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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CITY SWISS CLUB. Tuesday, 25th April. Annual General Meeting.
NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE. AGM. Thursday, 20th April at the Prince of Wales Hotel.
SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. AGM on 13th April, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. at the Glendower Hotel. First shooting Sunday: 23rd April.
SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH. 1st May Maibummel.
1972 LANDSGEMEINDE at Hebden Bridge takes place on 18th June.

CULTURAL EVENTS

17th April to 5th May. Prudhoe Gallery, 79 Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1. Graphic Works by *Alexandre Delay*.
 Thursday, 20th April. Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45 p.m. Piano Recital by *Albert Ferber* (Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Rachmaninov, Debussy).
 Friday, 21st April. New College Chapel, Oxford, 2.30 p.m. English Bach Festival: Organ recital by *Lionel Rogg* (The Art of Fugue).
 Sunday, 23rd April. Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, 3 p.m. English Bach Festival: The bass *Jakob Stämpfli* is one of the soloists in the St. Matthew Passion.
 Monday, 24th April. Royal Albert Hall, 7.30 p.m. English Bach Festival: The bass *Jakob Stämpfli* is one of the soloists in the Mass in B minor.
 Tuesday, 25th April. Queen Elizabeth Hall, 5.55 p.m. English Bach Festival: Organ recital by *Lionel Rogg*.
 Wednesday, 26th April. Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45 p.m. English Bach Festival: *Michael Tabachnik* conducts music by the Greek composer Xenakis.
 Friday, 28th April and Saturday, 29th April. Round House, 7.30 p.m. (also 3 p.m. on Saturday). English Bach Festival: *Histoire du Soldat* by Stravinsky (music) and *Ramuz* (libretto).

Friday, 5th May. The Brompton Oratory, 7.30 p.m. English Bach Festival: *Kurt Widmer* sings the part of Christus in the St. John Passion.

PHILIPP SCHMID-RUEDIN



It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Philipp Schmid-Ruedin, former National Councillor and Honorary President of the Swiss Mercantile Society in Switzerland. He died on 22nd February at the age of 82.

Philipp Schmid came from the Grisons and loved to recall the days when he was a young goatherd. But his intelligence, his clear mind and his wish to work for humanity soon took him away from the mountains of his beloved Bündnerland.

For several decades he influenced the whole movement of commercial employees, more precisely the "Schweizerische Kaufmännische Verein". He began as Central Secretary, and from 1930 to 1956, he was General Secretary and finally, from 1956 to 1962, Central President. He devoted his whole life to the improvement of the, at that time, very bad conditions of work and old age of commercial employees.

It was inevitable that he should use his strong and persuasive personality in politics, and he was elected National Councillor in 1925. For 38 years his voice was heard in the good cause of providing for old age; he was one of the initiators of one of the greatest social achievements in Switzerland, the old-age and invalidity insurance. Philipp Schmid advocated it at a time when politicians of high rank called it an illusion. For many years he was chairman of the Parliamentary Democratic Party, and also a member of the Council of Europe. As Swiss living abroad we have every reason to be grateful to him, for he had our interests at heart at all times and was one of the powerful supporters of the Constitutional Article for the Swiss Abroad.

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