



FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOOD
FELLOWSHIP AND CULTURAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF
SWITZERLAND AND THE NATIONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH

1932 - 1992
60 YEARS
OF THE
FEDERATION

1932 Foundation of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs at
Macolin above Bienne on June 19th 1932 (first congress)
by

Mr. James Lothian	E.C.C.	Geneva
Mrs. P. Peter	E.C.	Bienne
Mr. H.R.E. Sanders	A.S.C.	Lucerne

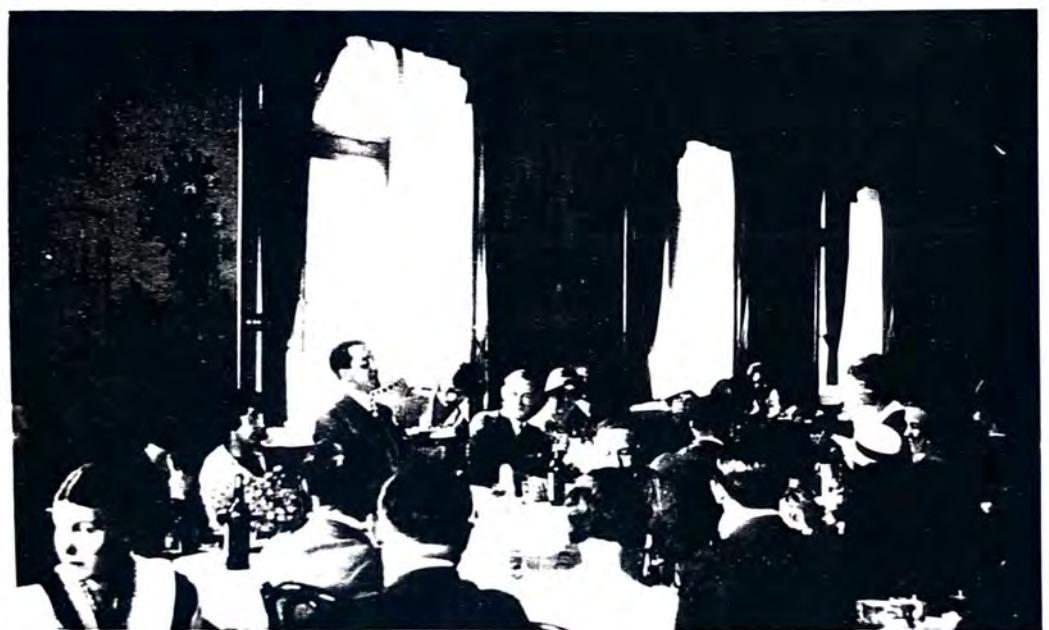
further were present:

a Representative of the British Legation, Berne
Mr. A.V. Thornton A.S.C. Basle
Mr. E. Blättler A.S.C. Lucerne
and others,
also Members of the E.C., Bienne.



A group of guests at the first Annual Congress of the Anglo-Swiss Federation at Macolin above Bienne, June 19, 1932.

Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs at Macolin above Bielne on June 19th 1932
(first congress)



Unfortunately, the 1932-1935 Minutes have not survived.

1934 The Constitution and Rules were discussed and adopted at the meeting of the Executive Council at Bienne on February 18th 1934, and came into force immediately.

President
L. Brändli

Secretary
P. Peter.

The Constitution and Rules were adopted in their original form at the meeting of the Executive Council at Bienne on February 18th 1934, and were subsequently amended at the meetings of the Executive Council at Berne on February 2nd 1936, and at the Bürgenstock on June 14th 1936. They came into force immediately.

For the Executive Council
President Secretary
H.R.E. Sanders C.W. Oliver
October 1936.

Copies of both Constitution and Rules are available.

1935 Council Meeting on the Bürgenstock on June 23rd 1935.
Messrs. L. Brändli (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Mrs. P. Peter (S) Mr. J. Lothian (T)
also Messrs. A. Thornton, Basle, F.G.Weber, Berne, Dr.M.Veit.
Mrs. Peter requested passive membership for E.C. Bienne.
The request was accepted, providing the Committee of the
English Club would be in agreement.

Mr. Brändli had received a reply from Sir Geo Warren to the message of congratulations sent to H.M. King George V on his Silver Jubilee.

New Council Officers:

New Council Officers
Messrs. A.V.Thornton (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Messrs. F.G.Weber (S) J. Lothian (T)

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. Müller, Aarau, L. Brändli, Berne, Mrs. Peter, Bienne
Dr. M. Veit, Liestal.

Mr. Lothian proposed a Federation Central Library which was agreed.

Librarian: Mrs. P. Peter.

1936

Council Meeting held in Berne on February 2nd 1936.
Messrs. A.V. Thornton (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Messrs. F.G. Weber (S) J. Lothian (T)
Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor A.S.N.)
Mrs. P. Peter (Librarian).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. Müller, Aarau, Mr. L. Brändli, Berne.

Issue of the ANGLC-SWISS NEWS edited by Mr. C.W. Welman,
to appear in March 1937.

The Minutes of this meeting are incomplete
(pages missing) .

Council Meeting held in Olten on November 8th 1936.

Messrs. H.R.E. Sanders (P) A.V. Thornton (V-P)
Messrs. C.W. Olliver (S) E. Reiser (T)
Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor A.S.N.)
Mrs. P. Peter (Librarian).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. Hufschmied, Basle, Hofmann & Schlosser, Berne,
Messrs. H.O. Müller, Locarno and H.M. Norman, Olten.

Lecture Fund:

Mr. Olliver proposed a Lecture Fund.

Associate Member:

The Anglo-Swiss Association, Berne, applied for
membership and was accepted.

The Congress was held on the Bürgenstock.

1937

Council Meeting held in Olten on April 4th 1937.
Messrs. H.R.E. Sanders (P) A.V. Thornton (V-P)
Messrs. C.W. Olliver (S) E. Reiser (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. Müller, Aarau, Hofmann Berne, Schymanski, Biene,
Miss Weber, Biene, Mr. Hufschmied, O.S.M.C., Basle,
Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten.

Mr. Olliver, Zug, presented a draft of a Federation pamphlet, which was accepted.

Application for membership:

Fitzroy Club, Basle, was proposed and accepted.

Congress venue: Bürgenstock.

Council Meeting held on the Bürgenstock on June 13th 1937.

New Council Officers:

Messrs. C.W. Olliver (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Messrs. Hufschmied (S) E. Reiser (T)
Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor A.S.N.).

The congress was attended by approx. 200 persons.

Applications for membership: Federated Clubs:

O.S.M.S. Students' Club, Zurich Messrs. Thornton, Hufschmied, BA
S.M.S. English Club, Berne Messrs. Hofmann, Müller, Aarau
were proposed and accepted. Messrs. Norman, Dietler, ZH
Nr. Schymanski, Biene.

Council Meeting held in Olten on November 7th 1937.

Messrs. C.W. Olliver (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Messrs. Hufschmied (S) E. Reiser (T)
Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor A.S.N.)
Mrs. P. Peter (Librarian).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Mr. Bourquin, Neuchâtel,
Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten and Mr. Dietler, Zurich,
Mr. Müller, Aarau and Mr. J. Lothian, Geneva.

Mr. Acton-Burnell, British Pro-Consul, Geneva, was proposed as Patron and accepted.

Examination Centre:

It was decided that the Federation should organise the examinations for the "Certificate of the University of Cambridge", recognized by the Board of Education, London.

Appeal to Clubs for contribution to the Lecture Fund.

A copy of the Federation pamphlet issued by Mr. Olliver, Zug, was available.

Applications for membership:

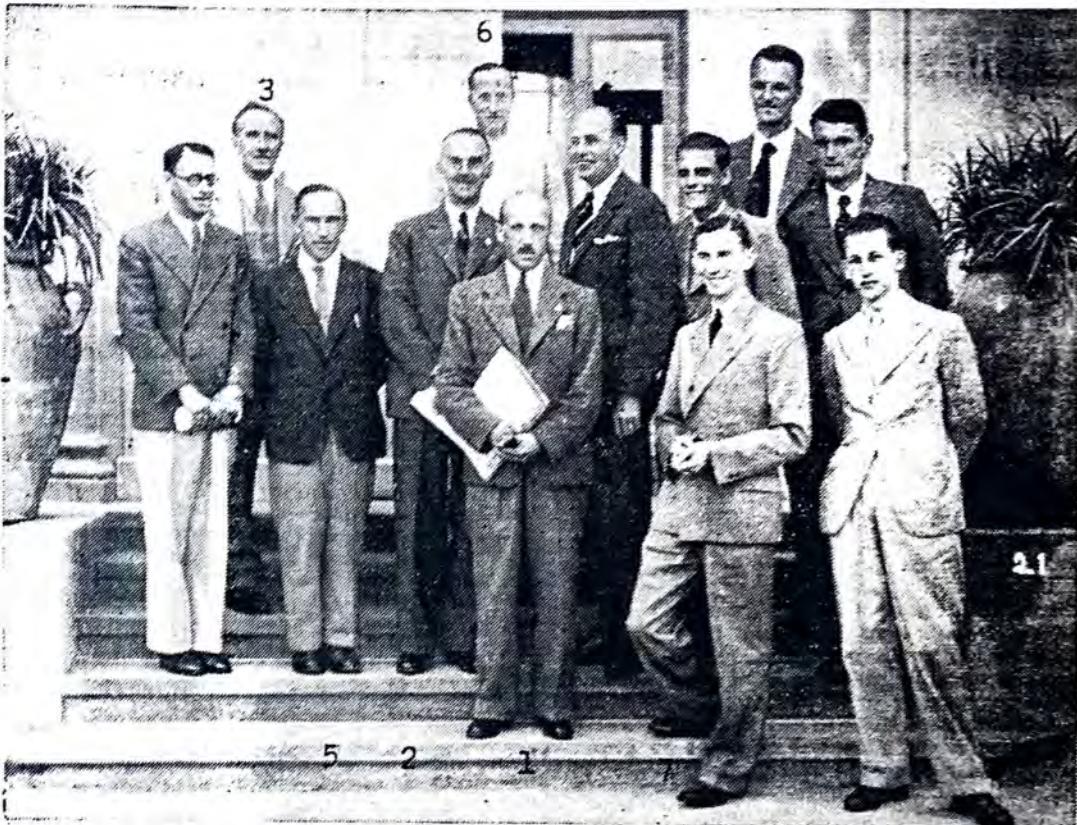
English Club, Locarno
Fitzroy Square Club, Neuchâtel
were proposed and accepted.

Transfer from Associate Members to regular membership:
Anglo-Swiss Association, Berne,

the Anglo-Swiss Club, Liestal,
ceased membership.

The Federation consisted of 16 Clubs and 4 Associate Members.

Mr. Oliver (P.)
Mr. Sanders (V-P.)
Mr. Elman (Ed.)
Mr. Reiser (T.)
Mr. Thornton
Mr. Norman
Mr. Smith
and others



Das Federationskomitee der Anglo-Swiss-Klubs in der Schweiz

dem u. a. die Präsidenten der Sektionen angehören, auf dem Bürgenstock.

(Phot. Hungarier, Luzern.)

Bürgenstock als Kongressort.

Wie seit drei Jahren hat auch dieses Jahr die Federation der Anglo-Swiss-Klubs in der Schweiz ihren Kongress auf dem Bürgenstock, im Grand Hotel, abgehalten. Dies beweist, wie sehr sich der Bürgenstock allgemeiner Beliebtheit erfreut und sich für Kongresse und große gesellschaftliche wie sportliche Anlässe eignet. Über 200 Mitglieder nahmen an der Tagung teil. Man bemerkte ein vorbildliches Einvernehmen zwischen den Klubs, was die Herren Thornton, Sanders, Oliver und Reiser in ihren Reden hervorhoben.

Ein Tennis-Turnier auf den wunderbar gelegenen Tennisplätzen brachte interessante Spiele. Der wunderbare Tennis-Wanderbecher wurde durch den Anglo-Swiss-Klub Basel vom English Club Biel zugetragen. An zweiter und dritter Stelle kamen Zug und Luzern. Ebenso erfreute sich das Inter-Ralon-Swimming-Race, das im idyllisch gelegenen Strandbad Riedmatten-Bürgenstock ausgetragen einer besonderen Zugtrotz. Der English Club ist es fertig gebracht, den Basler Klub den "Stuart-Challenge"

In der modernen Regelbahn wurde ein Regeltunier ausgetragen. Sieger wurde Luzern, Team I. Es gewann damit erstmals den von den Bürgenstock-Hotels gestifteten Wanderbecher. Zweiter wurde Zug und Dritter das Damen-Team Luzern. Den Höhepunkt des gesellschaftlichen Teils bildete ein in den vornehmsten Räumlichkeiten des Grand Hotels abgehaltener Ball. Der große Festsaal war gleichmäßig voll mit Fahnen und Emblemen der englischen und schweizerischen Landesfarben dekoriert, wofür die Direktion des Grand Hotels große Anerkenntung verdient. Während des Banketts dankte der zurücktretende Präsident, Mr. Sanders, seinem Stab. Als neuer Präsident der Federation wurde Mr. Oliver von Zug gewählt. Im Namen der Schweizer sprach Herr Oberst Gyr von Zug einige markante Worte. Besondere Erwähnung gebührt der organisatorischen Arbeit des Generalsekretärs Reiser sowie seiner Gemahlin, welche einen hübschen Puppen-Wettbewerb arrangiert hatte. Noch lange wird dieses prachtvolle Federationsfest allen Mitgliedern in Erinnerung eiben.

1938

Council Meeting held in Olten on April 10th 1938.
Messrs. C.W. Olliver (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Mr. Acton-Burnell, Patron, Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor)
Mrs. P. Peter (Librarian).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. Thornton, Basle - Kleiber, O.S.M.S., Basle,
Messrs. Haag, A.S.A., Berne, - Hofmann, E.C., Berne,
Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten, Miss Heusser, Uster,
Mr. Middendorp, Zurich.

New Members:

English Club, Glarus
English Club, Bellinzona
were proposed and accepted.

Associate Members:

International Conversation Club, Geneva,
Mr. Florian Niederer, Direktor der Verkehrszentrale, Zurich.

Council Meeting held on the Bürgenstock on June 18th 1938.

New Council Officers:

Messrs. C.W. Olliver (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Messrs. W. Braun, Locarno (S) E. Reiser (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton, Basle, L. Hufschmied, Basle,
Messrs. Dixon, Berne, - Gillam and Mr. Bourquin, Neuchâtel,
Mr. Middendorp, Zurich.

Associate Member :

Association of the British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.
Third congress on the Bürgenstock, very successful.

Council Meeting held in Zug on November 27th 1938.

Messrs. C.W. Olliver (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)
Messrs. W. Braun (S) E. Reiser (T)
Mr. Acton Burnell, Patron Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton, Basle, H. Kleiber, O.S.M.S., Basle
Messrs. C.S. Allanson, Biel, - Gillam A.S. & SMS, Neuchâtel.
Mr. L. Hufschmied, SMS, Miss - Gallay, Lugano,
Miss Heusser, Uster, Mr. O. Leu, Soleure,
Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten, Mr. Middendorp, O.S.M.S., Zurich

New Members:

English Club, Lugano
Anglo-Swiss Club, Soleure
were proposed and accepted.

Associate Members:

English Conversation Club, Geneva
Mr. A. Anastasi, British Vice-Consul, Lugano.

1939

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on February 26th 1939.

Messrs. C.W. Olliver (P) H.R.E. Sanders (V-P)

Mr. W. Braun (S) Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor)

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton, Basle, H. Kleiber, O.S.M.S., Basle

Miss Gallay, Lugano, Mr. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel

Messrs. H.M. Norman, Olten, O. Leu, Soleure

Mr. W. Kindlimann, O.S.M.S., Zurich.

Congress venue : Axenstein.

Council Meeting held at Axenstein on June 10th 1939.

New Council Officers:

Mr. C.W. Olliver (P)

Two Vice-Presidents were elected:

Mr. H.R.E. Sanders and Mr. G.N. Zwez, Bienna.

Education and Travel Officer:

Mr. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel

Mr. W. Braun (S), Mr. G. Wirz (T)

Liaison Officer: Mr. L. Hufschmied, S.M.S., Basle

Mr. C.W. Welman (Editor), Mrs. P. Peter, (Librarian).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton, Basle, H. Kleiber, Basle

Messrs. F. Dixon, Berne, O. Leu, Soleure

Mr. W. Kindlimann, Zurich.

New magazine: Anglo-Swiss Times.

Council Meeting held at Olten on November 26th 1939.

New Council Officers:

Mr. C.W. Welman (P)

Messrs. A.V. Thornton (V-P) G.N. Zwez (V-P)

Travel Officer: Mr. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel

new Secretary: Mr. D.E. Smith, Zug, Mr. G. Wirz, Basle (T)

Mrs. P. Peter (Librarian).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mrs. M. Dörig, O.S.M.S., Basle, Mr. H.O. Müller, Locarno

Mr. C. Blättler, Lucerne, Mrs. B. Schaefer, Berne

Messrs. H.M. Norman, Olten O. Leu and W. Wolf, Soleure

Mr. F. Dobmaier, Uster, Mr. W. Kindlimann, OSMS, Zurich.

"Young Fund": which had recently been organised by the Basle Club to help British Red Cross and Swiss soldiers individually. It was suggested that it could be organised as part of the Federation activities.

1940

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 10th 1940.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. C.N. Zwez, Bienne and D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Mrs. H. Dörig, O.S.M.S., Basle

Messrs. F. Dixon, A.S.A., Berne and F. Hofmann, E.C., Berne

Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Reiser, Lucerne, Miss L. Sajani, E.C., Lugano

Messrs. O. Leu and W. Wolf, Soleure

Mrs. B. Schaerer, A.S.A., Berne, Miss N. Heusser, E.C., Uster.

Education and Travel Officer: Mr. D.J. Gillam.

In view of the political situation the work could no longer be exercised, the experience gained would prove useful at a later date. Mr. Gillam indicated his willingness to continue the work.

The relations with the British Legation in Berne continued to improve.

Mr. L.S. Haptie, British Vice-Consul, Lucerne, had consented to become a Patron of the Federation.

Mr. Leu, Soleure, urged the importance of advertising and stronger support from all clubs, if the A.S.T. were going to continue ~~to~~

Council Meeting held at Olten on July 28th 1940.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Mr. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel (V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S), G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Mr. H. Kleiber, O.S.M.S., Basle

Mr. H.O. Muller, E.C. Locarno, Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten,

Messrs. O. Leu and W. Wolf, Soleure

Miss N. Heusser, E.C., Uster.

The President expressed a hope that in spite of all the difficulties activities of the various clubs would continue. Support from the British Council was being given generously.

It was proposed that the number of Vice-Presidents be increased to three, and that Mr. Braun, Locarno, be elected. The proposal was accepted and Mr. Braun was declared duly elected.

NO CONGRESS OWING TO HOSTILITIES.

1941

Council Meeting held in Olten on April 20th 1941.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel and G.N. Zwez, Bienné (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Mrs. M. Dörig, OSMS Basle

Dr. E. Haag, ASA Berne, Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure.

Mr. Welman gave an account of the development of the Federation Organ, the Anglo-Swiss News from its inception in 1936 to the contract with Vogt-Schild, Soleure, for the new "Anglo-Swiss Times", signed in 1939. Unfortunately after only 3 numbers of the magazine in its new form had been published came the outbreak of hostilities, and the resulting mobilisation led to many unforeseen difficulties for the publishers.

It was agreed to hold a congress in 1941.

Venue : Kastanienbaum, Lake of Lucerne.

Council Meeting held at Kastanienbaum on June 15th 1941.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel and G.N. Zwez, Bienné (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Mr. H. Kleiber OSMS, Basle

Dr. E. Haag, ASA Berne, Miss N. Brunner EC, Locarno

Mr. A. Stettler, Lucerne, Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten,

Miss A. Aepli, OSMS Zurich, Mrs. B. Morcier, SPC, Lausanne.

Owing to higher cost for the printing of the magazine, Mr. Norman proposed a "new simple Bulletin". A proposal made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Gillam that a charge of 10 cts per copy be made, any profits to be devoted to the Lecture Fund, was carried.

New Council Members:

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel and G.N. Zwez, Bienné

new Mr. H.O. Müller, Lugano (for Mr. W. Braun) (3 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Council Meeting held in Olten on October 19th 1941.

The President and the other Officers were all present.

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton, Basle and E. Brunner, E.C. Berne

Messrs. H.M. Norman, Olten and O. Leu, Soleure

Miss N. Heusser, E.C., Uster.

New Member:

Scarlet Pimpernel Club, Lausanne, was proposed and accepted.

St. George's School, Clarens, was made an Honorary Associate Member of the Federation, in recognition of their signal services rendered to the cause of Anglo-Swiss relations.

English Club, Aarau, had ceased to be a member of the Federation. It was decided that they continue as passive members until they would be able to resume their normal activities.

Guest at congress at Kastanienbaum:

Mr. J.E. Bell in the absence of Mr. D.V. Kelly, H.M. Minister.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH WARTIME APPEALS FUND

and the

ANGLO - SWISS CLUB BASLE

have arranged a

D I N N E R a n d D A N C E

to be held at the

HOTEL METROPOLE

at 7.30 p.m. on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th 1941.

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At 9.30 p.m. there will be a concert for which prominent artists from the Basler Stadt-Theater have kindly offered their services. They include :-

Mesdames: Senta Erd, Messieurs: Zbyslaw Wožniak,
 Friedl Wald. Wilhelm Tisch.

Other attractions of the evening are :-

EXCELLENT DANCE BAND

Tombola, Raffles, Spot Dances, good prizes and plenty of fun.

The price of the dinner tickets is Fr. 6.-

Tickets may be obtained for the concert and dance only at Frs. 4.40 (incl. Tax).

During the evening there will be a sale of Work by Polish soldiers interned in Switzerland.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE EVENING WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE BRITISH WARTIME APPEALS FUND AND TO THE SWISS RED CROSS SOCIETY.

In order that the necessary arrangements may be made the Committee request that the enclosed postcard be completed and posted not later than 9th December 1941 to the address shown, or handed to the Treasurer, Anglo-Swiss Club.

Tickets will be obtainable between DECEMBER 8th - 12th from

Percy R. Larke, Esq. British Consulate-General,
Rittergasse 35, Basle.

or

Mr. A. Merz, Anglo-Swiss Club.

Tickets should not be fetched later than DECEMBER 12th.

(No money will be taken at the door)

On payment of postage due tickets may be sent "per Nachnahme"

Special requirements regarding table arrangements should be made known when tickets are fetched.

! DON'T FORGET YOUR MAHLZEITEN COUPONS !
(2 Coupons per person)

Evening Dress, White or Black Tie.

1942

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 19th 1942.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Mr. D.J. Gillam (V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith (S) and G.Wirz (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton, Basle and R.Hiltbrunner, OSMS Basle

Dr. E. Haag, Berne and Miss D. Amselmi, ASA Berne

Mr. W. Buchti, EC., Berne and Mrs. H.M. Wernli, EC, Bienna

Mr. P. Dreyfuss, EC., Bienna, Miss B. Koelliker, EC. Bienna

Mr. J.W. Schaub, Scarlet Pimpernel Club, Lausanne

Messrs. H.M. Norman, Olten and O.Leu, Soleure

Miss N. Heusser, EC. Uster.

The President reported that St. George's School for Girls, Clarens, had accepted the invitation to become honorary Associate Member of the Federation, at the same time offering to provide accommodation in the event of a Federation Club being formed in Montreux.

English Centre at Froburg was proposed and accepted as Associate Member, also the British Chamber of Commerce for Switzerland.

At the luncheon four distinguished guests were present:

The British Minister, Mr. C.V. Kelly, Lord Derwent,

Mr. Daniels, Press Attaché and Mr. Paul Probst, representing the "Bundesamt fuer Industrie, Gewerbe und Arbeit".

Red Cross Appeal for children (War-Harmed Children Fund). A further appeal would be made through the medium of the Bulletin.

Council Meeting held at Seelisberg on June 14th 1942.

New Council Officers:

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel, H. Müller, Locarno and new Dr. E. Haag, ASA, Berne, (3 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T)

Mrs. P. Peter, Bienna, (Librarian).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton, Basle and H. Kleiber, OSMS, Basle

Messrs. A. Grieder, OSMS, Basle and G. Wissmann, EC.,

Mrs. A. Reich, Lucerne, Miss M. Terrazzini, Lausanne

Mr. P. Dreyfuss, EC., Bienna and Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten

Messrs. O. Leu, Soleure and F. Dobmaier, EC, Uster.

The congress was a success, 100 persons attended.

New Members:

Students Relations Club, Zurich

English Club, Amriswil,

were proposed and accepted.

1942

Council Meeting held in Olten on November 22nd 1942.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Mr. O. Müller, Locarno (V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Mr. A. Grieder, O.S.M.S., Basle

Mr. W. Ruchti and Miss G. Aeschlimann, E.C., Berne

Mrs. H. Wernli, E.C., Biel, Miss B. Koelliker, E.C., Biel

Messrs. F. Trauffer, Lucerne, H.M. Norman, Olten

Miss N. Heusser, E.C., Uster

Messrs. J. Fröhlich and S. Wyler, Students' Relations Club, Zurich

Mr. Norman reported that the Red Cross Authorities had opposed the scheme for a "Kinderheim" in St. Moritz. Funds paid in by various clubs had been transferred to the Fund "Kinderhilfe". The Federation had now adopted a French child. It was hoped for sufficient support to enable a second "Patenschaft" on the expiry of the first. Payments should be made to the Federation P.A. marked "Kinderhilfe".

An appeal for suitable books for British prisoners of war in Germany had been made by the British Consulate.

The co-operation with Swiss American Societies was asked for.

New Member:

The Pickwickian Club, Fribourg,
was proposed and accepted.

1943

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 11th 1943.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Mr. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel (V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V.Thornton, Basle, and A. Grieder, O.S.M.S., Basle
Mr. R. Hiltbrunner, O.S.M.S., Basle, Mr. G. Wissmann, Bellinzona
Mr. E. Lethell, A.S.A. and Mrs. D. Anselmi, A.S.A., Berne
Miss G. Aeschlimann, E.C., Berne
Mrs. H. Wernli and Miss B. Koelliker, E.C., Bienne
Mr.J. Rémy and Miss E. Raybould, Fribourg
Mr. J. Schaub, S.P.C., Lausanne
Mr. & Mrs. A. Reich, Lucerne
Mr. F.C. Beutler and Mr. R. Butler, A.S.C., Montreux
Messrs. H.M. Norman, Olten and O. Leu, Soleure
Miss N. Heusser, E.C., Uster, Mr. S. Wyler, Zurich.

At the luncheon, the Federation was honoured by the presence of the British Minister, Mr. Norton and Mrs. Norton, Mr. Evans, Press Attaché and Dr. Urech, Principal of the English Centre, Froburg, representing the Swiss Mercantile Society.

New Member:

Anglo-Swiss Club, Montreux
was proposed and accepted.

Council Meeting held on the Seelisberg on June 20th 1943.

New Council Officers:

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. R. Butler, Montreux, Mr. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel and Mr. O. Müller, Locarno (3 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Dr. E. Haag, A.S.A., Berne
Miss G. Aeschlimann, E.C., Berne,
Mrs. H. Wernli, Bienne and Miss Y. Frank, E.C., Bienne
Mr. F. Trauffer, Lucerne, Mr. F.C. Beutler, Montreux
Messrs. H.M. Norman, Olten and O. Leu, Soleure
Mr. F. Dobmaier and Miss N. Heusser, E.C., Uster.

The congress was attended by 125 persons.

Swiss Red Cross- scheme for War-harmed children.

Subscriptions from clubs enabled "4 Patenschaften".

