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FRANK DELALOYE 80

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 80th birthday on 26th April of Mr. Frank Delaloye, of 15 Bartholomew Villas, N.W.5. His biographical notes went astray in the post, which delayed this write-up.

Mr. Delaloye hails from Ardon in the Valais where he was brought up by his widowed mother. In 1905, after having served as a pageboy at the Hotel d'Orient at Menton in France, he came to this country and established himself quickly at the Trocadero in London. Fernand, as he was originally called, went through the various sections of the Troc and in turn became vegetable cook, *commis*, headwaiter, chef, superintendent.

In 1915, Mr. Delaloye became Assistant Manager of the Regent Palace Hotel and Manager a year later. In 1926, he returned to the Troc as its Manager. He made a great success of his work there at a period when the Trocadero was at the height of its fame.

After a quarter of a century, in that position, Mr. Delaloye became Manager of the Throgmorton Restaurant, an equally important but less arduous job. He retired a few years ago, still full of zest and good humour and with a great love of sport, especially soccer.

Frank Delaloye has always taken a keen interest in the Swiss community. He was an Honorary Member of the Union Helvetia, is a Trustee of the Société de Secours Mutuels and an Honorary Member of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund).

His many friends join his family in wishing him many more years of good health and happiness, and may he never lose his vitality and stimulating sense of fun.

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PERSONAL

We wish to congratulate Miss Scarlett Reverdin on her marriage to Mr. Armand Lombard of Geneva. The bride is the daughter of Monsieur le Pasteur and Madame Claude Reverdin, former Minister at the Swiss Church in London. The many friends of the Reverdins in this country wish the young couple every happiness.

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On 4th April, the wedding took place of Captain N. V. S. Paravicini and Miss M. A. Parker Bowles. The bridegroom is the grandson of the late Swiss Minister who, for a quarter of a century had represented Switzerland so ably at the Court of St. James's and Madame Paravicini. From a photograph in "The Times" a likeness to the bridegroom's grandfather was easily discernible.

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BIRTHDAYS

We wish many happy returns to our readers who will be celebrating their birthdays during the next fortnight, in particular Mrs. J. Uden (6th May) and Mr. Ph. Schmid-Ruedin, Zurich (8th May).

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of Madame Meylan who died at Clarens at the age of 83. Some of our readers will remember her as *Secrétaire Sociale* at the "Foyer Suisse" in London until the outbreak of the war.

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We announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Alfred Maeder. He died in Lausanne at the age of 73. He lived in London for many years and was Chief Inspector at the Ionian Bank and General Manager for Egypt.

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From the obituary column of "The Times" we have learnt of the death of Mayor Eric Miville at the age of 67. As a young man, he joined the Swiss Cavalry and was a member of the Swiss Army Jumping Team which won the international competition for the Aga Khan Cup at the Dublin Horse Show three times in the first five years and became the first outright winner of this trophy. In the Russo-Finnish War he served with the Finnish Army, and in the second world war he followed an appeal by General de Gaulle and joined the French Foreign Legion. Later, he settled in Ireland where he became a well-known horse breeder. He was director of the stud at Moyglare, Maynooth in County Kildare, for the Swiss industrialist Mr. W. Haefner.

**ALBERT FERBER TO GIVE RECITAL
AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL**

On Tuesday, 2nd May, we shall have the pleasure of hearing our distinguished compatriot Albert Ferber. He has chosen a most unconventional programme for his recital at the new Queen Elizabeth Hall: Five Preludes by Frank Martin, the Swiss composer, Sonata in C. minor Op. 111 by Beethoven, Schumann's *Davidsbündlertänze* and Chopin's *Barcarolle* Op. 60. He will end the programme with three pieces from Debussy's "Images" and three by Poulenc.

It will be an opportunity for us not only to support an eminent artist and fellow-countryman (One of his recordings on Saga has been a critics' choice for 1966), but also to show our appreciation of Mr. Ferber's willingness to appear at Colony functions.

"SWISS OBSERVER" PUBLICATION DATES

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 12th May. Articles and reports should reach us not later than Tuesday, 2nd May. Short news items only can be accepted later.

The next issue but one will be published on Friday, 26th May. Contributions for that number should be to hand on Tuesday, 16th May.