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YORKSHIRE SWISS CLUB

After a decline in the fortunes of the Yorkshire Swiss Club we are trying to revive it with a more social programme designed especially to attract again the younger Swiss in the Yorkshire Region. Last November we tried our hands with a fondue party. Its organisation gave us a few anxious moments. Especially, the number of caquelons and burners required which gave us a bit of a headache. But in the end, the party was a fine success, thanks to the unstinting help of the members of the Committee and above all our friends from the Manchester Swiss Club who kindly helped out with additional apparatus.

Last month, our Consul-General, Mr. H. Jaques, braved atrocious weather on his journey across the Pennines for a

Question and Answer Programme, when Dr. H. Bolliger should also have come, but was unable to attend because of illness. Alas, to our deep regret, we have since heard that Dr. Bolliger is no longer among us. We offer Mrs. Bolliger our heartfelt sympathies on her bereavement. We are grateful to Mr. H. Jaques for attending at such short notice, as we are grateful for his continual interest in the well-being of the Club.

For information on our forthcoming activities, we invite you to contact either our President, Mr. O. Schreibke, 67 Leeds Road, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6NT, or our Secretary, Mrs. E. Lerch, 30 Southleigh Drive, Leeds LS11 5TR.

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TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS AT THE SWISS EMBASSY

The Swiss Ambassador and Madame Ernesto Thalmann gave a Reception on *1st December*, to mark the publication in English of Pastor Eberhard Busch's book "Karl Barth". The author and translator, the Rev. John Bowden and his wife were present and each gave a short address in reply to Monsieur Indermuehle, Cultural Counsellor's introduction. Pastor Busch was the great theologian's personal assistant, and the English translation is published by SCM Press Ltd.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs. Torrance, and the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Heim, were amongst the guests.

On *6th December*, Swiss journalists were invited to the Embassy to meet the Secretary-General of the Federal Political Department, Ambassador Weitnauer, who was in London for talks with the British Government. The Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur Thalmann, and the Press Secretary, Monsieur Ramseyer, were present.

Ambassador Weitnauer said that many countries, notably the United States, meant the EEC when they talked of Europe. Since Switzerland was not in the political organisation of the United Nations, nor in the Common Market, it was of great importance that bi-lateral discussions took place. He found them extremely helpful and again stressed that Great Britain showed great understanding and sympathy towards Switzerland.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE:

Thursday, 17th February at 7 p.m.
— FILM SHOW

Thursday, 24th March — Annual General Meeting and Dinner.

Saturday, 5th February — Swiss Mercantile Society — Annual Dinner & Dance, Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London, W.1. Non-members are welcome to attend. Tickets: phone 01-636 2892.

Friday, 11th February — SCHWEIZER-BUND (SWISS CLUB) — 6 p.m. AGM. 7.30 p.m. Dinner. Pressclub, Hood Court, 72 Fleet Street, London EC4.

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