New Member :

English Club, Rorschach.

1943

Council Meeting held in Olten on November 7th 1943.

Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Neuchâtel, H. Müller, Locarno and

Mr. R. Butler, Montreux (3 V-P)

Mr. D.E. Smith, Zug (S).

Members from federated Clubs:

Messrs. A.V. Thornton and A. Merz, Basle

Mr. A. Grieder, OSMS, Basle and Miss G. Aeschlimann, EC Berne

Mrs. H. Wernli and Miss B. Koelliker, EC Biel

Mr. W. Büscher, SPC Lausanne and Mr. C. Schneider, Lucerne

Mr. F.C. Beutler, Montreux, Dr. R. Meuli, Neuchâtel

Messrs. H.M. Norman, Olten and O. Leu, Soleure

Miss N. Heusser, EC Uster, Mr. G. Scherrer, St.R.C. Zurich.

New Members:

Fitzroy Club, Zurich

Anglo-Swiss Club, St. Imier

were proposed and accepted.

Guests at congress on Seelisberg:

Mr. Clifford Norton, H.M. Minister in Berne and Mrs. Norton.

Mr. Norton offered a cup for sports.

Mr. Welman drew the attention to a letter from Mrs. Norton, wife of the British Minister, appealing for clothes, boots etc for British escaped prisoners of war. The letter was printed in the November number of the Anglo-Swiss Times.

Dr. Meuli, Neuchâtel, made an appeal to hold the Annual Congress alternatively in Central and French Switzerland, in order to give clubs in Western Switzerland better opportunity of attending.

*Proceeds from Mrs. Pyke's Stall will be devoted to a
Swiss Military Charity.*

Your support will bring

CHEER and COMFORTS
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and wounded.

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Supper tables can be reserved by ticket-holders from the
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BRITISH WARTIME APPEALS COMMITTEE
BASLE
(Chairman: Mr. J. Pyke, C. B. E.)

A
GALA DANCE
will be held at the
MUSTERMESSE
on Saturday, December 18th 1943
from 9 p. m. to 4 a. m.

Under the patronage of
His Britannic Majesty's Minister,
Mr. CLIFFORD J. NORTON, C. M. G., C. V. O.

*Buffet supper
at popular prices.*

*Tombolas.
Attractions.*

Introduction

In this Christmas message to all members of the Anglo-Swiss Clubs in Switzerland, I wish to congratulate them on having maintained and even increased their strength and unity during the past year.

Through the «Anglo-Swiss Times», the periodical of the Federation, the Clubs can and should keep in touch with one another and exchange news and programmes.

I must also congratulate the publishers on their enterprise in producing this special Christmas number.

I hope that the «Anglo-Swiss Times» may go from strength to strength and become a valuable source of information, not only for our two countries but even further afield.

Best wishes to you all from Mrs. Norton and myself for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Clifford Norton

British Minister.



*We wish all the Members of the
Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs
and all our readers a very happy
Xmas and a prosperous New Year!*

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Readers will notice in the Club Reports that the Anglo-Swiss Club Basle has changed its meeting-place to the «Kunsthalle». This new headquarters of one of our most important clubs is of historical interest. The following short indication has been communicated to us and may be followed by a fuller account. «The Kunsthalle» came into existence at the time of the foundation of the Basle Art Society and is the property of this society. It was built to a great extent from City funds. It stands on the site adjoining the former 'Steinenkloster'. The course followed by the development of the Art Society is an interesting one, as is also that of the building itself, seeing that it was only possible to get together the exhibits in the course of long periods of extension of the building. The prominence of the Restaurant is of comparatively recent date. Formerly we hear only of a drinking-bar. Nowadays the «Kunsthalle» Restaurant takes rank as one of the principal resorts of those who appreciate good cooking.»

Escaped Prisoners of War.

The following letter has been received from the British Minister:

Dear Mr. Welman,

I want to express through you to all members of Anglo-Swiss Clubs my sincere appreciation of the generous response that has been made to the appeal on behalf of British prisoners of war who have recently escaped into Switzerland.

Donations in cash and kind have been received in gratifying quantities and I realise that the givers have in many cases made personal sacrifices.

In writing I know that I am expressing the feelings of all the officers and men who have benefitted.

In order not to waste your valuable space, I wish to convey at the same time to all members of Anglo-Swiss Clubs hearty Christmas greetings from my wife, myself and all British officials in Switzerland. May the New Year bring to us the blessings of Peace.

Yours sincerely,

Clifford Norton.

Prisoners of War who have not escaped.

The President of the «British Prisoners of War Auxiliary Service, British Legion (Geneva Branch)» points out that in order to maintain the present volume of literature despatched to individual Prisoners of War and Internees on behalf of persons resident in this country it is absolutely necessary that a further effort should now be made to add to the supplies now available in his office.

Books of all descriptions are most welcome, but it is not only light literature that is required, but also books of educational value, e.g. on Natural Science, technical subjects, travel, biography, etc.

Books may be sent to the office of the above at 41, quai Wilson, Geneva, up to 15 kilos in weight. Postage on such consignments, and also charges on larger supplies sent by rail, will be paid on delivery.

War-harmed Children's Fund

Acting on information received from the Swiss Red Cross, the Council of the Federation at its meeting on November 5th decided that, from the available balance in hand, a French or Belgian child should be adopted. There are still a number of such children who, on account of delicate health, have been retained in Switzerland and for whom financial assistance is urgently required. We hope that the Clubs will continue their subscriptions to our Fund and we hope that, in planning their Christmas entertainments, they

will, as in previous years, think of the needs of these unfortunate children.

Before going to press we have learned from the Red Cross that our new adopted child is a French boy, aged 14, whose father is a prisoner of war and whose mother is in a concentration camp. Jean Berton's address is:

Home d'enfants «Mont Fleuri», Cernnat (Vaud).

English Club Amriswil

29th of October 1943.

At last, the evening on which we expected Mr. Ralph Butler, had arrived.

On entering our club-room, I was happily surprised in seeing that, besides nearly all our members, several guests had accepted our invitation.

I counted 30 people, which I think is quite a lot for a village like Amriswil, especially as some of our English-speaking friends were on military service.

Months ago, we had the opportunity of enjoying a fine lecture given by Mr. C. W. Welman; in mind, we accompanied this gentleman on his big journey through «West-Africa». — On the 29th of October, we were favoured with an equally successful and pleasant evening, spent this time in the company of Mr. Ralph Butler, who told us about «Turkey, old and new». The interesting subject this gentleman spoke to us about, was savoured with much humour, and often, the listeners could not help laughing heartily. We wish to thank Mr. Butler again for the trouble he took in coming to Amriswil, and we all hope that he won't wait long before visiting us again.

12th of November 1943.

What a lot of excuses were sent in again on this evening! Military service always prevents a lot of our members from turning up. Many children being ill with measles, some young mothers were obliged to stay at home nursing their little ones. A few members, living rather a long way from the village, thought that it was more pleasant to stay in their warm living-room, than to turn out in the very rough and wet night. Well, our dear president, who never fails, had to open the meeting to the small number of 4. Perhaps you think that we had a dull time? Oh, no! Those present knew plenty to talk about, but our chief conversation regarded the recent lecture evening which had again given so much satisfaction to all listeners.

Our social evening will be held on the 4th of December 1943, as this date seems the most suitable for everybody.

Anglo-Swiss Club Basle

The debate «That women should quit their wartime employment at the cessation of hostilities» proved a hard contested point. Many interesting and well-founded arguments came up for discussion and had it not been for the time limit, the meeting would never have concluded. However, after two solid hours of debate, the meeting closed without a decision, being reached. Another attractive evening was afforded us by Mr. F. A. Colenutt M. A. with a very enlightening lecture on «Social intentions in Great Britain». This dealt mainly with the Beveridge Report and social security. The speaker detailed the various aspects of the Report and summarised the already established schemes of insurance etc. We feel sure that Mr. Colenutt's address did a great deal to explain the social position in Great Britain. For December two outstanding events are on the programme

the lecture by Mr. C. W. Welman M. A. on «English Justice» and our annual Dinner-dance. Further particulars of this latter function will be issued by special circular but we hope all members will reserve the date.

Thursday, Dec. 2nd: «Hops about Switzerland with the camera». Display of coloured photographs by Mr. W. Thornton.

Thursday, Dec. 9th: Lecture «English Justice» by Mr. C. W. Welman, Esq. M. A. Barrister-at-Law, Chairman Federation Anglo-Swiss Clubs.

Thursday, Dec. 16th: Conversation evening.

Thursday, Dec. 23rd: No official meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 30th: No official meeting.

Saturday, Dec. 18th: Annual Dinner Dance at the Muster-messe.

Old S. M. S. Students' Club, Basle

Headquarters: Hotel «Central».

Postal cheque account V 13920.

Programme for December.

Dec. 9th: Joint lecture with the Anglo-Swiss Club Basle, at the Rest. Kunsthalle, 8.30 p. m.

Mr. C. W. Welman will speak about «English justice».

Dec. 14th: Discussion led by our president Mr. Arnold Grieder. Subject: Basic English.

Dec. 18th: Christmas-Party at our headquarters. Full particulars will be issued in due time.

Dec. 21st: Games.

Dec. 28th: Whist-Drive.

Jan. 4th: Ordinary General Meeting.

- Agenda: 1. Address by the Chairman.
2. Secretary's Report.
3. Financial Report.
4. Auditors Report.
5. Resignation of the Committee.
6. Election of the Committee for 1944.
7. Election of two Auditors.
8. Fixation of the contribution for 1944.
9. Sundries.

We beg to draw your attention especially to our General Meeting. It is absolutely necessary that every single member be present in order to enable the committee to arrange matters satisfactorily to all parties.

Please remember that our weekly meetings start at 8.15 p. m.

English Club Bellinzona

Our activity proceeds well. Weekly meetings are as usual well attended though some of the members are prevented from being present regularly.

On Sunday the 7th we had our annual «Castagnata» Chestnut-Party, with the participation of numerous friends and the well represented Club of Lugano.

It was a pleasant homely gathering, passed at the Grotto Buloncelli near Giubiasco, with chestnuts, wine, talking, plays and other humorous pastimes, due specially to the hard work of Messrs. Wissman and Taragnoli, who are always the «souls» of our familiar feasts.

After the chestnuts we had a few animated dances, a happy time for everyone old and young.

We take the opportunity to announce that the meeting-place of the Club is this winter, for the convenience of all the members, at the Caffè Zoppi, Piazza Indipendenza.



Springtime Outing-party

Lugano were guests at the Grotto Buloncelli—The Gold Digger—at Giubiasco with the Bellinzona English-Club.

English Club Berne

Meetings every Wednesday at 8.30 p. m. at the Hotel Bären, 1st floor.

Our Annual General meeting took place on October 20th at the Hotel Bären. The Club's President, Mr. Ruchti, gave a very interesting report on the activities of the Club life during the past year. We thanked him for the great work he has done for the Club. The Committee was elected as follows: President: Mr. W. Ruchti, Vice-President: Mr. R. Blaser, Secretary: Miss G. Aeschlimann, Treasurer: Mr. K. Hofmann, Librarian: Miss H. Kropf, Auditors: Miss M. Hofer and Mr. A. Säxer.

On November 3rd Miss Minder arranged for a competition with photographs of our country, and we had to find out where each scene was. It was even rather hard work for us. Everybody enjoyed this item very much.

Our traditional Christmas-Party will take place on December 15th. A light collation will be served at a cost which we hope won't exceed that of last year. A special circular will be sent to every member with the request to send back the usual slip. Afterwards no meeting will take place until January 12th 1944.

The Committee expresses the best wishes for every member for the Christmas and New-Year season hoping that 1944 will be the year of the restoration of peace to mankind.

Programme for December.

December 1st: «Brush up your English» by Mr. Gillam.

December 8th: «Film-evening (Mr. Blaser).»

December 15th: Christmas-Party.

Anglo-Swiss Association Berne,

Amthausgasse 5. Thursdays 8.30 p. m.

Our first Lecture this season was given by Mr. J. D. Gillam on «English Architecture». This interesting subject was illustrated through a series of very fine slides and the lecture was enjoyed by all present. In October, Mr. F. Dixon gave a very amusing talk «Jack of all Trades», telling us many interesting details about consular work which sometimes has its very amusing incidents. Another very interesting talk was given by Father Moore on «The Boy Scout Movement in England». On November 11th, our Club was offered its first Concert. All the artists deserve a word of thanks for their fine performance of music by Mozart.

The Committee takes the opportunity to let all members and friends know that on Saturday, December 4th, our Club will organize a performance of The Anglo-Swiss Players. They will present «The late Christopher Bean» by Emlyn Williams at the Aula of the «Städtischen Gymnasium». The proceeds will go to the Swiss Red Cross and partly to British Charities in Switzerland.

This year's Christmas Party will take place on December 18th. For all further details please consult our monthly Circular.

English Club Bienné

November 3rd: The opening of our lectures was a real success thanks to Mr. P. R. Larke, British Vice-Consul in Basle, who gave a most interesting lecture on: «Portraits from Charles Dickens». Mr. P. R. Larke is a very brilliant lecturer. Here we take the opportunity to thank him for having provided us such a good evening.

November 10th: *Social-Evening*. Our Social-Evening was very well attended and a very gay evening. We had some amusing dances, and the old-fashioned charades created lots of fun, and many found the evening far too short. We hope to arrange an interesting programme for our meetings in December:

December 1st: Whist-Drive.

December 8th: Lecture given by Mr. Frank Dixon, H. B. M. Consul ad interim in Berne on: «Jack of all Trades» or («Inside the Consulates»).

December 11th: Christmas-Party.

December 15th: Debate, particulars later.

December 22nd: No meeting.

Scarlet Pimpernel Club, Lausanne

On November 3rd we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves playing English society games, led with brio by the Rev. D. Campbell.

On November 10th, we had for the first time cross words (not a quarrel I hope, but puzzles. Ed.) on our programme. The innovation was appreciated and we shall renew the experience some time next year.

Miss C. Dupraz talked about Poland where she lived for several months, and so the evening of the 17th passed very quickly.

For the end of November and for December the following programme is foreseen:

November 24th: «Scott's Expedition to the South Pole», lecture kindly offered by Mr. R. Rapin, Professor at Lausanne University.

December 1st: Supper at the Restaurant de la Patinoire. Those who skate can take a dessertglide round the skating rink.

December 8th: Authors' and Poets' night.

December 15th: Play Reading (The Apple Cart, by B. Shaw, cont.).

December 22nd: Friendly Gathering.

We should like to avail ourselves of this opportunity to extend our heartiest season's greetings to all our Federation friends, wishing them a very happy Christmas and good luck in the New Year.

Anglo-Swiss Club Locarno

On October 8th we again enjoyed the privilege and pleasure of having Mr. and Mrs. Welman in our midst. Mr. Welman began by reading us selections from Ruskin, most beautifully; then Mrs. Welman a poem of October

which she had felt peculiarly adapt that very morning to the lovely Tessin autumn and their short holiday here. Afterwards they both read an amusing little play. The evening thus passed agreeably and all too quickly. We should like to express our real gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Welman for their unfailing kindness in always visiting our club and giving us so much joy by their coming.

Our readers will have noticed that we are now calling our club «The Anglo-Swiss Club» which we find more suited to facts as, very often, visitors had expected to find numerous English members, whereas our club actually consists more of people desirous of keeping up their knowledge of English.

We are very happy to inform our members and friends that on November 5th (Friday) Dr. Edmond Privat has kindly promised to begin a series of talks to us on the origin of the English Nation. We are most grateful to him for his interest and kind help to keep «the Home-Fires burning». If our Club this winter regains some of its old «swing» it will be due to him.

It has also been decided to hold fortnightly meetings again; the informal ones will be in a charming little tea-room lent to us by its proprietor, an English lady here.

At our meeting of the November 5th at the Tea Room «Maridor», Professor Edmond Privat delighted the numerous audience with an exceedingly interesting discourse on the origin of the English Nation. The members as well as the many guests were unanimous in their appreciation of the lecturer's able description of all the vicissitudes and labours the various tribes and clans had to undergo before they were welded into the one great Nation.

The Club intends meeting again in a fortnight for an informal gathering at the «Maridor».

Anglo-Swiss Club Lucerne

President: Mr. Chs. Schnider, Brambergstrasse 8.

Meetings: As announced in circular letter.

The first meeting of the club year 1943/1944 on October 30th under the auspices of our newly elected President Mr. Schnider was a decided success. Mr. Ralph Butler's lecture on «The League of Nations» delivered in excellent style with wit, mimicry and aphorisms covered a heap of ground. A proof of the appreciation it found was surely in the debate which followed, so many members raised questions to which the speaker gave his serious consideration. Our thanks to Mr. Butler and we hope we may later have the privilege of listening to other lectures which we see by reports from other clubs are equally popular. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Haptie the British Viceconsul and other guests.

Programme for November and December.

November 13th: Whist Drive at Hotel des Balances, 8.30 sharp.

November 27th: Lecture by Mr. Norman «Economic Security».

December 4th: Book Auction and «Choose and try».

December 18th: Santa Claus Party.

The Committee would appreciate any suggestions for the Christmas Party. Roll up with your instrumental, vocal, recitative or other offers—the more the merrier.

Anglo-Swiss Club Montreux

«We pray for good weather». Thus ended our announcement, in the November issue, of the tennis tournament at

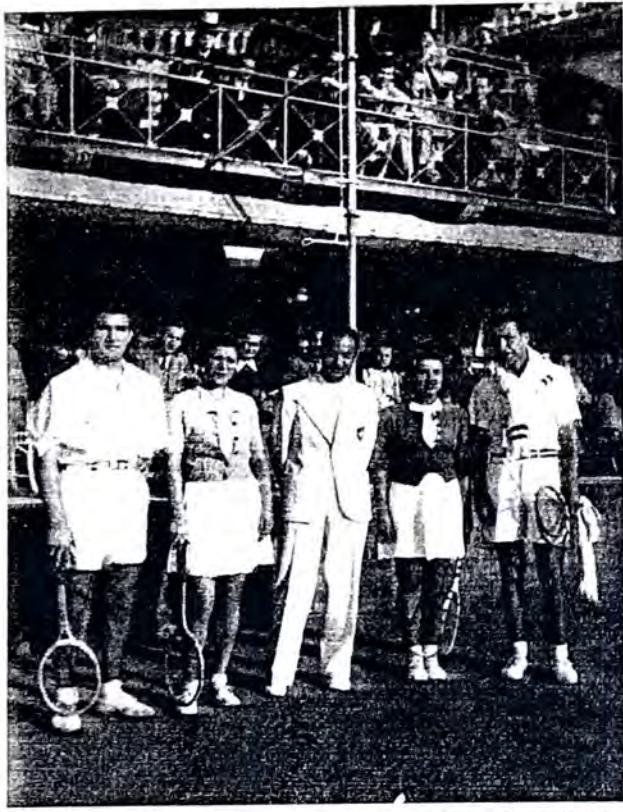


Photo E. Matter, Montreux

Mr. R. Buser, Mrs. L. Dodille-Payot, Mr. Hector Cosmo-Fisher, who is a member of the Anglo-Swiss Club Montreux and who took the initiative for this Tournament, Miss P. DuBois, Mr. A. Jacquemet.

Territet on October 24th. And, happily, this particular Sunday turned out to be of outstanding loveliness even to us who, by living in one of the most beautiful spots on earth, are spoilt by always being in the presence of scenery, the grandeur of which is revealed to us by light and sunshine in endless variety, day after day, season after season.

If luck was with us in the way of weather, it certainly also was with us at the tournament. Some considerable time before the start the well-known courts of the Grand Hotel at Territet, the scene of so many international and Davis Cup matches, already provided a lively picture of tennis enthusiasts, looking forward to an exceptional display of first-class tennis. The program, indeed, offered some interesting encounters.

While the setting sun was painting the mountains and the lake with colours of incredible hue, the last balls were

exchanged. All those present will keep a happy memory of this pleasant and successful afternoon.

Thanks to Mr. H. C. Fisher and Mr. W. Barton, who co-operated in the arrangements of this sporting event, we were able to turn over, after deducting all expenses, the sum of Frs. 361.85 to caritas, Aid to refugees, Lausanne.

In accordance with the Statutes, recently adopted, we held our first Annual General Meeting on the 11th of November at the Hotel Suisse, Montreux, which was well attended.

The President, in his report, summed up the activities of the Club for the year, the accounts were approved and the following Officers and Committee Members were elected:

Mr. F. C. Beutler, President;
Mr. W. Barton, Vice-President;
Mr. H. Montandon, Treasurer;
Mr. F. Spruytenburg, Secretary;
Mrs. F. Matter
Mrs. M. de Montet;
Mr. W. Stibbs.

There were some keen contests for the Treasurership and the Committee, a sign of health which we all appreciated.

Mr. Ralph Butler, our former Secretary, was unanimously elected President of Honour, in recognition of his valuable services to the Club during the first year of its existence.

Mr. Albert Mayer, député and municipal and patron of our Club, then addressed a few words of appreciation and encouragement.

Our program for the rest of the year includes a lecture, on Nov. 26, by Prof. Privat on «Federal Experience of the U.S.A., Switzerland and the League of Nations», a «Partie Choucroute» on December 2 at the Restaurant du Léman, Montreux, a French evening on December 9, during which only French will be spoken and, as a last function, a Children's Christmas Party at «Whitegates» La Tour-de-Peilz, to which each member is asked to invite a child.

In conclusion we wish to extend the Season's Greetings to the Federation, to all its affiliated Clubs as well as to all individual Members.

Anglo-Swiss Club Neuchâtel

On the October 27th a Social Evening took place. It began with some English Songs and ended with dancing. Funny stories were told during its interval. Several new members were elected.

The lecture announced for the November 10th—Mr. A. E. Leidig from Burgdorf on «The Dominion of Australia»—met with a great success. The attendance was good and Mr. Leidig's vivid descriptions of Australia with its sheep and cattle, its wheat and beautiful sunsets, not to speak of prickly pears and rabbits which are pests there, appealed to many and all enjoyed the witty style of our lecturer.

Forthcoming activities:
November 24th: Lecture by His Excellency the British Minister in Berne, Mr. C. Norton, on «A Day at Oxford». December 11th: Christmas Party.

Anglo-Swiss Club Olten

President: Mr. H. M. Norman, Schöngrundstrasse 20.
Meetings: Hotel «Schweizerhof», as announced below.

We relived our holidays on October 30th, when Mr. Thornton showed us his beautiful coloured slides of the Tessin. We wondered at the great skill and artistic talent of our guest, who explained, in the words of a master, the merits of each picture and the points to be observed when photographing scenes in natural colours.

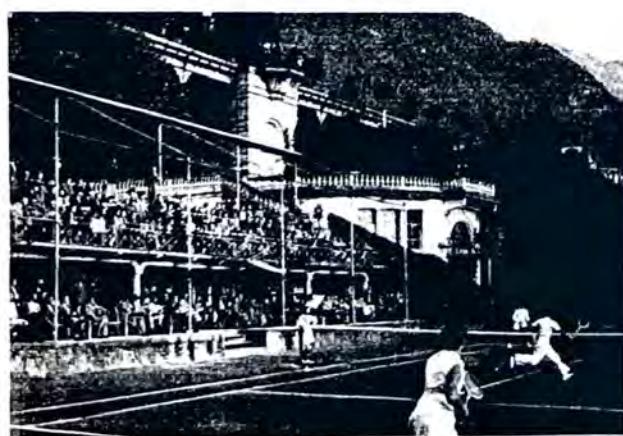


Photo E. Matter, Montreux

Tennis-Court at Territet.

Our social evening on November 3rd was enlivened by a keen discussion on «Basic English». The pros and cons were hotly contested and the general feeling was that «Basic» was superfluous.

Our arrangements for the Christmas Dinner are now far advanced and some of us are busy with the preparations. The tickets, price Fr. 10.—, may be obtained from the hon. Sec., Mrs. H. Hunziker, Baslerstrasse 30. According to tradition, there will be good fare, good fellowship and good cheer for members and guests. The well-known «Swing Boys» orchestra has been engaged and our talented artist, Mr. Trösch, is producing a fascinating, decorative «Motiv». Please invite your friends and help us to make this year's party more successful than ever.

Programme for December:

- December 1st: Talk, illustrated by photographs, on skiing by Mr. Zivi.
» 15th: No meeting on account of rehearsals and preparations for the Christmas Party.
» 18th: Christmas Dinner and Dance at 7.30 p.m. in the Hotel «Schweizerhof».
» 29th: Social evening.

Anglo-Swiss Club Soleure

At the beginning of November we had the special privilege of hearing a most interesting lecture offered by Mr. F. Dixon, Acting British Consul, Berne, on «Jack of all Trades». The high standard of this lecture and the humorous way, in which Mr. Dixon illustrated things, gave the proof of long years' experience of consular work.

Programme for December 1943.

Santa Claus Party. We referred on several occasions to the decision to hold the Santa Claus Party again this winter at the Hotel «Krone» at Soleure, on Saturday, December 4th, at 8.30 p.m. We feel sure, that all those who attended last year's Santa Claus Party will remember the wonderful evening spent in our society and will be happy to reserve the above date for this year's event. But we want a still larger attendance this time. We should like to see a record participation by friends and guests of our Club and also delegations of other Clubs. The same Committee is in charge for the smooth running of the arrangement. As to the programme, full particulars will be circularised a few days before the evening.

Santa Claus will be on visit and will distribute to everyone attending a nice gift.

A tombola will be organised with some of the prizes valued at over Frs. 50.—. The benefit of this tombola is reserved for the British Red Cross.

Special arrangements for hotel accommodation have been made for visitors not living in Soleure. Price Frs. 4.— per person.

Evening dress desired but not compulsory.

On Wednesday December 8th, Mr. D. J. Gillam will kindly offer us a lecture on «English Architecture» with 130 illustrations (Lantern slides).

Details of the further meetings of this month will be published by circular.

Anglo-Swiss Club Uster

After a rather prolonged summer holiday we resumed activities at the beginning of October. On October 20th we arranged for a joint meeting with the Student Relations Club Zurich, and had the pleasure of listening to one of Mr. Butler's highly elaborate lectures. We also invited the

president of the Fitzroy Club Zurich, Mr. Tillmans, in order to make him acquainted with some members of the body his club was going to belong to. Friendly words of co-operation were spoken on either side. On November 17th a small group gathered at our club-room, hearing the report of last Council Meeting of the Federation, and discussing the further programme, which reads as follows:

December 4th: Lecture by Mr. Percy R. Larke, Vice-Consul at Basle, about «British Merchant Navy». The meeting will take place at 8.15 p.m. at the Hotel «Usterhof». We will try to invite British escapees from Wald.

December 18th: Christmas Party. Room not yet secured. On this occasion again we should like to have some guests from the British camp at Wald.

Student Relations Club, Zurich

With the beginning of the term on October 5th our Club woke up out of its long three month's summer-holiday-slumber and took up its activities again. We have already held three meetings, the first of them being the Initial Evening Party, sometimes called General Meeting, which took place at the «Weisser Wind», on Tuesday, October 12th. Many new-comers, besides the old stock, were present and had a look at the old members electing the new committee. Singing, dancing and frightfully thrilling indoor-games helped to make the evening a success. The new committee is as follows:

President: Mr. Gebhard Scherrer, Limmatquai 110, Zürich;
Vice-President: Mr. Jürg Fröhlich;
Secretary: Mr. Fritz Rohrer;
Treasurer: Miss Ines Egg;
Musicmaster: Miss Ursel Buchmann
Members without office: Miss Sylvia Oswald, Mr. Siegfried Wyler.

