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CITY SWISS CLUB
97th ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL
 In conjunction with
THE SWISS ECONOMIC COUNCIL
 on
Friday, 16th November
 at the
Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1

In three years' time, the City Swiss Club will be able to celebrate another Centenary, having then reached its 100th Annual Banquet and Ball; had it not been that during the two World Wars these banquets were dispensed with, the approaching festival would have been the 106th of its kind.

One can safely say — without any pretence at snobbery — that the Club's yearly festival is one of the high-lights of the social events of the Colony. On this occasion the Society will, as on former occasions, be again host to a number of prominent English personalities, thus still further cementing the close and happy relations which exist between the two countries.

Owing to various circumstances, one of them being the steady shrinking of the Colony, the attendance in recent years at these banquets has unfortunately somewhat declined. The committee has, therefore, paid special attention to this fact, studying the question of how to remedy this lack of interest.

It has now been decided to introduce some new features, such as making this festival available to the younger members of the Colony. An appreciable number of the younger generation will be invited to be the guests of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Economic Council in order to become better acquainted with its members. It will also be a "black tie" affair.

This year's banquet will be held in conjunction with the Swiss Economic Council, one of the Colony's most prominent institutions.

The committee is most anxious to welcome its older members — especially those who for one reason or another have recently given it a miss, with the excuse that their "dancing years are over". May they be reminded "that it is never too late". To encourage them to come along, and to compensate them for not dancing, a cabaret will be introduced. If this coming banquet is to be a "festival of youth" it is also intended to be a happy reunion of the many veterans of the Club, giving them an opportunity to meet old friends — one meets only too rarely nowadays — and to recall many happy memories of times gone by.

Facilities will be given to reserve tables for intended parties (see advertisement). It will be a splendid opportunity to ask friends to whom an invitation is due or overdue, and who cannot be entertained at home on account of the servant problem.

H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, Honorary President of the City Swiss Club, and Madame Daeniker will be present as well as members of the Embassy.

All members of the Swiss Colony, whether members of the City Swiss Club or the Swiss Economic Council, will be cordially invited to attend this year's festival, thus making it a real Colony affair.

A pressing invitation is extended especially to the ladies to grace by their charm and beauty the 97th Annual Banquet and Ball, which promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

The committee would appreciate early bookings, so as to enable them to make adequate arrangements.

A. STAUFFER,
Press Reporter, City Swiss Club.

PERSONAL

Miss Beryl Deutsch, of 38 Langside Crescent, London N.14, wishes to thank the author of the poem about her father, Mr. Willy Deutsch, which appeared in the **Swiss Observer** on 7th September. She was greatly touched at the kind thought and was very grateful that a friend had remembered her father in such a nice way, particularly as he had written so many poems about others (under the pen-name of "Gallus"). As the author of "Gaell Willy ..." has chosen to remain anonymous, Miss Deutsch has asked the Editor to convey her thanks to him through these columns.

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