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CHAPLAIN: Paul Bossard, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. Tel.: 01-222 2895.

# ENGLISH ACTIVITIES IN LAUSANNE

Mr. R. J. Keller, former Representative of the Swiss Credit Bank in London and former Chairman of the Swiss Observer's Advisory Council, who now lives on the shores of Lake Geneva, has sent us the October issue of the "News Bulletin" of the English Speaking Club of Lausanne.

The existence of this glossy and well organised news sheet, amply furnished in advertisements, was quite a revelation. A sample of the activities of the English speaking people of Lausanne advertised in the Bulletin's diary of events includes a Cocktail at the Carlton Hotel, a Lunch at the Hotel de la Paix with an after-dinner talk by the American Ambassador, a Christmas Ball and regular Bridge, French conversation and Bowling sessions. There is furthermore a regular Ladies' Lunch held at the Club.

The Bulletin, which has ten pages, is basically conceived as a "colony" news sheet, with information on a more intimate and gossipy level than that to which readers of our paper are accustomed. It is a parochial paper, which is explainable by the geographic concentration of its readership. One also suspects that the English Speaking Club of Lausanne is kept thriving by the presence of many Americans in the Lausanne area. The American love for bridge is stronger than the Swiss fondness for jass, the "ladies' lunch" is an Anglo-Saxon institution yet stronger than the Stamtisch, and in general the urge to belong to a Club is part of American mentality.

This may account for the surprising degree of vitality of English speaking life in Lausanne—but it is only

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an educated guess. We also guess that Mr. Keller, after having played an important role in the London Swiss Colony for so many years, is now joining the English of Switzerland—which may be a sign of nostalgia!

(PMB)

#### **OBITUARY**

We are sorry to announce the death of Mr. Andre Corbat, of 20 Gloucester Court, Kew Road, Kew, Surrey, on 10th October. He was 74 and leaves a widow.

#### **NEW EMBASSY**

The offices of the Swiss Embassy will begin to move to new premises and will be open to the public from 1st November at the following address: 16-18 Montague Place, London, W18 2BQ. Telephone 723 0701 (remains unchanged).

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY: Dinner in the Orchid Suite of the Dorchester Hotel on Tuesday, 11th November at 7.30 for 8 p.m. Dr. E. M. Bircher, former Cultural Counsellor at the Swiss Embassy, will speak on 50 years of Anglo-Swiss Relations. Black tie. £2.90.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, 17th November at 7 p.m. Details to be mailed.

CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Dinner and Ball on Friday, 19th November, at the Dorchester Hotel. 7.30 for 8 p.m.

SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH: Annual General Meeting at 112 Hanover Street, 8 p.m.

CERCLE GENEVOIS: "Escalade"
Dinner with fondue bourguignone
at the Valchera Restaurant on
Friday, 10th December, at 7.30 for
8 p.m.

SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, 3rd November.

# CULTURAL EVENTS

Friday, 29th October. At the Swiss Church, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2. CONCERT in aid of the Swiss Church under the patronage of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique and the European Liszt Centre. Works by Liszt and Bach. L. Rabes at the organ. Other performers include a harpist, a cellist, a soprano and members of the Royal Choral Society. Silver collection.