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a film of his recent holiday to Sardinia.

The get-together in the boardroom that ensued was well attended and lasted up to 10 o'clock.

(PMB)

CHANGES IN THE SWISS PRESS

A reception was held in the Fleet Street office of the Ringier Group (*Schweizer Illustrierte* and *Blick*) at the beginning of the month to welcome Mrs. Theresa Mumenthaler, who takes over from Mrs. Walter Gunthard (formerly Miss Madeleine Eidam) next month. Mr. Walter Gunthard leaves his job as economic correspondent of the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* to become one of the four financial editors at the newspaper's head office. Madeleine will engage in freelance journalism. Both deeply regret having to leave this fascinating capital, however Walter Gunthard looks forward to his new job which is a promotion for him and which will give him the opportunity to travel more extensively. We wish them every success and every happiness.

Blick has a new correspondent in London. He is Mr. Joseph Wirth, holder of the Swiss 5,000-metre track record. When he is not busy writing animated track reports for his readers he trains with the British champion Dave

Bedford. The successor to Mr. Gunthard will be Mr. Roland Wattenweiler.

NEWCOMERS AT THE SWISS CHURCH

The French-speaking Swiss parish welcomed its new suffragan pastor in mid-August. He is Mr. Denys Muller from Neuchatel. He is married and has a young boy. His predecessor, Jean Daniel Hostettler, has left back for Lausanne. His original plan to carry out biblical work in Africa had to be temporarily postponed and he will settle down in a parish in Vaud. We should like to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Muller most heartily among us in London.

CHANGES AT THE CONSULATE

The Swiss Rifle Association, the Schweizerbund, the Swiss Church and the Embassy were all sorry to lose Mr. Charles Abegglen, Vice-Consul, and Mrs. Abegglen. Mr. Abegglen left his post as head of the Chancery at the Embassy definitely on September 8th and will be assigned to Los Angeles. He has been succeeded by Mr. Fernand Robert. The gap will be filled numerically by Mr. Werner Reutlinger, who

is expected to take up his new office in London at the end of November. We wish the Abegglen every enjoyment and a safe time in California.

CULTURAL EVENTS

October 1-8. University of Kent, Canterbury. October 18-23. Queen Mary College, London. *Exhibition of Swiss learned and scientific books and periodicals.*

Tuesday, October 5. Publication by Peter Owen Ltd., London, in collaboration with UNESCO, of *The Curly-Horned Cow*, an anthology of Swiss-Romansch poems and stories translated from the Ladin and Surselvan dialects and edited by Reto R. Bezzola.

Wednesday, October 6. Purcell Room, 7.30 p.m. *Frank Martin's* Ballade for flute and piano is one of the works played by Rien de Reede and Theo Bles.

Saturday, October 9. Purcell Room, 7.30 p.m. Recital by the pianist *Michael Steuder* (Mozart, Schumann, Chopin, Ravel, Liszt).

(Note: *Michael Steuder*, a prodigy barely 20 years old, has received considerable publicity in Switzerland and is currently hailed as the country's most gifted rising pianist).

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SWISS 1st AUGUST CELEBRATION IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Life in a small island must surely bring people together. On 1st August, Mr. Walter Zuber managed to gather all his compatriots on the Isle of Wight in his home for a glorious 1st August evening (picture above). The Swiss colony has smaller means over here than in London, and a Swiss band was naturally out of the question. But with the aid of a tape-recorder and plenty of recordings from back home they managed to have a great patriotic evening which lasted out well up to midnight. An example of Swiss vitality to all the Swiss residents of the UK!