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proposed for dealing with inflation, the creation of a fund for the payment of sickness benefits, medical and pharmaceutical expenses, etc.

Of particular interest was the report on the activities of the Commercial Employment Service by its new manager, Mr. Stephan Baumgartner, who had stated that at the end of August 1962 there had been 645,000 foreign workers with temporary permits in Switzerland, almost 100,000 more than at the same time in 1961. To this number had to be added their dependants and other foreigners with residential permits, which gave some idea of the immensity of the employment problems in Switzerland.

The Chairman concluded his report by conveying greetings to all our members from the chief officers of the association, several of whom were expected at the 75th anniversary celebrations of the London Section in October next.

Following the official business, a most interesting talk on "The Administration of Criminal Justice" was given by a Barrister-at-Law, who, in keeping with professional etiquette, shall remain anonymous.

Dealing with investigations into crime, the formation of juries, identification, etc., the speaker went on to outline the procedure at Magistrates', County and Central Criminal (Old Bailey) Courts. He quoted numerous examples to illustrate how different crimes are dealt with and the difficulties with which the law-officers have to grapple in the administration of justice.

Although many offenders could, unfortunately, not be brought to book, the speaker maintained that the old adage, "crime does not pay", still held good and jocularly advised those present to stick to their present occupations.

The keen interest of the audience in the subject was evinced by the numerous questions put to the speaker. These he answered exhaustively as well as authoritatively, tinged with a great deal of good humour.

In a cordial vote of thanks, Mr. A. C. Stahelin, Hon. Member, expressed the feelings of all present when he stated that this had been one of the most interesting and fascinating talks ever delivered at Swiss House.

W.B.

A DATE TO REMEMBER: 8th JULY NEXT

On Monday, 8th July, there will be a concert by "Les Mouettes", the Vaudois Choir from Morges, and the folkloristic group, "Le Vegnolan", of La Tour-de-Peilz. They will be on their way to the Eisteddfod in Wales and have generously offered to entertain the Swiss Colony in London. There will be singing and dancing, and music by a country dance band.

The artists will perform at the theatre of the Institut Français, Queensberry Place, South Kensington, S.W.7, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique (London Group), and it is hoped that the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker will be present. Further details will be announced in the next issue of the "Swiss Observer".

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will appear on 28th June. We shall be glad to receive manuscripts and reports not later than Wednesday, 19th June, and short news items by 21st June.

PERSONAL

We announce with deep regret the deaths of Mrs. M. Gerber, of 43 Hervey Close, Finchley, N.3, of Mr. E. Rognon, 350 Chichester Road, Bognor-Regis, Sussex, and of Mr. W. Niggli, 44 Chessington Avenue, Finchley, N.3. We extend our deep sympathy to their families.

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Mr. Charles H. Willi, of 19 Seymour Street, London W.1, at present at Villa Carlemont, Bella Vista, Saint-Tropez (Var.) France, will be celebrating his eightieth birthday on 22nd June. We send him our hearty congratulations and many happy returns of the day.

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