir John Wraight, former Ambassador to Switzerland, gives an exhaustive and illuminating history of Anglo-Swiss relations through the centuries, and the present-day connections between the two nations. At the time of writing, Sir John is on a tour of several Swiss cities, lecturing on this subject. Without being presumptuous, one may state that Anglo-Swiss relations today are very good at every level, diplomatic and cultural.

The **Swiss National Tourist Office** have always been at the forefront of fostering relations in their particular field and the impressive Swiss presence at the **Daily Mail International Ski Show** and the **World Travel Market** testified most decisively to the success of Switzerland's efforts in this sphere. Much more has been done in the cultural field over the last 15 to 20 years than earlier on when Swiss abroad in general complained that culture was given an inferior place.

The Swiss Embassy, of course, plays an important part in diplomatic relationships and in every other aspect (economic, defence, culture). The bulletin published monthly by the Cultural Section (anyone interested may apply for it) regularly tells of Swiss musicians appearing in London and of artists' exhibitions. It also lists current Swiss films and theatre productions (including Duerrenmatt's "Visit" which is on release again, for the first time since 1958). Frequent readings by Swiss authors take place at the Embassy and elsewhere in the U.K.

Book choice

Two books recently issued by British authors which you might find of interest. The first is the delightful history of 200 years of English travellers in Switzerland. "Southwards to Geneva" by **Mavis Coulson**. Secondly, "What makes Switzerland tick" by **Richard Wildblood**, in which he poses the challenging question of what Switzerland really is.

In a previous issue I wrote about the history of the Anglo-Swiss Society. In the meantime, its 40th anniversary dinner has taken place. It was a glittering affair with the Earl of Limerick in the chair, and the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Pictet present, as well as Colonel Stuart Townend, the founder and first Director of the Society. Many prominent members were amongst the guests, **Dr. Hans Egli**, one of two Swiss members of the very first committee (the other being Mr. Walter Meier).

Nonagenarians

Hans Egli is also one of two stalwarts reaching the age of 90. His birthday falls on 17th March. In the September 1987 issue I wrote about his distinguished career as a lawyer and chief correspondent of the "**Neue Zuercher Zeitung**", and above all about the invaluable services he has rendered to the Swiss community over many decades. He has devoted his life to Anglo-Swiss relations, and a great debt of gratitude is owed him. Congratulations may be sent to 6a Rodborough Rd London NW11.

Another distinguished compatriot to reach the age of 90 now lives in Switzerland. **Mr Willi Renz**, of Steinwichtslenstrasse 2, 9052 Nieder-Teufen, celebrated his birth on 2nd January.

Jean W. Bonjour of 72 Shirley Avenue, Croydon, Surrey, celebrated his 90th birthday on 23rd February. Only a few months ago, he was made an Hon. Member of the Swiss Mercantile Society after a life-time of devoted service with the same commitment as in his career at the Swiss Bank Corporation. He is also an Hon. Member of the New Helvetic Society. He has the distinction of being the only Council member who, until a short time ago, never missed a meeting, except one when British Rail was on strike !

All his friends sympathised with him when he recently lost his wife whom he had nursed through a long illness. We admire his strength and courage and we wish him, as well as Dr. Egli and Mr Renz, many more years of good health and enjoyment.

Obituary

Finally, we have to announce the death of **Mr. D.E. Bonnet**, of Carshalton Beeches, Surrey. He died on 1st January at the age of 91. He too was with the Swiss Bank Corporation. He will be mainly remembered for his great services to the Swiss Benevolent Society. He was one of the Vice-Presidents, having previously been Hon. Asst. Treasurer. He was also Hon. Auditor of the New Helvetic Society. We shall remember him with affection and send our deep sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mariann Meier is a former Editor of Swiss Observer and author of 'The Young Traveller in Switzerland', publisher: Phoenix House.

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