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FETE SUISSE 1952.

**Thursday, June 12th, 1952, at Central Hall,
Westminster.**

No year for the Swiss Colony is complete without the Fête Suisse. A happy, carefree evening, voices and tidings from the fatherland and from our compatriots here, meeting old friends, all these things and many more, not expressible in words, are associated with the Fête Suisse. The Eglise Suisse, to which we owe the origin of the Fête, still continues its work to-day, humbly, sincerely, untiringly. How many of us to-day still feel a keen concern for this Church, in our midst, ready to help us all, and yet equally dependent on the help of every one of us also?

We shall owe the entertainment of the evening to our local societies, who never fail us with their willing and able co-operation, and voices from Switzerland will come to us with the Chanson du Rhône, who interpret with feeling and understanding the life and poetry of the Valais, for they are themselves sons and daughters of the soil which for nearly two thousand years has produced the sparkling wines of that region.

The Chanson du Rhône was founded a few years ago, on the occasion of the great celebrations which took place all along the banks of this river. They sing of the life which goes on in the plains du Rhône and the life of the sturdy peasants swatching a meagre existence from the soil in the uplands — we see their work, the vines, perched high, ready to topple down, it would seem, at the slightest shower as we hurry past in our modern conveyances; and topple down they sometimes do, but this tough and hardy folk will set to, and cart up once more the soil of their fields, vital to their existence.

The Swiss Minister has again kindly consented to preside over the Fête Suisse, and we shall welcome him in our midst, and show our gratitude for his tireless efforts and interest on behalf of Switzerland and the Swiss in Great Britain.

The doors of the Hall will be open to receive you from 5 p.m., and tea will be available both before 6 and during the interval.

A very warm and heartfelt welcome to you all on June 12th.

On behalf of the Committee,

R.E.

**RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF THE
"CHANSON DU RHONE" BY THE
CITY SWISS CLUB.**

We wish to direct the attention of our readers to the reception by the City Swiss Club of the "Chanson du Rhône", which will be held on Wednesday, June 11th, 1952, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

The Committee extends a cordial invitation to all members of the Colony to attend this family party. Ladies, and especially our compatriots from the canton of Valais, are welcome.

Tickets at 21/- per person inclusive (beverages not included), can be obtained from members of the Committee or from the Editor of the "Swiss Observer." Town Dress. (Cheques to be made out to the order of "City Swiss Club" and accompanied by stamped envelope.)

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