Then, on October 27th we met at our old place, the «Waag» in order to listen to Mr. Butler's most interesting lecture on the «Balkan Countries». Well, we had a nice time, Mr. Butler's humorous and at the same time so stirring report, our friends of the English Club Uster, who were with us once more, the fact, that Mr. Tillmans, president of the Fitzroy Club Zurich, new member of the Federation, was present, all nice things that helped to create this special kind of friendly atmosphere which you can't describe, but only feel—and be happy about it.

On Thursday, November 11th our new members, about 15, had to deliver their *Maiden-Speeches*. And indeed, we never imagined this thing to be so funny, people imitating our professors, talking in a funny way about rather serious problems or vice-versa. In between our musicmaster took her lute and we sang our old and new songs, or one of our jazz-pianists (we have got not only one!) tortured the most honorable piano so that the old Zurich-citizens on the walls looked down quite shocked and tried to meditate about this spoilt youth of to-day; when Midnight was near we went home in small groups, chatting and laughing and thinking of the lovely evening we had spent.

Now we are looking forward to our traditional Christmas Party, which will take place in about 4 weeks. But before that there will be a very serious singing-rehearsal devoted to old Christmas Carols, and of course we shall have another lecture the subject of which is just being chosen by the committee.

After Christmas we hope to see Mr. Smith again and to have a time as nice as last Spring, when he held his first play-reading in our club.

1944

Council Meeting held in Zurich on April 16th 1944.

Present: Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Prof. D.J. Gillam, Berne ASA and Mr. R. Butler, Montreux (2 VP)
Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A. Sulberger, EC Amriswil

Mr. P.J. Ruf, EC Arbon, representing also EC Rorschach

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle

Mrs. H. Wernli and Miss B. Koelliker, EC, Biel

Miss D. Keller EC Biel and Mr. A. Ruckstuhl, SPC, Lausanne

Messrs. C. Schnider and A. Reich, ASC, Lucerne

Mr. F.C. Beutler, Montreux and Dr. R. Meuli, ASC Neuchâtel

Mr. O. Leu, ASC Soleure and for the Anglo-Swiss Times

Miss N. Heusser, EC Uster and Mr. G. Scherrer, St.R.C., Zurich

Messrs. O.E. Tillmanns and F. Eggstein, Fitzroy Club, Zurich.

Application for Associate Membership:

Price, Waterhouse, Zurich,
was agreed and accepted.

Congress venue: Palace Hotel, Montreux

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Beutler, Montreux, Mr. Büscher, Lausanne
and Dr. Meuli, Neuchâtel.)

Mr. Thornton, Basle, asked that lectures be introduced to
British and Empire Soldiers interned in Switzerland for
extending their knowledge of Swiss conditions.

Prof. Gillam, Berne, made an appeal for show coupons for
British internees. Coupons to be given to the nearest
British Consulate.

War-harmed Children's Fund: approx. amount Fr. 2500.--,
Fr. 300.-- were required to prolong a stay of a child in
Switzerland for health reasons.

Council Meeting held in Montreux on June 25th 1944.

Present: Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Berne and R. Butler, Montreux (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).

Members of federated Clubs:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle, Miss B. Koelliker, EC Biel

Mr. A. Ruckstuhl, SPC, Lausanne, Mrs. A. Reich, Lucerne

Messrs. F.C. Beutler, Montreux and R. Meuli, Neuchâtel

Mr. H.M. Norman, Olten, Miss E. Tieffenbach, ASC, St. Imier

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure and for the Anglo-Swiss Times.

New Member:

English Debating Society, Zurich, was proposed and accepted,
whereas the English Club, Lugano, tendered its resignation.

The congress at the Palace Hotel was attended by 240 persons !

Guests: Sir Clifford Norton, H.M. Minister in Berne and

Mrs. Norton, Prof. Rarpard, Geneva,

Mr. Gallard, H.M. Consul in Lausanne, and Mrs. Gallard,

Mr. Whittall, H.M. Vice-Consul, Montreux, and Mrs. Whittall,

Lt.-Col. Cooper, British Evadé, and 30 British Evadés

for lunch.

Thanks to the generosity of clubs' members Fr. 2520.-- had been
handed over to the Swiss Red Cross during 2½ years for further
"Patenschaften".

1944

Council Meeting held in Olten on November 26th 1944.

Present: Mr. C.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Berne, R. Butler, Montreux (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle (Mr.Thornton), A.S.C. Fribourg, Lucerne, Montreux,
Neuchâtel, Olten (Mr.Norman), Soleure (Mr. Leu)E.C.Uster,
F.C.Zurich and English Debating Soc., Zurich.

New Members:

Anglo-Swiss Club, Lugano

English Club, Winterthur

were proposed and accepted.

Associate Member:

British Circle, Basle,

was also proposed and accepted.

A donation of Fr. 200.-- had been paid to the Lecture Fund
by the publishers of the Anglo-Swiss Times, Messrs.Vogt-Schild,
Soleure.

It was suggested that copies of the Anglo-Swiss Times be
circulated to all British camps.

New appeal for War-Harmed Children's Fund.

Christmas Message

It hardly seems possible that twelve months have rolled by since I addressed to all members of the Anglo-Swiss Clubs my hearty Christmas Greetings and best wishes for 1944. But so it is, and we can look back, with modest satisfaction, on another year of useful corporate activity. I have recently spent a few weeks in England and returned to work for the development of Anglo-Swiss relations in all spheres, immensely encouraged and heartened. The courage, cheerfulness, good temper and industry of those I met, whatever their walk of life, was a delight and an inspiration. I hope that communications will soon be opened again, so that many more may have a similar opportunity, or at least that normal contacts may be restored between the two countries that are so dear to us. I again congratulate the publishers on issuing this special number of our valuable organ, the Anglo-Swiss Times. Once more, best wishes to you all from Mrs. Norton and myself for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CLIFFORD NORTON
BRITISH MINISTER

Xmas 1944

In a World longing for the realisation of Peace on Earth and Good Will among Men, Hope grows stronger that This Year will witness the last War Christmas in Europe  The Members of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, who within their sphere have worked so hard and so well in an endeavour to foster that Spirit, can now look forward to Happier Circumstances in which to pursue and expand their Activities  I have followed these with keen interest and have especially admired the Contents and Turnout of the Anglo-Swiss Times  My wife and I wish all its Readers a Christmas triumphant over the Apparent Cruelty of the Outer World and bringing them that feeling of Peace and Inner Warmth which ever since Childhood we all associate with our Christmas Greetings!

ERIC G. CABLE
H. M. CONSUL-GENERAL



*War-harmed
Children*

*Jeannine Mathieu
born 1930*

Federated Clubs

At your Christmas festivities remember the War-harmed children. Payments should be made to the Federation Postal Cheque Account, Lucerne VII 6824, marked Kinderhilfe.

The following letter has been received about the Federation's new godchild, Jeannine Mathieu.

Dear Mr. Norman,

We have noted with pleasure that the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs would like to adopt another godchild. Permit us to introduce your new protégée to you: MATHIEU Jeannine, born 9th November 1930, nationality French, address in Switzerland: Regens Meyer Heim, Rigistrasse 61, Lucerne. Jeannine, a very nice girl, is unfortunately blind. She is learning to read and write on the Braille system. It is touching how much trouble her little brother takes to try and help her. A photo is enclosed. We thank you very cordially for this further assistance of our work.

Yours faithfully

Swiss Red Cross, Help for the children.

Photographs of Annual Congress 1944

Our notice in the November number has revealed the whereabouts of Mr. Matter's album of photographs of our last Congress. We do not wish to pillory anybody. It is sufficient to say that the album had to be passed round to many people and the process is a long one. The album is now again under way.

List of Affiliated Clubs with Presidents and addresses for correspondence

- Amriswil. English Club. (Café Stäuber.)—Pres.: Mr. A. Sulzberger-Halmer, Freiestrasse, Amriswil.
Correspondence to: Mrs. C. Traber, Bahnhofstrasse, Amriswil.
- Arbon. English Club.—Pres.: Mr. P. J. Ruf, Landquartstrasse 45, Arbon.
- Basle. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Rest. «Kunsthalle».)—Pres.: Mr. A. V. Thornton, Glaserbergstrasse 6, Basle.
- Basle. O.S.M.S. Student's Club. (Hotel Central.)—Pres.: Mr. Arnold Grieder, Vogesenstrasse 66, Basle.
- Bellinzona. English Club. (Hotel Felix.)—Pres.: Mr. I. Della Porta, Ravecchia, Bellinzona.

- Berne. Anglo-Swiss Association. (Amthausgasse 5.)—Pres.: Dr. E. Haag, Karl Spittelerstrasse 20, Berne.
Correspondence to: Mrs. D. M. Anselmi, Hon. Secretary, Amthausgasse 5, Berne.
- Berne. English Club. (Hotel Bären.)—Pres.: Mr. R. Blaser, Hochfeldstrasse 86, Berne.
- Bienna. English Club. (8, Pont du Moulin.)—Pres.: Mrs. H. M. Wernli, 3, Rue du Stand, Bienna.
- Fribourg. English Club, «The Pickwickians». (Hôtel de Fribourg.)—Pres.: Miss Edith Raybould, Steinerstrasse 33, Berne.
- Lausanne. Scarlet Pimpernel Club. (Hôtel de la Paix.)—Correspondence to: Miss M. Ferrazini, Hon. Secretary, Case Ville 2151, Lausanne.
- Locarno. English Club.—Pres.: Miss Nellie Brunner, 6, Via Gottardo, Muralto, Locarno.
- Lucerne. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Balances.)—Pres.: Dr. A. Stierli, Mettenwylistr. 9, Lucerne.
- Lugano. Anglo-Swiss Club.—Pres.: Mrs. Anastasi, Villa Tamigi, Certenago, Lugano.
- Montreux. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hôtel Suisse.)—Pres.: Mr. F. C. Beutler, Franové, Clarens (Vaud).
- Neuchâtel. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hôtel du Peyrou.)—Pres.: Dr. R. Meuli, 21, Beaux-Arts, Neuchâtel.
- Olten. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Schweizerhof.)—Pres.: Mr. H. M. Norman, Schöngrundstrasse 20, Olten.
- Rorschach. English Club.—Pres.: Mr. Arnold Engensperger, Hauptstrasse 42, Rorschach.
- Soleure. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Krone.)—Pres.: Mr. Oscar Leu, c/o Messrs. Vogt-Schild & Co., Soleure.
- St. Imier. Anglo-Swiss Club.—Pres.: Miss Estelle Tiefenbach, 2, Rue Dr. Schwab, St. Imier.
- Uster. English Club. (Hotel Schweizerhof.)—Pres. Mr. F. Dobmaier, Peterstrasse 17, Uster.
- Zurich. English Debating Society.—Pres.: Dr. J. B. Glenn, Plattenstrasse 28, Zurich.
- Zurich. Fitzroy Club. (Zunfthaus zur Saffran.)—Pres.: Mr. O. E. Tillmanns, Wachterweg 3, Zurich 6.
- Zurich. Univ. of Zurich. Student Relations Club. (Clubroom Kongresshaus.)—Pres.: Mr. R. Burgauer, Forchstrasse 67, Zurich.

1945

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 15th 1945.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. D.J. Gillam, Berne, and E. Haag, A.S.A., Berne, (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

Arbon, Mr. Ruf) also for Amriswil and Rorschach,
Basle (Mr.Thornton), also O.S.M.S., Basle,
Bellinzona E.C. (Mr. Wissmann also for A.S.C. Locarno,
Berne A.S.A. Prof.Gillam, A.S.A., Berne, E.C. Biel, Fribourg,
S.P.C. Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
Soleure, Winterthur , E.D.S. Zurich and F.C., Zurich.

Resignation of Prof.Gillam, transfer to Sweden.

Prof.Gillam deeply regretted his departure. He thanked the Federation and all its members for their friendship.
He wished to apply for Associate Membership.

Mr. Thornton,Basle, proposed that a message of sympathy be sent to the American Minister on behalf of the Federation upon the death of President D.F. Roosevelt.

New Members:

Anglo-Swiss Club, St Gall,
transfer from Associate Member to full membership:
English Cbnversation Club, Geneva,
proposed and accepted.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Uster, 10th anniversary.

Council Meeting held at Montreux on June 23rd 1945.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. H.O. Müller, Locarno, R. Butler, Zurich and

new Mr. R. Meuli, Neuchâtel (3 V-P), Mrs.P.Peter (Librarian)
Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T).,

also the following federated Clubs:

E.C. Arbon, A.S.C. Basle (Mr.Thornton) O.S.M.S., Basle

E.C. Bellinzona, A.S.A. Berne (Dr.Haag)E.C. Biel (Mrs.Wernli),
Pickwickians, Fribourg,(Mr.Girod)E.C.C. Geneva,
S.P.C. Lausanne, A.S.C. Lucerne (Mr.Stettler),
A.S.C. Lugano, A.S.C. Montreux (Mr.Beutler) A.S.C. Neuchâtel,
A.S.C. Olten (Mr.Norman) E.C. Rorschach, A.S.C. St Gall,
A.S.C. Soleure (Mr. Leu), A.S.C. St.Imier, A.S.C. Uster,
E.C. Winterthur, F.C. Zurich.

Prof.D.J. Gillam

In recognition of his services to the Federation, Mr.Welman proposed that Prof. Gillam be elected an Honorary Member, seconded by Mr. Beutler.

A letter of acknowledgement had been received from the American Minister, Berne, in reply to the expression of sympathy conveyed to him on the news of the death of President Roosevelt.

Congress at the Palace Hotel, Montreux was again a great success and attended by more than 230 persons.

Mr. Smith, Zug, regretted that contact with American societies in Switzerland had never been successful. He considered the step as inevitable, hoping that it might lead to the long-desired closer co-operation, considering American troops being now on leave in Switzerland.

A SIMPLE WORD OF WELCOME

After five long, dreary years of ups and downs, during which Europe has been ravaged and the entire world has gone through immense sufferings, you are again to meet at Montreux for your annual Congress, but this time under quite different circumstances than in the preceding five years.

The name given to the Congress by its organisers, viz. "Congress of Peace and Victory" is most certainly indicative of the spirit of its members.

If it were possible to constitute and foster such a spirit amongst all nations, we would be making an enormous stride towards this better world we are all longing and praying for.

May all the Anglo-Swiss Clubs continue to set the good example to other countries with the fundamental purpose of effecting this spirit of "Goodwill amongst all Nations" which we all so fervently desire.

MAURICE GALLAND
His Britannic Majesty's Consul

Annual Congress 1945

THE CONGRESS OF PEACE AND VICTORY

Saturday and Sunday June 23rd and 24th
at the Montreux Palace Hotel, Montreux

In view of the great success of last year's Congress the organisation of the 1945 Congress has again been entrusted to a Committee led by Mr. Beutler, the President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Montreux. That Club is proud that its President, for the second time, has been given this honourable commission and in his name, as well as in the name of every member of the Montreux Club, it calls a greeting to all those who intend to be present. On the other hand we of the other 25 Clubs of the Federation congratulate ourselves that the arrangement of our great reunion is again in such capable hands. The Suisse Romande and Montreux gave us such a charming welcome last year that we look forward to this year's event with happy confidence. For numerous attendance and brilliance and delight it may well be that all records will be surpassed, for we shall feel drawn to join at Montreux in a united act of joyful celebration of the historical happenings of early May, which have so incredibly lightened the hearts of all of us.

As last year the well-known Montreux Palace Hotel, situated on the shores of the Lake Leman in its own grounds, will reserve rooms (including a substantial number of bathrooms) for all the participants in the Congress. Facilities for the shooting, tennis, swimming and skittling competitions are available in, or in the immediate neighbourhood of the Hotel.

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The Patron of the Federation, His Britannic Majesty's Minister, and Mrs. Norton, and Professor Edmond Privat of the Scuola cantonale di commercio at Bellinzona, will be the guests of the Federation at the Banquet on Sunday June 24th. The British Consul at Lausanne and Madame Galland, the British Vice-Consul at Montreux and Mrs. Whittall and other distinguished guests will honour the Congress by their attendance. Full particulars appear in the Official Programme, which has been distributed to all club members and to many others.

INTRODUCTION

I am very glad to contribute this message of welcome to the 1945 Congress of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs at Montreux. The organisation is in the same capable hands as last year, and I am sure we shall enjoy ourselves and remember the annus mirabilis of 1945 for a long time to come.

CLIFFORD NORTON

His Britannic Majesty's Minister, Berne.

FEDERATION
OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS



Montreux

JUNE
23rd AND 24th
1945

1945, as Mr. Norton says
in the Introduction, is an
important date in human

history. We hope it may

mark the renewal of contacts between the English and Swiss peoples,
and that days and months and years of friendly intercourse are ahead of us.
We can do something to prepare ourselves by meeting at Montreux on
June 23rd and 24th. We issue a very cordial invitation to all members of
the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. Let us celebrate the coming of
Peace in Europe by making the 1945 Congress an unprecedented success!

ANNUAL
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The 1945 Congress Committee

P. G. MERTZLER (Montreux)
A. RECHSTEINER (Lausanne)

WELCOME TO
MONTREUX



Life and Activities of Empire Troops and American Airmen in Switzerland

When in that eventful summer of 1940 contingents of Polish and French troops crossed the Swiss border, the Axis ring around Switzerland was completed. This small, neutral state in the heart of Europe has, however, stuck to its century-old tradition of granting asylum and hospitality whatever the difficulties. The French troops were able to return to their homeland about the middle of 1944, but the Poles have for four years found a second home in Switzerland.

Three years later, for the second time, thousands of escaped war prisoners crossed our frontiers. That was in the late summer and autumn of 1943 after the fall of Mussolini's Fascist Government in Italy. These men were British troops captured during the Africa campaign. Immediately on the cessation of hostilities in Italy, they took this good opportunity to flee from the camps to which they had been assigned in that country. Though the trek to the Swiss frontier was long and dangerous, many thousands, after severe hardships, found their way to safety.

«Here we are!» were their first words when crossing the southern Swiss border, and no man was turned back. Switzerland took them in and cared for their physical and spiritual welfare for a whole year in cooperation with the International Red Cross and the British Legation in Berne. At that time, in 1943, nobody knew how long the escapees would have to remain in this country. In consequence, steps were immediately taken to see what could be done for their development and health. In this respect the troops themselves were exceptionally resourceful and had a host of excellent ideas. Their realisation was made possible with the help of the British Legation in Berne, the Federal Commission for Internment and Hospitalisation, the numerous friends of England and her Empire and, with respect to entertainment and instruction, through the cooperation of the Swiss National Tourist Office.

The escapees lacked in particular a satisfactory means of keeping in touch with world events, as their comrades were fighting victoriously on all fronts. For this purpose *Marking Time* was founded under the direction of Lt. Col. Desmond Young and Capt. Peter Lewis, and published by Vogt-Schild in Soleure. In this picturesque old town the editorial staff worked

under the direction of the two above-mentioned professional journalists, and developed an increasingly brisk activity. The 12-page periodical appeared at the end of each week, with many illustrations and reports of the doings of British troops in the camps in East, West and South Switzerland and in the Bernese Oberland.



Gur. Joseph Lambert

of Nottingham England, the "Napoleon" of the ukulele players, a highly appreciated member of the entertainment team of the Swiss National Tourist Office.



Some of the men of the detachment at Schönengrund (Appenzell) having a good time



A mixed British/Swiss orchestra



The general staff of the detachment at Lichtensteig on the way to the lantern talk and entertainment of the Swiss National Tourist Office

From left to right: Lt. Mike Ashby, Major Ronney Dawney, Mr. Florian Niederer of the Swiss National Tourist Office, Capt. Digby Trout, Lt. Donovan.



Some men of the Empire troops having a chat at Lichtensteig in the Toggenburg



Lt. Col. George Bush

Commanding Officer of the Wil area

These camps, by the way, were well equipped, and the rations were quite sufficient—though different from those of the regular Army. The camp authorities did all they could to organise spare-time activities. Every camp had its own Education Officer and a Welfare Officer, who divided the responsibilities between them. Education and Welfare Officers were likewise allotted to regional headquarters and supported the camp commanders in the organisation of free time. All kinds of sport were intensively promoted. Football was the favourite, and it was soon possible to organise cup matches between the various camps. Games were also organised against other interned Allied teams, and the English were naturally the most successful, as they had various league players in their ranks. After football, swimming found many enthusiasts in this land of lakes and rivers. Among the escapees were many excellent swimmers who distinguished themselves in a series of competitions organised between the camps and Swiss Clubs. The Swiss winter added further wonderful possibilities for sport, in particular for ski-ing, in which many a soldier achieved skill in an astonishingly short time.

Sport was not, however, the only free-time occupation offered. There were also many lectures. The Swiss National Tourist Office organised, for example, a comprehensive lecture-tour dealing with Switzerland and her peoples. Specimens from the great treasure of Swiss and English folk and soldier-songs delighted the fighters of the North Africa campaign after the performances. Anglo-American films and others from Switzerland were also shown, and Major McGinley's band frequently provided excellent musical entertainment. In this way social life took on a more homely atmosphere, and the time went by all the more quickly after friendships had been formed with Swiss of both sexes. Thus the British soldiers learned to

know this land of the oldest democracy. They passed their leaves in the largest Swiss town, Zurich, on its beautiful lake, and received a friendly welcome from all. Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps who had escaped were given opportunity to get to know the chief Swiss spas and to continue their researches in the medical faculties of Swiss universities.

A large number of soldiers found employment in agriculture and helped to make good the great scarcity of labour caused by so many Swiss men being called to the colours. As a considerable number of farmers were to be found among the British troops, it was possible for them to continue their normal activity, and this was much appreciated on both sides. In addition, special training camps were fitted up for various professions.

In the course of time, several hundred American fliers, who had been forced to land in Switzerland after their flights over Germany, were added to the troops of the British Empire. In every case, that comradeship which is developed on active service at the front was to be seen here far away from the homeland. The American airmen passed a very interesting time in this country. For the most part they were stationed in mountain resorts, such as Adelboden, Davos and Wengen. To give them some idea of Switzerland and her people, the Federal Commission for Internment and Hospitalisation, in conjunction with the American Legation in Berne and the S.N.T.O., organised an «Excursion Centre for U.S. Airmen» at Baden near Zurich. From here they were conducted through the great machine, watch and foodstuff factories, as well as through educational institutions. They were also shown the sights of Zurich and Berne. Lectures and film shows gave them interesting glimpses of Switzerland. Special courses on bookkeeping were held in Zurich with the co-operation of the International Business Machines Co. and the Swiss Friends of the U.S.A. All kinds of sports, in particular ski-ing, contributed to the amusements.

All internees of the U.S. Air Forces and the Empire troops had, as far as circumstances permitted, great liberty of action. Switzerland had naturally to keep to the conditions of the Geneva Convention, but the stay of the Internees and Escapees was made as pleasant as possible. When in the late summer of 1944 about a thousand men—among whom were many Australians—left Switzerland, they had made a host of friends and had left a very good impression behind them on account of their good behaviour. The conduct of the Empire troops had, indeed, given little cause for complaint. Their discipline was good, and they left many pleasant memories among their Swiss friends. The result has been a regular exchange of letters, and the Swiss hope to be able to welcome their friends again in their small but beautiful country. This is also the wish of many Englishmen, Scots, Canadians, New Zealanders, Indians, Australians and South Africans. The men of the R.A.F. and their American comrades of the U.S.A.F. had to remain in Switzerland longer, but they were all well cared for.

For most escapees from the Empire and from the U.S.A. this was their first visit to Switzerland. Let us hope that it will not be their last.

F.N.



Evadès Band, December 1943

*Welcoming Message to Arriving American Soldiers
from American Minister to Switzerland*

I am happy to have this opportunity to express a welcome to the first contingents of American soldiers to come to Switzerland on leave. They will find very much to admire in this friendly, democratic country apart from the startling scenic beauties of its mountains and lakes, and I feel sure they will have the happiest memories of their visit to Switzerland.

LELAND HARRISON
AMERICAN MINISTER TO SWITZERLAND

Welcome

On behalf of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and of the «Anglo-Swiss Times» I extend a hearty welcome to all our visitors from the United States of America. The English are your allies, the Swiss are your friends; you have a double claim on the kindness and affection of us who stand for friendship and mutual understanding between the English and the Swiss. Our 26 Clubs extend over the length and breadth of Switzerland and we hope that wherever circumstances permit you will attend our meetings and share in our social gatherings. We offer you our magazine to read and we have tried to include in it some special features that we hope may please and interest you. May your stay in Switzerland be in every way pleasant and refreshing.

C. W. WELMAN
PRESIDENT, FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS
AND EDITOR "ANGLO-SWISS TIMES"



Foto: E. Matter, Montreux

The Congress Dances



Foto: E. Matter, Montreux

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The Solothurn Contingent with its Spoils, the Shooting, Swimming and Skilling Cups

Shooting Team: Mr. Biberstein, Mr. Scheurer, Mr. Kofmehl, Mr. Buss

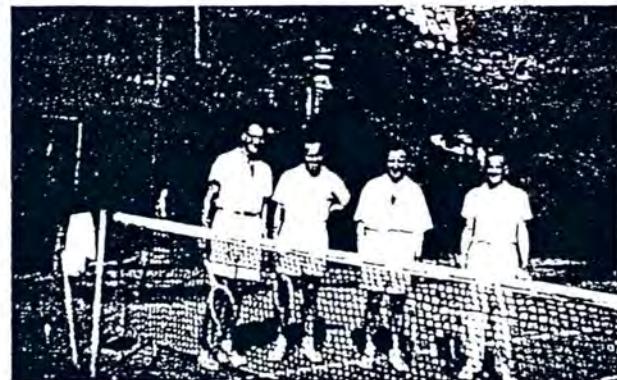
Swimming Team: Mrs. Heri, Miss Zepfel, Mr. Biberstein, Mr. Bünzly

Skilling Team: Mrs. Heri, Mr. Leu, Dr. Beyme, Mr. Kofmehl



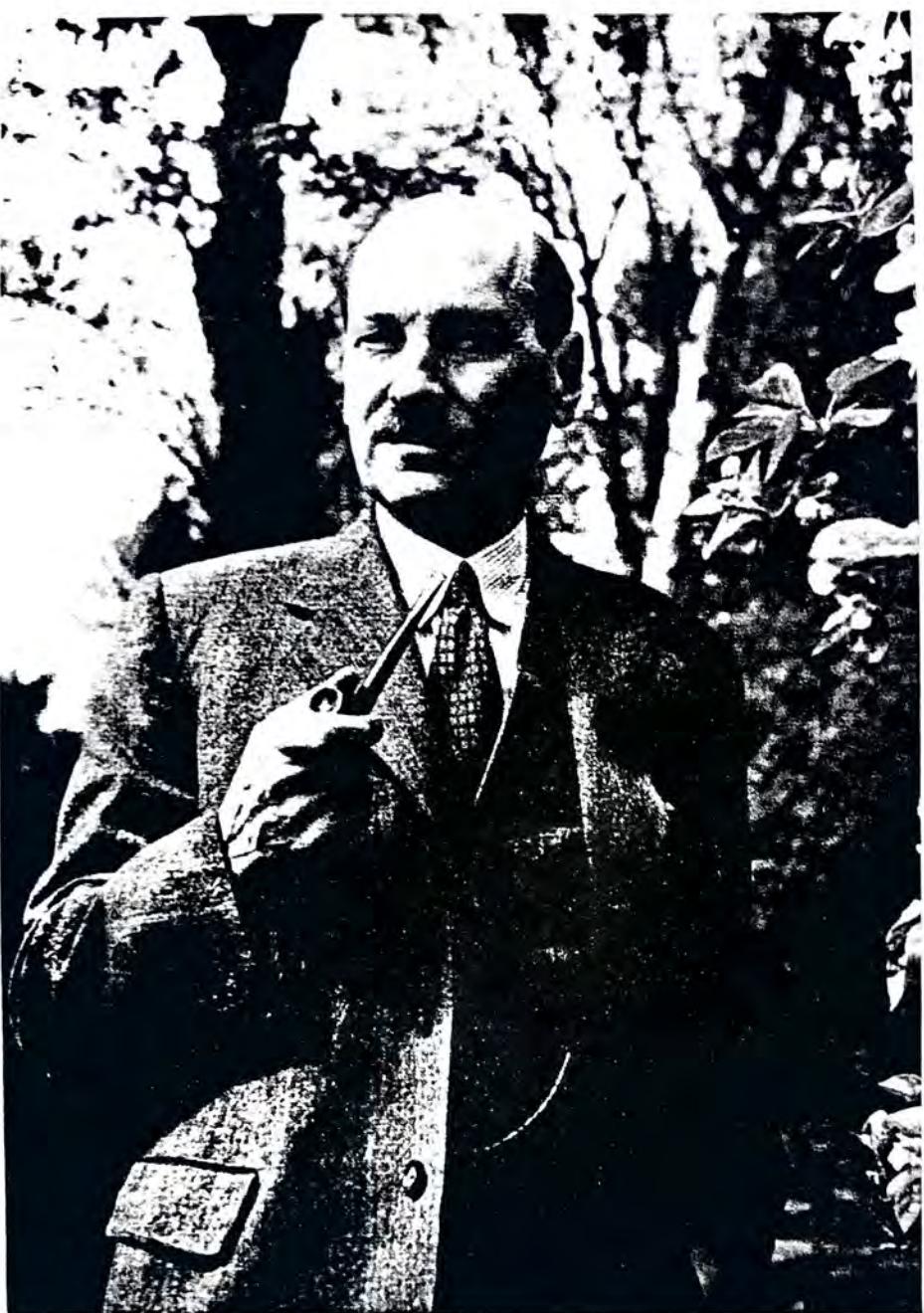
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Anglo-Swiss Club Lugano
Celebration of VE Day



Dennis at the 1945 Congress
The Anglo-Swiss Club Basle, won the Cup
From left to right: L. Goldschmidt, R. E. Escher, L. F. Franken, F. Bornand

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The Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee

Since our last number appeared the war with Japan has ended with the complete victory of the United Nations. The official announcement of this happy and glorious result reached us on the 15th of August and on the 16th the following telegram was despatched to the Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

Clement Attlee, 10, Downing Street, London. Federation Anglo-Swiss Clubs respectfully congratulates His Majesty's Government on victorious end of war and wishes you full success in organisation of peace.

