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FETE SUISSE COMMITTEE. Reception to National-Councillor Pini.

The day after the very successful "Fête Suisse" celebration at the Central Hall, Westminster, about a hundred of our compatriots with their Ladies, attended a reception at the Dorchester Hotel, in honour of M. Pini, Vice-President of the National Council.

This function which bore an intimate character was a most pleasant affair, an excellent dinner was served and equally excellent speeches were made.

Mr. Ch. L. Chapuis, the President of the "Fête Suisse" Committee was in the Chair, and apart from the principal guest, the Swiss Minister and Madame de Torrenté honoured the gathering by their presence.

After the usual toasts, Mr. Chapuis, in a short speech, extended a hearty welcome to Monsieur Pini, M. and Mme de Torrenté and to the company.

Pasteur C. Reverdin then spoke on the theme "Dieu et la Patrie", after which Paul Sandoz sang a group of songs which were much appreciated.

The Swiss Minister, on behalf of the Colony, thanked the President and the members of the Committee for the splendid way in which they had organised and carried out the 75th anniversary of the "Fête Suisse". Very wittily he addressed the guest of honour, M. Pini, in Italian.

Mr. Renou expressed thanks to the artistes who had taken part, the previous evening, in the programme, and paid tribute to the work of the President, so ably assisted by Mme. Chapuis, to Messrs. E. P. Dick and A. Gandon and especially to Mr. Jules

Zimmermann, who has for many years been an untiring worker for this annual function.

M. Pini, on rising received a hearty reception. He referred to his former two visits at the Dorchester Hotel where, he said, he was the witness of how deeply the Swiss Colony is attached to their country. He paid homage to the Swiss Minister, and thanked him for his address in his mother tongue, replying to some of the witty allusions the Minister made with regard to politicians and diplomats.

M. Pini rendered thanks to M. and Mme. Chapuis, Messrs. Zimmermann and Renou and the Committee, saying that this short visit would remain an unforgettable memory. Long applause greeted M. Pini on the conclusion of his fine oration.

Mlle. Amsler (violin) and Anton Doski (alto) played various pieces which were much applauded.

This very enjoyable evening, which could be likened to an intimate family party gathering, was wound up with a few words of Mr. Ch. Chapuis, who, intimated, that in the near future he would have to relinquish his post. His *cri de coeur*, "rendez-moi ma liberté", will, I am sure not be forgotten.

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DR. ARNOLD SAXER'S LECTURE.

We hope to refer to the address given by Dr. Arnold Saxer, Director of the "Bundesamt für Sozialversicherung", on the 21st of this month at "Swiss House", 35, Fitzroy Square, in our next issue.

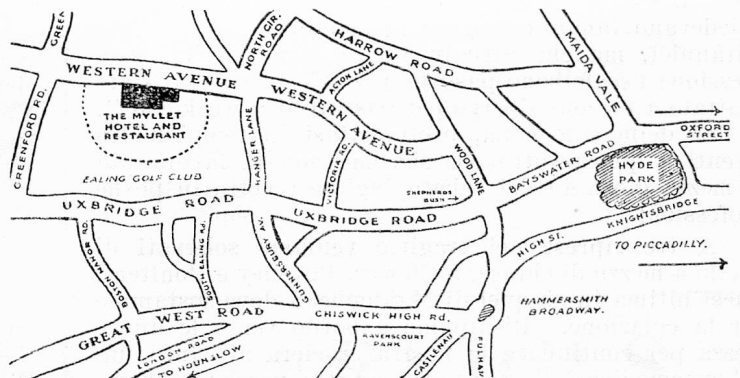
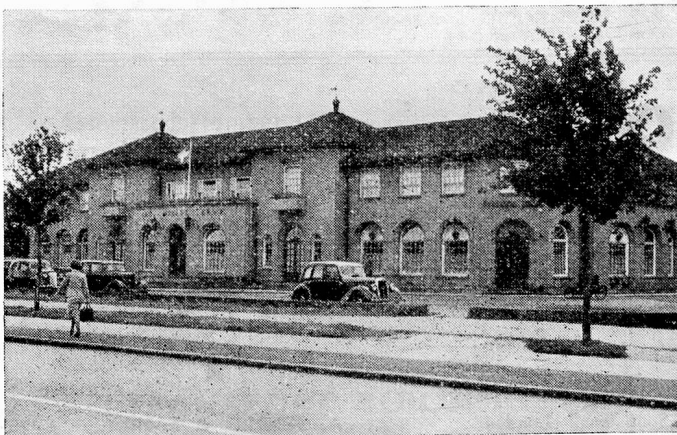
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