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## CONSUL JAKOB HUBER AT THE YORKSHIRE WEST RIDING SWISS CLUB.

On October 9th, 1951.

Every month, on the second Tuesday, our compatriots in the West Riding of Yorkshire meet over a cup of coffee at Hagenbach's Restaurant to breathe a wee bit of home air.

When entering the cosy assembly room you already feel as if you were back at home because you immediately get the impression of having come to a "Kaffeekränzli", for the ladies are always in the majority at our very friendly meetings, especially the younger generation. There is only one thing missing to make it a perfect "Kaffeekränzli" and that is the Swiss women's national sport of knitting! By going from table to table and having a chat with each one of us, our fatherly President and his charming wife break the ice and see that the atmosphere becomes really homely.

But this month's meeting was a special occasion: Consul J. Huber from Manchester paid a visit to his Yorkshire fellow-countrymen before leaving for his new post at the Legation in London and we were pleased to have him among us for a few very short hours. He and our president told us a lot about the many things which had been dealt with at the very interesting "Journées des Suisses à l'étranger" at Basle, which both had attended. They pointed out the importance of such meetings where Swiss delegates from all over the world can express their views and see that they influence the policy of our homeland. It was particularly encouraging to see that our wishes

concerning the nationality of Swiss women who marry foreigners had been given careful consideration and largely embodied in the new law. It is up to us now to examine seriously the problems which our compatriots in Switzerland are facing and to express through our papers — such as the "Swiss Observer" — and later through our delegates, our considered opinions.

Consul J. Huber gave us, in a few words, the benefit of his long experience and stressed the value of what each individual Swiss does abroad, whatever his or her position may be. And indeed, the Swiss in the West Riding know that during his period of office in Manchester, Consul Huber has done much more than fulfill his administrative duties, such as collecting military taxes, but has given personal attention to the individual problems brought to his notice. In this connection he stressed the importance of registering without delay at the Consulate, so that it may know of our existence and assist us in different ways.

I am sure that Prof. Inebnit expressed the feelings of each one of us when he thanked Mr. Huber for all that he has done for us. We shall remember him as a very kind and helpful servant of our country and as a good friend.

R.K.

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