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A beautiful lady's Chinese evening bag had been generously donated by Mr. L. W. Krucker, and it was raffled, together with a man's wallet. The two lucky winners collected their presents, and that concluded the official part of the evening.

Dancing went on until midnight with hardly a soul leaving before, a sure sign of the success of the evening. The President was not really well, but not even his indisposition made him leave earlier, a tribute to the guests and the members. It was a happy evening, and if there was one criticism, I am sure it was only that it was not long enough.

Mariann.

LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner of the above Society took place at the "Montana" Hotel, Gloucester Road, W., on Friday, 5th March 1965. Despite the fact there were several absences due to illness and to the adverse weather conditions, a happy party of thirty-two, consisting of members, wives and friends, sat down to enjoy the very excellent fare provided. After this was finished toasts were drunk "To the Queen" and "To Switzerland". The President, Mr. W. Burren, made a speech in which he singled out various Officers and Committee Members as deserving the thanks of the Society for their efforts during the past year, and he then called upon Mrs. E. M. Huber (wife of the Vice-President) to present the Challenge Cup to the 1964 winner — Mr. D. W. Langley. As usual, a Tombola was held for the benefit of the Society, for which the majority of the prizes had been very kindly donated by members. Following this an Auction of stamp material (also kindly donated) was held and the proceeds of this were mainly devoted to Charity. As a result of the function the funds of the Society will benefit to the extent of nearly £26 whilst the Swiss Benevolent Society and the Society of Spastics will each receive a cheque for £10. In announcing these results, the President said the Society had every reason to be proud of its record of raising funds for Charity at these annual functions, and he thanked all those who had contributed to its success.

W.R.T.

SWISS DEFENCE ATTACHE

On 19th February, the "Daily Express" announced in an unorthodox manner that the Swiss Military and Air Attaché had now also been accredited to the British Admiralty. This change was made some four months ago, when the name was altered to "Defence Attaché" at the suggestion to the Federal Council of Colonel Koch himself. In the United States of America the representative of the Federal Military Department has been accredited to all fighting forces for some time.

As the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" explained, this means that the Swiss Defence Attaché can contact the British Admiralty direct and confer on questions of naval aviation, naval infantry and various technical problems which are of interest to Switzerland. This change means, too, that the Defence Attaché has not only direct approach to the three armed forces, but also to the Ministry of Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff, which previously was not the case. Thus, the change is of undoubted advantage to Switzerland.

On Thursday, 4th March, the Swiss Defence Attaché and Madame W. Koch gave a reception at the Dorchester Hotel to representatives of the British Defence Ministry,

the Army, Navy and Air Force, Ministry of Aviation, representatives of British Industry, members of the Diplomatic and Military Diplomatic Corps, and last, but not least, members of the Swiss community in Great Britain. This was the first time, Colonel Koch gave this reception in his capacity as Defence Attaché, and it meant that the Navy, too, was represented.

SWISS EMBASSY IN GREAT BRITAIN

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Offices of the Swiss Embassy in London, hitherto situated at 18 Montagu Place, W.1, have been transferred to

77-81 GLOUCESTER PLACE, LONDON W.1

on the 20th March 1965

These temporary new premises are adjacent to the present Consular and Visa Section of the Embassy at 1 Montagu Place, W.1.

The Embassy's telephone numbers remain the same

PADddington 0701-0706

The Swiss Ambassador will retain his present residence at 21 Bryanston Square, London W.1, until further notice.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club Manchester took place on 20th February. The following Committee was elected:

President — Mr. E. Berner, Vice-President — Dr. A. U. Obrist, Hon. Secretary — Mrs. I. G. Monney, Hon. Treasurer — Mr. J. Scheiwiller, Hon. Assistant Secretary — Miss A. Rietmann, Members — Mrs. L. Themans and Mr. H. Mettler.

The Committee held its first meeting and drew up a provisional programme. Subscriptions for 1965 as fixed by the A.G.M. will be £2 p.a. for gentlemen and £1 for ladies.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY

To mark the centenary of the birth of Emile Jaques-Dalcroze, the Anglo-Swiss Society are arranging a dinner for Monday, 5th April, at 7.45 for 8 p.m. at the Orchid Suite of the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. Dame Marie Rambert, D.B.E., will be the guest of honour and talk about her memories of the Swiss composer whose ideas on movement and music have influenced her own work.

Members may bring guests. For details please apply to the Hon. Secretary, Anglo-Swiss Society, 77-81 Gloucester Place, London W.1, Telephone: PADddington 0701. (Black tie.)