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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres: Monthly Meetings every first Wednesday of the month at 34 Fitzroy Square, W.1. — 7 p.m.

APRIL:

Saturday, 26th — Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, **Leeds 1** — DINNER and SOCIAL — **Yorkshire Swiss Club.**

Sunday, 27th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING at Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Tuesday, 29th — City Swiss Club — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Tuesday, 29th, 8 p.m. at St. Martin-in-the-Fields — Haydn's CREATION — a "music without distraction presentation" (Decca Stereophonic Recordings) — in aid of Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children — under the patronage of the Lord Mayor of London — Apply to Mr. Kurt Kettner, 6 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, W.C.2.

MAY:

Sunday, 4th, 11 a.m. — SPECIAL SERVICE at Swiss Church, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2. — Dr. Toureille will be the preacher on Annual Mission Day.

8.30 p.m. — Dr. Toureille will show a FILM on work among the lepers at the "Club des Jeunes". Young people welcome — Eglise Suisse.

Sunday, 4th May, 4.30 to 11 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — DANCE — Dorchester Hotel — Harry Vardon's Band — Tickets to include tea @ 25/-, obtainable from Mr. E. Morganti, 10 Newport Dwellings, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2.

Wednesday, 7th, evening, Dr. Toureille will show a FILM on the work amongst the lepers at the Youth Group "Kontakt" — young people welcome — Eglise Suisse.

Sunday, 11th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING at Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Tuesday, 13th 7.30 p.m. — Wigmore Hall, W.1. — LISZT CONCERT under the Patronage of the Liszt Society — Lili Habegger (soprano), Mariann Meier (narrator) and Lennart Rabes (piano).

Wednesday, 14th, 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — MONTHLY MEETING — Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Tuesday, 27th — City Swiss Club — MONTHLY MEETING — Dorchester, Hotel, W.1.

JUNE:

Sunday, 1st, 11 a.m. — Swiss Church — COMMUNAL SERVICE followed by ANNUAL CHURCH ASSEMBLY — Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2.

Sunday, 1st, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING (*Feldschiessen*) at Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Thursday, 5th, 6.30 p.m. — Company Swiss Hostel for Girls — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by DINNER — Swiss Hostel, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3.

Saturday 7th and Monday, 9th, 7.30 p.m. — Swedish Church, Harcourt Street, W.1 — Theatre Performance "BIOGRAFIE" by Max Frisch — by German-speaking Youth Group "Kontakt" and members of Catholic Youth Club.

Saturday, 14th Federation of Swiss Societies in Great Britain — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — **Manchester.**

Sunday, 15th — LANDSGEMEINDE of the Swiss in the **Midlands.**

Monday, 15th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association (*Feldschiessen*) — Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Friday, 27th — City Swiss Club — SUMMER DINNER and DANCE (details to follow).

JULY:

Thursday, 3rd and

Friday, 4th — Le Talbooth Restaurant **Dedham, Essex** — SWISS PARTY in Hotel Gardens — APPENZEL FOLKLORE BAND "Alder" — Swiss specialities — Tickets £2.10.0 each from Mr. Milsom, Le Talbooth Restaurant, Dedham, nr. Colchester, Essex, Telephone Dedham 3150.

7th to 27th — FEDERAL SHOOTING CONTEST — Thun — which will include the 6th Radio-World Shooting Contest devoted to Swiss living abroad who are unable to attend the *Tir Fédéral* in Switzerland. The 17th July will be reserved for a special day for the Swiss abroad. Information to be had from Embassy or Consulate.

AUGUST:

Friday, 29th to Sunday, 31st — ASSEMBLY OF THE SWISS ABROAD — **Montreux.**

SWISS CHOOSE OXFORD

"Britain's" Oxford Air Training School — the largest civil flying school in Europe — has won a contract for provisionally a period of three years to carry out the instrument flight training part of the Swiss Air Transport School's pilot training programme. This School is managed by Swissair on behalf of the Swiss Federal Air Office.

For the Oxford Air Training School, which already trains pilots for BOAC, BEA and more than 20 other world airlines, the Swissair preference for the School, coming as it does from an airline which is among the finest in Europe, is particularly gratifying (*say the British*).

The Oxford Air Training School was chosen after examination of most of the world's leading air training schools, not only because of the School's superbly high standards of training, but also because Swissair management recognised that there was a definite advantage in training students in European climatic and operational conditions. Such conditions, they believe, provide a more adequate preparation for a pilot's professional needs than those provided by training in any other region.

The contract covers the advanced training of Swiss students in batches of ten to twenty per course, the first of which will start in May, lasting about three months. There will be two classes of entrants, one composed of young men who have received *ab initio* flying training at the Swiss Air Transport School; the other of ex-military pilots who, after training, will be joining the airline. The ex-military pilots will come, not only from the Swiss Air Force, but also from other European Air Forces.

The course, which has been specially devised to meet the specific requirements of Swissair, will include link training and ground school and for the purpose of the contract, a number of the School's fleet of Twin Comanches are to have specially modified instrument panels with additional instruments fitted.

The course will concentrate on the most intensive advanced training, which will be given all over the United Kingdom and will also incorporate liberal studies. The latter will include visits to places of not only aeronautical but also cultural interest.

After completion of their training, the students will return to Switzerland for jet conversion, after which it is expected that they will be flying DC9s.

A training captain from Swissair is to be attached to the School to provide liaison with the airline and supervision of the students' progress during the course, throughout which all the students will live in one of the School's halls of residence.

The Oxford Air Training School's Principal is Mr. Rex Smith, who was recently awarded the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators' Pike Trophy. This is awarded to the man who, in the opinion of the Guild has made the most praiseworthy contribution to the maintenance of high standards of flying instruction and safety during the year. (C.E.S.)

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