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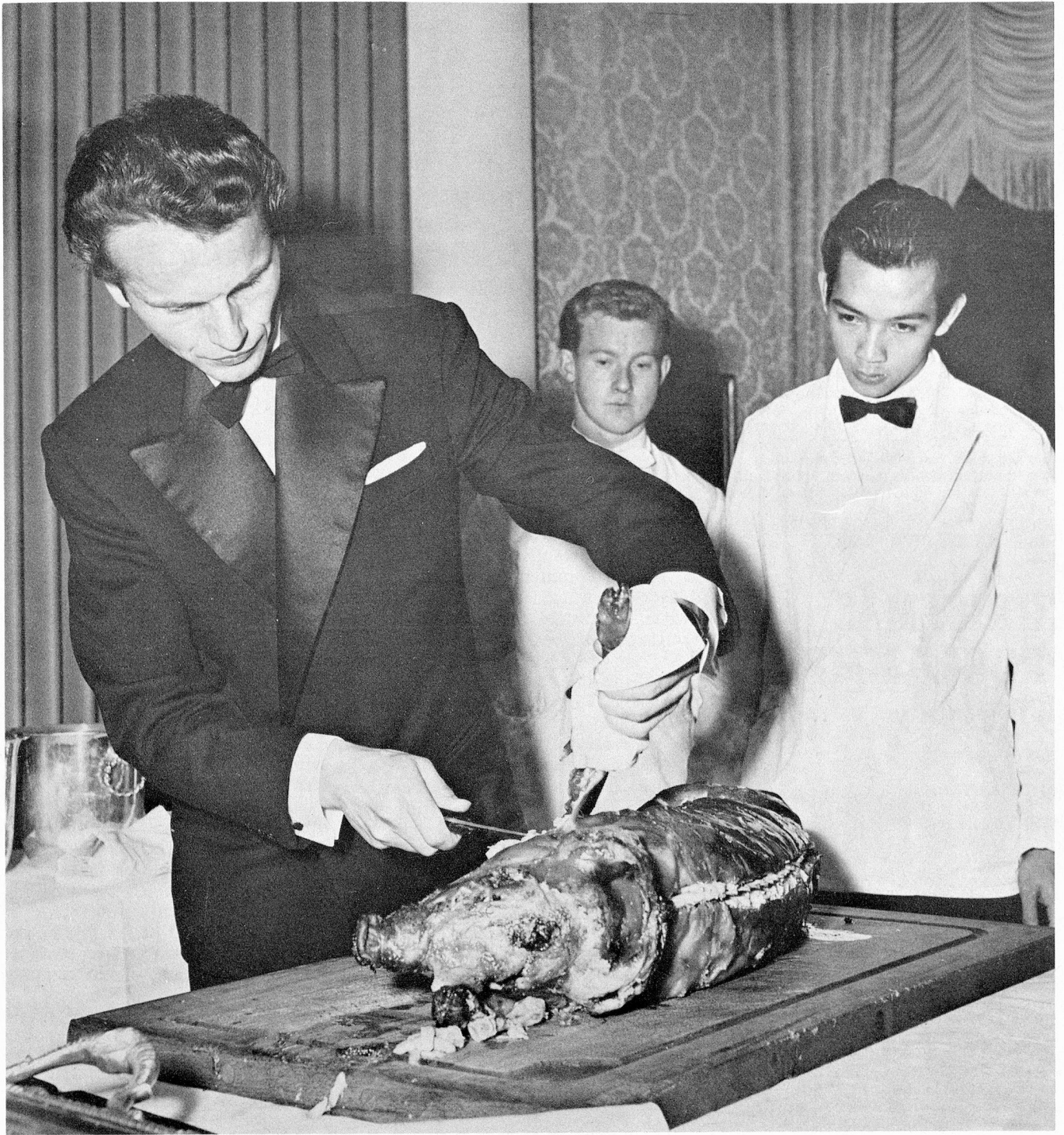
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SHADES OF GASTRONOMY PAST?

With Christmas and New Year just around the corner let us reflect for a moment on one of Switzerland's most succulent dishes — roast suckling pig. In this picture this delicacy is seen being served at the Hotel La Palma in Locarno. Perhaps some of us will be lucky enough to enjoy some this year?

SWISS CHURCHES

SERVICES EN FRANCAIS: à l'Eglise Suisse,
79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les dimanches
à 11h15 et 19h00.

PASTEUR: Michel Languillat, 8 Park View
Road, London, N.3. Tele: 01-346 5281.

SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION: John Southworth
Centre, 48 Great Peter Street, London,
SW1P 2HA.

Sundays: Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m. with
sermon in German, in the Club hall, ground
floor.

(2nd floor at the same time, Protestant
service in German).

RESIDENCE OF CHAPLAIN: Bossard, Swiss
Catholic Mission, 48 Great Peter Street,
(2nd floor), London SW1P 2HA. Tele-
phone: 01-222 2895.