A Tribute to Mr. Winston Churchill

We are indebted to the *Gazette de Lausanne* for permission to reproduce the following article which appeared in its columns on the 15th May 1945. Our attention was drawn to it by a friend who considers that «it sums up in the best possible way the feelings of every Swiss towards Mr. Winston Churchill». We thought at first of translating it into English, but as the majority of our readers understand French we have preferred to spare it this impairment.

N'oublions pas cet homme

A l'heure où le grand drame se dénoue, à l'heure où notre mémoire parcourt à reculons ces six années de guerre, les plus lourdes et les plus atroces peut-être que notre planète ait supportées, une grande figure survole et domine ce panorama de nos souvenirs. C'est à cet homme, à ce seul homme que nous devons sans doute, tous que nous sommes, de ne pas avoir subi — pour mille ans, affirmait Adolph Hitler — le joug que ce dangereux visionnaire avait rêvé de forger et de nous imposer.

Dans un corps-à-corps entre deux lutteurs il est toujours quelques secondes pendant lesquelles l'un ou l'autre des adversaires perd confiance et voit faiblir son effort. Se souvient-on encore de ces secondes qui régnèrent pendant le terrible conflit? Elles durèrent en fait quelques mois. Trois mois ou quatre durant lesquels la partie semblait définitivement perdue. De savants stratèges en avaient décidé ainsi. «Aux meilleurs esprits que d'erreurs promises!» Des états-

majors justement fiers de leur savoir et de leur science pensaient de même. La carte de l'Europe déployée devant eux montrait clairement à leurs yeux de



Winston Churchill

menace, flottaient, libres encore, pareilles à la dernière unité d'une flotte qui avait coulé par le fond. Mais c'est à bord de ce dernier bâtiment que veillait l'homme auquel nous pensons aujourd'hui.

Winston Churchill restait à la barre. C'est l'ombre chétive de cet espoir dont nous parlions plus haut que son courage et sa foi allaient miraculeusement vivifier. Son effrayante solitude l'exerçait sans doute à l'effort suprême qu'il exigeait de lui-même et de son pays. Les vertus de sa race se multipliaient en lui à cette heure tragique et la ténacité de la vieille Angleterre renaisait, revivait, s'arc-boutait, grâce à lui, au bord de l'abîme. Si le hasard nous ressemble, si le sort d'un pays n'est guère autre chose que son peuple traduit «au dehors», le peuple d'Angleterre méritait cet homme, comme cet homme méritait d'en être le chef. Bientôt, et à sa suite, un impressionnant cortège d'hommes éminents allait le seconder et lui prêter son aide. Mais c'est lui qui est à leur tête. Quoi qu'il arrive demain et si, le péril hitlérien écarté, d'autres dangers nous attendent, il n'en demeure pas moins vrai que nous devons faire une place exceptionnelle dans notre mémoire à l'homme qui n'a pas désespéré, à l'homme dont le courage et la volonté nous ont valu la victoire sur la plus ignominieuse des tyrannies.

Dans cette figure de proie de la victoire, c'est bien Winston Churchill que nous reconnaissions, son visage tout ensemble puissant et bonhomme auquel notre longue gratitude prête les traits d'un Saint-Bernard. En respirant l'air plus léger qui déjà baigne l'Europe souffrante, n'oublions pas cet homme. V. P.

spécialistes, l'ombre chétive d'un espoir qui allait en s'affaiblissant; des chiffres implacables affirmaient l'évidence de leurs calculs: dans leur esprit, bien plus encore que sur la carte, la guerre était perdue. Seules les îles britanniques, sur lesquelles pesait la suprême

1945

Council Meeting held in Olten on October 21st 1945.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. R. Meuli, Neuchâtel and R. Butler, F.C., Zurich (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

A.S.C. Basle (Mr. Thornton), E.C. Biel, E.C.C., Geneva,

S.P.C. (Mr. Ruckstuhl), Lausanne, A.S.C. Lucerne,

A.S.C. (Mrs. Anastasi) Lugano, A.S.C., Montreux (Mr. Beutler),

A.S.C. Olten, A.S.C. Soleure, E.C. Winterthur,

E.D.S., Zurich, F.C. (Mr. Butler), Zurich.

New Member :

newly-formed Anglo-Swiss Club, Aarau,
was proposed and accepted.

Application for Associate Membership from

Mr. Hodson, former President of the British Chamber of Commerce,
was accepted.

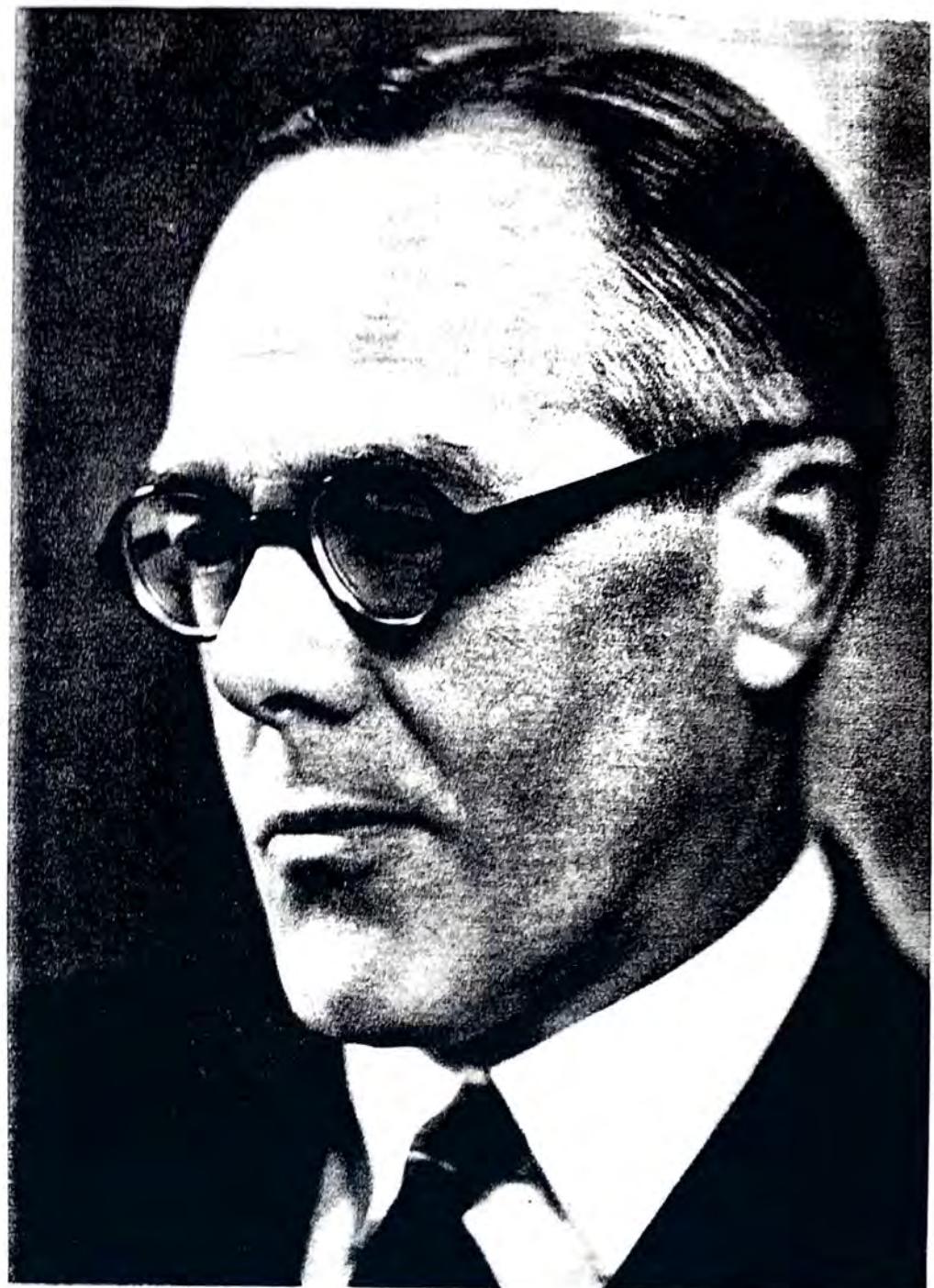
Editorship:

Mr. R.W. Welman, President, asked to be released as Editor
after 10 years. He asked that this should not be a honorary
post any longer but a small fee be paid to the new Editor.

Mr. Thornton asked Mr. Welman to carry on for the time being
until a suitable successor could be found.

Congress 1945:

With the sale of rosettes, proceeds of tombola etc. a profit
of Fr. 740.40 was realised, a record figure in the history of
the Federation and a record attendance of over 230 people.



Sir Clifford J. Jorton

K. C. M. G., M. V. O.,
H. M. Minister in Berne

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1946

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 31st 1946.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P + Editor)

Messrs. R. Meuli, Neuchâtel and R. Butler, Zurich (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle ASC (Mr. Thornton), OSMS Basle

Berne ASA (Dr. Haag), Biel EC

Fribourg Pickwickians, Lausanne ASC

Lucerne ASC, Montreux ASC

Neuchâtel ASC Olten ASC

St. Imier ASC Soleure ASC (Mr. Leu)

Zurich EDS Zurich FC.

New Members:

English Speaking Club, Rorschach

Anglo-Swiss Club Valais (Dr. A. Théler), Martigny
were proposed and accepted.

Patrons:

In view of the departure of Sir Clifford Norton,
H.M. Minister in Berne, Mr. Welman requested authority to
approach the newly-appointed British Minister,
Mr. Thomas Maitland Snow.

Mr. Butler (Zurich) proposed 2 Patrons, one British and one
Swiss. It was decided to elect:

The British Minister and Prof. Rappard, Geneva.

Council Meeting held in Montreux on June 29th 1946.

New Council Officers:

Mr. R.W. Welman (P)

Messrs. R. Meuli, Neuchâtel and O. Leu, Soleure and

Mrs. P. Anastasi, Lugano, (3 V-P)

Mr. D.E. Smith, Zug (S and new Editor), Mr. G. Wirz, Basle (present were also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau ASC (Mrs. Schaefer) Basle ASC (Mr. Thornton) and OSMS

Bellinzona EC. Biel EC (Miss Weber)

Bielle OSMS (Mr. Fritscher) Geneva ECC

Lausanne SPC Lucerne ASC (Mrs. Reich)

Montreux ASC (Mr. Barton) St Gall ASC

St. Imier ASC Yverdon EC

Zurich FC.

New Members:

OSMS Bielle and

English Club Yverdon

were proposed and accepted.

War-Harmed Children's Fund:

3 further Patenschaften had been taken out in the name of
the Federation. Thanks were due to the Clubs for their support.

Mr. R. Butler, Zurich, transfer to France.

Mr. Butler resigned as Vice-President. Mr. Thornton proposed
that he be elected Honorary Associate Member for the support
given to the Federation and the Anglo-Swiss Times, Mr. Meuli
seconded the proposal.

The congress at the Palace Hotel was attended by 200 people.



Thomas Maitland Snow
British Minister in Berne

Welcome

TO THE 1946 CONGRESS

One year has now elapsed since peace came to Europe and the world, and once again the Anglo-Swiss Clubs are to meet at Montreux for their annual Congress. On previous occasions I have already stressed the benefit derived by our two countries from these happy Anglo-Swiss Clubs, and also the splendid mutual understanding which has thus arisen between our peoples. The whole world is still on its knees and making a tremendous effort to recover from her wounds and scarcely healed scars. In many ways heartening headway has been made, yet the fundamental basis on which a healthy and lasting peace can be built is unfortunately still lacking. This basis consists of two factors, namely «mutual understanding» and «goodwill». Now your Clubs are a testimony of those two factors and as such, the members constitute the basic elements for this better world all civilised people daily pray for. May this 1946 Congress meet with the success it deserves and thus help to prove that what can be achieved between two nations, should also be possible amongst all nations if the right spirit prevails.

Maurice Galland

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSUL

Annual Congress 1946

Saturday and Sunday June 29th and 30th
at the Montreux Palace Hotel, Montreux

This will be our 14th Annual Congress. We have had many happy times together, in several different places. Only in 1940 did we feel so stricken by the course of events that we omitted our yearly festival. For the third time in succession we shall meet each other at Montreux. After preliminary enquiries from two other places which we judged likely to be able to provide the accommodation we need, places which would have been more accessible for those of our members who are furthest from Montreux, a special subcommittee, consisting of Messrs Balmer, Merz and Smith, was appointed to complete the negotiations and make the decision and the necessary arrangements. Messrs Barton, Leu and Haag consented to be available for consultation, should further advice be needed. The conclusion reached by the careful consideration which these arrangements made possible was that the Montreux Palace Hotel provides us with just the accommodation we require, and at a more reasonable cost than was offered us elsewhere. There is no doubt that we shall feel even more at home in Montreux than we were charmingly made to feel on our first arrival in 1944 and that the 1946 Congress will be a delightful occasion, in which we strongly advise as many of our members as possible from all over Switzerland to take part. A heavy burden of arrangement will inevitably fall on the President and Committee of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Montreux. Mr W. V. Barton, who has succeeded Mr Beutler as President, and his Committee have kindly consented to undertake this. Mr Barton worked with Mr Beutler in the organisation of the last two brilliantly successful Congresses. He will be pleasantly remembered by all who attended last Congress as the Master of Ceremonies.

We are sure of comfortable quarters in the Montreux Palace Hotel in its beautiful situation by the lakeside and the shooting, tennis, swimming and skittling competitions will take place in the conditions which proved satisfactory at the last two gatherings.

Distinguished guests are being invited to honour us with their presence at the Banquet on Sunday June 23rd.

Full particulars will be distributed to all those likely to be interested by means of the Official Programme.

1946

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 17th 1946.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P)

Messrs. R. Meuli, Neuchâtel and O. Leu, Soleure (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S + Editor), G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau	ASC (Mrs. Schaefer)	Arbon	EC
Basle	ASC (Mr. Thornton)	Bienne	EC (Mrs. Wernli)
Bienne	OSMS (Mr. Fritscher)	Fribourg	EC
Geneva	ECC	Locarno	ASC
Lugano	ASC	Lucerne	ASC (Mr. L. Sernatinger)
Montreux	ASC (Mr. W.V. Barton)	Uster	ASC
Winterthur	ASC (Mr. K. Müller)	Yverdon	EC (Mr. R. Schiess)
Zurich	EDS	Zurich	FC (Mr. Eggstein)
Zurich	SRC (Mr. A. Masé)	Olten	ASC (Mr. Norman).

New Swiss-British Society:

Mr. Thornton welcomed the new society, stressed the necessity of a close co-operation with the Federation and proposed that a delegate be invited to Council meetings, the motion was accepted.

Concert of the "Basler Maennerchor":

Mr. Thornton thanked the clubs for their great support for the concert in aid of London children. The fund had reached a total of Fr. 19,200.--.

Mr. Smith, Secretary, announced that of the scheme "Schweizerpende" a number of disabled British ex-service men would be able to come to Switzerland for convalescence.

Associate Members:

It was resolved that all Associate Members had the right to attend meetings of the Executive Council as observers and to serve in a general advisory capacity only.



A souvenir of Mr. Churchill's never-to-be-forgotten visit to Zurich in September 1946. Here he is seen on the platform erected on the Münsterplatz, acknowledging the ovation of the populace, while his daughter Mary and the uniformed "Weibel" look on.



Meeting Mr. Churchill A Reminiscence

It was a hot and sunny day in mid-September of this year. Mr. Churchill had been entertained to lunch in Berne by the highest representatives of the Swiss Confederation, had been received at the City Hall and was driven through the streets in a procession of old-fashioned horse-drawn carriages with coachman and grooms in old-fashioned livery. The route was lined with people who had waited for hours to catch a glimpse of the great man, to whom they all felt they owed so much. The very children lisped his name. The hot day was followed by an evening of heavy thunder-rain, in spite of which people thronged the gates of the British Legation, to watch the arrival of the guests invited by His Britannic Majesty's Minister and Mrs. Snow «to meet Mr. Winston Churchill». The Reception Rooms became more and more crowded with men in uniforms and civilian evening dress and ladies in beautiful evening gowns. At last one could hardly move. Expectation ran high. There was a hum of excited conversation. We had come to see and to do honour to the man who had saved Europe, and indeed the whole free world, the man but for whom each one of us would to-day be

miserable and ruined, if not dead. At last a hush fell and a whisper ran from room to room «Here he comes!» That was all. No kettledrum, no fanfare, no proclamation announced his approach. Clad in a light-coloured khaki uniform, with a breast covered with the ribbons of medals and decorations, Mr. Churchill passed quietly and slowly through the throng with a smile and a kind word for everyone. Short of stature, with broad shoulders, bowed beneath the burden of the world, the most noticeable things about him that evening were his wide, rosy face, his merry blue eyes and his sweet, cherubic smile. There was something more than gay, something serene and blissful, in which the essential goodness of this great man was revealed. And we knew that beneath this calm serenity, like the sea on a summer day, there was a dynamic force and a relentless power against which it is not good to contend, inspired by a passionate sense of right and justice and humanity and sustained by an unfaltering faith in the ultimate triumph of good over evil. He moved gently among us and left us as quietly as he had come. And we all of us went home with an impressive memory to carry with us to our graves. C. W. W.

Valediction to Mr. Churchill

*A*lmost two months have now elapsed since Mr. Churchill left Switzerland after a short holiday spent in complete retirement on the Lake of Geneva. On the eve of his departure Mr. Churchill took advantage of the opportunity offered to pay official visits to Berne and Zurich, where a number of receptions were given in his honour. None of those who were privileged to be present will readily forget the atmosphere which prevailed at these functions or the dignified and outstanding personality of this distinguished guest. In public there were scenes of unprecedented enthusiasm and the streets were thronged with thousands of people anxious to catch a glimpse of the man to whom they felt they owed so much. In a number of short speeches Mr. Churchill paid a glowing tribute to Switzerland's political institutions and traditional hospitality. The address to the academic youth of the world, given at the University of Zurich, struck a more serious note with its appeal for a Pan-European Union «to fortify the strength of the United Nations' organization». Since his return to England Mr. Churchill has resumed his duties as «Leader of the Opposition». The opportunities for constructive criticism which this post offers involve responsibilities in no way inferior to those which he had to bear as England's Prime Minister in the dark years of 1940. We express, on behalf of our members and of many millions of his well-wishers in Switzerland, the hope that his stay here may have given him additional strength to contribute to the solution of the many problems of world-wide importance which have yet to be found.

The Swiss-British Society

On the 21st of September 1946 in Zurich was held the foundation meeting of the new Swiss-British Society, and the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs was honoured by the invitation of its President to be present at the business proceedings and the subsequent dinner. There was a distinguished assembly of those who had consented to serve as Patrons and on the Executive and General Committees—men serving in high public office, representatives of industry and finance, diplomats, lawyers, publishers, and last but not least University Professors and other representatives of education and culture. The following memorandum, prepared by the new Society regarding its constitution and aims, will be of interest to our readers.

We welcome this new and influential ally in the field of Anglo-Swiss relations and wish them and ourselves ever growing success in our respective spheres and in any conjunction that may from time to time be opportune and advantageous.

It is the purpose of the Swiss-British Society to foster and develop relations between Switzerland and Great Britain as well as with the countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations by establishing close contacts with all forms of British culture and promoting understanding for British life and thought without thereby undertaking any obligations either political or religious.

The immediate aims are:

To organize lectures and discussions and in particular to have recourse to the services of notable British specialists in the spheres of literature, art, science, economics, politics, law, etc.

To promote personal contact between British visitors to Switzerland and the members of the Society by means of social gatherings, etc.

To give assistance to exhibitions, concerts, to arrange for addresses, for the exchange of visitors between the two countries, and to procure lecturers to other organizations.

Further aims include the establishment of an information centre for questions touching on the cultural relations between the two countries insofar as such work is not at present covered by other institutions, organization of cultural tours to Great Britain, publication of a periodical of informative character, etc.

Any juridical or individual person may become a member of the Society, the membership fees are Frs. 15.— p. a. for individual persons, Frs. 50.— for juridical persons. Members enjoy special privileges at events organized by the Society.

The Committee consists of approximately 50 persons representing all professions and occupations from all Switzerland. The President of the Executive Board is Professor H. Straumann; the business address is 8, Pelikanstrasse, Zurich 1. A number of persons well known both in Switzerland and Great Britain have consented to form a Committee of Patrons; amongst them are: Professor Max Huber, Geneva, Professor William Rappard, Minister Chs. Paravicini.

As soon as the Society has a sufficient number of .. land, and with the beauty and which it is illustrated Mr. Lunn thing connected with ski-ing and before long to have the pleasure of

members, groups will be formed in the different parts of the country. No competition is intended with existing Anglo-Swiss clubs. The Society desires to co-operate with any existing organization insofar as their aims are identical or similar.

Our Associate Members in England

The past summer has seen many renewals of contact with old friends. On the 21st September, on the occasion of the Foundation Meeting of the Swiss-British Society I met Mr. Arnold Lunn and reminded him that in 1939 he accepted Associate Membership of our Federation. He promptly handed me his subscription for the current year, which I have forwarded to the Treasurer, and later suggested that I should rejoin the Ski Club of Great Britain, and that I shall surely do, if only for the pleasure of receiving once again the admirable «British Ski Year Book» edited by Mr. Lunn himself for so many years. In the first number of the Anglo-Swiss Times in its new form (Vol. IV—No. 1—June, 1939, of our organ) appeared the following letter from Mr. Arnold Lunn:

«As one who has been connected with Switzerland for nearly fifty years I welcome anything which tends to strengthen Anglo-Swiss friendship. The Anglo-Swiss ski races still retain the authentic atmosphere of friendly unpolitical sport and reflect the community of ideals which unites our two peoples. The Swiss and the British were closely associated in the campaign for the international recognition of Downhill Ski Racing. The association in ski-ing, as in mountaineering, derived its strength from an intimacy based on something deeper than sport. The Anglo-Swiss Times was founded as a contribution to Anglo-Swiss friendship, and I am therefore happy to associate myself with those of my compatriots who are offering its editor their good wishes on this happy occasion.»

In the August number of the same year we find the following letter from the Secretary of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

«I was very glad to receive your letter of July 3rd, regarding the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, concerning which Mr. Lunn had already written to me. The suggestion that the Ski Club of Great Britain should join this Federation as an Associate Member was considered at a recent meeting of our Council, and I have great pleasure in informing you that it was unanimously decided that this Club should become an Associate Member of the Federation. It was felt that the strong ties which exist between this Club and its members and the Swiss people was more than sufficient reason for our joining this Federation and offering it our support.

Yours sincerely, Kenneth C. Smith, Secretary.

This gave rise to an editorial note:

«Mr. Arnold Lunn, to whose kindness and support we are evidently much indebted in this connection, has also done us the honour of accepting Associate Membership. How many of you have seen «The British Ski Year Book», for so many years edited by Mr. Arnold Lunn? It fairly takes ones breath away with the volume and variety and excellence of its articles in connection with skiing all over the world—and especially in Switzerland—interest of the photographs with is a well-known expert on every⁴⁵ thing connected with ski-ing and an experienced writer. We hope C.W.Welman.

Christmas Message

It gives me great pleasure, in this Special Christmas Number of the Anglo-Swiss Times, to extend to all members of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs my heartiest greetings for Christmas and my best wishes for the New Year. I would like at the same time to offer my sincere congratulations upon the work the Federation has done since it was founded in 1932 to promote friendly relations not only between the Swiss people, and the British in this country, but also between the two nations as a whole. The exchange of opinions and the hospitality fostered by the Anglo-Swiss clubs have undoubtedly brought about a greater understanding between Switzerland and Great Britain. Now that our country has passed safely from the dark years of war to the happier days of peace and reconstruction, I hope that many of the links which existed until 1939 and which were shattered by the war will be restored in even greater strength than before. In this, and in the forging of new bonds of friendship between our two countries, I am certain that the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs will play its important part.

THOMAS MAITLAND SNOW

British Minister

To the
Editor of the "Anglo-Swiss Times"
Sir.

Will you please thank all the Swiss people who have been so kind to us English boys and girls while we were in Adelboden. This is a post-script to a letter written by a twelve year old London boy, who recently returned home. It was read by the patron of the concert, Mr. C. A. Were, C. M. G., to the organizing committee after the concert and expresses better than anything I can write, the feelings of those for whom the appeal was made.

The concert itself was a grand success, all tickets were sold some days before the date, while the programme and the performance met with universal praise from all quarters. Even the most critical among the audience (and Basle audiences are critical where music is concerned) spoke of the concert in terms reserved only for the "masters".

The financial result was one of which the Basler Männerchor and the organizing committee have every reason to be proud. A net sum of Fr. 19,213.39 has been handed over to the patron for distribution among those institutions serving and caring for the war-harmed children of London.

The organizing committee has requested me to convey to you, Mr. Editor, to every reader of your magazine and to every club-member who so generously supported their appeal, its warmest thanks for the kind assistance "to show our appreciation and thanks to Blitzed London for its brilliant stand against aggression and oppression, which meant so much to us and to the whole civilized world". With these words the chairman of the Basler Männerchor expressed the thanks of the choir to the audience, so I pass them on to all supporters who were not able to hear them.

