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BAZAAR — SWISS CATHOLICS.

The Bazaar and Sale of Work at Westminster Cathedral Hall, S.W.1, on October 26th, was a great success.

The preparation of the Bazaar had been in the hands of a keen band of willing workers headed by Dr. R. Faessler and Mrs. Faessler, the Commercial Counsellor, Mr. E. Bonvin of the Montana Hotel, the Chaplain Fr. A. Lanfranchi, Members of the Staff of the Embassy, Swiss Bank and Colony, reinforced by a number of parishioners of St. Ann's Church.

At 12 o'clock sharp Mr. J. Boos, Chairman of the Swiss Catholic Committee, gave a "hearty welcome" to His Grace, Dr. William Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, and His Excellency the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker, thanking them for sparing the time to come along and also for the great interest they have shown to the Swiss Mission since their appointment.

The Swiss Ambassador on rising was heartily cheered. He thanked His Grace the Archbishop for his understanding and his efforts on behalf of the Swiss Chaplain's mission, and also expressed his gratitude for Father Lanfranchi's work for the old and young Swiss. It was for the success of this work that the Bazaar had been arranged and he hoped that it would be crowned with success.

His Grace in replying said he was not a stranger to the Swiss and Switzerland. In his capacity as Apostolic Delegate he had very close relations and friendship with the Ambassador's predecessor, and he was pleased to say that this same collaboration and friendship with the Swiss Embassy and the Westminster Diocese was being maintained. He had many times visited Switzerland and did not wonder that the Swiss are so proud of their lovely country and its institution. His Grace wished every success to the Bazaar, socially and financially, saying that he admired the most attractive and varied ways the stalls had been arranged for the Sale.

Before declaring the 'Sale' officially open His Grace bestowed the apostolic Blessing on all present.

Selling on the various stalls now got into full swing; bargains were to be had not only on the Jumble stall, but also on the Fancy Goods, Books, Toys, Household, and Stationery stalls and particularly on the Grocery stall, for which many Swiss firms such as Ovaltine, Nestlé, Knorr, Hero, Zingg, Rocco, and St. Gall Ravioli, etc., had provided a wonderful assortment which found ready buyers.

For some time, however, the Restaurant, under the control of Mr. Bonvin, and the Bar, under Mr. Jacomelli, were a great attraction. Swiss specialities were a feature and some 150-200 portions of "Berner-platt", Bartholdi's sausage and sauerkraut, sausage and potato salad, etc., were served at tables, and

many hundreds of cups of coffee and tea with Swiss cake and pastries were enjoyed by the "shoppers". It was a marvel how, with the limited space and cooking facilities available, the kitchen staff, all voluntary helpers, did their work so efficiently.

On the table reserved for V.I.P.s the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker were joined by numerous guests including Colonel Anton Bon (on a short visit to London), Mr. and Mrs. de Trbolet (1st Counsellor of Embassy), Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Suter, Mr. Knoll (Manager of Swiss Bank Corporation), Mr. and Mrs. Wiesendanger, and others.

Mr. A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer", attended the opening of the Bazaar.

During the whole afternoon there was a continuous flow of people; in all over 500 persons were present, of whom a good proportion were Swiss.

The last hour became exciting as in addition to the auction sales at the various stalls, lucky dip, wheel of fortune, and games attracting much attention — bargains being obtainable for cash or a little gamble — the draw of the raffle for which hundreds of tickets had been sold took place, and the lucky people received wonderful prizes including a T.V. set, watch, wines, etc., all gifts so generously presented by Swiss well-wishers.

The aim of £800 was not reached — it was a big sum to expect — but the net result should be nearly £600, a fine effort for a noble cause.

Summing up, it is not possible in the space available to mention all those who did so much work to make the Bazaar a success, but the Committee is grateful to all the organisers, the stallholders (a full list of names was given in the "Swiss Observer" on October 11th), the benefactors and givers of gifts, and above all to the people who came along with open purses.

J.J.B.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

A full report of the Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Club Manchester, which took place on Saturday, November 9th, will appear in our next issue.

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OPEN MEETING

Tuesday, November 19th, 1957, at 8.30 p.m.

at the Swiss Hostel for Girls,
9, Belsize Grove, N.W.3.

MONSIEUR MAURICE JACCARD
Chef de Section Département Politique, Berne,

will speak mostly in French on

QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE SWISS
COLONIES ABROAD.

Discussion to follow.

Free admission to all Swiss and friends.