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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

"GOOD FRIENDS ARE LEAVING US..."

It was sad news when, earlier this year, we heard that our Consul, Mr. Charles Edouard Rosset, was due to retire at the end of the year. For the last four years Consul Rosset has spared no effort in helping to create a friendly atmosphere, not only within the Colony, but also in the relations between the Colony and the Consulate. During his stay in Manchester Consul Rosset, together with Mrs. Rosset, has continuously shown great interest in the activities of the Swiss organisations in the North, such as the Swiss Clubs of Leeds and Manchester, and this may well be the moment to thank them both most heartily for their support.

Very soon the Consul and Mrs. Rosset will attend, for the last time, a function of the Swiss Club Manchester, after which they will leave the North of England and enjoy, we hope, a long and happy retirement.

Consul Rosset was born in 1898 in the Canton de Vaud and, after having received a thorough education, joined the Postal Communications Services in 1916. In 1925 he was transferred to the Political Department in Berne and was then sent to London where he spent three years. Following his stay in London, Mr. Rosset was transferred to New York where he became Chancellor of the Consulate General. In 1930 he took over the function of Consul Ad. Int. in Cincinnati. In 1936 he was promoted to Secretary. In 1941 he received the title of Vice-Consul, and in the same year was promoted to Consul. In 1951 he took over the Consulate in Alexandria where he spent eight exciting years, and in 1959 we had the good fortune of Consul Rosset being appointed Consul in Manchester.

All compatriots in the North of England will always remember the Consul and Mrs. Rosset as worthy representatives of Switzerland who, with their natural charm and friendliness, gained a large number of friends, all of whom are now very sorry to see them leave.

Our best wishes for the future go with them both.

B. SIMON.

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE London Group

Tuesday, 19th November, at 7.45 p.m.
at the Swiss Hostel for Girls
9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3.

OPEN MEETING

a talk on **"GOOD AND LESS GOOD FEATURES
OF THE SWISS POLITICAL SYSTEM"**

by Prof. Christopher HUGHES
(University of Leicester)

Author of "The Federal Constitution of Switzerland"
and "The Parliament of Switzerland."

Discussion to follow.

Refreshments as usual from 6.45 p.m.

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE

On Tuesday, 22nd October, the Nouvelle Société Helvétique held their first meeting after the summer holidays as usual in the congenial rooms of the Swiss Hostel for Girls in Hampstead. Supper was followed by a talk on "The Little Masters of Swiss Landscapes" (1760-1830). Mr. H. R. C. Carr, an old friend of Switzerland and a former Vice-President of the Alpine Club who has made a special study of the subject, showed colour slides of some of the most exquisite prints by Aberli, König and Freudenberger, etc. Some of these alpine prints and a good many others are on show at the special exhibition which the British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club have arranged at the British Museum to mark the Centenary of the Swiss Alpine Club. The fine coloured prints on exhibition are from the famous collection of the late R. W. Lloyd which is in the possession of the Museum and is acknowledged to be the finest collection of its kind outside Switzerland. The special exhibition will be open till 30th November.

It was interesting to hear Mr. Carr's comments and it was a rare pleasure for N.S.H. members and their friends to be shown the lovely prints. The interest of the evening was heightened by the expert appreciation added by Dr. Rast, himself a great mountaineer and art collector who had known the late R. W. Lloyd. Another expert on "The Little Masters" present at the meeting was Prof. W. R. Schweizer whose talk on the subject a few years back some of us remember with pleasure.

Owing to the absence of both President and Vice-President, Mr. W. Renz was in the chair. Following the meeting, Mrs. M. Meier gave a short report on the Assembly of the Swiss Abroad at which, in addition to her other functions, she had specially represented the Society.

PERSONAL

We wish to express our deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. F. Burgunder of the Swiss Embassy on the death of Mrs. Burgunder's mother.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Adolf Saager of Crans près Nyon, Vaud, Switzerland, who passed away at his home on 4th October. We express our profound sympathy to Mrs. Saager in her bereavement.

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On going to press we have just heard that Mr. Arnold Meier-Ragg, the Secretary General of the "Schweizerischer Kaufmännischer Verein", has been elected a National Councillor. Mr. Meier was a member of the delegation who attended the jubilee celebration of the Swiss Mercantile Society in London recently, and he is a subscriber to the "Swiss Observer". We wish to congratulate him on his success and wish him a fruitful term of office.

In him, we Swiss abroad shall have another staunch friend in Parliament as we had in National Councillor Schmid-Ruedin, his predecessor in the S.K.V., who has recently retired from Parliament.