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**SWISS FOLKLORE FESTIVAL
AT THE ALBERT HALL.
May 25th, 1948, at 7.30 p.m.**

It was a generous gesture on the part of the Swiss Folklore Union to propose performing at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, and it is gratifying to know that the response on this side has been good and that the selling of tickets for the 25th May is making most satisfactory headway. We are told that there has been a certain amount of difficulty about the special provisions which apply to the seating arrangements in the Albert Hall where there are peculiar vested interests, and the impression has even got abroad that seats were not available for all those interested. We understand that these difficulties have been entirely overcome and that all those who are desirous of supporting a genuine Swiss effort on behalf of a genuine British charity will be able to get their seats not only from the organisers and from the booking office at the Albert Hall, but also from any of the normal concert agencies. The Swiss Folklore Union will be supported by the Central band of the Royal Air Force under their conductor Squadron-Leader A. E. Sims, M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., who are appearing by permission of the Air Council.

Here are a few details about the party's heavy programme :

The party, over 160 strong, will arrive at Victoria Station on Monday, May 24th.

Tuesday morning and afternoon will be spent in rehearsals for the performance in the evening at the Albert Hall, after which they will take part at a party given by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, in connection with the Red Cross.

On Wednesday, the 26th, at 3 o'clock, they will give a performance in the Gardens of Buckingham Palace, before the entire Royal family, on the occasion of Queen Mary's birthday anniversary.

The next day, Thursday, at noon, the Folklore Association will be received by the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, where they will present an address of goodwill from the City of Basle; followed by a trip to Windsor Castle.

On Friday, the 28th, the party will visit the Chelsea Flower Show, and on Saturday a small delegation will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph, in the afternoon they will go to the White City to watch a greyhound race, they will be entertained by the Management.

The next day, Sunday, the entire party will travel to Hastings where they will be the guests of the Municipality.

The Folklore Union will, as announced, take part in the "Fête Suisse" programme, on Monday, May 31st, at the Central Hall.

On Tuesday, June 1st, they will attend the "Rutli Club" dance at the Victoria Hall, Bloomsbury, W.C.

The following day, June 2nd a visit will be paid to the Port of London Authority, followed by a visit to the Houses of Parliament, where they will be the guests of the Minister of Education.

In the evening the "Ländler Kapelle" and the "Yodlers" will be in attendance at the dinner offered to General Guisan by the Swiss Colony, at the Dorchester Hotel.

Thursday, the 3rd, our visitors will witness the "Oaks" at Epsom, and on Friday they will leave for Switzerland.



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