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### AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

This is to draw the attention of any interested members of the Swiss Colony to a lecture, which has been arranged by the Swiss Mercantile Society, on the topical subject of "The work of the Council of Europe." The lecture will take place at Swiss House, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday November 12th and is open also to non-members of the S.M.S. and their friends.

The lecturer, Mr. Stanley H. C. Woolrych, O.B.E. is eminently qualified to talk about this subject, having been H.M. Consul and Information Officer at Strassbourg from the end of 1949 to April 1952. Before going to Strassbourg Mr. Woolrych was the Head of an Information Department of the Foreign Office from 1946 to 1949, in which capacity he was in frequent touch with the Correspondents of Swiss newspapers stationed in the U.K.

Mr. Woolrych is also known to be a very great friend of our country having travelled and photographed there extensively and knowing certain regions extremely well. In view of the increasingly important part the Council of Europe seems to be called upon to play, this lecture ought to prove particularly interesting.

### CITY SWISS CLUB.

#### 87th Annual Banquet and Ball.

We wish to particularly direct the attention of our readers to the 87th Annual Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club which will, as advertised, take place on Friday, November 21st, 1952, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

The Club hopes, as on former occasions to welcome a number of distinguished personalities at their next month's Banquet.

Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, the Swiss Minister and Honorary President of the Club, will be in the Chair.

We are given to understand, that the speeches will be kept within reasonable bounds so that there will be plenty of time available for dancing.

The Committee is anxious that this Banquet should be, in the real sense of the word a "Swiss Evening" and they extend their invitation not only to their members but to all members of the Swiss Colony in London and the Provinces.

Applications for tickets can shortly be sent to the Editor of the "Swiss Observer", 23, Leonard Street, or any members of the committee.

### CONCERT NEWS.

We have much pleasure in directing the attention to a recital which will be given by Sophie Wyss, the well-known Swiss soprano, at the "Institut Français" Queensberry Place, S.W.7., on Friday, November 14th, 1952, at 6 o'clock.

Everyone will be welcome and there is no entrance fee.

The recital includes songs especially composed for Sophie Wyss by Benjamin Britten, J. Berkeley, Alan Rawsthorne, Anthony Hopkins, Cameron, Richard Bennett, M. Seiber, etc. etc., all will be sung in French.

The occasion of this recital coincides with the 25th anniversary of her first broadcast and recital in England.

On December 15th, Sophie Wyss will speak in the Woman's Hour programme (B.B.C.) of her work done in this country during the last 25 years. She has recently given two recitals in Swansea and Cheltenham with great success.

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