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SWISS CLUB — DUNFERMLINE.

Visit of Consul Mr. J. Huber.

The members of our Club were greatly honoured on Sunday, 15th May, 1949, by a visit of our Consul, Mr. J. Huber. Only a few compatriots in Dunfermline have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Huber before this gathering.

Our President, Mr. Frick, accorded a very special welcome to our Consul on behalf of all members and assured him that all compatriots have long looked forward to the day when he would be in our midst.

Mr. E. Hofstetter, Consular Agent in Balloch, and at the same time, an Honorary Member of our Club, then introduced our guest to the community. He in his official capacity, finds it a pleasure to work with our Consul — and indeed this may also be said on behalf of the Swiss Club, Dunfermline. Any problem or query which you may put to our Consul will certainly be attended to and answered in a most friendly manner, said Mr. Hofstetter. He is sure that the personal contact just made will only improve the fine spirit already prevailing amongst our compatriots.

Mr. Huber then rose to address the gathering and thanked our President and Mr. Hofstetter for their fine introduction. He said: "This is a long overdue visit to your Club, but you may have my assurance that I shall come to see you again at the first opportunity." Our Consul then reminded us of our great responsibilities towards our Homeland, as "Ambassadors in the Field." He outlined to us the difficulties which have to be faced by the parents in conveying the right "Swiss Spirit" into the hearts of their children. The great part a mother has to play in the up-bringing of the children as good Swiss Citizens. The duties towards this country where we enjoyed so much hospitality during the war years and complete freedom since then. He offered to us his kind assistance in any difficulties we may have to face or in any problems we might wish to seek his advice. (Many members took advantage of this kind offer during the latter part of the evening.

Mr. Huber then conveyed to us kindest regards and best wishes from our Swiss Minister in London, and read the following telegram: — "On your forthcoming visit to Scotland, kindly extend on my behalf, Warmest Patriotic Greetings of our Compatriots especially to the Swiss Clubs in Glasgow, Dunfermline and Balloch as well as to our Consular Agent, Monsieur Hofstetter. Sincerely hope to have early opportunity of personally visiting our Compatriots in Scotland."

Signed: *Henry de Torrenté, Swiss Minister.*

We wish to reciprocate most heartily, the kind wishes and greetings of our Swiss Minister on behalf of the Swiss Club, Dunfermline.

In conclusion, our Consul expressed his satisfaction at the full turn-out of our members to this special gathering in spite of the short notice given. May your club and its members be blessed with good fortune and the prevailing good spirit amongst the compatriots in Dunfermline, continue in the years to come.

Mr. Huber's address was greatly applauded and thanked for by our President.

Our Honorary Member, Mr. W. O. Bosshardt, then addressed our Consul and expressed his delight in

meeting Mr. Huber in Dunfermline. He joined the earlier speakers in saying that we all appreciate the kind assistance we have received from our Consulate. We may grumble at times when the demand is sent to us for the Military Tax. But would we be "true Swiss" if we did not?

A delicious supper was then served and very much enjoyed by all present. Miss Hunter must be congratulated on her good baking. On behalf of all participants, we wish to thank her most sincerely for her kind assistance.

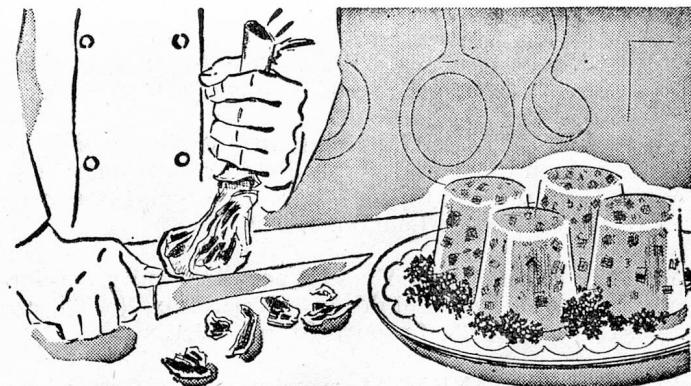
The remainder of the evening was spent in various discussions. Members seeking advice from Mr. Huber on personal problems, etc.

Only too quick, came the time when we had to say good-night to each other. Before the winding-up of the evening, a vote of thanks was proposed on behalf of the members by Mr. Kurt Schoenenberger. He assured our Guest that the signature of J. Huber will in future not be merely a name or another signature but the man we had with us on May 15th and from whom we can get assistance or guidance when required.

Bringing the evening to a close our Consul once again rose to wish the Swiss Club, Dunfermline, the best of health and happiness to all members in the years to come. Mr. Frick then asked us to rise for: —

"Rufst Du mein Vaterland."

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