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THE "SWISS OBSERVER" THIRTY YEARS AGO

In the first issue of January 1937, we read that Switzerland had recognised Italy's conquest of Abyssinia, and that the son of the Swiss Minister in London, Mr. Vincent Paravicini, and his wife had rescued Sir Anthony Weldon, Bart., near St. Moritz. H.H. the Pope had congratulated Federal Councillor Motta on his Silver Jubilee as member of the Swiss Government. There was a large photo of the "Old Folks Christmas Luncheon" at the Foyer Suisse in London.

On 9th January, we read that Switzerland's wedding gift to Princess Juliana of the Netherlands was one of the smallest platinum watches ever made. Most of the issue that day was taken up by an article on the crisis of Switzerland by Adolf Grabowsky of the "Contemporary Review", who had some very critical things to say.

Congratulations to Federal Councillor Motta by the American President, Mr. Roosevelt and the Swiss Club Liverpool, were reported in the following issue. Mr. de Valera, President of the Irish Free State, had undergone a successful operation by Prof. Alfred Vogt in Zurich, the well-known ophthalmic surgeon.

On 23rd January, we read that unemployment in Switzerland had slightly improved by 14,000 down to 104,842. The largest part of that issue was taken up by the address (verbatim) of the President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique in London.

The last issue of the month brought news of the Emperor of Abyssinia protesting against the Swiss recognition of the Italian conquest of his country. There was the second part of a long article "Will a new Adam Smith Appear?" by the Vice-Principal of the Swiss Mercantile College, Mr. V. H. Burraston, B.Com., F.C.R.A., F.C.I.S. "Der fröhliche Oesterreicher und der griesgrämige Schweizer" was the heading of a commentary on a suggestion made by National Councillor Duttweiler that the Swiss should arrange more *Betrieb*, dances, *Chilbi*, etc., and wear more national costumes and generally be more easy-going, i.e. imitate the Austrians.

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SWISSAIR LONDON APPOINTMENT

Mr. Peter W. von Felbert has been appointed Swissair's station manager at Heathrow Airport London from 1st February 1967. He succeeds Mr. W. J. Kuemin who returns to Zurich as station inspector.

Mr. von Felbert has been with Swissair for over ten years, at first on ground operations and ramp service supervisory duties and in the past six years as ground operations and cargo instructor. For most of the time, he has been stationed in Zurich, except for turns of duty in New York and the Middle East.

In London, he will be in charge of Swissair's operations through both Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

Mr. von Felbert is 32, married, with two children.

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