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A DEPARTURE

ERNST RIBI
Swiss Consul

As on so many former occasions, we have once again to bid farewell to a member of the Swiss Embassy.

The Federal Council has recently announced the transfer of Consul E. Ribi to Zagreb (Yugoslavia) in the same capacity.

By his departure we are losing a man who has taken, apart from his official duties, a keen interest in the Swiss Colony. His advice, sought in many intricate cases, was always readily given, proving most helpful. Nobody seeking information on any sort of question or problem was ever refused a hearing, and we take this opportunity of thanking him for the services he has rendered both to our country and to the Swiss Colony. Only recently he has worked exceedingly hard in connection with the Charity Concerts at the Institut Français to make these undertakings such a success.

On the social side he was greatly aided by his charming wife, who accompanied him untiringly to a great number of functions. She took a lively interest in the work for the young girls, the Swiss Benevolent Society, the Swiss Church and the "Frauenverein". To her, too, go our thanks for all the services she has so untiringly rendered.

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Consul Ribi was born in 1906 at Schaffhausen, where he was educated. After first embarking on a banking career, he entered the Swiss Consular Service in 1927. His first assignment was with the Swiss Consulate at Manchester, then Montreal, San Francisco, and Tokyo, where he spent the war years. He was from September 1946 to July 1957 Vice-Consul and Chief of the Consular Section at the Swiss Legation in Mexico. Mr. Ribi married Miss Margaret Holliger, and has two children, Elisabeth and Peter, aged 21 and 20 respectively.

A hitherto successful career has now entered another new phase, and we have no doubt that his work in the new surroundings will be equally successful and beneficial.

In this departing hour we will not say "Farewell" but "Auf Wiedersehen!"

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ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY

The Anglo-Swiss Society held its annual general meeting at the Montana Hotel on Tuesday, 12th June. It was a small, friendly affair, to which the excellent Swiss wine supplied by M. Bonvin gave a flying start.

As the Chairman, Sir Clifford Norton, was away in Switzerland, Mr. T. D. Richardson, the Honorary Treasurer, gallantly dispatched the official business in his place. Item by item the agenda was smoothly disposed of, with hardly a dissenting voice being raised. After officers, committee members, auditors had all been re-elected, there remained but the "any other business". This provided the Honorary Secretary with a chance to tell those present a few interesting stories of Anglo-Swiss collaboration in industry; it is hoped that they will form the base of a new film, to be made by the team already responsible for the highly successful "Symphony of Switzerland", seen at one of the Society's dinners last year.

Then everyone started chatting again, which is, after all, the stuff that nurtures Anglo-Swiss friendship.

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PERSONAL

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Grob, of 69 Seafield Road, New Southgate, London N.11, on the arrival of a grandson, Ralph. He was born at Llanelli on 10th June, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan Grob.

We regret to have to inform readers that Mr. Walter Wyss, of 68 Galpins Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, died on 22nd June at the age of nearly 70. He originated from Lüsslingen (So), and came to England in 1916. He worked with the Swiss Bank Corporation for forty years until his retirement early in 1958. He was a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society and the Swiss Male Choir. We extend our deep sympathy to his wife and family.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be published on Friday, 13th July 1962. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscription: M. Heiling (Bellach), J. Gallo, R. E. Maag, A. Abplanalp, H. Kriesi, Dr. E. Bernath (Rabat), V. L. Bataillard, P. Bucher, A. W. Sommer, R. Delarageaz, A. M. Zullig, W. Bachmann, F. Dumont and A. Steiner.

CITY SWISS CLUB

Will members please note that no meetings will be held during

JULY and AUGUST

They will be advised in due course of the resumption in September next.

THE COMMITTEE