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THEY'RE OFF TO SWITZERLAND !

The children waving goodbye to their parents.

Quite a number of firms in this country with close business connections with Switzerland have in the past made arrangements, that either members of their personnel with long service, or their children should have an opportunity of visiting our country.

These visits are a splendid idea in every respect, and we know from experience how much they are enjoyed by all who are privileged to take part.

A party of 13 children of long service personnel of the Britannia Iron and Steel Works Ltd., Bedford, together with two children of employees of the firm's London branch left Bedford recently on the initial stages of their journey to Switzerland, where they will enjoy three weeks Holiday at the expense of the Britannia Works, and its associate company in that country, Georg Fischer, Ltd., of Schaffhausen, under a scheme that began in 1947.

Six boys are in the above mentioned contingent, their age ranging from 11 to 15, and the party is under the supervision of Mr. G. B. Sheffield, the accountant at the Bedford Works, who is accompanied by his wife and by a school teacher, Miss A. Pauling.

The children luckily do not have to trouble about money matters, pocket money being provided. Travelling expenses are paid by Britannia Works, whilst accommodation costs in Switzerland are borne by Georg Fischer Ltd.

The happy party is staying at the Sonnegg children's home at Zweisimmen in the Bernese Oberland, where, we understand a previous party from the works stayed in 1952. Although the holiday is intended primarily to be a restful one, arrangements have been made for a number of visits to various places in the mountains.

By the time this article appears the children will have returned to Bedford, and we hope that they will have enjoyed their holiday in the Swiss mountains.