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About ninety firms in Switzerland, which are registered with the Embassy have branches or subsidiaries in Britain (banks, insurance companies, factories, workshops, agencies, research centres). A number of our compatriots run their own businesses (factories, hotels, restaurants and shops, etc.

A group of Swiss business men constitute the Swiss Economic Council which meets regularly in London.

The Swiss National Tourist Office in London is active in many ways and organises many successful events of importance to Switzerland, often in conjunction with the Embassy. There are British mountaineering associations, notably the Alpine Club, the Ski Club of Great Britain, the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club. The Anglo-Swiss Society is a mixed Society with approximately two-thirds British and one-third Swiss membership.

Swissair (with its organisation in the U.K.) continues to render great services to Swiss tourism, carrying 91,200 passengers from Britain to Switzerland in 1964, and 5,000 more in the opposite direction.

Several ships of our merchant navy berth in British ports. A new Swiss Ship, "La Romandie", our biggest yet (32,570 tons), was built in the shipyard of Connell & Co., on Clydeside, in Scotland. Today our merchant fleet numbers 31 ships, with a total of 267,147 tons, belonging to 13 Swiss shipping companies and employing 915 seamen, of whom 567 are Swiss nationals.

In 1964, there were forty-four correspondents of Swiss newspapers and periodicals in this country, twelve of whom were Swiss.

A large number of Swiss personalities took part in the Wilton Park conferences, which are aimed at developing a better political understanding between Britain and other countries.

Apart from being represented at numerous international conferences, Switzerland plays an active part in the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation, of the European Satellite Telecommunications Conference, of the international wheat, wool and coffee organisations whose headquarters are in London.

#### RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

- Hermann Graf (72), Unterschlatt (Thurgau), former National Councillor; well-known farming expert; in charge of the farming estate "Paradies" of the Georg Fischer AG; chief of the food production scheme of the Schaffhausen industry during the second war; member of many committees; Colonel and "Trainchef" of an Army Corps.
- Jean Raaflaub (63), Moutier, industrialist and Radical Commune Councillor.
- Johann Jakob Zwicky-Hiestand (82), Richterswil, one of the founders of the "Buch- und Kunstdruckerei Richterswil AG" and for many years Chairman of the Board.
- Albert Studer (62), Lucerne, former Director of the Swiss "Caritas" and connected with many national and international welfare organisations, including the "Caritas Internationalis".
- Albert Steiner (88), Frutigen, one of the foremost photographers of his days; for 45 years at St. Moritz; author of "Blumen auf Europa's Zinnen".
- Prof. Jonas Fraenkel (86), Thun, since 1909 in Switzerland as Lecturer and Professor of Literature at Berne Uni-

versity; expert on Goethe, Gottfried Keller and Carl Spitteler.

- André Robichon (75), Lausanne, lawyer; Commune Councillor of Morges; since 1949 member of the Grand Council of Vaud; active in many Catholic organisations; Colonel of General Staff; for many years Portuguese Consul in Lausanne.
- Prof. Auguste Urech (70), Lausanne, Professor of Mathematics and Physics at Lausanne University; expert on insurance law; publisher (1959) of an international insurance dictionary.
- Jean Salvaj (66), Lausanne, President of the Swiss Boy Scout Association and of the World Committee of the scout movement.
- Otto Hellmut Lienert (67), Lucerne, well-known poet and writer; founder of the "Innerschweizerische Schriftstellerverein"; council member of the Swiss Writers' Association.
- Dr. Max Rychner (68), Zurich, poet, essayist and critic; from 1922-1932 editor of the "Neue Schweizer Rundschau"; for several years special correspondent of the N.Z.Z. in Cologne; from 1939-1962 literary editor of "Die Tat"; member of several foreign academies.
- Jost Luetolf (78), Lucerne, former Director of the Swiss purchasing centre of the bakers and confectioners.
- Alberto Barberis (52), Lugano, well-known journalist in the service of Radio Monte Ceneri; active in sport (cycling).
- Zoltan Kemeny (57), Zurich, sculptor, painter and architect; in Zurich since 1942.
- Carl L. Norden (85), Zurich, engineer; expert in aviation, especially in automatic landing gear.
- Dr. h.c. Raoul La Roche (77), Basle; financier, mostly living in Paris; great art collector and patron, especially of le Corbusier and the Basle Art Museum.
- Guido Kottman (52), Solothurn, Manager of the watch factory Langendorf.
- André Getaz (47), Vevey, Commune Councillor; Curator of the "Musée du Vieux-Vevey".
- Dr. h.c. Josef Scherrer (74), St. Gall, politician and member of the National Council (Christian Socialist); one time President of the International Christian Trade Union; honorary degree of Fribourg University.
- Julius Bissier (72), Ascona, German painter, in Switzerland since 1961.
- Hans Baechler (74), Murten, Commune Councillor and member of the Fribourg Grand Council.
- Dr. Walter Widmer (62), Riehen (Basle), teacher of French at the "Realgymnasium" Basle; translator of French works into German.
- Paul Jaques (102), Ste. Croix, former employer in the watch industry; founder of the brass band "L'Abeille" of Lucens; member of the brass band of Ste. Croix until he was 90.
- Roger Colliard (54), Fribourg, member of the Commune Council and the Fribourg Grand Council; member of the Board of the Fribourg electricity undertakings; founder member of the Young Conservatives.
- Prof. Dr. Valentin Gitermann (65), Zurich, in Switzerland since 1907; teacher of history and social science at the "Töchterschule" Zurich; writer and editor of the Socialist monthly "Rote Revue"; Socialist member of the National Council since 1943.
- Dr. Salomon Ehrmann (79), Zurich, Rabbi; active in many international Jewish organisations; journalist; from 1943 onwards refugee Rabbi in Switzerland. [A.T.S.]