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JOINT RAMBLE TO HARDCASTLE CRAGS.
Manchester — Bradford — Leeds Swiss Clubs.
Sunday, 18th June, 1950.

A most happy and memorable outing — by no means or even stretch of imagination in any way an overstatement to which all participants, in all 97, will heartily agree. It started off in the rain, but rain fell whilst the Members were in the train proceeding to Hebden Bridge, the starting and finishing point of the ramble. So that did not matter. To describe the walk in glorious Yorkshire is difficult and only those who were there and know Yorkshire will appreciate to the full this beauty spot.

Right on the top of the Crags, there is a little field, which one Member suggested should be called the "Grutli-Matte." And here the sun came out in its unsurpassable brilliance to bless us and to add to the warmth of Prof. Inebnit's little talk and that feeling of pleasure one finds in being amongst ones own people with their differing temperaments which Prof. Inebnit illustrated by showing us that almost every Canton was represented in our gathering — 19 to be exact. These feelings of pleasure were cemented by Mr. Huber, our Swiss Consul, who has the gift of making us feel "national conscious" — the result of a few words appropriately expressed.

Back at Hebden Bridge a most welcome high-tea awaited us, during which Mr. G. Senn, President of the Manchester Swiss Club gave an address of welcome. Our guest of honour was Dr. Lätt of Zurich, who was accompanied by Mrs. Lätt, and who gave us, in such a concise manner a view of our Federal Counsellors, their names and respective offices, their difficulties and objects. We felt for a moment as if we were in the "Bundespalast" in Bern. A vote of thanks for this delightful and enlightening "causerie" was voiced by Prof. Inebnit in his usual eloquence and so much enjoyed by us all. The thanks were seconded by Mr. Illi, President of the Bradford Swiss Club.

We were very pleased to have amongst us, Mr. Haworth, Headmaster of the Hebden Bridge Grammar School, a great admirer of Switzerland whose impres-

sions are reproduced here by courtesy of the "Hebden Bridge Times":

"Members of the Yorkshire and Manchester Swiss Clubs made Hebden Bridge and Hardcastle Crags the rendezvous for their annual outing and meeting last Sunday.

The gathering was remarkable in that 19 out of the 22 Swiss cantons were represented. This is by no means their first visit to this district for their annual outing and meeting, but it is the first time the gathering has been so large and so representative. Perhaps it is the appeal of our district, especially the Hebden Valley, which is very much like Swiss scenery, especially in the south of that land. It will interest local people to know that the actual "Hardcastle Grag" has been renamed the "Rüthli."

The visitors lunched in picnic fashion in the Crags, and after rambling all day returned to the Victoria Hall for tea. After tea the Chairman, Mr. Senn, presided over a short meeting, and an address was given by Professor Lätt, of Zurich. He is a well-known broadcaster from Beromünster, and during the war kept Swiss abroad in touch with what was going on in their own country — so much so that he is known as the father of Swiss abroad. He presented an interesting account of the state of things at present in Switzerland, and brought news from Swiss clubs in America, Spain and France, which he recently visited.

A vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Inebnit, of Leeds University, who is well-known in Hebden Bridge, and who has presented the prizes at the Grammar School's Speech Day. The vote was seconded by the President of the Bradford Swiss Club. All the speakers referred with gratitude to the way in which their nationals had always been received in this country, and to the good relations which had long existed between Britain and Switzerland. The meeting concluded with the singing of the patriotic hymn (to the tune of "God save the King") and a number of Swiss songs. Among other distinguished Swiss present was the Swiss Consul in Manchester, Mr. J. J. Huber."

And the day closed with lusty singing of our National songs and a firm promise to repeat the excursion to our "Grütl-Matte" next year.

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