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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.**Meeting 9/2/56 in honour of Prof. Jean P. Inebnit.**

This meeting of the Swiss Club was held to pay homage to Prof. J. P. Inebnit and to express to him the gratitude of the members of the Swiss community in Manchester for the service he has rendered during the last 30 odd years whilst he has been in this country.

The Manchester Club claims the honour of having been the first to recognize the stature of Prof. Inebnit as Mr. Kuebler brought him to Manchester to speak to the Swiss Club as long ago as 1926. Prof. Inebnit was then a lecturer at the University of Leeds and had already begun to make a name for himself with his lectures on literary and historical subjects. His first talk to us in 1926 was but the beginning of a whole series of causeries on such widely differing personalities as Voltaire, Anatole France, C. F. Ramuz, Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Victor Hugo. He is not only an orator of outstanding eminence and tremendous impact but an indefatigable worker in the course of humanity. In a recent article the Yorkshire Post calls him an "Apostle of goodwill", a title he fully deserves.

Apart from his work as Senior lecturer at Leeds University he has worked tirelessly organising schemes of reconstruction not only in this country but also in many parts of Europe. He has spent holidays with teams of volunteer workers amongst the slag heaps in the coal mining area of South Wales and helping with reconstruction in the Le Havre area of war devastated France. He has toiled with student volunteers in the flood devastated areas of Holland, etc., etc. During the war, as a delegate of the Friends' Relief Service he rendered Yeoman Service for the Relief of suffering humanity of whatever nationality. It is obvious from all this that Prof. Inebnit is not only a man of words but very definitely also one of deeds. His integrity and sincerity as well as his sublime idealism are there for all to see. He will never compromise in matters of principle even at the risk of unpopularity. He is respected and admired for it everywhere.

Tribute was paid to Prof. Inebnit by the President of the Swiss Club, Mr. H. Monney, who presented him with a beautiful attaché-case as a token of goodwill and thanks from the Swiss Club of Manchester and several members of the Swiss community in Manchester and English friends of Switzerland joined

their tribute to his. Prof. Inebnit then addressed us for a short while and his brief survey of the present state of the world will long be remembered by all those present.

W.H.R.

FETE SUISSE.

The Fête Suisse Committee was fortunate enough to secure for the coming Fête Suisse which will take place at the Central Hall, Westminster, on *Thursday, April the 19th*, the collaboration of the "*Chanson de Montreux*". They are the first folklore group to be formed under the title of a Chanson, and they have been the Ambassador of Montreux in various parts of the world. They were founded by the famous Swiss composer Carlo Boller, who has so enriched our folklore music. They will be accompanied by the "*Musique de Huemoz*", which is known by all listeners to Radio Suisse Romande.

Thus will be recreated the happy and unforgettable atmosphere of the Fête des Vignerons. For those who were not fortunate enough to be there, a film will be shown of the cortège. It will bring back many happy memories of our compatriots who went to Vevey.

The Colony can, therefore, look forward to the next Fête Suisse, and the date should be reserved.

Further announcements will give all details.

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