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## OBITUAR

It is with great regret that we announce the death on 12th June of Mr. Roger Raulin, of Chemin des Hauts Crêts, 1253 Vandoevres, Switzerland

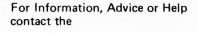
Mr. Raulin was born in Le Havre and was destined for a life at sea. He went to school for a time in Southampton, and it is from those days that his respect and admiration for Britain stems. During the war, he was a prominent member of the Free French under General de Gaulle in London. After the liberation of Paris, General Koenig became Governor of the city, and Roger Raulin was an invaluable member of his staff. Later he continued in Koenig's service when he moved to Baden-Baden.

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It was with the International Red Cross there that Mr. Raulin met his Swiss wife May, well known and respected in the Swiss community in London, not least in the Swiss Benevolent Society and the Couture where her loyal services were much appreciated. The Raulins lived at Esher after he was demobilised. He was appointed head of the London Office of the French Line. His many services did not go unrewarded – he was a Commander of the Légion d'Honneur, had the Médaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre of both wars.

He had many friends in London, not least in the Swiss community, and they will remember him with great regard. To his wife May we send our deep and sincere sympathy in her bereavement. MM



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This superb antique inn sign, which was found in a Solothurn junk shop, now graces the paved area in front of London's Swiss Centre as a permanent reminder of the friendship which has existed for so long between Britain and Switzerland. This 150-year-old masterpiece with its crown meticulously restored (see insert right) arrived by Swissair to be presented to the G.L.C. as part of the festivities to celebrate Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee. So close are the ties between the two countries that the G.L.C. unhesitatingly and immediately gave permission for the sign to be erected on a solid wooden post in a public thoroughfare. This is believed to be the first time such permission has been granted.



