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Committee of Swiss Catholics in London

The drawing of the prizes for our Christmas Draw 1961 took place on the 15th December 1961. The list of all prize winners has been distributed to the various selling centres and all prize winners have been individually informed of the result of the Draw.

Thanks to the generosity of all our friends, we are very pleased to state that the sale of tickets and donations have realised just over £250.

Our Christmas and New Year Service (Holy Mass and Sermon) was held at St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1, on Sunday, 31st December 1961, at 4 p.m., by our new Assistant Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Joseph Stocker, a former missionary and member of the Bethlehem Missionary Society.

In spite of the extremely bad travelling conditions caused by snow and ice, this service was well attended, and was followed by the traditional Christmas and New Year's tea party for children at 48 Great Peter Street, S.W.1, School Hall. Each child received presents from Father Christmas. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree with burning candles, the singing, in our three languages, of our beloved Swiss songs, and the fine performance on the alpenhorn by Mr. Louis Renggli, a member of our Youth Club, greatly enhanced the enjoyment of all present.

This lovely children's party was followed by a dance arranged by the members of our very active and flourishing Youth Club.

O. GROB
Chairman.

Changes at the Swiss Bank Corporation

At the last extraordinary General Meeting of the Swiss Bank Corporation shareholders, Dr. Samuel Schweizer was elected a further member of the Board of Directors of the Bank. At the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, Dr. S. Schweizer was elected Chairman as from 1st January 1962.

Moreover, Mr. Charles Türler, President of the General Management, retired at the end of 1961 upon attaining the age limit. During his untiring activity over a period of 47 years, Mr. Türler has rendered most valuable services to the Swiss Bank Corporation.

Mr. Theodore E. Seiler, at present Resident Representative of the Bank in South America, São Paulo, and Dr. Edgar F. Paltzer, at present Agent of the New York Agency, were appointed new members of the General Management, the nominations to be effective as from the 1st January 1962. Accordingly, the General Management will henceforth be composed of Messrs. Henry Droz, Dr. Rodolphe Pfenninger, Edouard Bandelier, Theodore E. Seiler and Dr. Edgar F. Paltzer.

DR. MAX HOMBERGER

Dr. Max Homberger, at present one of the Swiss Bank Corporation Managers in London, has been appointed a Manager of the Zurich Office with effect from 1st July next.

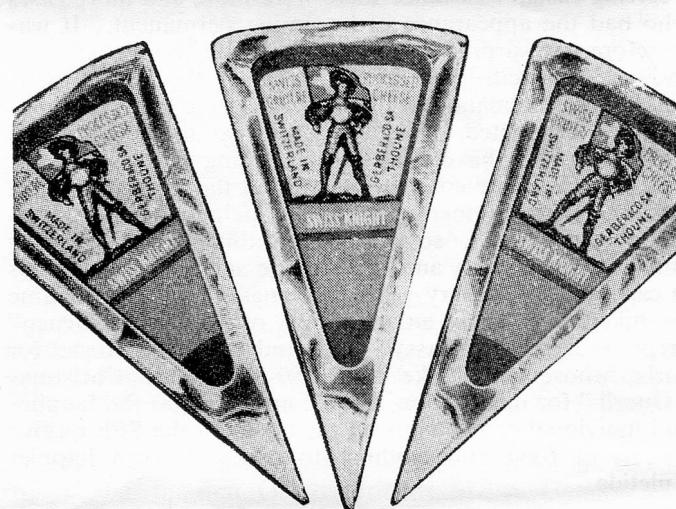
To Mr. Homberger, a very well-known personality of the Swiss Colony in London, we offer our most hearty congratulations.

Round and About

The fourth International Salon of Outdoor Activities will be held in Lausanne from 3rd to 11th March 1962. This exhibition, which will occupy part of the premises of the Swiss National Autumn Fair in the Palace of Beaulieu, will cover an area of over 132,000 square feet this year, i.e., 60 per cent more than in previous years. This International Salon will have a very large number of foreign exhibitors and is expected to have great success among all camping enthusiasts and those interested in outdoor activities. It will also include an nautical section, showing some of the latest models of motor and sailing boats, as well as an enquiry centre giving information on camping sites in Switzerland and abroad. A number of special events of interest to tourists will also be arranged to coincide with the Salon.

Big Swiss Technical Achievement

The first of the four steam turbines ordered by the Department of Water and Power of the town of Los Angeles from Brown-Boveri and Co. in Baden has just successfully undergone its final factory trials in the presence of a representative of the famous American city. It should be mentioned that this is the first time such a powerful machine of this type, a turbine of 230,000 kW with a single line of shafts, has ever been made.



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