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Dr Schweizer is dead

Dr. Samuel Schweizer, Honorary President of the Swiss Bank Corporation, died suddenly on Sunday, 19th June of a pulmonary embolism. He was buried in Breganzona.

Born on 2nd March, 1903, in Basle, Samuel Schweizer studied law at the universities of Basle and Geneva. After spending a short period with a Geneva law firm, he joined the Swiss Bank Corporation in 1929 as legal adviser at the bank's London office. In 1934, he was attached to the bank's general management and in 1950 was promoted to the rank of manager at its Basle office. He was appointed general manager in 1952 and in 1962 was elected chairman of the board of directors, a post he occupied until his retirement in 1972.

Among the many functions he exercised in public life, Dr. Schweizer was a member of the Swiss National Bank's bank council and served as an expert on the Advisory Committee for National Roadbuilding.

In 1968, he had an honorary doctorate conferred on him by the University of Basle in recognition of his services as Patron of the Basle Antikenmuseum and as an expert in international finance and a firm commitment to the Gold Standard.

Swiss Club Manchester 1977-78

Thursday, 20th October: Games and Film Evening. Ciba Geigy (U.K.) Ltd., Heald Green.

Friday, 11th November 1977: Annual Dinner-Dance. Excelsior Hotel.

Saturday, 10th December 1977: Children's Christmas Party. Ciba Geigy (U.K.) Ltd., Heald Green.

Thursday, 26th January 1978: Raclette Party. Cottons Hotel, near Knutsford.

Thursday, 2nd March 1978: Annual General Meeting. Ciba Geigy (U.K.) Ltd., Heald Green.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19th-21st August — Assembly of the Swiss Abroad in Lausanne. Theme of the congress: "Contribution by the Swiss Abroad to Technical Development Aid."

Switzerland in Britain's Cultural Life

Monday, 22nd August and Tuesday, 23rd August — Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 8 p.m. — The soprano *Edith Mathis* is one of the soloists in two performances of Mozart's Requiem given by the New Philharmonia Orchestra and the Edinburgh Festival Chorus, conducted by Carlo Maria Giulini (the programme also includes the Linz Symphony).

London Festival Ballet's Summer Season at the Royal Festival Hall — *Manola Asensio* dances leading roles in *Les Sylphides* and *Prince Igor*: 29th August to 3rd September; *The Sanguine Fan* and *Scheherazade*: 5th to 10th September; *Giselle*: 12th to 15th September.

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