Yours,

A. V. Thornton
President, Anglo-Swiss Club Basle

Mr. H. M. Norman, in charge of the "War-harmed Children's Fund", sends us the following particulars of the Federation's new god-child:

Name: Hattler Roland

Nationalität: Franzose

Geburtsdatum: 13. Juli 1931

Heimatsadresse: 32, avenue de l'Hôtel de Ville, Villeurbanne

Untergebracht in: Sanatorium des Enfants, Leysin.
Der Vater ist Zeichner. Roland hat keine Geschwister, er ist ein grosser, zarter Knabe. Roland hat einen guten Charakter.

We would add an appeal to all clubs for continued subscriptions for this good work.

The outstanding success of the appeal for the war-harmed London Children made in connection with the concert given for this purpose by the Basle Male-Voice Choir has brought us the following letter of thanks to all who so generously gave their support:

1947

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 13th 1947.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P)

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure, Mrs. P. Anastasi, Lugano (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S + Editor) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

A.S.C., Basle (Mr. Thornton), OSMS Basle

A.S.A., Berne (Dr. Haag), Pickwickians E.C., Fribourg

A.S.C., Montreux (Mr. Barton), A.S.C. Neuchâtel

S.P.C., Lausanne (Com. H.M.N. Hardy), A.S.C., Lucerne

A.S.C., Olten, A.S.C., St. Gall, E.C. Winterthur,

E.C., Yverdon, E.D.S., Zurich.

Application for Associate Membership:

Mr. S.J. Weaper, solicitor, Watford, England, supported by

Mr. W.V. Barton, Montreux, and accepted unanimously.

Swiss Furniture for England Fund:

Mr. Leu, Soleure, pointed out that the scheme had been started
in England by the "Council for the study of Swiss problems" and
as a recognition of England's bearing in the war and her present
difficulties, 600 sets of furniture for families whose homes had
been destroyed, would be forwarded, sum SFr. 240,000.--.

NO PUBLIC APPEAL FOR FUNDS had been made, support had been obtained
by personal contact only. GENEROUS SUPPORT had been received from
INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES IN SWITZERLAND AND AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE.
NO EXPENSES had incurred, even transport costs had been met by
Swiss Forwarding Agents as their contribution, so that every
subscription could be utilised in full for the purpose.

British Ex-Service Men at Leysin:

Representatives of a number of clubs announced that public
lectures had been arranged, the proceeds had been devoted to this
fund.

British Council Library Facilities:

Mr. Thornton drew attention to the arrangement which had been
made between the A.S.C. Basle and the British Council for the
loan of 50 books from the library for a period of three months.

Council Meeting held at Seelisberg on June 7th 1947.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P)

Messrs. R. Meuli, Neuchâtel, and O. Leu, Soleure (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S + Editor) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

E.C. Amriswil, E.C., Arbon, A.S.C. Basle (Mr. Thornton)

O.S.M.S., Basle, E.C. Bellinzona, A.S.A., Berne (Dr. Haag)

E.C. Biel (Mr. Allanson), S.M.S. Biel (Mr. Fritscher)

E.C.C. Geneva, A.S.C. Locarno, A.S.C. Olten

E.C.C. Rorschach, A.S.C. St Gall, A.S.C. Uster,

E.C. Yverdon, E.D.S. Zurich and F.C. Zurich.

War-Harmed Children's Fund: One further "Patenschaft" had been
possible during the year, against three during 1945/46.

Mr. Norman, Olten, raised the question of the continuance of the
Fund in view of the reduced support given this year.

Messrs. Thornton and Meuli proposed a new appeal so that in
future English children could benefit. In case of no other
alternative, donations should be made to suitable institutions
in England.

Annual Congress 1947

Hotel Kulm and Sonnenberg, Seelisberg

Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th June

After an interval of four years the Federation returns once again to Seelisberg for its Annual Congress—the 15th of its kind. Those who were present at either of the Congresses held there in 1942 and 1943 will need no further introduction; members and clubs

sets a high standard of organization for the sub-committee responsible for the detailed arrangements this year, and Messrs. Welman, Leu and Smith are not to be envied the burden of responsibility which falls on their shoulders. Assured, as they are, of the



A group of delegates after the Council Meeting in Berne

visiting Seelisberg for the first time—and we hope they will be particularly numerous this year—are assured of a Congress in surroundings which, from all points of view, can be regarded as little short of perfect: a thoroughly modernised hotel with sports facilities near at hand. In choosing a spot in central Switzerland for the Congress, the Executive Council feels it has met a general wish and it is to be hoped the choice will be confirmed by the presence of delegates from an even larger proportion of our Federated clubs.

The success of the three Congresses in Montreux

assistance of Mr. Wirz, the whole-hearted co-operation of Dr. Gerber, the owner of the hotel, and—last but not least—the support of all the clubs, they have little reason to doubt the outcome of their efforts.

As in previous years a number of distinguished guests are being invited to honour us with their presence at the Banquet on Sunday 8th June.

Full information is contained in the Official Programme, which will be sent to all likely to be interested, while Club Presidents will receive further instructions separately.

fait de

MR. C. W. WELMAN président de la *Federation of Anglo-Swiss Club's*, association qui groupe trente-deux clubs. A Meggen près de Lucerne, où il réside, M. Welman rédige également le mensuel *Anglo-Swiss Times*. C'est après avoir passé un quart de siècle aux colonies que M. Welman s'est établi, en 1928, dans notre pays. Loin de se cantonner dans un isolationnisme insulaire, ce sympathique Anglais se mêle à la vie sociale de son village d'adoption et fait même partie du chœur d'hommes de Meggen.



L'ANGLETERRE EN SUISSE Les trente-deux clubs anglo-suisses sont répartis dans l'ensemble du territoire de la Confédération. A en juger par le recensement de 1941, il y a 2430 Anglais établis à demeure chez nous. Mais ils ne constituent que la minorité de l'effectif des trente-deux clubs, les membres suisses de ces sociétés étant les plus nombreux. N'est-ce pas là le meilleur signe de l'amitié qui unit les deux peuples ? La région de Montreux compte à elle seule 300 Anglais.



MR. ROBERT HITCHENS

Qui croirait que ce beau vieillard, le romancier anglais Robert Hitchens, a 82 ans ? Bien qu'il ne porte pas son âge, il est bel et bien l'un des doyens de la colonie britannique en pérégrinations dans le vaste monde, il a parcouru bien des pays, du Midi au Septentrion. Il résida longtemps, notamment, en Afrique du Nord et en Sicile. Lorsque la seconde guerre mondiale éclata, il était en Provence, occupé à visiter l'idyllique moulin dans lequel Alphonse Daudet écrivit ses immortelles « Lettres ». Obligé par la guerre de quitter ces lieux enchantés, M. Hitchens reprit une fois de plus le chemin de la Suisse, « le paradis des pays », selon son expression. Et là, il se remit au travail. Cependant, son œuvre littéraire comprend déjà une bonne soixantaine de volumes, dont quelques-uns des meilleurs « bestsellers » anglais, comme par exemple *The call of the blood*. Actuellement encore, le vénérable écrivain, qui habite Zurich, écrit un roman dont l'action se déroule en Suisse pendant la deuxième conflagration mondiale. Il désire témoigner de cette façon l'attachement qu'il porte à sa patrie d'élection. « Je suis devenu, aime-t-il à dire, plus Suisse que les Suisses eux-mêmes ». Voilà, n'est-il pas vrai, un témoignage touchant !

(Photo Steinle, Zurich)



In unserer Bildergalerie darf natürlich ein Vertreter der bewährten englischen Schneiderkunst nicht fehlen, genießt sie doch in der Herrenmode internationales Ansehen. Mr. W. A. Thornton (rechts) führt gemeinsam mit seinem Bruder Albert (Mitte) und seinem Sohn Edward (links) seit 1912 in Basel ein Herrenschneider-Atelier, das zu den besten der Stadt gehört. « Weil es mir nach China zu weit war, entschied ich mich für die Schweiz und gelangte nach Basel » — so präzisiert Mr. Thornton seine Wahl für die Schweiz, wo er inzwischen perfekt Baseldysch gelernt hat. Daß der Sohn dem Vater im Geschäft nachfolgt, entspricht ganz seiner Berufsauffassung; er bedauert es sehr, « daß in der Schweiz durch den 'Absprung' der Söhne vom väterlichen Geschäft gerade die Handwerksberufe gefährdet sind. Allzu viele Schweizer lassen ihre Kinder studieren, im Wunsche, sie 'etwas Besseres' werden zu lassen. » Und ein weiteres Urteil des kritischen Briten: Mr. Thornton vermißt beim Deutschschweizer den Sinn für das Familienleben, das «Home-Life»: « Hier geht man ins Restaurant zum Jaß, in London trifft man seine Freunde daheim oder allenfalls im Club. »



MR. WILLIAM-VINCENT BARTON

D'origine mi-anglaise, mi-écossaise, je suis né en 1902 dans le centre de l'Angleterre. Engagé dès mon jeune âge dans l'agence de voyages Cook & Son, j'ai fait des stages dans plusieurs villes d'Angleterre après avoir débuté à Londres. Puis j'ai été transféré à l'agence de Paris. C'est de Paris que, le 1er décembre 1925, j'ai été envoyé pour un stage de 3 mois à Montreux ! Ce stage s'est prolongé jusqu'à ce jour, ce qui fait bien 21 années de séjour, comme quoi rien ne dure aussi longtemps que le provisoire ! J'ai été très bien reçu en Romandie ; la mentalité des habitants m'a été d'emblée sympathique. Depuis 1925, je dirige le département des finances et changes de l'agence « Wagons-Lits / Cook ». Je me suis marié avec une compatriote qui résidait à Montreux et, en 1943, j'ai fondé l'Anglo-Swiss Club. Depuis 1945, je suis le président de cette société dont le but est de contribuer à l'amitié entre nos deux pays. A mon avis, c'est au sein de ces clubs, d'où les questions politiques et religieuses sont bannies, que l'on peut apprendre à s'estimer mutuellement. La Colonie britannique qui compte encore actuellement environ 300 personnes dans le district vice-consulaire de Vevey-Montreux, avait un effectif de 1200 sujets avant 1931, année où l'Angleterre abandonna l'étalement. Parmi les coutumes de la vie romande, il y en a une que j'affectionne beaucoup, c'est celle de la fondue arrosée d'un bon vin vaudois !

(Photo Kettell, Genève)



MISS JOYCE WHITE

Je suis née en 1906 à Territet où mes parents ont habité dès leur jeune âge. Mes grands-parents sont venus s'établir à Territet en 1868, en raison de la santé délicate de leurs enfants. Mon grand-père qui était médecin, Mon père a épousé une Irlandaise du Sud. C'est à l'Institut Fisher que j'ai reçu l'instruction et l'éducation anglaises qui étaient la règle pour les enfants de famille britanniques. Mon père est décédé en 1932, mais ma mère, âgée maintenant de 81 ans, vit encore avec moi. — Les sports ont toujours été ma passion. De 1921 à 1934, j'ai joué au tennis. En 1934, j'ai commencé à pratiquer le golf sous la direction de M. Roberts, sur les golf-links d'Aigle. La guerre étant survenue, l'activité du Golf-Club s'est inévitablement ralentie. Les hostilités terminées, j'ai repris mon entraînement intensif et, cette année, lors des championnats de Crans, j'ai remporté le titre de championne de golf pour dames. — Étant née en Suisse, j'ai été habituée à la vie suisse. Je n'ai jamais eu l'idée ni le désir de retourner en Angleterre, tout en conservant la nationalité anglaise. Le genre de vie d'ici me plaît. Si je n'étais pas Anglaise, s'il me fallait choisir une autre nationalité, j'opterais pour la Suisse, car j'admire la politique pratiquée par ce pays, dont pourraient s'inspirer bien d'autres Etats. Ajoutons que miss White est la secrétaire de l'Anglo-Swiss Club de Montreux.



MADAME MARY HOTTINGER-MACKIE

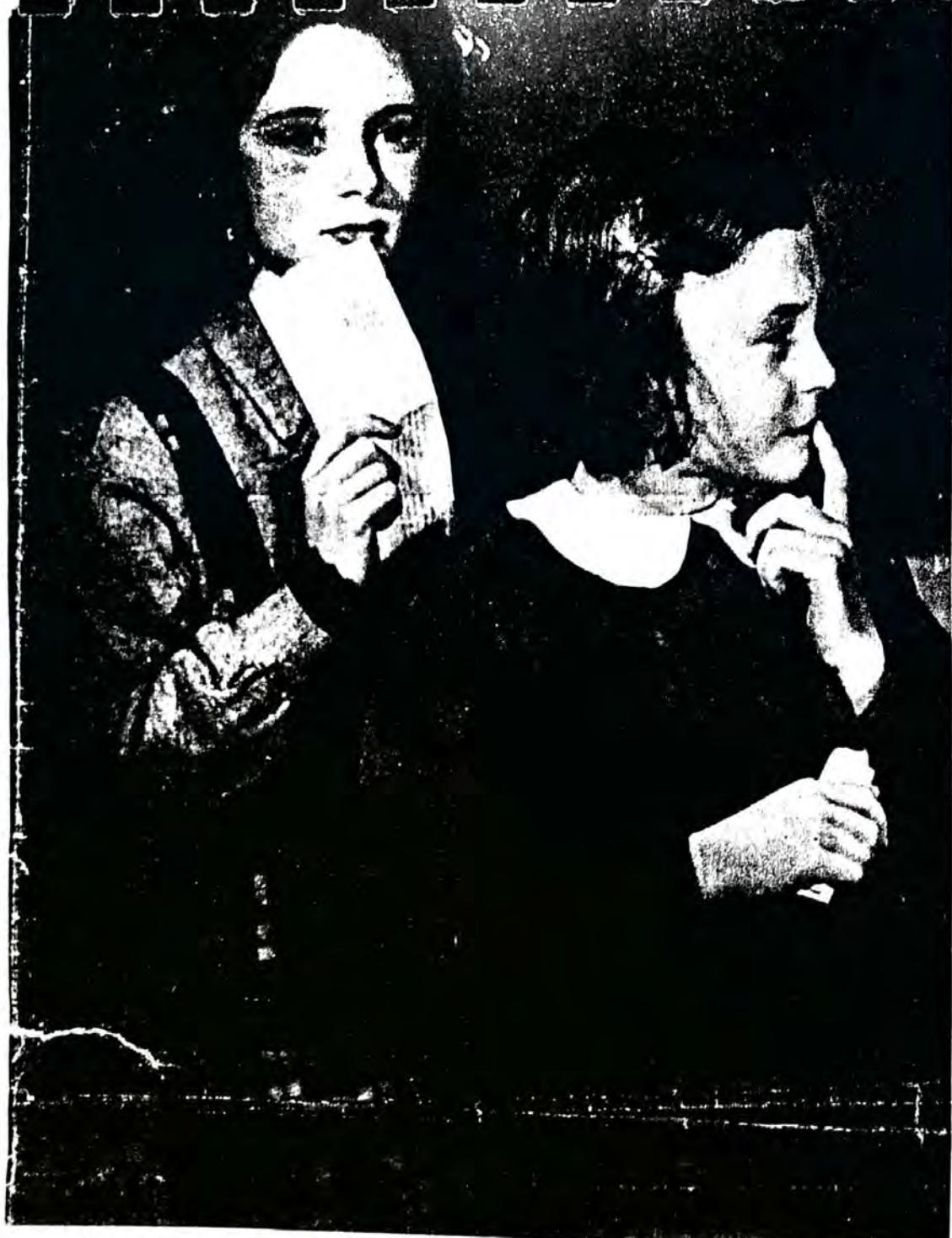
Quiconque écoute les cours d'anglais de Radio Beromünster connaît la voix sympathique et la manière enjouée de Mme Mary Hottinger. A force d'engager ses auditeurs à rafraîchir leur anglais (*Brush up your English !*), Mme Hottinger est devenue l'une des Anglaises les plus populaires de notre pays. Mais ce n'est pas là son seul mérite. Vivant trait d'union entre les milieux intellectuels des deux pays, Mme Hottinger s'attache à faire connaître outre-Manche les valeurs spirituelles de la Suisse alémanique. Elle a traduit, notamment, les

« Considérations sur l'histoire universelle », de Jacob Burckhardt et elle s'attaque maintenant à une version anglaise des œuvres de Gotthelf, l'*Homère du canton de Berne*. C'est assurément dans ces tâches purement intellectuelles que Mme Hottinger se sent le plus à l'aise dans sa patrie adoptive, car, estime-t-elle, « l'Anglais traditionaliste a de la peine à prendre racine en Suisse allemande ». Très franchement, elle va même jusqu'à dire : « Nous nous sentons chaque année, ici, un peu plus étrangers ! »



MR. H.N.M. HARDY

Je pris ma retraite en 1923 après avoir fait ma carrière dans la « Royal Navy », et fait comme capitaine de vaisseau la première croisière qu'aujourd'hui existe, puis je suis venu m'établir en Suisse à fin 1936. J'étais attiré par les sports d'hiver, particulièrement par le ski. Pressentant une nouvelle conflagration, dès la Conférence de Munich, je retournai en Angleterre en 1939, peu de temps avant la deuxième guerre. Dès le début, je repris mon service dans la « Royal Navy » et je fonctionnai durant les trois premières années de celle-ci comme capitaine de vaisseau. En 1943, j'ai été porté au grade de Commodore des convois de bateaux assurant le ravitaillement de la métropole. — J'ai participé à la bataille de l'Atlantique. Lors d'une traversée, mon bateau a soutenu un combat naval avec l'ennemi, au cours duquel il a été atteint de 40 coups de canons de 15 et 20 cm. J'ai été moi-même blessé, peu gravement, tandis que les officiers qui se trouvaient à mes côtés étaient plus durement touchés. J'ai 62 ans ; j'espère ne plus être obligé de participer à une nouvelle guerre. Je m'intéresse à la philosophie et aux religions orientales. Je pratique la religion bouddhiste depuis trente-sept années. Je me réjouis de pouvoir retourner en montagne cet hiver, car ce que j'admire en Suisse, c'est la parfaite organisation des stations de sports d'hiver.



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EN VACANCES EN SUISSE

DE PETITS ANGLAIS SALUENT LEURS PARENTS

Garçons et filles d'Angleterre, ils passent, grâce à la Croix-Rouge suisse, Secours aux enfants, quelques semaines réparatrices en Suisse. Ils étaient malades, débiles ; peu à peu, ils retrouvent la santé que les années de guerre et de privations leur ont ravi. Chez nous, ils ont trouvé tout ce que leur cœur d'enfant pouvait désirer : un foyer hospitalier, une nourriture abondante, du soleil et — véritable paradis — des champs de neige où ils s'ébattaient dans la joie. Mais les bons soins affectueux et les belles montagnes ne remplacent pas la maison, cette maison lointaine à laquelle nos petits hôtes pensent souvent, le cœur gros. Aussi fut-ce une grande joie au sein de la petite colonie que de pouvoir, grâce aux ondes, envoyer le traditionnel message de bonne année à leurs parents. Au nom de tous, quelques orateurs confièrent au micro l'affection qu'en ces jours de fête ils vouaient aux êtres chers restés à Liverpool.



Les dernières secondes avant l'émission, sous l'œil attentif de Miss V. Curwen. La première « oratrice », la petite Cecilia Morrow, attend le signal de prendre la parole. *La petite Cecilia Morrow, attend le signal de prendre la parole. kilomètres de distance, mousse la tête à quelques centaines de*

Un match de boxe en gare de Victoria, à Londres

Kilomètres de distance, mouillera bien vos yeux.

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Le petit Thomas Roche, dix ans, s'est mis dans la tête de détramer ses parents sur la Suisse. « Allô, maman, a-t-il dit, sais-tu qu'en Suisse il n'y a pas que de belles vaches et de hautes montagnes neigeuses, mais aussi de grandes villes... »



Irene Walshaw a parlé la dernière. Elle a dit toute la joie que lui procurent le ski et les ébats dans la neige. Miss Curwen fit ensuite, en guise de signal de fin d'émission, entamer à nos petits hôtes un beau chant d'ensemble. (Steiner, Berne.)

Un match de boxe en gare de Victoria, à Londres

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Peu avant Noël, un reporter du *Daily Express* assistait, en gare de Victoria, au retour d'un convoi de petits Anglais ayant passé leurs vacances en Suisse. A la suite d'une discussion, un match de boxe éclata entre Alan Argood, 9 ans, et Stan Jagger, 13 ans. Les parents présents purent se convaincre sans peine que le séjour en Suisse avait profité à la santé de leurs rejetons !

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Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 16th 1947.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P)

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure, and Miss S. Girard, Neuchâtel (2 V-P)
Messrs. D.F. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

A.S.C., Aarau, E.C. Amriswil, E.C. Arbon (Mr. Ruf)

A.S.C. Basle (Mr. Thornton), O.S.M.S., Basle

A.S.A. Berne (Dr. Haag), E.C., Biel (Mr. Allanson)

S.M.S. E.C., Biel (Mr. Fritscher), E.C.C., Geneva,

A.S.C., Locarno, A.S.C. Lucerne, A.S.C., Lugano,

A.S.C., Montreux (Mr. Barton), A.S.C. Neuchâtel,

A.S.C. Olten, E.C. Rorschach, A.S.C. Uster,

E.C. Winterthur, E.D.C. Zurich, F.C. Zurich.

The congress held on Seelisberg was another great success,
140 members were present. Congress profit amounted to
SFr. 722.95.

Guests: Prof. W. Rappard and Mrs. Rappard

Mr. A.N. Napier, British Consul General, Zurich

Mr. & Mrs. R. Martin, British Council, Zurich

Mr. Arnold Lunn and

3 members of the Royal Air Force,

(spending a period of convalescence at Litzelau).



ANGLO-SWISS CLUB MONTREUX

On December 20th the club entertained 11 of the 20 young Londoners visiting Switzerland as the guests of "La Chaine du Bonheur" to a Christmas party at the Hotel Excelsior. This weekly radio feature of the Radio Sottens had offered a month's holiday to 20 London children as a wedding gift to H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth. Entertained by a Ladies' Committee headed by Mrs. Barton and our Secretary, Miss White, the kiddies enjoyed a huge tea in which ices played a big part, followed by games of various kinds, a conjuror whose skill even the sceptical young cockneys acknowledged with whole-hearted applause especially when a live dove emerged from his mouth! Father Christmas called with his sack of presents generously filled for him by the congregations of our two English Churches and finally before leaving each child received as a present from the Club a large bag containing nuts, fruits, chocolates, etc., ad nauseum. If noise is the criterion of the success of a party, the Anglo-Swiss Childrens' Party was the biggest success ever!

The 11 English children at their Christmas party
arranged by the Anglo-Swiss Club Montreux.
guests of "La Chaine du
(Photo: R. Schlemmer, Montreux)
Bonheur"

1948

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 14th 1948.

Present: Mr. R.W. Welman (P)

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure, Miss S. Girard, Neuchâtel and

Mrs. P. Anastasi, Lugano (3 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S + Editor) and G. Wirz, Basle (T),
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau ASC (Mrs. Schaefer)	Basle ASC (Mr. Thornton)
Berne ASA (Dr. Haag)	Bienne EC. (Mr. Allanson)
Bienne OSMS (Mr. Fritscher)	Lucerne ASC (Mr. Sernatinger)
Montreux ASC (Mr. Barton)	Olten ASC (Mr. Hunziker)
Soleure ASC (Mr. Niggli)	Uster ASC (Mr. Spengler)
Yverdon EC. (Mrs. Bruggmann)	Zurich FC. (Mr. Eggstein).

Congress venue: Rigi-Kaltbad

Sub-Committee: Messrs. Welman, Smith, Wirz, Leu, Mrs. Schaefer).

New appeal for War-Harmed Children's Fund in order that a
donation of Fr. 1,000--- could be made to a deserving
Children's Home in England.

Council Meeting held on Rigi-Kaltbad on June 26th 1948.

Messrs. R.W. Welman (P) and D.E. Smith (S) tendered their
resignations.

Mr. Thornton expressed the thanks of the Council to the parting
President for his unselfish and untiring devotion to the
interests and activities of the Federation since his election
in 1939.

New Council Officers:

Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle (P)

Miss S. Girard, Neuchâtel, Mrs. P. Anastasi, Lugano, and

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure (3 V-P)

Mr. G. Wirz, Basle (T) and .. Mr. D.E. Smith, Zug, had agreed
to continue temporarily. Also were the following federated Club:
present:

Aarau ASC (Mrs. Schaefer)	Bienne EC. (Mr. Allanson)
Bienne OSMS (Mr. Fritscher)	Lucerne ASC (Mr. Sernatinger)
Lugano ASC (Mrs. Anastasi)	Montreux ASC (Mr. Barton)
Neuchâtel ASC (Miss Girard)	Basle ASC (Mr. Thornton)
Olten ASC (Mr. Zivi)	St Gall ASC (Mr. Müri)
Soleure ASC (Mr. Niggli)	Winterthur EC (Mr. Müller)
Zurich FC (Mr. Eggstein)	Arbon EC (Mr. Ruf)
Locarno ASC (Miss Aus der Au)	also Mr. C.W. Welman, Lucerne
Mr. Dalby, Neuchâtel, the new Editor.	

Congress : Attendance approx. 140 persons.

Guests: Prof. Privat and Mrs. Privat, Neuchâtel

Mr. Were, British Consul General, Basle,
and Mrs. Were (in the absence of the British Minister)
also a party of men from the British armed forces,
enjoying a stay of convalescence at Weggis.

During the banquet a cheque of Fr. 1,000--- was presented to
Mr. Were, British Consul General for a British Charitable
Institution which benefitted War-Harmed Children,
contribution from various Clubs.

In recognition of his signal services to the Federation as its
President for nine years, including the critical period of the
war, Mr. Welman was elected the first honorary President of
the Federation.

News of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

Congress

In one respect the Federation Congress at Rigi-Kaltbad on 26th and 27th June was more successful than anyone had dared to hope, after the weeks of watery skies which this summer has brought us so far. By a sheer miracle, Saturday morning opened a little doubtfully, but as the day drew on the sun came through more and more strongly, until Sunday gave no ground whatsoever for criticism. The sudden improvement tempted two optimists to prolong their stay, but their optimism was quickly damped on Monday morning by driving clouds, pouring rain and the tennis court under water; there was a general resolve to retreat by the first convenient train but the sense of our good fortune with the weather for the Congress itself was only enhanced.

The prospects for the swimming competition did not seem very good and when it was known that the temperature of the water in the hotel swimming pool on Saturday was only 11°C it was decided to cancel this event. It might be added that the temperature had risen sufficiently by Sunday evening for two hardy enthusiasts from Basle to take a dip just before their departure. With the skittling competition eliminated through lack of suitable accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood of the hotel, only two competitions remained to be decided this year. The shooting cup was won by the S.M.S. English Club Biel with a score of 99 points, A.S.C. Soleure being second with 91. In the tennis, Soleure beat Basle II in the preliminary round but lost finally to Basle I by two matches to none. In the final, the men's singles could only be completed after lunch on Sunday; the men's doubles match was not played owing to lack of time but it would not have affected the final result.

In the evening, the ball went with a swing under the guidance of Mr. W. V. Barton (Montreux) as «M. C.» and Mrs. Noëlle Schaefer (Aarau) as «Hostess,» whose unposed picture we reproduce herewith. Dancing to Berth Grellmann's Orchestra went on till the early hours of the morning, gaining steadily in «temperature» as time passed.

At the banquet on Sunday, the Federation was honoured, as its guests, by the presence of Professor and Madame Privat from Neuchâtel. It was also a great pleasure to us all to welcome in our midst a party of men from the British armed forces at present enjoying a short stay of convalescence in Weggis.

