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Thursday, 20th October 1966, at 7.45 p.m.
"FROM ZERMATT TO THE GLACIERS"

Talk by Desmond and Marjorie Parish
(Authors of "Swiss Mountain Magic")
With coloured slides showing
Alpine Scenery and Wild Flora

All Swiss and their friends are welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

The following subscribers are celebrating their birthdays in October: Mrs. Charles Chapuis will be 72 on 7th, Mrs. G. Jenne (Andeer/Grisons) has her birthday on 9th, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur J. Revilliod (Djakarta/Indonesia) will be 61 on 20th and Dr. E. M. Bircher 71 on 23rd. We wish them many happy returns of the day, as well as to all our readers who will be celebrating their birthdays during October.

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, EXHIBITIONS

The Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences was patron to the second international Tetanus Conference in Berne. During the first part of the meeting, about 100 prominent specialists from all parts of the world met in closed symposiums, and later, their findings were dealt with at open meetings.

The 9th General Meeting of the World Federation for the Conservation of Nature took place in Lucerne; several resolutions were passed concerning the most urgent needs for the protection of animals and plants.

Also in July, the congress of the "Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales" was held in Lausanne; the theme was "Education for International Business". This gathering was followed by the 11th world congress of the International Bar Association, at which Federal Councillor von Moos addressed the 1,300 delegates from all parts of the world.

Federal Councillor Chaudet gave a talk at the world conference "Church and Society" in Geneva, and early in August, the 6th Swiss scout camp was held in the Domleschg, attended by 13,000 scouts and 2,000 guides.

500 cadets met at Wettingen for the federal contest which is held every four years at either Aarau, Brugg or Thun. Events included athletics, swimming, shooting and ball games. 700 people from over thirty countries took part in a jubilee celebration of "Twenty Years of Caux", the Moral Re-armament Movement. An international conference on economics took place at Caux a few days later.

At the end of August, the FERA, exhibition for TV, radio and recording, was opened in Zurich, for the first time not at the Tonhalle and Kongresshaus, but at the fair buildings of the ZUESPA and at the Stadthof 11 at Oerlikon. The 35th general meeting of Interpol took place in Berne from 31st August to 7th September. Of the 95 member states, 87 were represented by 210

delegates. The meeting was held in the Chamber of the National Council, and Federal Councillor von Moos was President of the *Ehrenkomitee*. Three new African states were accepted, and subjects discussed ranged from forgery to drug traffic. Thanks to Interpol, 1,700 international criminals could be brought to justice in 1965.

The triennial congress of the European *Gesellschaft für Kartoffelforschung* was organised in Zurich early in September under the chairmanship of President Salzmann, Director of the Federal Agricultural Research Station. Federal Councillor Gnaegi addressed the meeting of the Federation of Swiss Transport Undertakings at Zermatt, and Federal Councillor Tschudi gave an official address at the centenary of the International Workers Congress.

900 chemists from practically the whole of Europe and some overseas countries met at St. Moritz early in September for the 19th international conference on co-ordination chemistry. On 11th September, the central commemoration took place of the 1,000 years of Christianity in Poland. After a service, a celebration took place at the *Aula* of the University, at which 600 people were present. The Dominican Padre, Professor Dr. J. M. Bochenski, Rector of Fribourg University, was in the chair, and the main address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Walther Hofer of Berne University.

The Federal Council and Vaud authorities were host to the delegates of the 4th session of UNCTAD (UNO Council for Trade and Development) at the Castle of Chillon on 14th September. On the same day, Federal Councillor Gnaegi addressed a gathering of 300 at the inauguration of the Grande Dixence power installations.

A week later, Federal Councillor Spuehler gave the Government's greetings at the meeting of Eurospace in Geneva. He met the Russian doctor and cosmonaut Boris Jegorow. Other important speeches were delivered by Councillor of States Eric Choisy on "Space Research and the Small States" and Minister Dr. G. F. Bauer, Swiss delegate with Eurospace. The Swiss Art and Antiques Fair was opened in Berne on 22nd September, the seventh of its kind and the second held in the renovated Art Museum.

The International Nuclear Industries Fair (NUCLEX 66) was held in Basle from 8th to 14th September. A number of technical meetings and panel discussions took place at the same time. 12,000 visitors were registered from over fifty countries at this first exhibition of its kind. Federal Councillor Bonvin gave an official address.

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YOUNG SWISS JEWELLER EXHIBITS IN GENEVA

The creations of a young Swiss jeweller, Mr. Hans Ruedi Wagner, were on display recently in the showrooms of the famous watchmaker Patek Philippe in Geneva. With the fifty pieces exhibited, this artist — who has already received several awards and won an "Oscar" in New York last year for two bracelets in the "Diamonds International Award" contest — is undertaking new forms of expression by departing from symmetrical and geometrical designs in favour of more abstract and improvised conceptions which symbolise something of the mystery of woman.

[O.S.E.C.]