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NEWS FROM THE EMBASSY.

The Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker gave a cocktail party at the Embassy on Wednesday, June 19th, to say good-bye to Monsieur Albertini and Madame Albertini, and Consul J. J. Huber and Madame Huber.

Consul J. J. Huber and Madame Huber gave a cocktail party at their home, 60 Eaton Rise, Ealing, W.5, previous to their departure for New York.

Two new Attachés have arrived at the Swiss Embassy, namely Monsieur Anton R. Hegner and Monsieur Hans Müller.

Monsieur Hegner, a citizen of Winterthur, was born in Japan in 1926 and educated in Switzerland. He attended the Universities of Paris, Zurich and Vienna and graduated in Philosophy and Literature.

Before entering the Département Politique Fédéral, he travelled for several years through the Far East and South-East Asia writing for Swiss and foreign newspapers. He was among the first group of young diplomatists who passed the newly established examinations for the Swiss Foreign Service in 1955, and began his work in the summer of 1956.

Monsieur Hans Müller, a citizen of Küblis, Grisons, born in 1921, was educated in Lucerne and studied in Lausanne where he obtained a Licentiate of Social Sciences.

He joined the Federal Services in 1919 as a member of the Secretariat of the Swiss UNESCO commission. In 1952 he was transferred to the Political Department, and reached the Embassy in May 1957.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Nearly 50 Members and friends were present at the Meeting held at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, on Wednesday, 12th June 1957, when, through the courtesy of the Swiss National Tourist Office, four Swiss films were shown. The films, all in Technicolor, were entitled :

"In the Heart of Switzerland", a film about central Switzerland; "Under Blue Skies", a road touring film taken by Morris Motors; "Souvenirs", a general film by Swiss Federal Railways; "Zigzag through Switzerland", scenes of various places in short episodes.

Mr. W. Meier, the President, was in the Chair and he reported that he had not been present at the previous Monthly Meeting as he had at short notice had to enter hospital for an operation. He had also been unable to attend the Annual Delegates Meeting in Geneva.

Mr. Burren, Vice-President, expressed the pleasure of all those present at seeing Mr. Meier back again and the hope that he would continue to enjoy good health in the future.

An application for Membership from Miss Dora Hofmann was unanimously approved.

Mr. Meier stated that Mr. J. Hauser was leaving at the end of the month to take up an appointment in Commerce; on behalf of all the Members Mr. Meier wished him every success in his new job and hoped that he would often come to Swiss House to attend the Society's functions.

Mr. Meier reported that a special committee had been formed to deal with the matter of finding a successor and an appointment was in the process of being finalised. As the new Secretary would not be able to commence his duties immediately on Mr. Hauser's departure it was necessary to make an interim arrangement and the Committee had already done this.

The Society had recently received two donations, one a legacy of £100 from the late Mr. J. H. Ungricht, the other a gift for the College of a tape recorder from Volkart Brothers (United Kingdom) Limited.

The President reported that the Orchid Room of the Dorchester Hotel had been booked for the Annual Dinner and Dance which would be held on Saturday, 25th January, 1958.

In accordance with the usual practice, it was agreed that no meetings should be held in July and August. The next meeting will, therefore, be on Wednesday, 11th September, 1957.

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Pastor Kurt Furthmüller has left London after a stay of three years as assistant to Pastor H. Spoerri.

During his activity in the Parish, he has rendered useful service and has endeared himself to the members of the congregation. We are wishing him success in his new sphere of activity in Switzerland.