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## "SWISS WEEK" IN DUBLIN.

On the eve of the "Swiss Week", which was opened on the 21st of May in Dublin, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur W. de Bourg, broadcast from Radio Eireann.

Besides their historical and traditional connections, he said, Ireland and Switzerland had many things in common, in spite of their obvious diversities.

He wished to convey to the Irish people the heartfelt greetings of the authorities and people of Switzerland, as well as their best wish for further happiness and prosperity. He hoped that many Irish people would be able to visit his country, where people of different languages, religion and races lived united and happily under one flag. What was possible in Switzerland should also be possible for the whole of Europe.

The duration of "Swiss Week" had been extended to a fortnight in order to fit in a number of events. During the first week films were shown and a display of Swiss books was held, other features included matters relating to travelling and tourism.

A chocolate bear, presented by the Mayor of Berne to the Lord Mayor of Dublin was handed over to a Dublin children's hospital.

## SWISS CLUB BALLOCH.

The President, Mr. H. Berli, opened the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club Balloch on Friday, May 18th, 1951.

Mr. Wirz read out the report and gave a short account of the club's activities for the past year, which included, e.g. the visit to the football match Scotland v. Switzerland, a tour through the nearby finished Hydro Electric Scheme at Loch Sloy. A lecture on Scottish History was also given by Mr. Murray, a well-known local Schoolmaster. This was a very interesting item. We were reminded of the enjoyable outing in honour of the First of August, at which our members had a chance to meet their compatriots from Dunfermline.

Mr. Welti read the financial report and recorded a slight increase above last year's credits. Mr. Russenberger, the Librarian, was re-elected. A greater difficulty was experienced in the election of the President, as Mr. Berli, who held office since 1946, intended to resign. During that time Mr. Berli had led the club's affairs with great skill and had earned the confidence of all members, and therefore, no new nomination for the position of President was brought forward. Mr. Berli was asked to stay in office for

another period and to everybody's relief he accepted re-election. The President mentioned that the club had gained one member, Mr. Eichenberger of Glasgow. A special vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hofstetter, Consular Agent and Hon. President of the Swiss Club Balloch, for his very active and generous support to the club.

After the settling of the club's business, the members enjoyed a very nice tea. The winners of our Shooting Competition, which took place a fortnight ago, were cheered and they were presented with lovely prizes.

Ladies Section, Mrs. Welti; Gents Section: Mr. Wirz; Junior Section: Johnny Hofstetter.

Soon afterwards all members were enjoying themselves in games and the happy gathering ended with the new day in a very friendly spirit. A.V.

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