

Spring flowers for the ladies at the Swiss centre

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rooms have been well occupied and we wish to express our gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. S. Jackson, our care-takers, for the interest and pride they take in the building.

The presence of the Swiss Welfare Office for young people has continued to be of great value to both organisations. It ensures that during office hours, there is always someone available for our clients and the two Social Workers benefit greatly from the exchange of ideas and a possibility to discuss problems amongst themselves. We are grateful to Mrs. Margrit Lyster for a happy and useful collaboration and for assuming the responsibility for our office during Mrs. Sharp's absence. Our joint secretary, Mrs. Marietta Lee left us in the autumn and our best wishes accompany her. We were able to secure the services of Mrs. M. Fraser, née Schroeter, whom we thank warmly for her help.

Our task has been much facilitated by the useful and

increasing co-operation with the Swiss Church and the Mother's Group. They have been able to draw our attention to needs of which we were ignorant and, on the other hand, we could put lonely people in touch with them for the support which does not lie within the scope of our activities.

Our Honorary President Ambassador Dr. E. Thalmann left London in November and we wish to thank him for the interest and support that he gave us during his term of office in London. We wish him and Madame Thalmann well in their retirement.

We also would like to express our gratitude to the institutions and individuals who, during the course of the year, have helped us in our work, namely the Swiss Embassy, the Swiss Churches, the Swiss Observer, English Social Services and our friends and contributors whose support means a lot more to us than just receiving their welcome financial contributions, although these

are still most important as we have to report an increasing call on our financial resources as can be seen from our Annual Accounts for 1979. Even though we recognise that we are well endowed financially, it is still a fact that we continue to outspend our revenues from capital investment. We, however, received a number of legacies in 1979 which replaced the usage of capital. Our Finance Committee continually seeks to invest our funds to the maximum benefit of the Society which we hope will strengthen our finances in the course of 1980.

In conclusion, we can look back on 1979 as a year which has permitted the Society to continue its activities in a satisfactory way and we can go into 1980 with confidence.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

V. Berti
President

SPRING FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES AT THE SWISS CENTRE

The beginning of Spring was celebrated by Swiss Fair in the traditional Swiss manner by giving flowers on the first day of Spring (21st March).

Lady visitors to the Swiss Centre Restaurants and shops, customers of Swissair and passers-by received a bunch of narcissi, presented by Blumen-Fritz from Basel, where he is a well-known personality, an "original" with an eye for the ladies.

Swiss Fair Ltd., and Swissair brought him over for the occasion and from his highly eccentric bike and wagon combination, (modelled like a typical Swiss Chalet) stationed in the foyer of the Swiss Centre Restaurants, he distributed armfuls of narcissi to the delighted members of the fair sex.

He also recorded some of his funny songs for LBC, which he seemed to enjoy as much as his audience.

