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FETE SUISSE.

The Committee met on Monday, 21st October, to receive reports on the 72nd "Fête Suisse" held in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society on the 14th June last at the Central Hall, Westminster.

1,411 adult and 83 child tickets were sold, the total of 1,494 being 581 higher than that of the 71st "Fête Suisse" in June, 1946, and only 75 lower than the record reached at the 70th "Fête Suisse" in June, 1939. These figures seem eloquent enough of the popularity of this traditional yearly reunion, which only the war had interrupted.

Including a private donation of £20 towards the expenses and after deduction of all costs and payment of Entertainments Duty, the net proceeds amounted to £128.12.2, which sum has now been handed over to the Swiss Benevolent Society. Entertainments Duty being recoverable in this instance, the Swiss Benevolent Society will benefit by a further £26.12.7 upon refund.

Rev. H. Blum was appointed Hon. Secretary in the place of Rev. M. Pradervand, who is returning soon to Switzerland.

The next "Fête Suisse" will be held on Thursday, 3rd June, 1948, at the Central Hall, Westminster. Arrangements have been made for a well-known Drum and Fife band from Bâle, complete with Yodler Choir, Laendler Kapelle and Flag Swingers, etc., to appear. Further announcements will be made in due course.

J.Z.

EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

Lower Kingswood, October 21st, 1947.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Editor,

I have read Dr. H. W. Egli's report on the "Auslandschweizertag" in Berne, but I find that I have to correct a statement in your introduction (para. 2) where you say that my name was added as a third member to the London delegation. This is incorrect.

As an old member of the Central Committee of the Swiss Abroad in Berne, I have received an invitation by the Committee earlier in the year to address the festive meeting at Murten in the name of all Swiss colonies abroad, independent of the London Delegation.

This I did with great pleasure, conscious of the honour bestowed upon me and the London Group.

Yours faithfully,

Sig. A. F. SUTER.

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18th October, 1947.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
23, Leonard Street, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent may be assured that Gibbon is not read for his views on the Swiss, and at this distance of time undue importance need not be attached to his asides. In any case would your correspondent prefer the people of the Pays de Vaud to be more distinguished for industry than for politeness?

Your servant,

Sig. Ernest Schupbach.

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The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

My recent holiday in Switzerland was a dream in more than one way. It was also a collector's dream!

When the Swiss Railways stamps were issued, I decided on having a first day cover of the complete set. I called at the post office on Mont Pèlerin s/Vevey and asked the postmaster if he would be willing to "do" me a registered letter with the four stamps of the set stuck on, the said letter to be handed to me over the counter against a receipt.

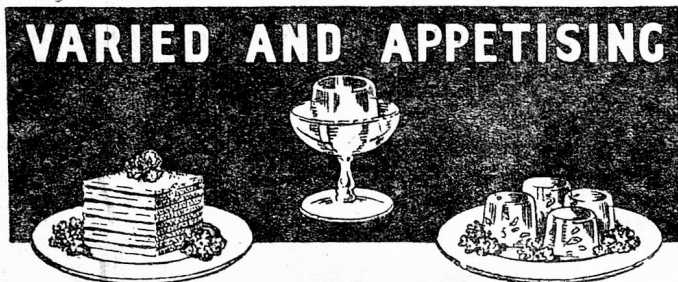
The postmaster was not only agreeable, but he showed me two different date stamps of Mont Pèlerin asking me which one I would prefer for my letter! I pinched myself to make certain that I was awake and chose the one with the lighter postmark.

May I be fortunate enough in coming across the British counterpart of this most obliging Swiss postmaster when we have our next set of commemorative stamps — the Olympic Games stamps of 1948 perhaps!

E. A. GOTZ.

PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. K. Ammann, of 26, Amselweg, Reinach (Switzerland) on the occasion of the arrival of a son, Peter Karl.



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