During the luncheon a cheque for 1000 francs was presented—in the absence of the British Minister—to Mr. Were, British Consul-General in Basle, for forwarding to an British Charitable Institution which benefitted War-Harmed Children. The money had been contributed by the clubs.

To complete this record, reference must also be made to the meeting of the Executive Council, held on the Saturday evening in accordance with a tradition which now seems firmly established. In the re-election of officers, which forms the main item on the agenda of this meeting, there were two important changes. To take the place of Mr. C. W. Welman, who had previously announced his inability to continue in office, Mr. A. V. Thornton was elected unanimously. In recognition of his signal services to the Federation as its President for nine years, including the critical period of the war, Mr. Welman was elected Honorary Chairman of the Federation. Mr. A. Dalby, lecturer in English at the Commercial School in Neuchâtel and a member of the Anglo-Swiss club there, was nominated as successor to Mr. D. E. Smith, a nomination which he has been able to accept definitely in the meantime.

On the whole, the Federation Congress 1948 was reasonably successful, though the attendance of 140 was somewhat lower than had been expected.

We publish below the text of a letter written by Mr. Were to the President of the Federation concerning the



Before the Ball

Mr. Barton (M.C.) has an important point to settle with Mrs. Schaefer (Hostess) and appears not even to notice the photographer.

(Photo: Müller, Rigi-Kaltbad)

donation of 1000 francs to English Charitable Institutions, together with the replies which have been received in the meantime.

A. V. Thornton, Esq.,
6, Glaserbergstrasse,
Basle.

Dear Mr. Thornton,

I wish to inform you that I have divided as follows the sum of 1000 francs so generously subscribed by members of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs for the benefit of English children who have suffered through the war.

Francs 500 to the Langford Cross Children's Home,
Langford Cross, East Clandon, Surrey.
Francs 500 to the Kingsdown Orphanage, 162
Hornsey Lane, Highgate, London, N. 6.

The actual equivalent of Frs. 500 at the exchange rate of Frs. 17.34 is £28.16.8, but I have rounded this up to £29, and sent a cheque for that amount to each Institution.

Both these Institutions have been highly recommended to me, and I think we can be sure that the money will be expended by them to the best advantage.

I have asked them to convey to you direct an expression of their appreciation of the generous action of your members; and I myself take opportunity of repeating the thanks I expressed to you all at the Annual Congress.

Yours sincerely,
C. A. W. Were.

From the Secretary of the «Kingsdown Orphanage and Home for Girls»:

On behalf of the Committee of the above Home, I write to express the deep sense of appreciation and gratitude felt at the receipt of the very generous cheque received through the good offices of H. M. Consul-General, Basle, from the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. We are very touched that friends in a far-off land should thus bear in mind the needs of children in this country, and I hope you will be able to convey this feeling to the members. It is a great encouragement to us in our work for these children.

Yours sincerely,
M. E. Warburton.

From the Hon. Treasurer of the «Langford Cross Children's Home»:

The Honorary Director, Miss Nestor Booth, has asked me formally to acknowledge a cheque for £29 received through H. M. Consul-General in Basle, a contribution towards our funds from the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs.

I can assure you that this contribution is most welcome and will be appreciated by the Chairman and members of the Committee, who are under continual pressure to take additional children and to provide for their maintenance.

Will you please convey to the members of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs our sincere thanks for the kindly and handsome gift.

Yours faithfully,
Laurence Biggs.

1948

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 21st 1948.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle (P)

Mr. R.W. Welman, Lucerne, honorary President

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T)

Mr. A. Dalby, Neuchâtel (Editor),

also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau ASC	(Mrs. Schaefer)	Amriswil EC	(Mr. Sulzberger)
Berne EC	(Miss Laycock)	Bienne EC	(Mr. Allanson)
Bienne OSMS	(Mr. Fritscher)	Lucerne ASC	(Mr. Im Thurm)
Lugano ASC	(Dr. Metz)	Montreux ASC	(Mr. Barton)
Olten ASC	(Mr. Zivi)	St Gall ASC	(Mr. Müri)
Soleure ASC	(Mr. Niggli)	Sion ASC Valais	(Dr. Théler)
Yverdon EC	(Mrs. Bruggmann)	Zurich EDS	(Mr. Weil)
Zurich FC	(Mr. Eggstein).		

The proposal for an English Home in the Pestalozzi Dorf was considered to be a matter for British Consulates and British societies in Switzerland.

A letter of thanks was received from Miss Pembroke on behalf of the "Disabled Members of the British Forces who attended the Congress on Rigi-Kaltbad as guests of the Federation.

The Royal Birth

Constitutional monarchy has made every subject feel that he is the friend and neighbour of the royal family and we all share the simple joy which the arrival of this child brings to us all.

«The Times» (London)

We think of the King, the Queen, their children and their grand-children, not as a dynasty but as a family. They live among us as friends, as should be the case in a free democracy. «The Daily Mail»

The King is not merely the head of the State, he is also the head of the great family to which every Briton belongs. «The Daily Graphic»

The future of the royal baby is inevitably bound up with all our fears and all our hopes. This important truth becomes evident when we think of the crown as the main link between the countries of the Commonwealth. «The News Chronicle»

Text of the telegram sent by the «Anglo-Swiss Times»:

Their R. Hs. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh,
Buckingham Palace, London.

It is my privilege to congratulate you both on behalf of the «Anglo-Swiss Times» and the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs in Switzerland.

Editor, «Anglo-Swiss Times.»

Reply:

Buckingham Palace, 24th of November 1948.

The Lady in Waiting is desired by The Princess Elizabeth to express to you Her Royal Highness' sincere thanks for your congratulations and for the good wishes which you send.

The Christmas Blackout

Shopkeepers in England had hoped that they would be allowed to put some lights in their windows this Christmas, not only to brighten up trade but also, as an official of the National Chamber of Trade puts it, «to raise the public morale,» by which he means, no doubt, to cheer people up. But the Minister of Fuel, though sympathetic, will make no concession; and so the shop windows will be but gloomy holes in the wall for the tenth Christmas in succession. The shops are to have no more than their permitted one and a half watts per square foot for strictly utilitarian illumination. Perhaps the Minister considered that it might be bad for «public morale» if people were to have dazzling windows to look at while they were being urged to economise at home.

But the face of London is not to be wholly austere. The shop-keepers of Regent Street have banded together to decorate the exteriors of their buildings, and it is said that, by the end of November, there will be some five hundred Christmas trees on show along

the first-floor balconies. Shops in other streets are arranging similar displays. Already the great pillared façade at the west end of Oxford Street is bright with evergreens and huge clown figures between them.



Honorary President of the Federation Honoured

We are pleased to learn that the last President of the Federation has been awarded the O.B.E. (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in the New Year Honours' List. For his work in promoting Anglo-Swiss friendship. Our sincere congratulations, Mr. Welman.



Colonel Bracher and Field-Marshal Montgomery

During my holiday in Switzerland I have heard with great interest of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. I have seen something of the excellent results of Anglo-Swiss co-operation in Sport and I was privileged to be present at the Jubilee dinner of the Kandahar Ski Club and the two famous Swiss Clubs which was held at Mürren on 29th Jan. Anything which tends to reinforce the traditional friendship between Britain and Switzerland deserves every encouragement. I wish the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs all success.

Montgomery of Alamein
Field-Marshal

1949

Council Meeting held in Bienne on March 27th 1949.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P)

Mr. C.W. Welman, Lucerne, (H.P.)

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure, Miss S. Girard, Neuchâtel (2 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T)

Mr. A. Dalby, Neuchâtel (Editor),
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau A.S.C. (Mrs. Schaefer), Berne E.C. (Miss Laycock)

Bienn E.C. (Mr. Allanson), Bienn O.S.M.S. (Mr. Fritscher)

Lucerne A.S.C. (Mr. Im Thurn), Soleure A.S.C. (Mr. Biberstein)

Winterthur A.S.C. (Mrs. Kämpfer), Yverdon E.C. (Mrs. Bruggmann)

Zurich F.C. (Mr. Eggstein).

Mr. C.W. Welman: Mr. Allanson proposed that Mr. Welman be elected "Life Member of the Executive Council" in view of his services to the Federation during a very difficult period. The motion was accepted unanimously.

War-Harmed Children's Fund: Donations from A.S.C. Lugano of Fr. 1,000.--, A.S.C. Soleure, gave Fr. 350.--. The Club of Lugano requested that their donation be used to enable English children a holiday in Switzerland, the sum should be sent to a suitable Children's Home in the Ticino. Travelling expenses to be borne by some English Institutions, the sum to be used solely to defray expenses in Switzerland.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Uster, had been dissolved owing to lack of support and difficulties in forming a new committee.

Congress venue - Montreux.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Smith and Wirz together with a representative of the local club).

Council Meeting held at Montreux on June 11th 1949.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle (P)

Mr. C.W. Welman, Lucerne (H.P.)

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure, Mrs. P. Anastasi, Lugano,
Miss S. Girard, Neuchâtel (3 V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and A. Dalby, Neuchâtel (Editor),
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau A.S.C. (Mrs. Schaefer) Basle A.S.C.

Bienn E.C. (Mr. Allanson) Bienn O.S.M.S. (Mr. Fritscher)

Lugano A.S.C. Montreux A.S.C. (Mr. Barton)

Neuchâtel A.S.C. Soleure A.S.C.

Sion A.S.C. Valais (Dr. Théler) Winterthur E.C. (Mr. Müller)

Yverdon E.C. (Mrs. Bruggmann).

War-Harmed Children's Fund: A donation of Fr. 100.-- had been received from Mr. Napier, British Consul General, Zurich.

O.S.M.S., Basle, presented its resignation.

Mr. Dalby, Neuchâtel, Editor, announced his departure from Switzerland and tendered his resignation.

Mr. D.E. Smith, Zug, Secretary, announced his willingness to take on the duties of Editor for the time being.

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(cont.) Council Meeting at Montreux on June 11th 1949.
The congress at the Palace Hotel was attended by over 100 persons.

Guests: The British Minister, Mr. Thomas Maitland Snow and Mrs. Snow
Prof. W. Rappard and Mrs. Rappard
Mr. C.R. Hewer, Representative of the British Council and Mrs. Hewer
Mr. H.G. Whittall, British Vice-Consul, Montreux and Mrs. Whittall and the Syndic of Montreux.

After luncheon the British Minister, Mr. T.M. Snow, presented our former President, Mr. C.W. Welman, with the medal of the Order of the British Empire, O.B.E., which he had been awarded in the New Year Honours' List. The ceremony itself was of such simplicity and informality that it seemed almost to fail to do justice to the historic occasion, yet those present will always recollect with special pleasure this recognition of Mr. Welman's services in promoting Anglo-Swiss friendship.

At the same time the British Minister thanked the Montreux authorities for the reception given in the honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Chillon. He surprised us by saying that this had been the first visit of a member of the British Royal Family since Queen Victoria's stay in Lucerne in 1869.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on October 30th 1949.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, Basle (P)

Mr. C.W. Welman, Lucerne (H.P.)

Mr. O. Leu, Soleure (V-P)

Messrs. D.E. Smith, Zug (S) and G. Wirz, Basle (T), also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau A.S.C. (Mrs. Schaefer), Arbon E.C.

Basle A.S.C. (Mr. Stephenson) Biel E.C. (Mr. Allanson)

Biene S.M.S.E.C. (Mr. Fritscher), Lucerne A.S.C. (Mr. Im Thurn)

Lugano A.S.C., Montreux A.S.C. (Mr. Barton), Neuchâtel A.S.C.

Olten A.S.C., Soleure A.S.C., Winterthur E.C.

Zurich E.D.S. and Zurich F.C.

New Editor: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, Basle, was elected.

Mr. Thornton explained that Mr. Stephenson had taken up a position in Basle and was already an active member of the A.S.C., Basle.

Associate Membership:

Mr. R.A. Lansford, English Institute, Zurich,

Dr. Vogt, Vogt-Schild AG., Soleure,

were proposed and accepted.

Donations of 2 new Sports Cups:

Mr. Thornton announced that Prof. Rappard and Mr. Allanson had kindly offered new cups for sports competitions.

List of Federated Clubs

With names and addresses of Presidents, Club headquarters, and day of meetings.

[F] = Fortnightly meetings
[M] = Monthly meetings

Aarau. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Aarauerhof. Wednesdays. [F].)—Pres.: Mrs. N. Schaefer-Vinn, Mühlematthof, Aarau.

Amriswil. English Club. (Café Stäuber. Fridays.)—Pres.: Mr. A. Sulzberger, Freiestrasse, Amriswil.

Arbon. English Club. (Hotel Bär. Fridays. [M].)—Pres.: Mr. P. J. Ruf, 59, Landquartstrasse, Arbon.

Basle. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Rest. Kunsthalle. Thursdays.)—Pres.: Mr. A. V. Thornton, 6, Glaserbergstrasse, Basle.

Bellinzona. English Club. (Hotel Tarchini. Tuesdays.)—Pres.: Mrs. May Casella, Quartier S. Giovanni, Bellinzona.

Berne. Anglo-Swiss Association. (5, Amthausgasse. Thursdays.)—Pres.: Dr. E. Haag, 20, Karl-Spitteler-Strasse, Berne. Correspondence to: Mrs. D. M. Anselmi, Hon. Secretary, 214, Seftigenstrasse, Wabern, near Berne.

Berne. English Club. (Hotel Bubenberg. Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Miss Margaret Laycock, 31, Holzikofenweg, Berne.

Bienne. English Club. (Hotel Elite. Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Mr. C. S. Allanson, c/o General Motors Suisse S. A., Bienne.

Bienne. S. M. S. English Club. (Hotel Elite. Thursdays.)—Pres.: Mr. H. R. Fritscher, 19, Höheweg, Bienne.

Fribourg. English Club. (Hotel de Fribourg. Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Mr. J. Remy, 269, Planche Inférieure, Fribourg.

Geneva. English Conversation Club. 4, quai de la Poste. Mondays.)—Pres.: Mr. G. Wuhrmann, c/o English Conv. Club, 4, quai de la Poste, Geneva.

Lausanne. Scarlet Pimpernel Club. (Cercle Libéral vaudois. Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Miss Stewart Berkeley, 4, chemin de Chandieu, Lausanne.

Locarno. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Terminus. Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Mrs. Ena Baumeler, Villa Diana, via Gottardo, Muralto, Locarno.

Lucerne. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel des Balances. Saturdays.)—Pres.: Mr. H. Im Thurm, 38, Hünenbergstrasse, Lucerne.

Lugano. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Circolo Ticinese di Cultura. Thursdays. [F].)—Pres.: Mrs. P. M. Anastasi, Villa Tamigi, Certenago, Lugano.

Montreux. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Suisse. Thursdays.)—Pres.: Mr. W. V. Barton, 4, avenue du Midi, Montreux.

Neuchâtel. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Petite Salle, Station. Wednesdays. [F].)—Pres.: Mr. A. Dalby, 15, Comba Borel, Neuchâtel.

Olten. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Schweizerhof. Wednesdays. [F].)—Pres.: Mr. V. Gelpke, 818, Grubenstrasse, Aarburg, Olten.

Rorschach. English Conversation Club. (Rest. Hafenbahnhof. Thursdays. [F].)—Pres.: Miss M. Karrer, «Friedberg», Rorschacherberg.

Rorschach. English Club. (Hotel Anker. Tuesdays.)—Pres.: Mr. A. Engensperger, 42, Hauptstrasse, Rorschach.

Soleure. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Hotel Krone. Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Mrs. E. Biberstein, 69, Baselstrasse, Soleure.

St. Gall. Anglo-Swiss Club. (Restaurant Marktplatz. Irregular.)—Pres.: Prof. M. Wildi, 18, Steinbockstrasse, St. Gall.

Sion. Anglo-Swiss Club Valais. (Irregular.)—Pres.: Dr. Alex. Théler, Ecole de Commerce, Sion.

Winterthur. English Club. (Hotel Krone. Mondays.)—Pres.: Mr. K. Müller, 16, Hermannstrasse, Winterthur.

Yverdon. English Club. (Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Mrs. M. Bruggmann, 91, avenue Haldimand, Yverdon.

Zurich. English Debating Society. (Hotel St. Peter. Wednesdays.)—Pres.: Mr. R. E. Weil, 55, Stampfenbachstrasse, Zurich 6.

Zurich. Fitzroy Club. (Zunfthaus zur Saffran. Thursdays.)—Pres.: Mr. F. Eggstein, 370, Forchstrasse, Zurich 71.

Zurich. Student Relations Club. (Irregular.)

Will the Secretaries of Clubs mentioned above kindly notify Mr. D. E. Smith, Rosenberg, Zug of any inaccuracies in the details given.

Federation News

At the Executive Council Meeting held in Bienne on the 27th March, Mr. C. W. Welman, M. B. E., was unanimously elected life-member of the Executive Council, in recognition of the services he has given to the Federation and continues to give in an advisory capacity.

It was also decided that the next Congress shall take place at the Palace Hotel, Montreux on June 11th and 12th. Detailed arrangements will be worked out by a sub-committee specially constituted for the purpose.

A further discussion ensued on the possibility of a return to monthly issues of the «Anglo-Swiss Times.» It is expected that concrete proposals will be forthcoming at the next Council Meeting.

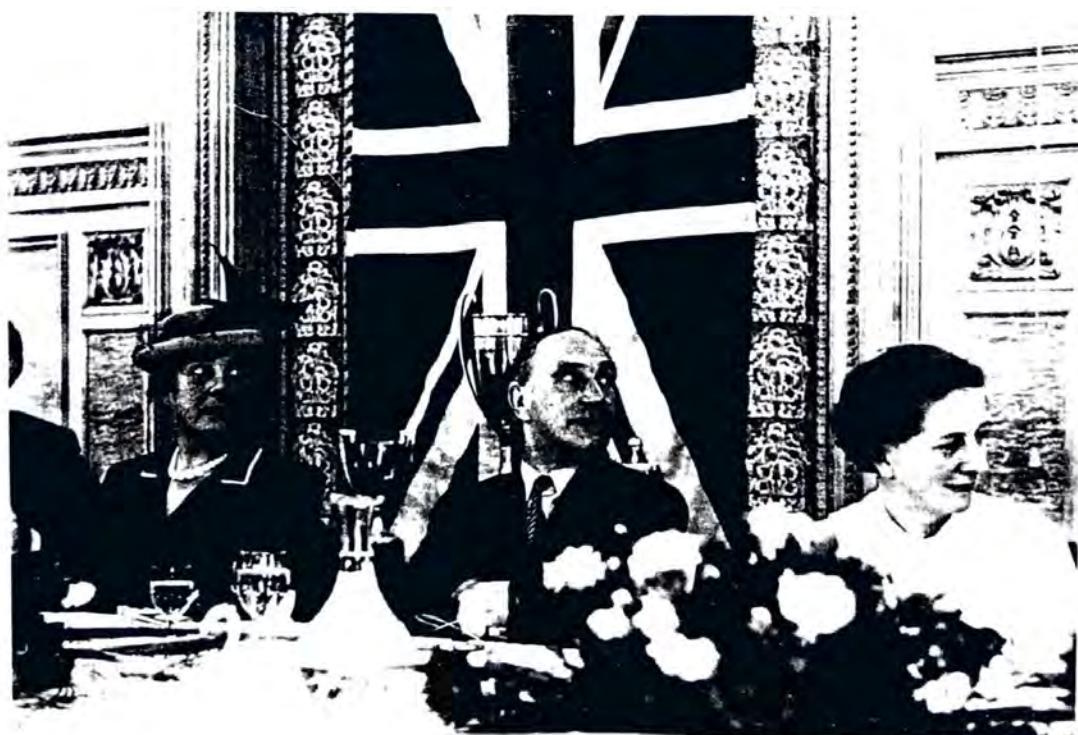
Mr. Welman informed the meeting that the British Council was appointing an Officer for Switzerland, Mr. Hewer, who is expected to take up his duties shortly.

Minutes of the meeting will be circulated to Club Presidents in due course.



Congress at Montreux 1949

The British Minister, Mr. Thomas Maitland Snow and Mrs. Snow,
also Mrs. Hewer, wife of the British Council Representative
in Zurich.



Mrs. Snow, wife of the British Minister in Berne,
Mr. A.V. Thornton, President of the Federation, and a lady guest.



Mr. C.R. Hewer, Representative of the British Council, Zurich
Mrs. Whittall, wife of the British Vice-Consul, Montreux
and the Mayor of Montreux.



Mr. H.G. Whittall, British Vice-Consul, Montreux
Mrs. C.W. Welman, wife of the honorary President
Prof. L. Rangard and Mrs. Hewer, wife of the British Council.



The British Minister, Mr. Thomas Maitland Snow
Mrs. Hewer, wife of British Council in Zurich and
Mr. D.E. Smith, Secretary.



Mrs. Snow, wife of the British Minister in Berne
presenting a cup to Mr. Charles Keller, Vice President of the Basle Club.



Mr. C.W. Welman C.B.E.
President of honour of the
Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

Congress 1949

It was most fitting and appropriate that Mr. T. M. Snow, the British Minister in Berne, should have chosen the Congress Luncheon as the occasion on which to present our former President, Mr. C. W. Welman, with the medal of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) which he had been awarded in the New Year Honours' List. The ceremony itself was of such a simplicity and informality that it seemed almost to fail to do full justice to the historic occasion, yet those who were present will always recollect with special pleasure this recognition of Mr. Welman's services in promoting Anglo-Swiss friendship.

The visit of H. R. H. Princess Margaret to Switzerland gave the Minister the introduction to the theme for his subsequent address. After thanking the Montreux authorities for the reception given in her honour in Chillon, he surprised us all by saying that this had been the first visit of a member of the British Royal Family since Queen Victoria stayed in Lucerne in 1868. This led to the inexhaustible subject of travel in Switzerland, which was illustrated by a few choice extracts from Prof. de Beer's newly published book, which is the subject of a separate article in this number.

Professor Rappard was going to confine himself merely to introducing a friend but concluded by delivering one of his inimitable speeches, and Mr. Harris, the Member of Parliament for Cambridge, relieved to find his responsibilities thus somewhat lightened, could proceed to entertain us all in quite another vein, enlarging upon the theme of Anglo-Swiss travel by recounting some of his own personal experiences from pre-war years. Other guests at the luncheon included Mr. C. R. Hewer (the new representative of the British Council in Switzerland) and Mrs. Hewer, Mr. H. G. Whittall (British Vice-Consul in Montreux), and Mr. R. Alblas (Président du Cercle de Montreux) and Mrs. Alblas.

The other arrangements of the Congress followed the traditional lines with the Dinner Dance on Saturday evening and sports competitions on both days for the cups, which were kindly presented by Mrs. Rappard after the luncheon. Thanks are due to the Montreux Palace Hotel and its staff under Mr. Frank but, above all, to Mr. Barton and the organizing sub-committee of the Montreux Club, whose efforts ensured another successful Congress under ideal conditions and perfect weather. Although attendance was only about 100, the final accounts show a profit of 393 francs.

Anglo-Swiss Society, London

The traditional friendship between England and Switzerland will be even further strengthened by the closer relations which, it is hoped, will be fostered between the Anglo-Swiss Clubs of Switzerland and the Anglo-Swiss Society of England.

The Anglo-Swiss Society has the same aims as our Clubs in Switzerland: the promotion of good fellowship between the two peoples. Lt.-Col. Stuart Townend, Director of the Anglo-Swiss Society, who is well known to many Club Members in Switzerland, has proposed that the Swiss Clubs and the English Society should invite to their meetings visiting Members from each other's country. This proposal was brought before the Executive Council and it was felt that such an arrangement would contribute so much to the ties already existing that all presents expressed themselves in its favour. Mr. D. E. Smith, the Secretary of the Federation, has written to Lt.-Col. Townend as follows:—

Lt.-Col. Stuart Townend,
Anglo-Swiss Society,
145, Palace Chambers,
Westminster,
London.

3rd November 1949.

Dear Colonel Townend,

The autumn meeting of our Executive Council, which happened to be held last Sunday, gave me a welcome opportunity to bring up the proposals before the Council before replying to your letter of 17th October.

The response of the delegates present at the meeting was so spontaneous and unanimously in favour of your suggestion that I am sure all our clubs will be prepared to welcome any of your members at their meetings in return for similar privileges on your part. Let us hope that extensive use is made of these exchange facilities.

Your intention to use your «Anglo-Swiss Leaflet» to publish the dates of meeting of the various affiliated clubs will enable this scheme to be put into practice at once. I am therefore enclosing a list of our clubs with the names and addresses of their presidents and days and places of meetings. I must add, however, that mutations made it difficult to keep such a list absolutely up-to-date, so that any of your members visiting Switzerland and wishing to avail themselves of the facilities offered would do well to write if they are to avoid possible disappointment due to subsequent changes. I will let you have revised lists from time to time.

Yours sincerely,
D. E. Smith



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The new Patron of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

The President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs has received the following letter from the new British Minister, Mr. Patrick Scrivener, C. M. G.

Sir,

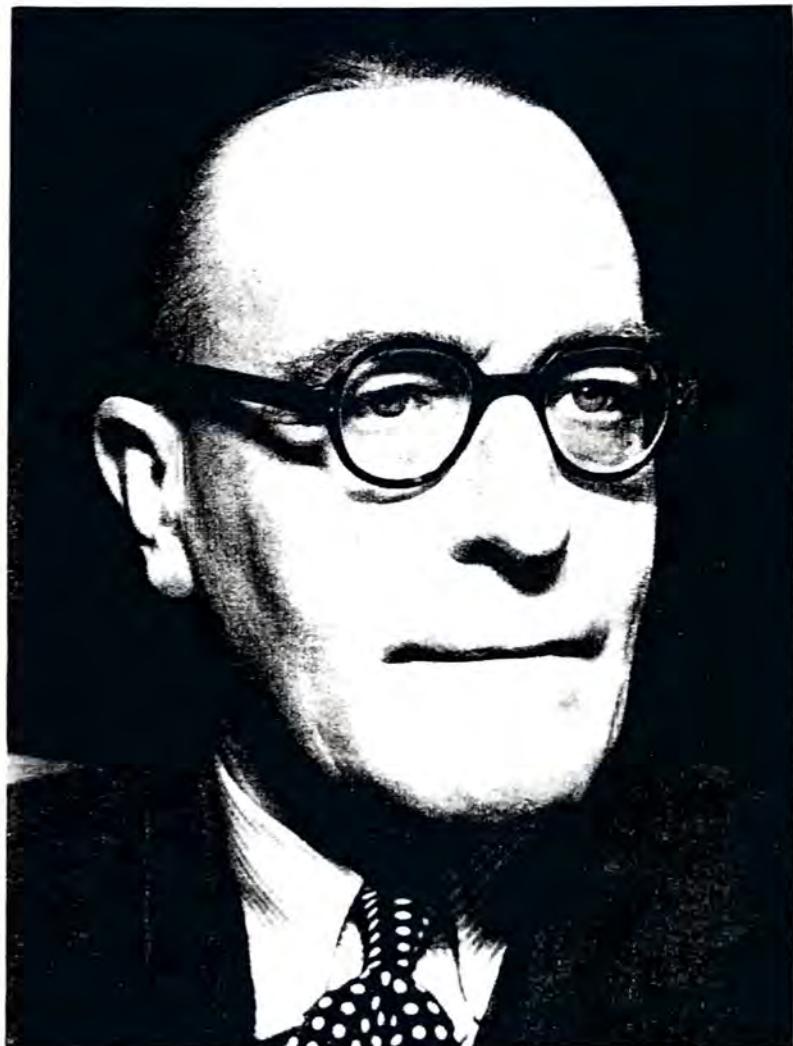
I have received and thank you for your letter of January 16th, and for your very kind wishes.

