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Left to right: Lt. Colonel Stuart Townend, Director of the Anglo-Swiss Society. The Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, P.C., M.P., President of the Anglo-Swiss Society.

A considerable number of visitors watched the arrival of the guests from the balcony; beautiful women were seen ascending the staircase leading to the ball-room, accompanied by Gentlemen wearing high decorations, and how delightful it was to see amongst the Swiss contingency so many pretty young girls, some in national costume, thus showing that they can well compete, as far as looks are concerned, with their English sisters.

Dancing started almost immediately after the reception, the dance music being supplied by the Arthur Salisbury Band, which was at times relieved by the Swiss Accordion Group, dressed in Swiss costumes, under the always efficient conductorship of our old friend A. Gandon.

Almost without interruption, the two bands played until 2 a.m., and hardly enough room was available to accommodate all the happy revellers, it was indeed an orgy of happiness and gaiety, and not a dull moment occurred. Those, whose "dancing times" were over no less enjoyed watching this galaxy of youth and beauty.

A running buffet supplied the visitors with all sorts of delicacies, and various bars, where, strangely enough, I met most of my compatriots, looked after the thirst of the "exhausted" dancers.

At 2 a.m. the band played "God Save the Queen", and this happy evening, where both British and Swiss

met to honour the ruler of this great Empire, and to spend a few hours in congenial company, came to its close.

Whilst at purely Swiss functions, which are held in the Colony, parties are formed, and remain at their respective tables, this time no tables were reserved, and one was thus obliged to freely mix with the company, which, of course, is the idea of an Anglo-Swiss function, and which gave it a special *cachet*.

The untiring organisers of this enjoyable evening, Lt. Colonel Stuart Townend, O.B.E., F.R.S.A., and Mrs. Townend deserve the heartiest thanks for the efforts they made to make this Coronation Ball a real success.

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SWISS GLACIERS EXHIBITION.

We direct the attention of our readers to the Swiss Glacier Exhibition at the Geological Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington (opposite Victoria and Albert Museum) (see advertisement), arranged by the Swiss National Tourist Office.

The exhibition will be open from May 29th — August 29th, 1953, admission is free. Visiting hours: Weekdays: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m. Sundays: 2.30 p.m. — 6 p.m.

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