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with the Goethe-Institut London and with the support of the Pro Helvetia Foundation.

The symposium will take place on Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26 at the Goethe-Institut London, 50 Princes Gate (Exhibition Road), SW7 2PH.

March 26, 9.30am, Professor Jeanne Hersch on "The central gesture in Jaspers' philosophy"; 1pm, Buffet lunch (at Imperial College); 3pm, Professor Gerhard Huber on "The Significance of Jaspers' Philosophy for our time."

The lectures will be followed by discussions. Tickets: Conference charge £6 (students free), buffet lunch £3.

Bookings must be made in advance (Goethe Institut, Ms Ruth Ziegler, Tel: 01-581-3344/7). Closing date for applications is March 4.

Professor **Jeanne Hersch** will give a lecture on "Problems of youth today: the enemy is nihilism" on Monday, March 28 at 7pm in the Lecture Room of the Swiss Embassy, 16-18 Montagu Place, W1.

Jeanne Hersch was born in Geneva in 1910. She studied literature and philosophy in Geneva, Paris (Sorbonne), Heidelberg and Freiburg i/Br. For 21 years (1956-1977) she held the chair of philosophy at Geneva University.

In 1972 she received an Honoris Causa Doctorate of the University of St-Gall. Professor Hersch is a member of the Swiss Writers' Society, the Pen Club, the Swiss Socialist Party, the European Federalist Movement (since 1948) and the Council of the International Institute of Human Rights.

When, in 1980, riots broke out in the streets of Zurich, led by young people, the Swiss Federal Commission for Youth studied the problems and motivation of youth in Switzerland and the following year came up with a document entitled "Theses - a basis for discussion between authorities and young people."

However, many points of the

"Theses" were controversial and a few months later Professor Hersch published a booklet of "Anti-Theses", in which she develops her own sociological and philosophical theories as to the problems of youth today, not only in Switzerland but in the world at large.

The booklet was an immediate best-seller, over 50,000 copies being sold in Switzerland in less than a year, and nearly as many in Germany and France. An English version is being prepared.

The English brochure on the official "Theses" and the French version of Professor Hersch's "Anti-Theses" can be obtained free of charge from the Embassy. Telephone 01-723 0701, ext. 248.

Swiss Rifle Association

THE Swiss Rifle Association has announced its meeting dates for the 1983 season. They are:

Rifle meetings - Bisley Camp: March 27, April 10, May 15, June 5, June 19 (match against Marylebone), September 4 (match against Surrey), September 18, October 9.

Pistol meetings - Marylebone Club: February 27, October 30, December 11.

The association will move to Crans shortly, and the new secretary will be Mr Urs Schaerer, 143 Greenvale Road, Eltham, London SE9.

NSH annual meeting

THE Nouvelle Société Helvétique's annual meeting and dinner will be held in London on Wednesday, March 23. For details, telephone the secretary, Miss C. Capt, at the Swiss Embassy, 01-723 0701.

A TALK and film on the work of the Red Cross will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 7pm at the Lecture Hall of the Swiss Embassy, 16/18 Montagu Place, London W1.