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there will be a happy, festive atmosphere. Old friends will meet, British and Swiss. The young and not-so-young will be able to relax and enjoy a carefree evening in congenial company.

For all those who have not yet made up their minds, there is still a chance. There are some tickets left (£2 12s. 6d. including tips). Please apply immediately to Mr. J. Jauslin, P.O. 114, London E.C.2. (Incidentally: Black Tie.)

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As in previous years, the "Swiss Observer" will put space for Christmas greetings at the disposal of readers. The price of Christmas cards has again gone up, and this arrangement will enable subscribers to wish their friends the compliments of the season at small cost. At the same time it is a means of additional financial support to the paper.

We propose publishing these greetings in our Double Christmas Number on 17th December. Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address to our office not later than Monday, 22nd November, together with remittance of 25/-. Prompt response will be doubly appreciated by the Editor this year, seeing that she no longer has the assistance of the late Mr. A. Stauffer who kindly looked after Christmas Greetings in previous years.

SKI CAMPS FOR THE YOUNG SWISS ABROAD

As in previous years, the Youth Service of the NSH Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, 3000 Berne, are organising two Ski Camps for young compatriots living abroad. The first takes place from 27th December to 5th January at Marmorera in the Grisons, and the second from 28th February to 9th March on the Riederalp in the Valais. Participants will be allocated to various groups according to their ski-ing abilities and will be given expert instruction. The evenings will be devoted to lectures, film shows, music and discussions. Please apply immediately to Berne, as the number of participants is limited. Cost: Fr.110.—, not including travelling and ski lifts. In certain circumstances, a reduction may be granted.

SPECIAL SWITZERLAND/U.K. CHRISTMAS FARES

Over Christmas and New Year, Swissair is again offering special excursion return fares for travel between Switzerland and the U.K. by day flights. They are available only for journeys starting in Switzerland, for flights to the U.K. between 21st and 30th December 1965, returning between 31st December 1965 and 9th January 1966. Tourist return to London costs Frs.345.— (£28 5s. 0d.) from Zurich and Frs. 325.— (£26 13s. 0d.) from Basle or Geneva. First class return fares are Frs.440.— (£36 1s. 0d.) and Frs.420.— (£34 8s. 0d.) respectively.

The validity of these special fares is 15 days, including day of journey to the U.K. They are not available as one-way fares. Payment can be made in Switzerland or the U.K., but not in other countries.

WELFARE OFFICE FOR SWISS GIRLS IN GREAT BRITAIN

(For Information, Advice or Help)

11 Belsize Grove, London N.W.3.

(Nearest Underground Station: Belsize Park)

RECEPTION HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday 8 to 11 p.m. — The Swiss Catholic Youth Club — Social at Westminster Ball Room, 30 Strutton Ground, S.W.1.

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

Every 1st Wednesday in the month — Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres — meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, at 7 p.m.

Every last Thursday of the Month — Swiss Club Manchester — Ordinary Monthly Meeting from 6 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.

NOVEMBER :

10th to 26th — Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, E.C.2; Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — "Météorites et Bijoux" — EXHIBITION of Modern jewellery designed by Gilbert Albert.

Friday, 12th — 6.30 for 7.30 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — GRUEMPLSCHIESSEN DINNER — Glendower Hotel, S.W.7.

Saturday, 13th — Swiss Club Manchester — ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL.

Wednesday, 15th — 8 p.m. — ERICH SCHMID conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a programme of works by Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert — Royal Festival Hall.

Wednesday, 17th, 8 p.m. — Ernest ANSERMET conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms and Beethoven's symphony No. 9 — Royal Festival Hall.

Friday, 19th — City Swiss Club — 100th BANQUET AND BALL — Dorchester Hotel, London W.1.

Thursday, 25th — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — OPEN MEETING — COLOUR SLIDE SHOW — "South Africa seen through Swiss Eyes" by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bonvin.

Thursday, 25th — Swiss Club Manchester — MONTHLY MEETING.

Friday, 30th — 6 p.m. — Anglo-Swiss Society — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — Swiss Embassy, 77 Gloucester Place, W.1.

DECEMBER :

Friday, 10th — 6.30 for 7.15 p.m. — ESCALADE DINNER — Cercle Genevois de Londres — Dorchester Hotel — For details see special announcement.

Wednesday, 15th — 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — MONTHLY MEETING and FILM SHOW — Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Wednesday, 15th — City Swiss Club — CHRISTMAS DINNER — Dorchester Hotel.

Thursday, 16th — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — OPEN MEETING — details to follow.

Friday, 17th — 7 for 7.30 p.m. — Schweizerbund (Swiss Club) — CHRISTMAS DINNER — Montana Hotel, 67 Gloucester Road, S.W.7.

Saturday, 18th — Swiss Club Manchester — CHRISTMAS PARTY.