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College, University of London, who had offered the S.M.S. accommodation during the University's summer vacation. Unfortunately, Mr. H. G. Cooper of the Inner London Education Authority, Greater London Council, who had been equally helpful in putting two different school buildings at the disposal of the S.M.S., was prevented from being present.

The Chairman further bade welcome to representatives of banks and business houses who had given valued financial support to the Society's venture, as well as the representatives of the Swiss press and radio.

Last, but not least, he thanked the Principal of the College, Mr. E. W. Makin, M.A., and the Vice-Principal, Mr. L. Cane, B.A., and all the other members of the staff present for their forbearance and wholehearted co-operation during the trying period of reconstruction.

The Swiss Ambassador, Dr. A. Weitnauer, in a brief address commended the Society for its dedicated work in the educational sphere, which had always enjoyed full support from Switzerland. He said that by teaching our young compatriots the English language in all its beauty and purity, values often lost in our times, the College contributed materially to their general as well as their professional education.

He also appreciated the fact that the S.M.S. gave the students of the College every opportunity of getting to know not only the city of London but also the attractions of the countryside.

Mr. R. Maier-Neff, President of the S.K.V., who had absented himself for the day from a conference in Vienna, expressed his pleasure at being able to be present on this memorable occasion. He brought greetings from the central committee of the S.K.V., of which organisation the London Section had formed part ever since its inception in 1888. He thanked all who had contributed towards bringing this venture, which he had helped to initiate, to fruition.

As a fitting conclusion, honorary membership of the Swiss Mercantile Society, London, was conferred on Dr. h.c. Hans Schaffner, former Federal Councillor, who was unavoidably prevented from being present, Dr. Fritz Leutwiler, President of the Swiss National Bank, and Mr. Eduard Ruchti, Central Secretary of the S.K.V., in appreciation of the great services rendered by them in connection with the purchase and rebuilding of Swiss House.

W.B.

## SWISS CHURCHES BAZAAR

A large crowd thronged the ground floor of Central Hall, Westminster, well before the official opening of the last bi-annual Swiss Churches Bazaar. The publicity given in our Special Issues and the announcements by Radio London had probably not been without

effect because the great majority of the people pressing around the stalls included many visitors one had never seen at Colony functions. Owing to this unexpected and welcome turnup, sales got started before our Ambassador Dr. Albert Weitnauer, introduced by Mr. John Bader, President of the Consistoire of the Swiss Protestant Parishes, officially opened the Bazaar. The Ambassador made a brief address, stressing the value of the work of the Churches and expressing his pleasure at opening such a function.

It was the first time that the Swiss Catholic Church was associated to this regular event contributing an important part of the Swiss Churches' revenue.

The stalls appeared to be generally those of the last Bazaar in November 1972. Some traditional suppliers seemed to have opted out, but one could recognise the many tins of Swiss foods, the clothes and chocolates supplied every two years by the same generous importers or individuals.

In answer to the many appeals by the Churches and the Embassy, many people had supplied cakes, clothes, books and goods that could be dispensed with. The Embassy stall was as usual highly successful. Its sales brought in well over a third of proceeds totalling about £2,000. The wall of "Hero" tins gracefully sold by the wives of diplomats had been voluntarily paid for by Embassy staff and was a centre of attraction. The stall selling "Hanro" knitwear and other clothing articles made record business.

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