I shall have great pleasure in following my predecessors as Patron of the Federation, and also in attending a Summer Congress and making the acquaintance of your members.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

P. SCRIVENER.



(By courtesy A. T. P. Bilderdienst)

1950

Council Meeting held in Olten on March 11th 1950.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
Soleure, Olten, St Gall, Zug and Zurich.

War-Harmed Children Fund: According to a previous decision of
the Council, the funds were to be used for English children to
enjoy a month's stay in Switzerland. Organisations in England
were not prepared to bear travelling expenses involved, as the
sum would enable twice as many children to spend a holiday at
the seaside in England.

Zone-Presidents:

The following sub-committee was appointed:

Dr. J.R. Mez	Ticino Club
Mr. C.S. Allanson	Central Switzerland
Mr. F. Eggstein	Eastern Switzerland incl. Zurich
Mr. W.V. Barton or Miss S.Girard	French Switzerland (in the absence of Mr. Barton)
Mr. A.V. Thornton	President (ex officio).

Congress venue: Bienne

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. J. Jenoure and H.R. Fritscher).

Council Meeting held in Bienne on June 24th 1950.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Olten St Gall, Zug,
Winterthur and Zurich.

Congress in Bienne: a splendid organisation, unforgettable,
well attended.

Guests: Mr. Frank Dixon, British Vice-Consul in Berne
and Mrs. Dixon

(to represent H.M. Minister, Mr. Patrick Scrivener)
Prof. D.J. Gillam and Mrs. Gillam.

Mr. Thornton congratulated Mr. Dixon on his award of the
medal of the Order of the British Empire.

War-Harmed Children's Fund: Thanks to the efforts made by
Mr. Bell of British Railways, Basle, the fund would allow
20 orphans of Railway men, who died through enemy action,
a holiday in Switzerland. The fares would be paid by British
Railways as far as Basle and from there to any destination in
Switzerland by Swiss Federal Railways.

Mr. Stibbs, Montreux, announced in co-operation with the
Anglo-Swiss Society, London, a Garden Party to be held in
La Tour-de-Peilz on August 19th 1950, all members of
federated Clubs would be very welcome.

News of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

Readers will be pleased to hear that Mr. Frank Dixon, F. I. L., the British Vice-Consul in Berne, has been awarded the M.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours List for his work in fostering Anglo-Swiss relations. For many years, Mr. Dixon has shown an unfailing interest in the work of the Federation and it is right and fitting that his untiring efforts to promote friendship and understanding between the two countries should have been recognized in this manner. We extend to Mr. Dixon our heartiest congratulations.

Members of the Basle Club in particular will be pleased to hear that Mr. Werner Mangold, a fellow member, has recently been made Director of the Port of Basle Authority. To Mr. Mangold we offer our heartiest congratulations on his new appointment and wish him every success.

Anglo-Swiss Club Aarau

March 29th: Lieut. Col. de Wattewyl—Nations, Nationalities and Nationalism. A real Anglo-Swiss evening, in which we were taken through the maze of the multifarious social and industrial revolutions which were, in our speaker's opinion, the curse of mankind. Most of us felt a little ashamed, and determined to brush up our history, but all of us were given the rare treat of listening to an absorbing topic by a speaker of unusual talent and personal charm.

March 22nd: General Meeting. Little change was made at our G. M. in respect of our club policy; except for the loss of one of our members, Dr. Wyler, our committee remains as before.

We look back on a very successful year, and we hope to receive the same enthusiasm and support from our members in the future.

March 29th: Mr. John Carter, Zurich, gave us his views on Spoken English as an Instrument of Society. It seems that in general English is becoming very standardized and those of the old school, such as Churchill, are few and far between. Interesting too were Mr. Carter's observations on American slang—much of this he claims is pure Shakespearian English!

April 19th: Social Evening. The Aarauerhof Bar seems an ideal place for a private party. The evening was such fun that we hope to make parties there a regular feature. This time we were entertained by

Invitation to members of Anglo-Swiss Clubs in Switzerland

The President, Committee, and members of the Montreux-Vevey Anglo-Swiss Club cordially invite members of other Anglo-Swiss Clubs to the

Joint Garden Party,

to be held in conjunction with the Anglo-Swiss Society of England, in the grounds of the White Gates Hotel, La Tour-de-Peilz, (situated on the Lake-side between Vevey and Montreux) on

Saturday August 19th from 3 to 5 p.m.

The British Minister at Berne and Mrs. Scrivener, have promised to be present, and the guests will also include the local Mayors.

In Connection with the Centenary of Tourism celebrations in Montreux, there will be a big Fire work display at the Golf de Bon Port. Territet, at 9.30 p.m., and it is hoped to have a boat to take members from White Gates to Territet after the garden party.

Arrangements are being made to see the fireworks from the terrace of the Excelsior Hotel, where supper can be obtained if desired.

Those members wishing to attend are asked to inform the President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Montreux.—

**Mr. W. E. Stibbs, 11, Avenue de Sully,
La Tour-de-Peilz (Phone 5 33 90)**

and say how many will be present.

A small charge of Fr. 3.50 per person will be made to cover cost of tea and refreshments.

Ricardo and his Mexican troupe of dancers, demonstrating the Raspa. Who knows what famous stars will visit us next time?

Anglo-Swiss Club Montreux

On the 13th March, we had the pleasure of being the first Club to welcome Miss Georgie Henschel to lecture to the Anglo-Swiss Clubs. Miss Henschel spoke to us about the B. B. C. and it was a treat to hear her perfectly and sincerely spoken English, this naturally is why her voice comes over the microphone so well and quite a few of us were thrilled to hear her in the flesh. A most interesting and enjoyable evening.

The following week, our President of Honour, Mr. Barton gave us a talk on the trial of Lord Haw-Haw from the book by Rebecca West «The Meaning of Treason.» The speaker made this complex trial a most interesting subject.

On the 30th March, we had one of the outstanding evenings in the Club annals, when we had the pleasure of seeing coloured photographs by Mme. Rapp, also some yodelling records specially recorded for her. It was the first time we have had Mme. Rapp, and it certainly will not be the last one, and we look forward to seeing more next autumn.

The following meeting consisted of «Skittles» when we were few, but enjoyed a good game for all that. Then on the 13th April, Mr. Kocher, of Thomas Cook's, Montreux, spoke to us about a trip he had made recently to Algiers. Mr. Kocher also had taken photographs, which he showed us by means of an epidiascope.

At the next meeting we went off again travelling, this time through the eyes and voice of Mr. Riédo, and photographs and cinema films he had taken on his trip to Egypt and India. The speaker had a great many pictures and films and time passed rapidly, but we had to stop before we had finished seeing them all, a pleasure for some future date.

On the 27th April, we had one of those amusing evening which we call «My Opinion is...» when members air their views on various subjects asked by a question master. It is great fun and eventually even shy members pluck up courage and say a few words, when the argument is fast and furious.

More «Skittles» followed the week after, while on the 11th May, we were pleased to listen to Miss Stuart Berkeley, of Lausanne, on the meaning of freedom, being a commentary on the book «1984» by Orwell, a very gloomy forecast of the future, which was considerable lightened by a short talk by M. Steffan, a member of the Federalist movement for Europe. This seems to be the only answer for peace if it is possible

to realize the project for many difficulties lie ahead; but we must not be too pessimistic and certainly life would be too dreadful should Orwell's picture of it come to pass.

On the 25th of May, the Club had another Films Evening, this time we were shown a film «Down to the Caribbean» in colour, which had been kindly lent to us by K. L. M. This proved to be a lovely film, unfortunately it was spoken in Spanish and so very few of us were able to understand it as well as we should have liked. We also had two short films, taken by our fellow member, Mr. J. Schlemmer, which he took on his recent trip to the United States and also South America. A very pleasant evening.

The following week we welcomed our old friend Commodore Hardy, who spoke to us on «Present trends in the Far East.» This proved an absorbing talk, if slightly on the gloomy side, the present trend in the Far East being far from bright. However, we enjoyed our evening with Commodore Hardy and look forward to his next visit to us.

On the 8th June, we had another meeting devoted to «Skittles» which is always great fun, while to follow that our member Mr. Vialeto gave us a short talk and showed us films he had taken on his recent visit to United States. Our members are certainly travelling, two within weeks of each other to the States and back.

Then, the next week, we finished up the season with «Housey-Housey» this is our last meeting till the Autumn when we hope to start again with renewed vigour.

Garden Party at La Tour-de-Peilz

The Anglo-Swiss Club of Montreux is organizing a Garden Party at White Gates Hotel, La Tour-de-Peilz, on Saturday, August 19th. The British Minister in Berne, Mr. Patrick Scrivener, C. M. G., will be present and it is hoped that representatives of the Swiss Government will also attend. To coincide with the Garden Party, the Municipal Authorities of Montreux have arranged a Grand Fireworks Display. All members of Federated Clubs are cordially invited to attend this function if they happen to be in the district and it is hoped that members from Clubs in the neighbourhood will be present in large numbers. There will be a small admission fee.

English Club Yverdon

Since Christmas, our club has seen a great deal of activity. The meetings have been well attended, showing the pleasure of members in seeing each other at the old familiar place.

The room was full when Mr. Dalby, an old friend whom we greatly miss, paid us a visit after a year's stay abroad. He delivered us the most charming and witty talk about his stay in the University of Brussels. As he is going to discuss his thesis in Neuchâtel this autumn we hope to see him again in a joint meeting with the Neuchâtel and maybe the Bienné Clubs.

In April we had the privilege of having an informal talk from the Reverend Mr. Gärman, clergyman of Romont. He was lucky enough to stay for a year in the United States from where, apart from learning English quite well, he brought back the most lovely and picturesque lantern-slides. His talk was so vivid and full of acute observations of American people and habits that we almost felt we had been there ourselves.

The third great event was the film evening. By hard luck we didn't get the English films we wanted as we were too late; they seem to be booked for months in advance. But after a lot of phone calls and all sorts of trouble we succeeded in getting some American sound films about different countries. They all proved of great interest and were we offered a holiday, we really wouldn't know where to go. Some young members seemed to be very eager to visit the States where everything is the «greatest» in the world, some would prefer the charm and quietness of Bali where life seems to us so easy, and some at least were thrilled with the beauty of the buildings, monuments, temples and the odd customs of India.

Now we are having our summer break owing to the president and her husband being in England for a month's holiday.

Fitzroy Club Zurich

The Club Year 1949/50 ended, on March 30th, with five short speeches by members. Mr. Egli described a Summer tour to Scandinavia; Miss Enz told us once more, in her sympathetic way, of her stay in England before World War I; and, as a contrast, Miss Nievergelt spoke on her experiences in post-war England. Fritz Blum narrated a thrilling puzzle story and Hans Fischer let us enjoy some interesting readings. Finally, the president continued his «News Headlines of a Near Future.»

After an interval of three weeks over Easter, we resumed work on April 20th with a brilliant lecture by Prof. Dr. Max Wildi on «William Wordsworth, 1770-1850,» in which the speaker gave us another of his masterly literary biographies which our members enjoy so much.

The Annual General Meeting of April 27th dealt speedily with our business agenda and elected the following committee for 1950/51: President: F. Egg-

stein, Vice-president: Hedi Ziegler, Treasurer: W. Scheidegger, Secretaries: E. Meyer, Heidi Schaffner.

On May 4th, John P. Robertson talked, in his inimitable manner, on «Every Man a Millionaire,» proving that most people are «millionaires» without realizing it! The speaker showed a practical philosophy of his own («Swim together or sink together») and ended with the pleasant hint «Just around the corner, there's a sunny day!»

Dr. Raymond Conrad, in a lecture on May 11th, portrayed the restless genius of D. H. Lawrence in all his strength and weakness. Readings out of some of Lawrence's best known novels completed effectively the interesting lecture by our member.

In spite of a cloudy day, a dozen members «climbed» the Wildspitz on Ascension Day (May 18th) and very accurately reached Goldau Station just before «the rains came.» The reporter heard serious rumours since that a gay party celebrated the same evening this happy return «from the Alpine Ghosts» «somewhere in town.»

Mr. V. Barton, Montreux, came to Zurich on May 25th and lectured to us on «The trial of Lord Haw-Haw (William Joyce).» In an excellent paper, Mr. Barton reviewed the life and the treachery of that man whose voice was so often heard from 1939 to 1945 over the German Broadcasting Stations and who decidedly failed to make the English speaking nations believe that their cause was doomed! The death sentence which ended his trial, put an end to a traitor of the lowest kind!

It is always gratifying to see old members remember Fitzroy Club. Miss Lony Meier who went to Siam some two years ago, sent us an unexpected and very interesting paper on her stay in that far-eastern country, describing in vivid colours some striking peculiarities of life there. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for this speech to Miss Meier and to Miss Ott who read it to us on her behalf (June 1st).

Before the Summer Holiday Season set in we had once again the pleasure of being able to listen to our Honorary Member Mrs. Hottinger-Mackie, who lectured (June 8th) on «The Family Relations in King Lear.» Mrs. Hottinger made these relations look to us almost like a contemporary plot of jealousy, hatred, mixed with love and admiration. Shakespeare never tells us what life ought to be, but what it is like. The world is still full of «Lears» who create tragedies of all kinds. Therefore, these «relations» are applicable to all ages.

If ~~more~~

1950

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 5th 1950.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Biel, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Neuchâtel, Olten, Winterthur, Yverdon, Zug and Zurich.

Transfer from Associate to full Members:
British Circle, Basle (Mr. T.W. Harrison).

War-Harmed Children's Fund:

Mr. Thornton, on behalf of the Federation, thanked the Clubs of Basle, Bellinzona, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Olten, for entertaining the children, also the other clubs for their contribution. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Bell, British Railways Representative in Basle and M^r. Suter of the Locarno Hotel, the Post. Mr. Evershed had agreed, in partial recognition of the Federation's efforts to undertake a lecture tour to all clubs the following season.
It was decided that the War-Harmes Children's Fund should continue in future.

Mr. Welman proposed the election of 6 Zone Vice-Presidents as decided at an earlier meeting:

- Zone 1- Mr. W.V. Barton, Montreux
for Geneva, Lausanne, Montreux and Sierre
2- Mr. J. Jenoure, Biel
for Berne, Biel, Neuchâtel and Yverdon
3- Mrs. N. Schaefer, Aarau
for Aarau, Basle, Olten and Soleure
4- Mr. Eggstein, Zurich
for Lucerne, Winterthur and Zurich
5- Mr. Ruf, St Gall
for Amriswil, Arbon, St Gall, Romanshorn and Rorschach
6- Mrs. P. Anastasi, Lugano
for Bellinzona, Locarno and Lugano.

1951

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on March 11th 1951.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Arbon, Basle, Berne, Biel, Lucerne, Lausanne, Locarno
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Olten, Soleure, Winterthur, Zug, Zurich.

Election of Vice-President (Zone 4):

Mr. H. Im Thurm, President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne,
was proposed by Mr. Welman and elected unanimously.

Congress venue : Locarno.

Council Meeting held at Locarno on June 16th 1951.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Biel, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel,
St Gall, Winterthur and Zug.

Election of Vice-President (Zone 6):

Mrs. M. Casella, E.C. Bellinzona, was elected to replace
Mrs. Anastasi, who had to give up.

All other Officers of the Council were re-elected,
proposed by Mr. Leuenberger and seconded by Mr. Fritscher.

Congress was attended by 130 persons.

Guests: Prof. E. Privat and Mrs. Privat

Mr. G. Rusca, Mayor of Locarno

Mr. C. Hewer, Representative of British Council

Mr. R. Selby, Acting British Consul, Lugano.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 4th 1951.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne, Locarno,
Lugano, Montreux, Soleure, Winterthur, Zug, Zurich.

The congress at Locarno was very much favoured, the weather
was perfect, a happy gathering.

Locarno Holiday for 20 English Children

(as guests of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs)



*A happy group from the Southern Railway Servants' Orphanage with
Mr. A. G. Evershed (Secretary-Superintendent) during their stay
in Switzerland last autumn as
guests of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs.*

His Late Majesty King George VI

It is with profound sorrow that we have to record the death of King George VI of England. After one of the most turbulent reigns in the long history of England, he has been laid to rest with his forefathers, and his people the world over have mourned his passing with sincere grief. Scarcely were the golden splendours of his Coronation over in 1937 when the first mutterings of the gathering storm were heard. During the war years he proved that he possessed the fine qualities of courage and tenacity. Like so many of his people, he stayed in his home in London and did not seek a quieter place in the country although he knew that Buckingham Palace presented an unmistakable target to marauding Nazi aircraft. He fulfilled his high functions with dignity and honour and to the minutiae of official reports and documents devoted his unfailing attention. Much of his subsequent ill-health is no doubt due to the fact that, although not physically strong, he never spared himself in the discharge of his duties. After the war when the immediate danger of bombs and shells gave place to the insidious economic and social malaise that so often follows upon a long period of armed strife, his example was inspiring. Duty remained his task-master and he never failed nobly to carry the

burdens kingship placed upon him. While the age-old virtues of a Christian home-life were widely challenged, his own happiness with his family was at once an example to the country and a solace for the strain imposed upon him by his high office and his failing health. In this modern age when vast and inscrutable forces shape the destinies of mankind and the individual man can do little or nothing to change the course of events, King George VI might well serve as an inspiration to all those who are called upon to shoulder heavy burdens: he overcame grave personal disabilities by dint of sterling character and perseverance; met the challenge of a terrible and costly war with fortitude, and bore the suffering of distressing ill-health with uncomplaining courage. He will be long remembered.

Seldom, if ever, has monarch come to the throne with such assurance of the people's love and goodwill as Queen Elizabeth II. These she owes in no small measure to her own charm and graciousness. Like Elizabeth Tudor, she becomes Queen when the country is assailed by many dangers. May her reign equal or outmatch in achievement that of her illustrious predecessor.

QUEEN MARY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mary, Dowager Queen Mother of England. Queen Mary, as she was always known, grew into an almost legendary figure, for she personified an age which had become part of history in her lifetime. Dignified at all times, she nurtured the high ideals of service which are the watchword of the Royal Family, and by her gracious manner and devotion to duty set a fine example to three generations.

1953

1952

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 30th 1952.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Winterthur, Zug and
Zurich.

New Member:

The English Club, Thun, President, Mr. J.J. Wütrich, was
proposed by Mr. H.R. Fritscher, Bienne, and accepted.

Congress venue: Bürgenstock

(Sub-Committee: Mr. Im Thurn, Lucerne, Mr. Wirz, Basle, and
D.E. Smith, Zug).

Council Meeting held on the Bürgenstock on June 21st 1952.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Arbon, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Neuchâtel, St Gall, Thun, Winterthur, Yverdon and Zurich.

New Member:

The ECSMS, Tavannes, was proposed and accepted, whereas the
English Club, Rorschach, resigned.

Resignation of Hon.Treasurer:

Mr. G. Wirz, Basle, tendered his resignation as he was taking
up a business appointment in Rio de Janeiro.

Mr. Leo Durscher, also a member of the Basle Club, was elected.

The congress was attended by approx. 120 persons.

Guests: Mr. B.C. Macdermot, British Chargé d'Affaires
and Mrs. Macdermot

Mr. J.C.G. Brown, Press Attaché of the
Canadian Legation, Berne, and Mrs. Brown,

Mr. J.R. Hewer, Representative of the British Council

Council Meeting held in Zurich on October 26th 1952.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure,
St Gall, Winterthur, Zug and Zurich.

New Members:

E.C. Bassecourt and

E.C. Langenthal

were proposed and accepted.

MESSAGE

On behalf of the English Club, Bienne, which has undertaken this issue of the Anglo-Swiss Times, it is my privilege and pleasure to address a short message to all our friends and fellow members of the Federation. ¶ The English Club, Bienne, has always played an important part in the activities of the Federation and despite many difficulties, it has carried on, always with one aim in view—to strengthen the ties which bind the two nations. ¶ Looking back through the Club's records I feel that our humble efforts have met with considerable success and it is my fervent hope that we shall, together with all other Clubs, continue to grow from strength to strength, thus furthering the friendship between our two countries, which, if only followed by all other nations of the world, would play a great part in attaining that everlasting peace for which all of us so earnestly pray. ¶ I make no excuse for the several articles describing the history and activities of our pleasant little town situated at the foot of the Jura, for all of us here are justly proud of what is so rightly called "the town of the future." ¶ Wherever you may be, all members of the English Club, Bienne, extend to you, their greetings and wishes for health, happiness and success for the future.

JOHN JENOURE
President

Federation Congress

Bürgenstock, 21st and 22nd June 1952

By general consent, this year's Congress will probably be remembered, by all those who attended, as one of the most successful of recent years. If credit can be ascribed to any one contributory factor, most praise this time would go to the hotel itself, its ideal situation, and the convenience of being able to hold all our sports events within easy distance of each other. And in this respect we were also fortunate in enjoying that ideal weather we now associate with our Congresses.

Soon after the arrival of the first club parties in the early afternoon, the sports events were running smoothly, under the supervision of Mr. G. Dreier and members of the Lucerne Club, assisted by Basle for the Tennis competition. These concluded on Sunday morning just in time to permit holding the Swimming Race in the lake and yet allowing competitors and spectators a few moments of leisure before returning to the hotel by the Funicular for the Banquet. But before leaving the sports events, we should briefly place on record this year's winning clubs:

Shooting: E. C. Bienné

Skittling: E. C. Bienné

Highest individual score: Dr. Schrittmacher (Lucerne)

Tennis: A. S. C. Locarno

Table Tennis: E. C. Winterthur

Swimming: E. C. Winterthur

But not everybody's interest centres in the sports competitions. For many delegates, the success of a Congress stands or falls by the Ball. This year we were extremely fortunate in having as our M. C. Mr. Jenoure of the E. C. Bienné, with Mrs. Sailer (S. Gall) as Hostess. One of the guest speakers at the Banquet made reference to «a Ball to end Balls.» It is certain

that never were so many novelties presented in the course of the evening, and the spirits of the company never languished for a moment. A word of praise is also due to Egon Fernand and his orchestra, whose playing catered for all tastes and who co-operated so willingly and whole-heartedly with the M. C. in his programme.

At the Banquet, the Federation was honoured, as its guests, by the presence of Mr. B. C. MacDermot, British Chargé d'Affaires in Berne, and Mrs. MacDermot, who also kindly consented to present the cups to the winning teams; Mr. J. C. G. Brown, Press Attaché of the Canadian Legation, and Mrs. Brown; also Mr. J. R. Hewer, Representative in Switzerland of the British Council. Apologies for absence had been received from Prof. W. Rappard, Patron of the Federation, and from Mr. L. S. Haptie, British Vice-Consul in Lucerne.

At the Executive Council Meeting, two new Club were elected members of the Federation—the English Club Thun and the English Club Tavannes—both of which were represented at the Congress. The main Federation Officers were re-elected for another year.

During the course of his presidential address, Mr. Thornton referred to the associations of the Federation with the Bürgenstock, where some of the earliest Congresses had been held. He reminded us all that the Federation would be celebrating the 21st anniversary of its foundation next year, when he hoped that attendance at the Congress would be worthy of the event.

On this theme we may perhaps take leave of the Bürgenstock, looking both backward with pleasant recollections to its 1952 Congress and also forwards to our next family gathering and coming-of-age party.

D. E. S.

*A*t the opening of the autumn season I wish to express the best wishes and hearty thanks of the Executive Council of the Federation to all our clubs and their members. As we enter upon this season with new hopes and prospects we realise how very important it is for one not only to be able to speak a language well, but also to know and understand the nation or nations who claim that specific language to be "their mother tongue". Knowledge of a language is not only essential for commercial dealings, but is definitely more than that. It is the key to international understanding, confidence and mutual trust. It has been asserted that nearly one half of the world's inhabitants are able to express themselves in English, so that a good knowledge of it enables us to speak or correspond with practically fifty per cent of mankind in all corners of the earth. But the knowledge of the language alone is insufficient to accomplish that which we all so much desire; we must learn to know the characteristics, the mentality of the other man, his national ideals, his fears and hopes, to be able to appreciate his point of view, or in short, to understand him. Our federated clubs do not aspire to teach English, but we do aim at bringing the English-speaking Swiss, Britons and members of the British family of nations into closer contact and so give all the opportunity to understand each other better. By doing so we help to maintain the good relations between Switzerland and England and for-

ward the friendly connections with lands overseas. It is the task of making friends for your country and offering your friendship to those whom you have learnt to understand and trust. Surely there is no greater patriotic work than this and I wish all clubs engaged the best success for the coming season.

Yours sincerely

A. V. Thornton.



MR. A. V. THORNTON

President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs
and President of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Basle

The Anglo-Swiss Club of Basle

This short report on the history of the club is not intended to be a complete record of the items which have occurred in the club since its foundation; unfortunately, the space at my disposal will not permit the mention of all the members who have, at various times given their time and money to forward the interests of our society. Many incidents which may be considered by some to be worthy of mention have to be omitted for the same reason. To those who have lent a hand and who are not personally thanked in this short article, I offer my sincere apologies and thanks.

