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FETE SUISSE 1954.

It is no easy task for the *Comité de la Fête suisse* to offer year after year a Show which will attract to the Central Hall, Westminster, the large congregation which it has been its joy to welcome in ever growing number since the war. Our aim has been to maintain the tradition of this gathering which is nearly 100 years old and to make at the same time a great occasion. Thus leading personalities have honoured us with their presence, leading performers such as the "Chanson du Rhône", the "Toggenburger Yodel Club", the Basle Drums and Pipers, have given us memorable evenings which are not forgotten.

Perhaps those, who have more than any other visitors won the hearts of the London Swiss are the members of the "CHANSON DU LAUSANNE", these smiling and happy Vaudois in costumes which remind us of the shores of Lake Léman. At the request of a great many of our friends it has been decided to invite them this year again, we have a special reason for this which in no way diminishes the main one: to have the pleasure to listen to them.

Lausanne has had the honour to organize the "Tir fédéral 1954" and a letter from the President of Switzerland and another from the organizing Committee addressed to the various Swiss Societies here they ask the Suisses de l'Etranger to take an interest in it and possibly to contribute by giving a prize. And so it should be! While such a letter is quite nice our Friends in Lausanne thought that we might be far more receptive to charming "ambassadrices"

than to a piece of paper. How right they are! And so the "Chanson de Lausanne" will come with the Greetings from the Tir fédéral 1954. . . and who knows, they might return to our Homeland with one or two prizes from our Colony which they have undertaken to present themselves, even to give an "aubade" to the lucky winner when the time comes. Charming idea, dont you think so?

And so the FETE SUISSE 1954 will welcome this well known Choir; it will be accompanied by "La Musique du Folly" which will take part at the coming "Fête des Vignerons". They come from Vevey and many legs will be most agitated (and some hearts too) when they start playing. We might even have some advance performance of one or two songs of the Fête des vigneron which takes place next year. Spoiled people, these London Swiss!

The Fête this year will be on

Friday April 30th, 1954 at 6 p.m.

It has not been possible to obtain Central Hall for the traditional Thursday. We have also been told that this way the children (and some parents) will be able to sleep on the Saturday morning. So bring the children, all of them!! The date has also been brought forward from June to the end of April. This appears to be more suitable, the 1st of August Fête being thus 3 months later.

All details about the Fête and forms to buy tickets will soon reach you, meanwhile reserve this date and look forward to it, a very belle Fête Suisse it is sure to be.

The Committee.



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