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We have the sad duty of announcing the death at the age of 77, on 2nd November, 1971, of Mr. Hans Emil Nachbur, of 69 Coventry Road, Staten Island, New York 10304. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Frieda Nachbur, and two married sons. Mr. Nachbur was a former member of the Swiss Colony in London.

"THE LONELINESS OF THE LONG-DISTANCE RADIO"

This is the title of a talk which will be given to the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique on Thursday, 20th January, at 7 p.m. (Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, NW3). The speaker will be Mr. Noël Curchod, Director of the European and Overseas Broadcasting Services of Switzerland (short waves).

After studying in Geneva, Mr. Curchod became a reporter for Radio Lausanne and also worked for Swiss Television and various papers. In 1962, he came to London and spent some time with the BBC French Service. A year later, he was appointed Deputy Director of the Swiss Short Wave Services and became head in 1965. He is also a member of the Commission of the Swiss Abroad and has always taken a great interest in the problems of his compatriots living outside Switzerland. He is coming to London specially to talk to the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

The subject is one of which we know very little, and the evening will be of great interest to many. All Swiss and their friends are warmly welcome.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following subscribers are celebrating birthdays during the next few weeks: Mrs. A. Chappuis on 24th January. Mr. H. Raymond will be 86 on 25th, and Mr. E. Luterbacher will be 85 on 26th January. On 1st February, Mr. A. Schmid (of Norfolk Court Hotel) will be 86. Mr. A. Bleiker (at present in Spain) will be 75 on 11th February, and on 12th, Mr. E. Weber (California, USA) will be 76.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Eusebio will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary on 27th January, and on 2nd February, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Boehringer will have been married for 26 years.

Best wishes and many happy returns to all of them as well as to any other readers whose birthdays fall within the next month or so.

CORRECTION

A number of factual errors have unfortunately cropped up in our report on the City Swiss Club Annual Dinner and Ball. The following corrections must be made: There were not 140 participants, but 218; the 1970 City Swiss Club Ball tickets were priced at £3.75 in 1970 and £4.50 in 1971; the cabaret artist was Ken Shaw and not Ken Evans, and the holiday offered as first prize at the Tombola was an all-in holiday for two in Switzerland, not just a week's holiday.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE.—Thursday, 20th January, 7 p.m. Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, NW3, Open Meeting. Talk in English on the "Loneliness of Long Distance Radio" by Mr. Joël Curchod, Director of the Swiss Short-Wave Services. (See Editorial on left).

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner and Dance at the Dorchester Hotel (Orchid Suite) on Saturday, 5th February, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.—Raclette Party on Thursday, 27th January, at the Cottons Hotel, Knutsford.

CITY SWISS CLUB.—Evening at the Dorchester Hotel (Stanhope Suite) on Tuesday, 25th January, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY.—Dorchester Hotel (Orchid Suite) on Thursday, 27th January, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. Dinner with speech by Dr. Erin Jucker-Fleetwood on "Economic Space".

FORTHCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Sunday, January 16 — National Film Theatre, 4 p.m. — *Maximilian Schell* discusses his work as actor and producer-director. A number of his films will be screened that week-end, including Kafka's *The Castle* (Jan. 14), and *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Jan. 16) for which he received an Academy Award.

Monday, January 17 — Purcell Room, 7.30 p.m. — Recital by *Heidi Thalmann* (violin) and *Trevor Pinnock* (harpsichord), who will play sonatas by Vivaldi, Handel, Albinoni, Telemann, Bach and Corelli.

Monday, February 7 — St. John's, Smith Square, Westminster, 1 p.m. The flautist *Peter-Lukas Graf* plays two Mozart Flute Quartets with the Italian String Trio.

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