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TWO ANNIVERSARIES



JACK GALLO

Mr. Jack Gallo, of 68 Ebury Street, Westminster, S.W.1, *Chef Sommelier* at the Le Coq d'Or Restaurant, Stratton Street, W., is celebrating this year two anniversaries. He arrived in this country half a century ago, and is also celebrating his 70th birthday.

During his long London career he has worked in most of London's first class hotels and restaurants, and amongst the many clients whom he has served have been a score of crowned heads. He attended — apart from several royalties from countries such as Norway, Sweden, Italy, Yugoslavia, Egypt, etc. — most of the Indian Princes, and all four sons of King George V. During the last war General de Gaulle was a frequent visitor at Mr. Satori's Le Coq d'Or.

We understand that Mr. Gallo is busy writing a book, advising his readers as to the choice of wines, and therefore we have no intention of giving away any of his, no doubt, valuable hints and tips.

Mr. Gallo is regarded as one, if not *the*, doyen of the *Sommeliers* in London, with expert knowledge as how to serve, treat and consume the heaven-sent beverage. His activities in this country were mostly confined to the Savoy, Berkeley, Ritz and Carlton Hotels, and to the old Café Royal, but many of our readers will undoubtedly remember him working at Pagani's Restaurant, which — alas! — was "blitzed" during the last War.

Our friend's connection with the wine trade dates almost from his birth, when his parents kept an inn and wine establishment in the Grisons. One of the many honours bestowed on him was the election as Chairman of the Guild of Sommeliers.

Mr. Gallo has many hobbies. In the sphere of sport he excelled as a wrestler, gymnast and skier, being the holder of many trophies. He is also an ardent collector of wine labels, and odd shaped bottles (we presume full), and all sorts of gadgets connected with the wine trade.

In congratulating Mr. Gallo of having attained the venerable age of three score and ten, we hope that a kind Providence will allow him to remain amongst us for many more years to come.

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