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"Swiss Observer" special issues in which regular information on questions of interest were given, and he stressed the importance of reading such news most carefully. If often had to do with matters of social insurance (AHV), the Solidarity Fund of the Swiss Abroad, citizenship etc.

The large audience showed its appreciation of Monsieur Jaccard's informative talk by lively applause. The President, Mrs. Mariann Meier, then opened a long and interesting discussion during which questions of citizenship, insurance, taxation, etc., were raised. Minister Jaccard's answers revealed that the deplorable delay in the payment of old-age pensions was being shortened, and it was hoped that there would soon be no more reason for complaint. With regard to the nationality of children born to Swiss mothers and foreign fathers abroad, he warned that it would of necessity take a long time to solve the question, and that aspects of international law would have to be considered, too.

And so a most interesting and instructive evening came to a close after the President had thanked Monsieur Jaccard for addressing the Society's members and friends.

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Switzerland in Britain's cultural life

August 21 to September 10 — Edinburgh International Festival — Performances by the mime *Amiel* included in the Fringe programme (details from Box EP, Festival Fringe Society, Royal Mile Centre, Edinburgh EH1 1RB).

Monday, August 22, and Tuesday, August 23 — 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, 7.30 p.m. — *Manola Asensio* dances leading roles in *Les Sylphides* (Aug. 29, 30 and Sept. 3), *Prince Igor* (Sept. 1 and 2), *The Sanguine Fan* (Sept. 6, 8 and 9),

Scheherazade (Sept. 7 and 10) and *Giselle* (Sept. 13 and 15).

Thursday, September 19 — Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45 p.m. — Piano Recital by *Nikita Magaloff* (Schubert: Sonata in B flat; Chopin: Twenty-four Preludes Op. 28).

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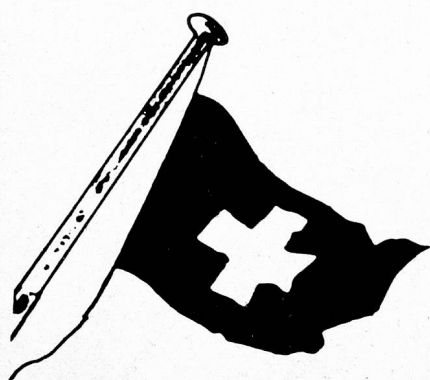
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