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"A Swiss Centre Proposed"

We read in the Daily Telegraph:

Another scheme for redeveloping the old Stagg & Russell site in Leicester Square has been put to London County Council. It proposes using the site, which is bounded by New Coventry Street, Wardour Street, Leicester Street and Lisle Street, as a Swiss Centre.

Behind the proposal, which has been submitted by David Du R. Aberdeen & Partners, architects, is a consortium of Swiss firms. The centre would include an exhibition hall, with shops, restaurants, offices and car parking.

The site is owned by Mr. Charles Clore's company, City & Central Investments, which has earmarked it for an 11-storey building incorporating shops, offices, a bowling alley and a beer garden. Mr. Clore bought the site for £750,000.

PERSONAL

H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, gave a cocktail party on 6th November in honour of the Canton of Vaud's tourist delegation, who were in London for their annual visit.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to announce the passing away on November 15th of Mr. R. de Cintra, an obituary will appear in our next issue.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Dr. G. Kullmann, formerly Assist. High Commissioner for refugees; and Mr. George Adolphus Berenger, of 16 Bittacy Rise, London, N.W.7, at the age of 69.

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ROBERT HANGARTNER†

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing away, on 20th October of Mr. Robert Hangartner, managing director of Messrs. Compton's Ltd., shipping and forwarding agents, of Cap House, Long Lane, London, E.C.1, at the age of 67.

Once again death has taken from us a man who belongs to the "old guard" of the Colony. The deceased was born at Altstätten in 1894, where he spent his childhood and his early school-days. Later on, he finished his education at the "Verkehrsschule" in St. Gall. In 1911 he joined the shipping and forwarding firm of Imobersteg & Cie, and was posted to their Chiasso office. He rendered excellent service for the company in Switzerland, so much so that early in this century he was sent to London to take charge of, and re-organise, the branch office in that City; this was a great responsibility for so young a man, but he justified the trust placed in him and was highly successful.

Upon the splitting up of Imobersteg as one firm into two separate companies, viz., Hans Imobersteg and Karl Imobersteg in 1920, the London office was closed, but the deceased was authorised to take over the representation of Hans Imobersteg & Cie in London and to form his own company for this purpose. This was done in April 1921, and the firm became known under the name of "Compton's Ltd."

Owing to his responsible position, which involved much travelling, he was unable to take an active part in the work of the Colony, but in former years he was often seen with his wife at social functions of the City Swiss Club, of which he had been a member since 1911. He also, at one time, took a keen interest in the Swiss Sports meetings. Two years ago he lost his wife, and the shock of this severely affected his health; within four months he had to enter hospital for a major lung operation, from the effects of which illness he never fully recovered.

His many friends in the Colony will keep him in affectionate remembrance. We extend our deepest sympathy to his two sons in their bereavement.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE

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