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**ERNST BELART †**

We announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Ernst Belart (P.O. Box 1174) Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa. Mr. Belart was a former Director for East Africa of the British-American Tobacco Company. He was Swiss Consular Agent in Kenya and at one time a Delegate to the International Red Cross Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Belart used to visit London regularly on their way to and from their holidays in Switzerland every year. Although he resided in Kenya, he took a keen interest in the London Swiss Colony and was a member of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. In Kenya, he was Honorary President of the Swiss Relief Council in Nairobi.

Mr. Belart was a generous and friendly man, mourned not only by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy M. Belart, but by many friends. He had been ill for some time and died in Nairobi on 20th December. He was 86. His ashes have been taken to Brugg, his home town.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Belart.

**ARNOLD JOSEPH DIETHELM †**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Arnold Joseph Diethelm, of 31 Scottellis Gardens, N.W.8.

Mr. Diethelm was born on 21st March 1892 and hailed from Schwyz. He came to this country in 1914 and held several positions in the catering trade (Savoy Hotel, etc.). At one time, he was Steward at the Swiss Club in Charlotte Street, of which he was an active member. He also played his part in the affairs of the Union Helvetia.

Mr. Diethelm was a true Swiss to his last hour. In July 1961, he and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding. He was ill for some time before he died on 18th January, mourned by his family and friends.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Diethelm and their daughter.

**JOHN JENNY †**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. John Jenny, of Devon Doorway, Long Lane, Staldon, nr. Teignmouth, S. Devon. He died suddenly of a heart attack on 9th December, in his seventies. A citizen of Zug, he came to this country at the time of the first world war and soon took some interest in the Colony. Amongst other things, he was a member of the Swiss Gymnastic Society and especially of the Union Helvetia, being engaged in catering. He did his initial training at the Trocadero, and then moved on to well-known hotels like the Savoy, Carlton and Berkely. He became manager of several first-class hotels until, in 1932, he took over the Plaza Hotel as proprietor. During the war, he was in the RAF and served as Catering Officer for three years. Before he gave up catering and joined the wine trade, he owned the Bodigan Hotel at Looe (six years). Since 1954, he was an agent of a well-known Soho wine merchant.

It is to his widow and family that we express our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

**MRS. F. MEIER †**

At the time of going to press we learn, with much regret, of the death of Mrs. F. Meier of 36 Lonsdale Drive, Enfield, which occurred on Friday, 3rd February 1967.

**MR. ALFRED F. FRIKART †**

We announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Alfred F. Frikart, of 17 Oakfield Road, Erdington, Birmingham 24. He died on 12th January after a long illness. He was 77. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Mrs. Ethel Frikart.

**PERSONAL**

We have great pleasure in announcing the birth of a baby girl Karen to Mr. and Mrs. William Burgess. She is the fourth granddaughter of Mr. H. E. von Gunten. We wish the baby and the proud parents every happiness for the future.

**LONDON EXHIBITION OF SWISS ARTIST'S WORK**

Unfortunately, we learnt too late of an interesting exhibition of posters, etc., by the Swiss designer Heiri Steiner, which was held at the London College of Printing (Elephant and Castle, S.E.1) from 16th to 27th January. Heiri Steiner is a graphic artist whose work covers a wide field. The show in London was concerned with publicity for the Zurich Municipal Theatre. It was organised by Walter Jungkind, Senior Lecturer at the London College of Printing, who is a Swiss citizen.

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