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- SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB) Friday, 6th September, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m., Dinner at the Old Palace, Hatfield Park, Hatfield, Herts. For more details, please call Mr. Juerg Schmid, Swiss National Tourist Office (01–734 1921).
- NOUVELLE SOCIÈTE HELVETIQUE: Thursday, 19th September, 7 p.m. at Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, NW3, OPEN MEETING. Report on Assembly of the Swiss Abroad in Neuchatel and General Discussion.
- SWISS CHURCH BAZAAR, Saturday, 2nd November. Opens at Central Hall, Westminster, at noon.
- CITY SWISS CLUB: Tuesday, 17th September, 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. Dorchester Hotel (Stanhope Suite). Dinner followed by card evening. (On Tuesday, 15th October: Dinner with guest speaker).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Two of our valued readers will celebrate their 75th birthdays shortly: Mr. P. B. Haberstich, of Magnolia Cottage, Mill Lane, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, on 9th September, and Mr. M. Rothlisberger, of 89, Lawrie Park Gardens, London, SE26, on 25th September.

Mr. C. Fairweather will be 84 on 7th September, and Mr. J. G. Michel 66 on 8th September. Mrs. C. Burren has her birthday on 9th, and Mrs. N. Towers will be 76 on 10th of the month. Mr. W. B. Sigerist (Territet, Vaud) will be 83 on 23rd September. The following day, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humbel will have their 36th wedding anniversary. On 1st October, Mr. O. Rohn will be 68, and Mr. W. Burren will be 67 on 4th October. Mr. H. Humbel will have his birthday on 5th (69) and Mrs. H. Jenne (Andeer, Grisons) on 9th October.

Congratulations and best wishes all round!

OBITUARY

All those connected with the French-speaking Swiss parish in London will be shocked to learn of the death of its organist for over fifteen years: *Mr. Reginald Paul.* Mr. Paul died on

Thursday, 8th August of a heart attack which followed a first attack suffered about three weeks before. Mr. Paul, who was 80, had been a highly-successful piano teacher and a specialist in hymnology. All parishioners of the Swiss Church remember him as a very kind and affable man whose disappearance will cause problems for the ordinance of weekly services. We should like to express our sympathy to his widow and children.

We have also been told of the death, last February in Geneva, of *Mrs. Emilie E. Smith-Jaccard.* Hailing from St. Croix, Vaud, Mrs. Smith-Jaccard lived at Wood-Norton, Norfolk. She was nearly one hundred years old at her death. She had married an English Director of Agriculture in East Bengal, India and had remained firmly attached to her Swiss nationality during all these years. We should like to extend our condolences to her daughter and family.

MORE SWISS EVENTS

National Bread Exhibition at Attiswil

Travellers going from Olten to Solothurn shouldn't miss a short stop-over at the village of Attiswil. A remarkable exhibition of Swiss bread is being held in its local museum till the end of September. Different sorts of cereals, utensils and bread from all over the country are presently on show there. The exhibition is open every Sunday from 2-5 p.m. For visiting the exhibition at another time, one should phone its initiator, Mr. Hohl, (tel. 065/9 79 43), or call in at the Gasser bakery opposite.

WELFARE OFFICE for

SWISS GIRLS IN GREAT BRITAIN (For Information, Advice or Help)

31 Conway Street, London, W.1 (Nearest Underground Station: Warren Street) Telephone: 01-387 3608 RECEPTION HOURS Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment

55th SWISS NATIONAL FAIR IN LAUSANNE

7th to 22nd September, 1974

The 55th Lausanne National Fair, or Swiss Comptoir as it is known locally, will be opening its gates from 7th to 22nd September, 1974, placing at the disposal of its 2,500 national exhibitors and its three foreign guests of honour – Hungary, Ecuador and Zaire – all the premises and facilities of the Palais de Beaulieu complex. More than ever, the Lausanne National Fair will be seen to be open to new ideas and international exchanges.

In each of its big main sectors – agriculture, industry, trade and craftwork – the emphasis will be placed on the new features and improvements introduced each year by Swiss manufacturers and producers, confirming the reputation of Swiss products. In addition, the leading trade associations will illustrate for the public the economic problems of the day and the evolution of the situation by means of thematic exhibitions featuring, for example, Switzerland's nuclear energy equipment, as well as the problems facing Switzerland's agriculture in its relations with EEC.

In the guest of honour pavilions, Hungary will present an official exhibition in co-operation with the largest exporting firms in the country, whose industrial reconversion is in full swing. Ecuador will send to Lausanne the best products of its foodstuffs industries, its craftwork and its new industries, in a thematic display within the context of its five-year development plan. Zaire, in an extremely spectacular display will give a complete picture of its mining resources, its traditional and modern activities, as well as its cultural life, illustrated by an art exhibition and performances by actors, dancers and musicians.

Important national and foreign days will also be held during the fortnight of the Lausanne Fair - a traditional part of Swiss life and a link between Switzerland and its trade partners.

