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OBITUARIES

PASTOR PETER K. WIPF

It is with deep regret that we report the death, in Sissach, BL, of Pastor Peter Konrad Wipf at the tragically early age of 46.

Some of our readers will doubtless remember him. From 1959 to 1963 he obeyed the call to care for Swiss souls in London as our Colony's German-speaking protestant pastor. He was well known for his interest in youth welfare.

But London was not Pastor Wipf's only connection with these Islands. Following his ordination in Dübendorf, he augmented his studies in Belfast's Presbyterian College before taking up a ministry in Luchsingen, GL.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Mr. Wipf's widow, Myrtha, and to his three daughters and two sons.

WGS

Dr. CLEMENTE REZZONICO

We regret to inform our readers of the death, which occurred on Wednesday, 25th February last at the St. Anna Nursing Home in Lugano of Dr. Clemente Rezzonico, former Swiss Ambassador, aged 79 years, who in the period in between the two world wars had been a popular member of the London Swiss colony, being generally liked for his approachability and friendly manner.

Clementino, as he was known to his many friends, had first come to London as a student, eventually finding employment in a clerical capacity at the then Swiss Legation. Finding diplomacy to his liking, he went back home to complete his higher studies, and entered the Political Department in Berne. Soon after the end of the First World War Dr. Rezzonico was appointed a Secretary and posted to the London Legation.

During his stay here he was further promoted to Counsellor. Shortly before the outbreak of the second world conflict he returned to Berne. Upon the Indian subcontinent gaining independence in 1946, Dr. Rezzonico was sent as Chargé d'Affaires to open Legations first in New Delhi, and in Karachi, being subsequently accredited as Minister plenipotentiary, later Ambassador. When Switzerland was one of the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with Mao's People's Republic, Dr. Rezzonico set up our Embassy in Peking, where he remained until his retirement. The deceased was a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society. We convey our deepest sympathy to his sisters, and other members of his family.

J.E.

Important message from the publisher and editor of The Swiss Observer

Readers will doubtless have noticed the slight change on our front page this month. But do please rest assured that the fact that this issue is designated March/April does not mean that you are receiving two issues in one. Far from it — your new style Swiss Observer, which is proving so popular with readers and advertisers alike, will continue to appear on the third Friday of each month. The only change will be that the front cover will be datelined the month following publication day instead of the month in which the journal actually appears.

This decision has been taken on the advice of your paper's Advisory Council and conforms with the usual practice of magazine publication.

Our May edition will, therefore, be published on the third Friday in April.

WGS

FLY EAST YOUNG MAN

BERNE. The Swiss government is requesting parliament to approve an air traffic agreement with East Germany.

The agreement would allow regular air services between the two countries by Swissair and Interflug.

The Swiss parliament is also being asked to approve air traffic agreements with South Korea, Sudan and the Peoples Republic of Benin (formerly Dahomey).

Copy dates

Will readers and contributors please note that items intended for inclusion in the May edition of the Swiss Observer should reach the Editor no later than 23rd March.

WGS

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