SERVICES IN GERMAN: at Eglise Suisse,
79 Endell Street, W.C.2, every Sunday at
10.00 a.m. Sunday school takes place on
the first and the third Sunday in the month
for children of all age groups. Children
assemble in the church with their parents
who attend the normal Service. Liturgical
Service takes place every second Sunday in
the month. Services also at John South-
worth Centre, 48 Gt. Peter Street, S.W.1
every Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

MINISTERS: Pfr. U. Stefan, 1, Womersley
Road, N.8. Tel: 01-340 9740.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 1975

SWISS CHURCHES

PROTESTANT CHURCH: Eglise Suisse, 79
Endell St. WC2

SERVICES IN FRENCH: Every Sunday at
11.15 am and 7 pm

SERVICES IN GERMAN: 30th November: 1.
Advent, Family service 10 am. Guest
Preacher: Rev. E. Schwyn, Biel

7th December: Liturgical Communion
service with music (10 am)

14th December: Family Christmas, with
Christmas Tree (4 pm) (no morning
Service)

21st December: 4th Advent: Preacher
Rev. P. Bossard

28th December: no Service at Eglise
Suisse)

SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION: John
Southworth Centre, 48 Great Peter St.
SW1

Mass every Sunday at 11.30 am in English
and at 6.30 pm in German

24th December: Midnight Mass
(possibility of overnight accommodation
for young Swiss)

JOINT ACTIONS

3rd December: "Music in Advent", Eglise
Suisse, 7.30 pm. Works by Couperin,
Bach, Teleman, Liszt (S. Wilson, Cello; M.
Nelson, Bass; L. Rabes, Organ; U. Stefan,
Flute)

Joint programme for Protestants and
Catholics at the John Southworth Centre
(Swiss German)

24th December: Christmas Eve. After the
Service at 6.30 pm a meal will be served
with candlelight, music and good
conversation

31st December: Silvester. Service at 6.30
pm followed by a light meal and
festivities to mark the end of 1975.

SWISS SECURITY POLICY

Continued from September

*This, the second part of the text of Dr Aebi's talk to the
Nouvelle Société Helvétique in London last July
concludes publication of his text. The first part appeared
in the September edition of the Swiss Observer.*

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"The question of credibility of a
small nuclear force *vis-à-vis* another small
country with or without nuclear weapons
is of course an entirely different matter.
If nuclear proliferation continues, a
situation may conceivably arise where
Switzerland would feel itself obliged to
exercise the nuclear option.

"However, the practical problems
in implementing such a policy would be
formidable. There would be the financial
side, leading probably to the neglect of
the conventional sector if the French
experience can serve as a guide here, the
problem of the availability of fissionable
materials, absence of suitable testing sites.

"Another possibility, the purchase
of nuclear weapons would probably
involve such conditions as to their use, to
be unacceptable for a neutral country.

"Seen strictly from the military
point of view and assuming that nuclear
proliferation can be stopped, the
acquisition of nuclear weapons by small
and middle powers in general would
probably pose more problems than it
would solve. But unfortunately,
policy-makers are not always guided only
by rational considerations. As one author
pointed out:

*Examined solely in terms of
military security, analysis suggests
that, on the margin, the utility of
nuclear weapons for the remaining
non-nuclear powers is not likely to
be high. But when political and
psychological factors are added to
the analysis, the calculus of utility
has to be readjusted.*

"In concluding this part it can be
stated, that the military aspect of
neutrality has been the only one to
remain constant. Today the question has
to be asked, whether in the light of the
rapid advances in weapons technology,
the small neutral state is still capable of
fulfilling the military obligations this
status implies.

"This means maintenance of
sufficient military strength to prevent a
military vacuum which could invite
outside intervention.

"Today, maintenance of the Swiss
armed forces at a credible level becomes
more and more difficult. It should
however be noted here, that a small
neutral state cannot be expected to arm
itself against all conceivable threats.
There exists a general legal principle —
Ultra Posse Nemo Tenetur — which
means that duties are limited if they
cannot be performed as a result of
technical impossibility. An example
would be the defence against ICBMs
overflying the country on their way to
targets abroad, which would only be
possible by the possession of an early
warning system, which for a state with
modest territorial dimensions like
Switzerland would be impossible, not to
mention the lack of interception means.
Such duties are then considered
suspended.

"Another problem is the increasing
competition for funds between the
defence ministry and other ministries.
The balancing of the legitimate demands
of the various ministries without
jeopardising the credibility of the
national defence is a difficult
undertaking.

"There have also been efforts to
find a solution to the problem
of conscientious objectors without
endangering the principle of universal
military service. The Swiss Constitution
does not as of yet allow alternative
services.

Foreign Policy Components of Security Policy

"Within the context of Swiss
security policy, Foreign Policy is assigned
the following tasks: