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PERSONAL.

Mr. Charles Bertschi whom most of us will remember as the successful director of the Hotel Splendide in Piccadilly informs us that he has acquired the Berkeley Arms Hotel, Cranford (Middlesex). We feel sure that the many compatriots who have learned to appreciate the value of his service and cuisine at his former establishment are anxious to pay him an early visit.

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We wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. Walter Bachmann of 54, Dawes Road, S.W.6, who has received telegraphic news that his mother, Frau M. Bachmann, of 7, Wielandplatz, Basle, died on the third of this month after a short illness.

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"The Star," October 7th, states:

Behind the scenes, assisting in the exchange of prisoners is M. Rodolphe Haccius, the International Commissioner who watches over the welfare of German prisoners and internees in this country.

He takes his Swiss nationality seriously and allows no personal feelings to mollify the strictest neutrality.

Tall, dark, soldierly, with trim moustache and a retiring manner, M. Haccius is well liked by all who work with him. He has a house in London and another in Geneva. His wife is English.

The only criticism he has ever had to make of the way we treat our German prisoners was a small matter in heating arrangements. This was at once remedied by the authorities, and M. Haccius then returned to Geneva, satisfied, apparently, that an occasional visit to this country was all that was necessary.

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From the "World's Press News," October 16th.

G. J. Keller, the prominent Swiss journalist and President of the Foreign Press Association, who has made himself in this country a reputation as an excellent public speaker, is celebrating this week his tenth anniversary as an active journalist. Mr. Keller started as film critic and then political correspondent of *Aargauer Tageblatt* (Switzerland). He has been here for over seven years as London editor of the official Swiss Telegraphic Agency and the *Basler Nachrichten*.

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Elizabeth Whiskeman, who has arrived from Switzerland, has gone back to Berne after being appointed as Assistant Press Attaché to the British Legation there. She has lived in Switzerland for many years, and has a perfect knowledge of the country and the Swiss Press. She is one of the few English women to be appointed as Press Attachés abroad. Her appointment will, no doubt, result in a better representation of British news and views to Switzerland.

Press Department of the British Legation in Berne has lately been doing important work in cabling for the Overseas Press Summary, M.O.I. (better known as Empax Press Service), extensive extracts from the Italian, Vichy and Swiss Press. R. Kelly, the Minister, is personally in charge of this service from Switzerland to the M.O.I.

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The Committee of the S.M.S. invites the Members and their friends to a Film Show on Saturday, November 8th, following the Monthly Meeting. Amongst a number of interesting films obtained through the Ministry of Information, the highly successful film of the Swiss National Exhibition will be shown. Please reserve the date.

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Saturday, November 1st, at 12.45 — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1.

Saturday, November 8th, at 2.30 — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting, followed by a Film Show, at Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, November 15th, at 1.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting — at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, to be followed by Mr. G. J. Keller's "Comments on Current Events."

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