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A close up of the plaque affixed to the Swiss inn sign which was erected in London recently to mark H.M. The Queen's Silver Jubilee. (See October issue.) As can be seen from the text, the sign was presented to the Lord Mayor of Westminster and not to the GLC as previously reported. Photo by courtesy of SNTO.