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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The French electricity and gas industries have been nationalized in 1946 on the basis of the Nationalization Act No. 46-628 of 8th April, 1946.

In order to establish the Swiss interests affected by this nationalization, the Swiss Legation in London are investigating which shares of the French electricity and gas industries are the property of Swiss persons.

Swiss holders of such shares are, therefore, invited to contact the Swiss Legation, who will provide them with the necessary forms for registering their claims.

EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

The Editor,
The Swiss Observer,
23, Leonard Street,
London, E.C.1.

Dear Sir,

According to the reports so far published in the press, the Swiss Hoteliers have, once again, managed to get what they wanted, *i.e.*, the relaxation of the ban on foreign travel and British tourists will be able to go to Switzerland again and enjoy themselves as best they can on £35.

While they will certainly receive a warm welcome in Switzerland, it seems strange that the Swiss Government should be so anxious to foster the tourist traffic at the expense of the export industry. It has, in fact, already been openly admitted that this agreement with the Board of Trade and Treasury has only been arrived at after the Swiss Trade Delegation had given an undertaking to limit Swiss Exports to the Sterling area.

The Hotel Trade is no doubt an important part of our Swiss economy, but surely not *the* most important one?

Many members of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain have for years been hoping that Swiss Goods would, some day, be allowed to come in again. In some trades (not only in the watch trade) British buyers are clamouring for Swiss Goods but at this rate they will have to wait till Doomsday, for, to the powers that be in Switzerland, tourists apparently come first! Why?

Yours faithfully,

C.J.B.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les Membres sont avisés que le prochaine **Assemblée Mensuelle** aura lieu **Mercredi, le 17 Mars 1948, au Dorchester Hotel, Londres, W.1., à 6h.30.**

M. ROBERT BOOTHBY, M.P.

nous parlera au sujet.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 1948, at 7 p.m. — Swiss Male Choir — Rehearsals, at Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, March 10th, 1948, at 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting, followed by an address by Dr. V. Umbricht, Secretary of Legation, on "The Recent British-Swiss Financial and Trade Agreements," at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Wednesday, March 17th, 1948, at 6.30 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting — followed by an address by Mr. Robert Boothby, M.P., on "United Europe," at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (See advert.)

Thursday, March 25th, 1948, from 7.45 to 11.45 p.m. — Swiss Bank Club — Dance, at Victoria Hall (South Hall), Bloomsbury Square. Running Buffet.

Friday, April 23rd, 1948, at 7.30 p.m. — Concert — given by the Swiss Male Choir, the Swiss Orchestral Society and the Swiss Accordion Group, at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

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