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**SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.****"Ascending the Matterhorn."**

Lecture by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Zihler, September 27th and 29th, 1955.

After reading in The Swiss Observer the report of the lecture given to the Anglo-Swiss Society last April we expressed the wish to have it also in Manchester. Our late Consul Mr. Oscar Schneider, who had known Dr. Zihler when they were together in Dublin several years ago, invited him to Manchester.

All arrangements were made in conjunction with The Manchester Geographical Society who kindly put their lecture hall at our disposal. But the hall accommodated 300 only, so we arranged for two evenings as we expected a very large audience. The attendance exceeded 500.

The enthusiasm was immense; many telephone calls and letters were received afterwards expressing satisfaction.

The coloured slides illustrating the lecture were of exceptional photographic quality, showing the scenery around Schwarzsee in all possible moods of light and colours. Views taken of the Monte Rosa and the Mischabel range at sunset, at sunrise and immediately after sunrise were breathtaking. And of course we had the Matterhorn in many phases. We then proceeded to the actual arduous ascent of the mountain, showing most of the most difficult places, ultimately reaching the summit. Here Dr. Zihler had photographs of the panorama in all directions. The day must have been of very exceptional clearness as these views extended to a radius of 450 kilometres. As far as the Bernina and the Bergamese Alps to the East, the Maritime Alps to the South, the Mont Blanc range and the Jura as far as the Black Forest to the West and North West and of course the whole of the Bernese Alps to the North. The descent, which is in many ways even more arduous than the ascent, was also profusely illustrated.

The commentary was full of expert advice and dotted with many humorous anecdotes. The audience was enthralled to the very end. Although the lecture lasted almost two hours, this did not appear long at all.

We have a debt of gratitude to Dr. Zihler and he may rest assured that his visit will be remembered as one of the outstanding successes of our Manchester Club's activities.

H.M.

**"SWISS EXPERIENCE IN ACTIVE NEUTRALITY".  
An N.S.H. Lecture by our Minister.**

We have pleasure in drawing our reader's attention to the forthcoming N.S.H. Lecture to be given by our Minister, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, on Tuesday, 18th October, at Londonderry House (see advertisement). Before coming to London, Monsieur Daeniker had for a considerable time acted as Chief of the Swiss delegation in the Neutral Nations' Commission for the Repatriation of Prisoners of War in Korea. In this position he has had many most interesting experiences in an entirely new field of active neutrality which he has kindly consented to relate to us next Tuesday night. In his talk he will of course also include his unique observations of the general scene and conditions in this tragic peninsula: Korea. The eminent lecturer will also show us two films of Korea, one made by himself, mainly of prisoners of war camps, and the other of Korea generally. Admission to this exceptionally interesting lecture is free to all Swiss and English friends.

**CONCERT AT THE EGLISE SUISSE.**

We wish to direct the attention of our readers to a concert, which will take place on Sunday, October 30th, after the evening service, at 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, by two Swiss artists, Mlle. Annie Laffra, violoncelliste, and Mr. Michel Perret, Professor at the Conservatoire of Lausanne. All friends will be welcome.



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