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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHURCHES CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME: *French-speaking Parish.* Souper des Doyens on Saturday, 7th December from 5 p.m. Sunday, 15th December: Fête de Noël. Christmas Day: Service at 11.15 a.m. *German-speaking Protestant and Catholic parishes:* Sunday, 22nd December, 4 p.m.: Ecumenical Family Christmas Gathering at the Eglise Suisse. Tuesday, 24th December, 18.30 p.m.: Ecumenical Christmas Celebration at the John Southworth Centre. Midnight Mass with English local residents. Possibility to stay in premises overnight. 31st December, 18.30: Ecumenical Service at the John Southworth Centre. New Year's Eve vigil.

COLONY CHILDREN FETE: Saturday, 4th January, 1975. 2 p.m. at St. Mary Hall. YMCA Central Club. 16-22 Gt. Russell Street, London WC1. All children in the Colony welcome. Parents who are not on the mailing list please contact the organiser, Miss Elizabeth Hoffmann de Visme. Tel: 01-348 1156.

SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB) 31st December, 20.30 for 21.00. Dinner at Bertorelli's Restaurant, 19 Charlotte Street (1st floor) London W.1.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY, Stationers' Hall, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4. Wednesday, 11th December at 6 p.m. Mr. W. A. de Vigier, Chairman of Acrow (Engineers) Ltd. will give a lecture entitled *Experiences in Modern Management*. There will be an opportunity for discussion followed by a buffet supper. Members may bring guests. Charge inclusive of wine is £4.50 a head.

CERCLE GENEVOIS: Escalade Meeting at Watford on Friday, 13th December. Numbers limited. Will all those desiring details on transport (or who can offer transport) please write to Michael Metford-Sewell, 386 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5TH. Tel (evenings) 01-948 2425.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER: Saturday, 14th December, Christmas Party at Ciba Geigy (UK) Ltd. Heald Green. Thursday, 30th January, 1975, Raclette Party at the Cottons Hotel, near Knutsford.

SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH. Samichlaus-Abig on Friday, 6th December, 8 p.m. at 112 Hanover Street.

CITY SWISS CLUB: Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, 17th December, 6.30 for 7 p.m. at the Dorchester.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. Annual Dinner and Dance, Dorchester Hotel, Saturday, 1st February, 1975.

SWISS CLUB LIVERPOOL: Christmas Dinner Party, Saturday, 7th December, 7.30 p.m. at the Dresden Hotel, New Chester Road, Bromborough.

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UNION TICINESE DI LONDRA

Centenary Celebrations

The Celebration Dinner was to take place on 17th February, but due to the miners' strike, three-day week and power restrictions, it was postponed to Sunday, 20th October. 200 members and friends met at the Cardinal Manning School in Kensington. After a Reception, the party assembled for dinner in the School's Hall gaily decorated in blue and red, the colours of the Ticino. Colourful interest was created also by sunny Ticino posters, the Swiss Cantonal flags, flowers and illuminated certificates. At one end was the platform on which a lively band, under Mario Fiorentini, played old and new popular tunes. At the other end hung the impressive banner of the Watermen's and Lightermen's Union of Greenwich with the picture of Cardinal Manning (born in 1808 in Hertfordshire), a former High Churchman who later joined the Church of Rome, became Archbishop of Westminster and Cardinal. He was an author and intensely interested in working class people. His hope of founding a Roman Catholic University never materialised, but he started the Teachers' Training College, bombed in the war, on whose site the Cardinal Manning School now stands.

Its headmaster is none other than Francesco De Maria, President of the Unione Ticinese, the 29th in a succession of able and distinguished men who have made the Unione Ticinese a force to be reckoned with in the London Swiss community. The strength of the Unione lies not least in its ability to keep the younger generations interested. Witness: the great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Berti, a pretty young girl, present at the Centenary.

The Apostolic Delegate, The Very Reverend Archbishop Heim, said grace, and an excellent dinner was then served by diligent waiters and waitresses ably assisted by senior boys of the School. The meal was Ticinese in character, including *antipasto*, *minestrone*, succulent chicken and *risotto alla Nostrana*, accompanied



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