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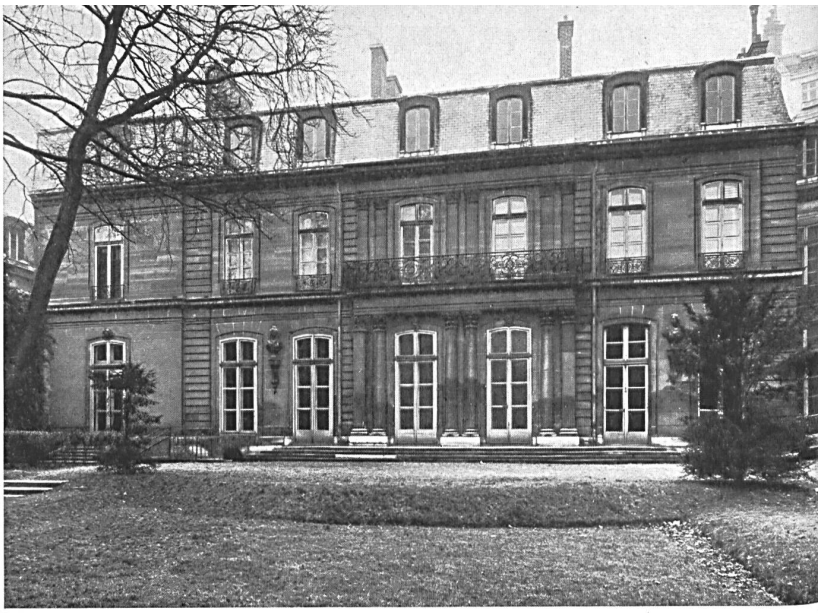

Swiss Legation, Paris, facade from the garden.

The Swiss Confederation has always maintained most friendly relations with France and has been represented in Paris for several centuries now.

Since 1939 the Swiss Legation has occupied the former Hotel Chanac de Pompadour, at 142 Rue de Grenelle, which has graciously been made available and arranged for this purpose. The façade facing the garden, which is shown here, is classed as an historical monument, as are also the three reception rooms. A new wing has been added to the façade looking on to the courtyard (see following page) as well as a monumental entrance in keeping with the whole, which gives on to the Rue de Grenelle.

This beautiful building with its classical proportions and severe style of architecture, situated in the elegant district of the Invalides, houses the offices of the Swiss diplomatic corps and the consular chancery. At the moment it is the official residence of Mr. Pierre de Salis, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary.

In the Gardens of the Swiss Legation

Madame Pierre de Salis is wearing a dress of fine cotton from St. Gall which the Swiss couturier Robert Piguet designed for her on his retirement from haute couture after a brilliant career.