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in the region which has had many shocks lately; in our case there was no damage and no general alarm.

One other thumbnail sketch should be mentioned: the use of electric light in the hotel and outside it is on a scale extravagant for our ideas in England, explained, of course, by the cheapness of production.

Upon our return to Zurich we visited old friends and we cannot praise sufficiently their hospitality, whether we had given them notice or not.

We also inspected the Zoo with a feature new to us, namely a board at the entrance telling visitors of any new arrivals of animals.

We returned to Croydon by plane and were seen off by two nieces at Dübendorf who waved a goodbye because we were locked in the Customs and could not secure the good things intended for us, nor could we reward their good intentions by a fond embrace.

Like all this year's visitors we found Switzerland happy and prosperous and I hope to be spared for another such scamper next year!

J.J.E.

### NEW APPOINTMENT AT THE SWISS LEGATION.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Federal Council has appointed Dr. August Lindt to the post of Press Attaché at the Swiss Legation in London, in succession to Monsieur Eric Kessler, who was, some time ago, transferred to our Legation in Washington.

Dr. Lindt, who hails from Berne, was born in 1905. He studied law at the University of Berne, where he obtained his degree as doctor-of-law.

From 1929-1932 he resided in Paris, Berlin and London where he occupied himself with banking and journalism; after 1932 he devoted himself entirely to journalism. For a considerable time he stayed in the Far East, in Palestine, Liberia, Africa and in the Balkan States. After a journey to Finland in 1940 he was attached to the News Service of the section "Heer and Haus" of the Swiss Army Command.

Subsequent to a mission to London in 1945, on behalf of the Federal Political Department in Berne, he was appointed Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee in Berlin.

Dr. Lindt, who is no stranger to the Swiss Colony in London, is shortly assuming his new post, and we wish him the best of success in his new and responsible appointment.

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### SWISS HOLIDAYS UNDER THE PRO JUVENTUTE SCHEME.

As readers of the "*Swiss Observer*" are aware from previous references in this paper, a party of some 35 children of Swiss parents travelled from England and Scotland to Bâle last July, returning after a happy stay of eight weeks in the land, of which they had heard and read so much, but which they had never seen before.

Thanks to a most generous offer on behalf of the Swissair, the journey there and back was made by plane, a second party leaving each time exactly a week after the first. All the administrative work was undertaken and carried out, with customary efficiency, by Mr. Theo Ritter, Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society, actively supported in Consular matters by Monsieur R. Mordasini, Chancellor of the Swiss Legation, whilst Dr. C. Carey kindly attended to the medical examinations and requirements. This excellent team work resulted in a smooth and speedy working of all our plans whilst, on arrival in Switzerland, the care of the party was taken over by the Pro Juventute organisation. They also kept a watching brief over the children during their stay in Switzerland and attended to all the preparations for the return journey.

It was my pleasure and privilege to see the children off at Croydon, where they embarked very self-possessed and in high spirits and again to meet them at Airways House on their return, looking well and happy after their blissful holiday in the land of their fathers.

The Editor of the "*Swiss Observer*" suggested to me some time ago that some of the children might like to record some of their impressions and experiences. Here now is a first batch of these youthful essays, which all speak for themselves.

For my part, however, I should like to be allowed to express my sincere and grateful thanks once again, not only to the Pro Juventute organisation and the Swissair, but especially to the three members of the Commission already named, as well as to all the other members likewise, who so kindly supported me in making this novel experiment a real success.

WILLY DEUTSCH,

Chairman.

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### Holiday in Switzerland.

Yes, it was really a very nice holiday, such a holiday as many other Swiss children of London should have so that they too may see what beauties our little Switzerland possesses and how kind its inhabitants, our fellow countrymen, are.

Switzerland has, no doubt, also suffered from the war, but seemingly in another way than we in England. Swiss people have a specific gift of receiving

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