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This all too short visit of our countrymen to this country has been a great success, and they can well be satisfied with their achievement; they have literally sung themselves into the hearts of British people.

From a propaganda point of view this visit must rank very highly, and seems to me a infinite greater value than a number of advertisements in the Daily Press, or some, not always very artistic posters. I do not know who is responsible for this splendid idea of sending this famous choir over here, but whoever it is to be congratulated on this far-seeing piece of advertising.

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SWISS ICE HOCKEY TEAM.

The following opinion about the Swiss Ice Hockey Team, published in the Hornsey Journal, might interest our readers:

"On Saturday, Canada and Switzerland played the remaining final pool match and a great game resulted. It was judged by two referees, who kept a very tight rein on both teams, with the result that the match was the best of the tournament. Switzerland recovered from the shock of an early goal by Canada and equalised near the end. During extra time Canada got the important goal and so won the world's championship.

If I had to give medals in this tournament I should award the gold medal to Switzerland. To run both Canada and Great Britain into the final pools was a great achievement. In all their games they have displayed the finest of sporting spirits and have always been a joy to watch.

The silver medal would go to Canada and the bronze to Great Britain, while I would give a special award to the Harringay management for the way in which they tackled a very great task."

EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

The Editor,

"The Swiss Observer,"

23, Leonard Street, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

With great interest I read Mr. "Kyburg's" letter dated 1st instant, published in your edition of last Saturday, and I do not think that ever before have I read a letter which expresses my personal feelings so well.

During the last few days I have talked this matter over with various Swiss friends, and I do think that a good 90% of the Swiss I know are fully in agreement with Mr. Kyburg's opinion, and I sincerely hope that on this occasion the Authorities in Bern will see their way clear to do for Switzerland's "pioneers abroad" what they would like to have done for them.

On the last occasion when this matter was brought forward we heard that Switzerland never sent special representatives abroad for any occasions, which, however, is not quite correct, as we all know that for manoeuvres on many occasions, Swiss officers of high ranks have represented Switzerland, this, even in England.

I hope that before long the English Press will be able to give in its columns the names of the Swiss representatives at the coming Coronation, which will undoubtedly avoid a repetition of what happened a year ago when many of us were asked time after time by English friends why Switzerland was not represented at the funeral of the late King George V.

Hoping to read in the coming edition some more opinions regarding this matter,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

S. M. BRUGGISSER.

THE SWISS INDUSTRIES FAIR AND THE WORLD MARKET.

At the first glance it may perhaps appear paradoxical to connect a strictly national industries Fair with the world's markets, but the contradiction is merely an apparent one for those who are aware that since its inception the Swiss Industries Fair has always aroused lively interest on the part of international trade and commerce. Every year people from some 30 European and overseas countries attend the Fair, and in the last few years their number has averaged 1,500.

The reasons for this great interest in our national fair are easy to understand: they lie in Switzerland's reputation for producing high-grade goods, a reputation which is thoroughly merited. Swiss trade and industry has endeavoured year by year to place on the market only goods of first-class material and workman-

ship. In some branches Switzerland has always led the way; for instance in the watchmaking trade and textile industry, the electrical trade built up on the "white coal" of Switzerland and engine-building. None of these have ever lost their reputation, even in times of trade depression.

No doubt the depression which started with the war and has more or less continued to the present day has struck a grave blow at Switzerland's business relations with other parts of the world, but her economic relations with other countries have never been entirely broken off. It is one of the great merits of the Swiss Industries Fair to keep open the channels leading from our national industries to foreign markets. Every year it is seen at the Swiss Industries Fair that the products of Swiss industry are well able to compete with those of other countries. Moreover, our Fair is a source of attraction for large numbers of buyers and visitors from abroad. The vast halls of the Fair exhibit, so to speak, everything that native industries have to show. The clear and orderly arrangement of the Fair saves the foreign merchant a lot of time and facilitates his selection of the goods in which he is interested. At the same time he has an opportunity of getting personally into touch with manufacturers.

World economies are still far from being normal, but a slow improvement is gradually becoming perceptible. The devaluation of the Swiss franc has no doubt contributed in great measure to the re-opening of former relations. This is all to the advantage of our export trade, on which the country depends to a large extent owing to its peculiar economic position. The Swiss Industries Fair will not fail to carry on its traditions and lend a helping hand to national work.

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Friday, March 19th, at 8 o'clock — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting — with lecture by Dr. H. P. Zschokke, Central-President of the N.S.H. on "Schweizerische Selbstbehauptung in heutiger Zeit," at the "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.

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11h. — Ecole du Dimanche.

6h.30 — Culte et prédication — réunion de prière.

7h.30 — Répétition du Choeur.

Dimanche 21 Mars — Jour des Rameaux, Ste Cène matin et soir.

MARIAGE.

Paul E. Lequint de Givrins (Vaud) et Hildegarde Liebmann de Horb am Neckar (Württemberg) le 4 Mars 1937.

M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme reçoit à l'église, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, le mercredi de 11h. à 12h.30 et sur rendez-vous à son domicile, 102, Hornsey Lane, Highgate, N.6. S'adresser à lui (téléphone: ARChway 1798) pour tous renseignements concernant les instructions religieuses, les mariages et autres actes.

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11 Uhr morgens, Gottesdienst und Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorphrobe.

Mittwoch, den 24. März 1937.

6.30 Uhr abends. Passionswochengottesdienst und Feier des Heiligen Abendmahls.

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