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ARRIVAL OF FEDERAL COUNCILLOR, Dr. E. CELIO.

Federal Councillor, Dr. E. Celio, arrived at Northolt from Switzerland, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1949, and was met at the Airport by the Swiss Minister and members of the Swiss Legation and Swiss Colony.

Shortly afterwards a cocktail-party was given by Monsieur and Madame E. de Graffenried, First Counsellor of Legation, at their home, Darenth Cottage, Bushy Heath, at which about fifty persons were present; apart from Federal Councillor Celio and the Swiss Minister; Nat. Councillor Seematter, a member of the Government of the canton of Berne, and some of the Presidents of Swiss Societies and members of the Swiss Press attended.

A small dinner party was held in the evening, at the establishment of our compatriot, Mr. Ch. Bertschi, the Berkeley Arms Hotel, Cranford, Middlesex.

NINA NÜESCH RECITAL. (November 3rd.)

The Anglo-Swiss Society is to be congratulated and warmly thanked for its initiative in providing a platform in London for Swiss artists. Last June a first effort in this direction was made when Mme. Sophie Wyss and her sister Emilie Perret-Wyss were invited to sing Swiss folk songs at a garden-party. Now Mme. Nina Nüesch of Zurich has been asked to sing at a late evening reception organised for her at the Dorchester on Thursday, November 3rd. It is particularly kind of Sir Adrian Boult, the famous conductor, one of the eminent patron-members of the Anglo-Swiss Society, that he will receive the guests personally.

The Anglo-Swiss Society is rendering Swiss art a great service by these musical receptions. Only those who know how difficult and expensive it is for Swiss artists and Swiss musicians to obtain a hearing in the British metropolis can fully appreciate the inestimable value of this wonderful gesture of friendship for our country. We can best show our appreciation and sympathy with the Society's general aim to draw the two countries closer together, by accepting its invitation both to join it and to attend this Nina Nüesch Recital. A charge of 7/6 per person will be collected on entering the room in order to cover the Society's expenses.

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