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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres: No meetings until 2nd October.

APRIL :

27th April to 18th May — Turner House, **Penarth** — “Le Voyage Pittoresque” EXHIBITION of paintings, water-colours and prints of Switzerland — (See report in “Swiss Observer” 10th November).

MAY :

5th to 12th — Swiss Church in London — WEEK OF REFLECTION with the “Mother of Refugees” Dr. G. Kurz, Berne — Various afternoon and evening events, as well as special services — Please phone the Rev. M. Dietler (01-340 6018) for details.

Sunday, 12th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING — Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Tuesday, 14th, 8 p.m. — 4 St. James's Square, S.W.1 — Anglo-Swiss Society and Nouvelle Société Helvétique — READING OF FRENCH-SWISS AND FRENCH POETRY AND PROSE by well-known Swiss actor JEAN BER (See Editorial).

Tuesday, 21st — City Swiss Club — CARD EVENING — Dorchester Hotel.

Thursday, 23rd, 7.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — OPEN MEETING — Dr. Arthur Baur, Editor-in-Chief of “Der Landbote”, will speak in English on the TOTAL REVISION of the SWISS FEDERAL CONSTITUTION — Discussion to follow — Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9/11 Belsize Grove, N.W.3.

Sunday, 26th — Swiss Church London — CHURCH ASSEMBLY — Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2 — 11 a.m. Bilingual Service, followed by refreshments — Parish Council Meetings after lunch, followed by plenary meeting of the Church Assembly.

Sunday, 26th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING — Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Monday, 27th — Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Tuesday, 28th — Swiss Hostel for Girls — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Friday, 31st, 7 for 7.30 p.m. — Swiss Club “Schweizerbund” — FONDUE DINNER — Gledower Hotel, S.W.7.

JUNE :

Sunday, 16th — LANDSGEMEINDE of the Swiss in the **Midlands and the North**.

Friday, 28th — City Swiss Club — SUMMER DINNER AND DANCE — Monkey Island, Bray-on-Thames.

JULY :

12th-18th — German-speaking Community of the Swiss Church — SUMMER CAMP — at Ashburnham Place. — Please apply to Rev. M. Dietler, 01-340 6018.

Sunday, 14th — FAMILY OUTING to above camp.

AUGUST :

23rd to 25th — ASSEMBLY OF THE SWISS ABROAD — Schaffhausen.

NOVEMBER :

Saturday, 26th, from 12 noon — Swiss Church London — BAZAAR — Westminster Central Hall.

REVISION OF THE SWISS FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

A forthcoming NSH Lecture

94 years after the first total revision, followed since by an incredible variety of more or less important additions, it is none too early that a further total revision of the Constitutional Law of the Swiss Confederation is at last being undertaken by our compatriots at home. Much of the verbiage of the last few decades serving purely temporary or secondary needs and interests will have to be eliminated or replaced by ordinary legislative treatment. Other more fundamental amendments need to be properly integrated in the newly formulated constitutional basis of our country to conform in dignity with the requirements of democratic survival in an age that has shed so many ideal beliefs as well as old prejudices and acquired so many new ones.

The problems involved and the intentions of our legislators will be discussed at the next meeting of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique on Thursday, 23rd May, at the Swiss Hostel for Girls (7.45 p.m.), by an eminent lecturer from Switzerland, Dr. Arthur Baur, Editor-in-Chief of “Der Landbote” Winterthur, and for many years before political editor of the “Neue Berner Zeitung”. It will be a first-class opportunity for our Colony to get to know the present plans for the revision, to discuss them and contribute our thoughts on the matter of such importance to the future of Switzerland and therefore also to the Swiss abroad. As usual, the meeting is open to all Swiss and their friends. The subject-matter and the fame of the lecturer who will speak in English are deserving of a numerous attendance.

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