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GUSTAV FRIBERG †

We announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Gustav Friberg. He died on 6th June at the age of 78. He had recently moved from Kennington Road to live with his son at 123 Heath Road, Hounslow, Middlesex. Mr. Friberg was born at Surava in the Grisons and came to this country in 1913. For many years, he worked at the Waldorf Hotel, Hatchedts Restaurant, the Ritz Hotel and at the Café Royal. He was a member of the Union Helvetia, of which he became an Honorary Member, of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) and a loyal supporter of the Swiss Catholic Mission in London.

He lost his wife in February of last year; he had married her in 1916, and now his children and grand children mourn his death, together with many friends.

Father Bossard conducted a Requiem Mass at Witton, and the Committal Service at Streatham on 13th June.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE

On Thursday, 29th May, the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique held another of their interesting Open Meetings at the Swiss Hostel for Girls in Hampstead. This time, it was a former Director of the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, Dr. H. J. Halbheer, now in responsible position as Deputy Manager of the Swiss Credit Bank in Zurich, who spoke on "Swiss Banking Services and Switzerland's Image Abroad". The address was followed by an animated discussion which showed clearly that not only was the subject of great interest, but that the speaker's reputation had proved a draw. The President being on holiday abroad and the Vice-President away, a Council member, Mrs. W. Meier, took the chair.

ASSEMBLY OF SWISS ABROAD

Programme for Montreux

This year's Assembly of the Swiss Abroad will take place at Montreux at the last week-end in August. The theme will be "The Swiss Abroad and Swiss Economy". On Thursday, 28th August, the Working Committee of the Commission of the Swiss Abroad will meet, to be followed the next morning at 8.30 a.m. by the Commission Meeting itself (Parliament of the Swiss Abroad). Another meeting will be that of the Council of the "Foundation for the Swiss Abroad". All these are not open to the public. The general programme will begin in the afternoon. There are four different outings: to "Ateliers de Constructions Mécaniques de Vevey S.A."; to motorway section Puidoux—Chexbres—Villeneuve; to Thermic Power Works Chavalon; to Chillon Castle.

The official opening will take place at the Montreux Palace Hotel, combined with a reception. There will be a general Question Hour of the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad at 8.30 p.m. At the same time, the Council of the Solidarity Fund will have its meeting (closed).

On Saturday morning, the General Meeting of the Solidarity Fund will take place at 8.30 a.m. An hour later, the first plenary session begins at the Casino Theatre. As in past years, a special lunch will be organised for all those interested in Church questions. In the afternoon, there will be group discussions on re-integration problems of the Swiss abroad and on the possibilities of training of young Swiss from abroad in Swiss undertakings at home. A second plenary session will take place at 4 p.m., followed by a Press Conference.

Banquet, entertainment and dance will begin at 8 p.m. at the Casino.

On Sunday, 31st August, the boat leaves Montreux at 9.15 a.m. for Coppet. There is an ecumenical service at Morges, and lunch will be on the boat. At Coppet Castle, a reception will be followed by a visit to the Museum of the Swiss in Foreign Services. The return journey to Montreux will be made by train, and a last gathering will take place at 5 p.m. at the Palace Hotel at Montreux.

The "Festkarte" which includes the visit on Friday, the banquet on Saturday and the outing on Sunday, will cost 40 francs. Young Swiss from abroad who are between 16 and 23 will receive it free of charge. It is important to write immediately to the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, 3000 Berne, for application forms (participation and hotel reservation).

It promises to be an excellent meeting in an enchanting part of Switzerland, and it is hoped that a large contingent from Great Britain will make the journey to Montreux. Well worth it!

SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUNG

SWISS ABROAD

Valais — 4th to 23rd August

The Youth Service at the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, 3000 Berne, are again arranging a Summer Camp. It will be held in the Valais from 4th to 23rd August and will be open to all Swiss between 16 and 24 years of age. There are six different groups (mountaineering, road construction, research, photography and folklore, sports, rambling). There will be a base camp at St. Maurice, and group activities will take place in the Upper and Lower Valais as well as in the Val d'Anniviers. The final camp will be at Brigue. Participation costs vary between 150 and 180 francs, and in case of need a reduction may be granted.

Please apply *immediately* to the Youth Service at the above address. It will be a marvellous opportunity to spend a holiday in a lovely part of Switzerland, to meet other young Swiss living abroad and to get to know not only the country, but also the people.

1ST AUGUST WITH THE SWISS

CHURCHES

In order to mark the anniversary of the foundation of the Swiss Confederation, the two communities of the Protestant Swiss Church and the Swiss Catholic Mission in London are organising a joint outing to the New Forest on Sunday, 3rd August. The excursion is made by coach, leaving the Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, at 8.45 a.m. There will be a service at Winchester Cathedral. After a picnic luncheon in the New Forest, a visit to one of the "stately homes of England", Beau Lieu, will take place.

A service in French will be held at the Swiss Church in Endell Street for all those who cannot take part in the excursion. *Exceptionally*, that service will take place at 10.30 a.m.

For information please apply to any of the Ministers or Father Bossard.

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