The club was founded on November 1st, 1911; a small advertisement appeared in the local press, inviting all and sundry interested in the foundation of an English-speaking club to meet. A copy of this advert is carefully preserved in the golden book of the club. Some twenty ladies and gentlemen attended this inaugural gathering and drew up rules and regulations which formed the basis of early club life. Some of these rules may appear strange at the present time. It was expected that members should attend the meetings regularly, a written apology was to be sent in case of unavoidable absence. Fines were imposed for absence without excuse at the quarterly and annual general meeting. The membership was limited to thirty active members, passive members were evidently not considered. A good knowledge of the English language was obligatory for all applicants for membership. The meetings were of a formal nature. At the head of the table sat the Chairman, to his left the Vice-chairman and the Treasurer, to his right, the Secretary. After welcoming the members, the Chair would introduce all applicants and guests and then call upon the Sec. to read the minutes of the foregoing meeting, which were commented on and passed. Monthly lectures on Shakespeare were a standing fixture, for which the lecturer, a local schoolteacher of English nationality, was paid 5 frs. In spite of the fact that the membership was limited to thirty, the annual festival arranged by the club was always a great success and photographs record attendances at well over a hundred. Amateur theatricals, instrumental and vocal music, dialogues and monologues formed the attractive programmes at these functions, which goes to prove that the early members took their club seriously and devoted much time to ensure success. One point of interest to present-day clubs is that contact was established with an English-speaking club in Zurich (now defunct), and combined meetings were held until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, at Basle, Baden and Zurich. All seemed to have run smoothly until August 1914 when political discussions and differences of opinion among the members shook the very foundations. It was then that the first notable character appeared in a Mr. John Adams, a native of Luxembourg, who by tact and determination succeeded in

bringing the early spirit of unison and comradeship back into the club. But Mr. Adams did not aspire to the chair of the club, he had done his job well and remained for many years the «father» of the club, the emergency man and adviser. Now well over 80 years of age, Johnnie Adams, as he is known by his friends, although still a member, seldom attends the meetings owing to deafness, but displays a keen interest in the Basle Club and makes occasional visits to the present chairman to enquire «How is the old Club progressing?» In 1914, Mr. Hans Senn was elected to the chair, ably assisted by a strong committee, of whom Messrs. H. Zimmermann, Dr. R. Schilling, Mr. J. Hunsperger and others deserve special mention. Mr. Senn remained in office until 1921 and much of the success the club has had can be ascribed to this period. The membership limit was raised to 50, passive members were welcomed and after some years of foundation work, the club started on the upward grade. The members became a company of good and fast friends, meeting not only at the weekly meetings but on every Sunday for rambles in the countryside, well organized and brilliantly conducted by the chairman. In fact these Sunday rambles became the main attraction for membership and many passive members were enrolled simply to enable them to take part in these rambles. «The happy family of the Anglo-Swiss Club» became a byword in Basle. Socalled «Family Evenings» were held annually, to which the parents and relatives of members were invited. Usually well over 300 persons attended, the programmes were arranged one half in Swiss-German to entertain the guests and the other half in English to prove the English language was not being neglected. The club was mainly of a social nature but extremely successful and entertaining to the members. At the end of 1921 Mr. Senn retired and for the following years the club had difficulty in finding a capable successor. Mr. W. Lemp undertook the office for one year a continued on the lines laid down by his predecessor. Upon his resignation, Mr. Adams was recalled to fill the gap, and remained in office until 1924, when a capable successor in the person of Mr. R. Corbaz was found. It was during this term of office, that the nature of the club was completely changed from the mainly social to the mainly cultural. The rules were revised, the number limit to membership abolished, and aims and purposes introduced to make the club a useful institution in the cause of Anglo-Swiss relations. By a strange coincidence, Mr. Corbaz was assisted in his reforms in a peculiar manner. An S.O.S. was received from a nurse at the general hospital: an English woman, a complete stranger in Basle, had suddenly been taken seriously ill, with no one to comfort or cheer her in her trouble. Lady-members of the club visited the stranger with flowers and reading matter. In due course the stranger's hus-

band arrived in Basle, a ship's doctor who lectured to the club as a token of gratitude to our ladies and emphasized the importance of such clubs in international relations. Unfortunately, Mr. Corbaz resigned after only one year of office owing to differences about social functions, but left a deep impression upon the club activities for years after. Mr. A. Thornton succeeded him, following the example of his predecessor with more and better lectures, causeries, etc. until in 1928 he made way for Mr. W. Hablützel, who for two years made a success of the club's activities. Musical and theatrical committees were set up to brighten up the meetings and for the first time in the history of the club, public lectures were arranged, a series of monthly lectures on Charles Dickens which were attended by 300 persons being the outstanding success of the period. An item of note was a lecture delivered by Prof. J. Hicks of the University of Adelaide on his expedition to the central part of Australia and study of the life and customs of the Aborigines. Prof. Hicks was on his way to London to give his lecture to the Royal Geographical Soc. and was later knighted for this work. 1929-1930 saw a new chairman in office, Mr. Arthur Baer, who carried on the work of progress for one year only. 1930-1931 was the beginning of a new era in club life, the chairman was again Mr. A. V. Thornton, who has since been re-elected time and again for the past twenty-one years. Not that the re-election of Mr. Thornton would have, in itself, created this new era, but this was the year in which Mr. J. Lothian and his friends of Bienne, Geneva and Lucerne endeavoured to found an association of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. The invitation to attend a consultative meeting was received by the committee and the chairman delegated to attend and report. As a result of this the committee decided to send a delegation of ex-committee members and leaders of the club to the inaugural congress at Thun in order to weigh up the «pro and cons» of an entry into this community. It was finally decided to make a referendum which ended, at the recommendation of the committee, with an almost unanimous vote in favour of the Federation. New honours bring new responsibilities and the committee and club received these new responsibilities with an endeavour to forward the aims of the new Federation, at the same time reaping the benefits the new organization placed at their disposal. Numerous new lecturers from various towns in Switzerland, opportunities to introduce new ways of spending an entertaining and enlightening evening under the auspices of the club. We recall with gratitude the names of J. Lothian, C. Sanders, C. W. Welman, J. Gillam, F. Dixon, C. Oliver and many others who during the early years of the thirties found time to pay us repeated visits with interesting lectures against refundment of their out-of-pocket expenses. These years proved the great benefits a Federation can bring to the individual club; since then the A. S. C. Basle is heart and soul with the Federation which now forms an integral part of our club life and activities. The policy adopted brought us under the patronage of the British Consulate of Basle in 1933 with wider scope

and hopes. In 1936 the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the club brought delegates from almost every federated club in Switzerland and a grand festival attended by 275 members and friends celebrated the occasion. At the outbreak of the Second World War the club numbered 120 members, all of whom were loyal and true Swiss friends of Britain or British friends of Switzerland. Soon our ladies were working hand in hand with the British ladies supplying some of the needs of the Swiss and British Red Cross. The committee adopted a resolution to donate all financial surpluses on each year's working to the benefit of the Swiss and Allied Forces and all members united in one grand effort to follow the aims of the club. It was the time to prove the use of such an institution as ours. And we record with pride that during the year 1941-1942, the darkest and most threatening for all of us domiciled in this exposed point of Swiss territory, not a single resignation was received by the committee, every member, Swiss and British, stood loyal to their principles and proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that their friendship was worthy of their aims. Virtue is its own reward; this stalwart stand brought a large number of new members into the club and the membership rose rapidly to over 200, but lecturers were hard to find. With few exceptions, residents in other towns seemed to have lived under the impression that Basle was in Germany, but soon a few took the «risk» of coming to Basle and to lecture to the club. Our heartiest thanks are due in the first place to Mr. R. A. Langford of Zurich and to the Hon. chairman of the Federation, Mr. C. W. Welman, who were the first to visit us during the crisis, also to the British residents, Mr. F. A. Colenutt and Mr. P. Larke who time and again stepped into the gap and delivered a number of really good lectures, so that the activities of the club were continued without hindrance. With the change of the tide of war and the Italian breakdown a large number of escapees entered this country, men of the English, South African, Indian, Canadian and Australian forces. Through the kind courtesy of the Swiss military authorities, we were permitted to engage officers of the Indian, South African and Australian armies to lecture on their various countries to us, explaining the life and customs and helping us to understand their pleasures and appreciate their difficulties, for after all said and done, all true friendship must be based on understanding; we must understand the conditions of life in the other countries and not simply judge by the high standard which exists in our own.

So the years of war passed; the club strengthened in influence and numbers. Let us remember the ladies and gentlemen who led the club during this time and who inspired their fellow members with that «never say die» spirit: with the chairman, were Messrs. Ch. Keller, G. Wirz, Arthur Merz, Misses M. Bientz, L. Gschwind and H. Buser, and the individual members who besides supporting the club and its aims, were daily cheering doubtful spirits and giving the lie to tendentious propaganda. At the end of the war the

club resumed its normal activities assisted by a large number of newly-won friends, but the lessons learnt during the war were learnt never to be forgotten. The lectures are, for the main part, selected to teach us all something about those peoples and lands which we cannot visit personally, for it is our endeavour to bring to all our members knowledge, free from all political bias, so that each can listen and judge for themselves. We do not seek to influence but simply to place the bare facts before them by means of lectures, films or lantern slides.

The past few years of the club's activity have been marked with further success; our membership list now exceeds 250, the quality of the meetings has reached

a standard which will be hard to maintain. Outstanding dates have been the lecture of Mr. Thor Heyendahl of «Kon Tiki» fame. Mr. R. Butler's brilliant lecture on «India,» Mr. H. v. Meiss on various personal expeditions, as well as talks by our old friends Mr. C. Welman, D. Stephenson, J. Gillam, R. A. Langford, A. Bell and others who are always prepared to lend a hand.

Team work has been the key to success, a committee of ladies and gentlemen who know their task and do it well without constant reminders from the chair and members who believe that if it is worth having a club at all, then it is worth their time and money to have a good one, have given an impetus which we hope to maintain for years to come. A. V. T.

The Anglo-Swiss Club Aarau wishes a Merry Christmas to each and all of you. May health and good fortune accompany you throughout the coming year. ¶ We should like this message of good cheer to ring out over the hills and across the seas, reaching our many friends from here and from all parts of the world. ¶ Within our small community, through the medium of the English language, have gathered the peoples of many nations; each has left a little spark behind; never will his particular corner of the world seem a strange place again. ¶ We are proud that our Anglo-Swiss bonds, built upon mutual respect, understanding and friendship, are liberal and noble enough to include and foster good-fellowship amongst the members of other nations. ¶ On the following pages we endeavour to give a compound picture of the manifold occupations, the social institutes, commercial and cultural life of our town. ¶ Although the Anglo-Swiss Club does not concern itself with commerce, but rather has its main purpose in promoting Anglo-Swiss friendship, we recognize prosperity as the solid foundation on which cultural aims can thrive. Therefore, in this issue we salute Industry. The Aarau Club enjoys the membership and good will of many branches of our economic structure. To the Municipality, as well as the business houses, the Iron and the Tobacco factory, Electrical and Electrothermal, Apparatuses Watchmaker and Bunker, the Hotelier and the Builder, Optical Instruments and Shoe Manufacturers, we express our thanks for all their interest, support and generosity, bestowed upon our club in general, and especially for this issue of our Federation Journal.

N. S.



MRS. NÖELLE SCHÄFER-VINN
President of the Anglo-Swiss Club Aarau

Letter to the President of the Anglo-Swiss Club Aarau

Dear Noëlle,

The last few days and weeks must have seen you frightfully busy collecting and sifting material for our special number of the Anglo-Swiss Times. So I wonder if you ever had time to glimpse at the attendance-book of our meetings. It is a proud record of our activities, a document which tells the story of our achievements and disappointments, and of the problems which beset the minds of a president and his assistants.

On reading through the pages of this chronicle I realized how very closely your work as president has been bound up with the 7-year history of our "small-town club." You have grown up with this society, your personality and charm have helped to shape it and maintain the interest of its members; and it is very largely due to your drive and initiative (may an Englishwoman overlook these Americanisms!) that the club is respected and recognized as a valuable asset to the cultural and social life of our small town.

When looking back to the club's first meeting in November 1945, I remember the eagerness and enthusiasm with which the foundation of an Anglo-Swiss Club was welcomed. The war had cut us off from Britain and the USA, and we were hungering for anything that might bring about a closer contact with the world which meant so much to us. Nevertheless, I think it was a venture which might have ended in failure. I recall that "Cassandra" who prophesied that our club was doomed from its beginnings, that interest in the club would soon fizzle out, and it will be remembered in later years as a bad joke. I am

glad that our pessimist was wrong; he underrated the tenacity of our most loyal members, and he could not know then that an English-born-and-bred woman would take command of the fragile ship and guide it across the troubled waters of a club's first years.

How timidly we invited our first lecturers, how modestly we celebrated our first Christmas party, how anxiously we awaited the arrival of a speaker who finally did not turn up! We politely suffered the mumblings of distinguished guests, we expressed our pleasure at the large attendance when the hall yawned emptily, we ran about helplessly when a voice in the loudspeaker consistently interrupted the concise thoughts of our lecturer; we hoped that the waitresses would get on with their service and have done with it before the irritable guest was asked to deliver his message; and time and again we were vexed at the disconcerting errors of our club's advertisements in the local press.

These were mainly your problems and troubles, and you suffered the pangs of these misfortunes bravely and in good humour, so that we members might be prevented from feeling the discomforts of the unexpected and of human frailty.

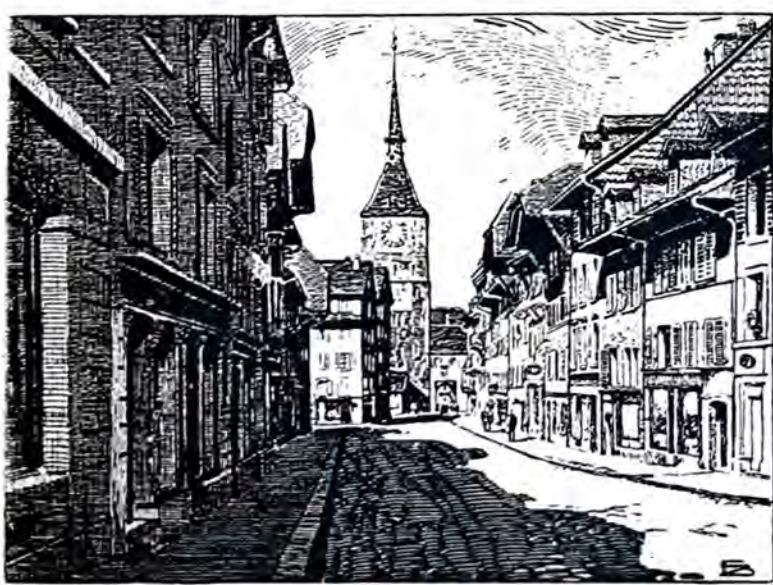
But your triumphs made up for all those unpleasant undertones. Who will ever forget the brilliant men of letters, the economists, explorers, and diplomats whom you had the pleasure to introduce to your attentive and grateful audience. These were the highlights in our club's short but eventful history, and their brilliance made us overlook the waning growing-pains. Of course I must not forget to mention the happy times we had together at our social gatherings. To bring people together has always been your strong point. It is indeed a wonderful gift to make human hearts glow warmly by a few apt and humorous remarks.

What I am trying to tell you in this letter is that we are deeply indebted to you. We feel that if it is anybody's club at all it is yours—you have been with it from its birth, you have worked for it and made it prosper, and we hope that you will go on standing at the helm as long as you can afford to do so.

You will not see this letter before it appears in print. I know that your modesty would not allow it to be forwarded to the printers.

But sometimes a compliment has to be suffered in public and, I trust, with inward satisfaction. Perhaps this will encourage you to continue your good work with the spirit and verve we have always so much admired in "our president."

Yours faithfully,
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An old-world street

From the Capital of this country greetings go out to all Federated Clubs. (I hope that these pages will present to you a short survey of the life and spirit of this city, its picturesque aspect, its various activities as the seat of the Swiss Federal Government, its art, its industry and its international relations, and thus contribute to the special issues prepared by the Clubs of various Swiss towns. (At the same time I extend a very hearty welcome to all of you who this summer will be visitors to Berne and take part in the great celebrations of the 600th anniversary of Berne's entry into the Swiss Federation. (May this number of the Anglo-Swiss Times bring a message of friendship and mutual understanding to you all and thus fulfil one of the noblest aims of our Federation!

Dr. Eric Haag
President of the Anglo-Swiss Association Berne



A Past-President Remembers

By F. DIXON, M. B. E., H. M. Consul at Berne

In the course of an average lifetime most of us collect souvenirs and retain pleasant memories of particular occasions. I am no exception to this rule, and amongst the souvenirs I most highly prize is a pewter plate inscribed:—

To their President 1933-1941

Mr. Frank Dixon

As a souvenir from the members
of the A. S. A. Berne.

whilst in the matter of memories I can truthfully say that many of the evenings we spent together at the Amthausgasse Club Rooms were amongst the happiest of my life at that time. It therefore involved no hardship for me to comply with Dr. Eric Haag's request that I should write an article for publication in the present issue.

It has been my experience that almost all Anglo-Swiss Clubs have their ups and downs, and the Berne A. S. A. happened to be in very low water when I took over in 1933. Let me say right away however that I was given advantages which no previous President had ever had, and no President is likely to have them again; I was allowed to make my own conditions, select my own officers (which included the former President) and I was surrounded by a small but compact band of workers who had firmly decided that the club should rise again: and if possible, higher than ever before. Innovations which seemed risky at the time were decided upon, and with an empty exchequer we made a contract with the Lyceum Club of Berne committing us to pay about 1,000 fr. per year, which entitled us to share their private rooms so that we could meet there on Thursday evenings instead of in a café. One of the rooms was empty and this became ours for seven days a week; we furnished it on the easy-payment system, the furniture including an electric gramophone which enabled us to dance. A cupboard was stocked as a bar, and this soon paid for itself and showed a profit!

Gradually, by reason of the facilities we were now able to offer, and as a reward for the committee's hard work, regular attendance and unfailing enthusiasm, our membership and property grew. We acquired many things including a piano, an epidiascope, and a portable stage which was specially constructed to fit into a very large bay-window in the lecture room; and from less than about 50 volumes our library soon reached the figure of 400. In fact we had to give away surplus books because of lack of shelf-space.

We were I think amongst the pioneers in using the now widely copied system of a monthly circular, posted to members, showing the day, time and nature of each week's programme and the duty-officer.

Probably the most difficult task was (and still is) to provide a regular weekly attractive item to occupy members for at least the first hour, to prevent them from sitting around and getting bored; but we pegged away at the problem and somehow we succeeded. We planted the seeds of the idea that members did not come to the club only for what they could get out of it, but also for what they could put into it: and the idea developed to such an extent that in the end we had to use gentle diplomacy in order to turn down unsuitable offers of help.

Amateur theatricals have long been a hobby of mine, and although The Berne A. S. A. Pierrot Troupe achieved only one-night local fame, I have always looked upon it as one of the club's most successful entertainment efforts. That was in 1934 or 1935. It took us three months to make the costumes and to rehearse a two-and-a-half hours' show, but we had our reward in a "full house" at the Alhambra Assembly Rooms, where the audience of about 250 persons who had never seen such a thing in Berne before, gave us what our American friends call "the big hand."

Yes, those were the peak days of our club; clearly they could not go on for ever, but they did last until about 1937 or 1938, when the clouds of war began to collect on the horizon and none of us had the spare time which previously had been ours. I myself have not been able to take any really active part in club affairs since 1939: and in 1941 when such organizations were having a really thin time, I was compelled by pressure of official business to lay down the cares of office. As my replacement (and he has continued as President ever since) we were fortunate in securing the services of my friend Eric Haag, whose patience, ability and tenacity in holding the Berne A. S. A. together through the difficult years which followed, I have always so much admired. In contradistinction to my own take-over in 1933, he had the worst possible conditions to combat, but he beat them.

Finally, I would like to add a word or two about lecturing. I must have given at least a hundred lectures to Anglo-Swiss Clubs in the ten years between 1933 and 1943, and it was a lot of fun. Of course I am "on the retired list" now, but I remember that one's audiences were always appreciative, never critical; there was no limitation in the choice of subject and it was a pleasure to make the acquaintance of members of other clubs in various cities and to see how those clubs worked. As a lecturer one is always welcome, so try yourself out on your own ground and then offer your services to a neighbouring club. They will gladly pay your railway fare and buy you a good dinner,—at least they did for me!

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Council Meeting held in Berne on March 29th 1953.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Olten, Soleure, St Gall,
Tavannes, Thun, Yverdon and Zurich.

New Member:

Anglo-Swiss Club, Schaffhausen, was proposed and accepted.
English Club, Winterthur, celebrated its 25th anniversary
in 1953.

The 21st congress of the Federation was arranged at Montreux.
(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Durscher, Basle, Pound, Montreux, and
Smith, Zug).

Council Meeting held at Montreux on June 6th 1953.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Bienne, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Montreux,
Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Tavannes, Thun, Yverdon, Zug
and Zurich.

New Council Officers:

Mr. Thornton was re-elected as President. He indicated his
willingness to stand again on condition that a
Federation Vice-President be elected to assist him with
general affairs.

Federation Vice-President: For this new post, Mr. J.Jenoure,
Bienne, was elected unanimously.

Hon.Secretary: Mr. D.E. Smith agreed to continue for one
further period of office. To give assistance, Mr.H.R.Fritscher,
OSMS, Bienne, was proposed and elected as Hon.Asst.Secretary.

Mr. L. Durscher, Basle, was again elected as Hon.Treasurer.

Congress at the Palace Hotel was another successful gathering,
attended by 150 people.

Guests: Sir Patrick Scivener, British Ambassador in Berne and
Lady Scrivener

Prof. W. Rappard and Mrs. Rappard

Mr. H.E. Whittall, British Vice-Consul in Montreux
and Mrs. Whittall.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 15th 1953.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Bienne, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Olten,
Soleure, St Gall, Winterthur, Zug and Zurich.

Mr. J. Jenoure, the Federation Vice-President, accepted also
the post of Lecture Organiser.

British Ambassador:

In view of the approaching retirement of Sir Patrick Scrivener,
Patron of the Federation, it was decided to send an expression
of thanks and good wishes.

It was announced that public lectures by Lt.-Col. Hunt and
Sir Edmund Hillary were arranged in various towns for
January 1954.

Greetings

*from Olten to all Members and Friends of the Federation
of Anglo-Swiss Clubs*

The Anglo-Swiss Club in Olten in line with the Federation Clubs has as its chief aim the promotion of good will and the fostering of cultural relations between the two countries and it is in this spirit that this issue has been undertaken. I congratulate our fellow member clubs on the excellent work they have done in the preceding issues. No small task if you consider that their efforts have strengthened the link between the English-speaking Clubs in Switzerland immeasurably.

The Anglo-Swiss Club Olten welcome the opportunity to present their City in the following pages.

It may not be generally known that Olten today combines the tradition of the old town with the vigorous energy of modern times. No longer is it only a pleasant hospitable town for meetings and conferences.

It is for this reason that special attention has been paid in this issue to the industrial and commercial development of Olten whilst trying not to neglect the cultural and historical side.



May I express my gratitude to the industrial undertakings of Olten and all other parties concerned for their wholehearted co-operation and last but not least to the founder President for his contribution on the history of this Club without which this issue would be incomplete.

To all of you I extend on behalf of the Anglo-Swiss Club Olten sincere wishes for your future prosperity.

Victor Gelpke
President of the Anglo-Swiss Club
Olten

The History of the Anglo-Swiss Club Olten

By its Founder President Mr. H. M. NORMAN

The history of the Anglo-Swiss Club Olten should commence with "Once upon a time" because, like the fairy-tales, it was founded long ago. And, equally fairy-like, it is a tale of young people with a common cause seeking to meet each other, and having met, living happily together ever after.

Way back in 1934, a group of young Swiss men and women who had been to England to learn the language and had returned to their native land, as all good Swiss do, were so enamoured of their adoptive country and its language that they decided to seek ways and means of conversing in English and promoting fellowship with the British people. But of course these lofty ideals could hardly be realized if there were no British people with whom they could fraternise. So with great courage and no little system, they set out to search Olten's haystack for the proverbial needle, which, by the way, is not inappropriate, because to continental people the typical Englishman is a long needle-like creature displaying prominent teeth and holding an unsavoury pipe.

Now coincidentally (I quote from their advanced vocabulary) a group of young Englishmen or, to avoid offence, because it included a Scotsman, a group of young British men, having become enamoured of their adoptive Switzerland and its people, but, unlike their counterparts, not being linguists, decided to seek English-speaking Swiss friends.

So these two groups, searching the highways and byways of Olten, not to mention the "lokale" passed each other blindly until one day, or it might of course have been at dead-of-night, the chief sorcerer of the Swiss circle uttered the magic word "Sunlight." And that, of course, led to the historic meeting in the old "Terminus," when hitherto unscalable barriers melted away and British spoke to Swiss without having been formally introduced. For, as you have no doubt guessed, the nucleus of the British group was employed at the "Seufze," and they, with other British residents, rallied to the device "Anglo Swiss Fellowship."

Thus the English Club, as it was christened, came into being, and struggled in its first home, the "Hammer," under the charming chaperonage of Mrs. Disteli.

I consider that the most significant phase in the club's history was its becoming a member of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs in 1936, with the consequent transformation of the club's title to the "Anglo-Swiss Club Olten." It was this act of federation that brought the young and isolated club into communion with people throughout Switzerland who were imbued with the same spirit of fellowship. Then followed three flourishing years when the club enjoyed a record



membership and its programmes included many enthralling lectures. But the outstanding events were the annual Congresses, and what happy nostalgic memories they conjure in the mind: Bürgenstock, Axenstein, Seelisberg, Montreux!

Then the war threatened to stop all activities. Our young men went away, our ideals were threatened, but it was this threat which determined a small but courageous remnant throughout Switzerland to stick together still more closely to combat insidious influences and keep flying the banner of Anglo-Swiss Fellowship through those dark days. They were literally dark days, for we met regularly in spite of the "black-out." The Federation held its congresses, when young men and women in uniform danced through short week-end leaves.

With the end of the war came the third phase, when the loyalty of the few was repaid by ever increasing membership—but that is not so long ago that I need to reminisce any longer. I am very grateful to the President for his kindly act in inviting me to contribute to this Olten issue of the "Times," because in writing, my mind has been led back along a track I thought forgotten, and in doing so old friends and happy days in dear Switzerland have come back to mind.

May I close with a message to members, not only of the Olten Club, but to all who may read these reminiscences? The fellowship of the Anglo-Swiss Clubs was not conceived in the narrow sense of British and Swiss friendship, but of fellowship in ideals common to our two peoples. Now, some twenty years later, our minds are occupied with thoughts of European Union or Federation. However we may differ as to the political aspects of the problem, we must surely agree that no organization can succeed without a foundation of mutual trust and fellowship. The Anglo-Swiss Clubs, steadfastly eschewing politics, have succeeded in creating and maintaining a bond of federation based on age—old ideals common to two peoples whose mother-tongues are as varied as those of the European states. It is indeed a unique example of what can be achieved by the free association of individuals imbued with the spirit of fellowship. May the example find many more followers!

Anglo-Swiss Coronation Ball in London

Friday, 5th June, 1953

The Anglo-Swiss Society of Great Britain has issued an invitation to all members of the Anglo-Swiss Clubs of Switzerland, and their friends, to attend the Anglo-Swiss Coronation Ball which will be held on Friday, June 5th at:

Londonderry House, Park Lane, London

Londonderry House is the private residence of the Marquess of Londonderry, and the Ballroom, with its celebrated collection of portraits, is one of the finest in Britain. The dancing will be continuous from 9 p.m. to 2. a.m. in the Ballroom, with a Running Buffet in the Dining room and a Bar in the Library.

At 11 p.m. the Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, M.P., President of the Anglo-Swiss Society, Mrs. Noel-Baker, His Excellency the Swiss Minister, and Madame de Torrenté, will hold a reception to meet those present.

Evening Dress (with Decorations), Dinner Jacket, or National Costume will be worn.

Members of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and others wishing to attend this function should obtain tickets (Price: 27/6 each, inclusive of Buffet, soft drinks and coffee) direct from: The Anglo-Swiss Society, Hill House, 17, Hans Place, London, S.W. 1. (Kni 1331).





From 7.15 Dinner will be served

MENU

L'assiette anglaise

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Le consommé chaud en tasse

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Le roast-beef à la Yorkshire

Pommes maison

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Les biscuits glacés

Friandises



CORONATION
ELIZABETH II

2nd June

MCMLIII

"At my Coronation I shall dedicate
myself anew to your service".

Elizabeth. R.



Dinner and Dance held at the Three King's Hotel,
Basle,

by the British Colony, their Swiss and other friends
to celebrate the coronation of

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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- 8.55 p.m.: Broadcast by H.M. the Queen
9.20 p.m.: The President of the Swiss Confederation
(Proposed by H.M. Consul)
9.25 p.m.: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
(Proposed by the President of the
Government of Basle City)
9.30 p.m. onwards : Dancing

PERSONAL MEMOIRS

By Clemens Blättler

On turning over the leaves of my diary I find an entry of the 20th February, 1926 "Became a member of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne." 27 years ago! When I think back to that time, it all seems just a dream, and yet the impression is so clear, it might have been only yesterday.

Some months previous to my joining the club I had returned from America, but my journey back to Switzerland was not as a first-class passenger who enjoyed the sunshine of the upper deck. No, I worked my passage, doing the chores of the kitchen, etc. I even earned a few "pounds." Being the only Swiss in the crew, I felt a certain national pride in carrying out my tasks as well as possible in order to pave the way for other Swiss seeking employment on liners.

Lucerne seemed very small after New York and Philadelphia but I soon settled down to the quieter life. Was there not here the beautiful lake and the majestic Pilatus that now became so much dearer to me that I could never leave them again without a certain nostalgia? The Anglo-Swiss Club afforded me the desired opportunity to keep up the practice of the English language which I had acquired. The club was founded one year earlier at the first meeting, which took place at the Hotel Balance, where today the sessions are still held. Mrs. Clayton, Colonel Dr. Stierki and other friends were among the first founders of the club. They said, and rightly, that in a foreign tourist town like Lucerne an English club was really essential. The town officials, too, evinced a lively interest in founding the club and it had more than a symbolic meaning when the then Town President, Dr. Zimmerli, accepted an honorary membership.

The club developed very quickly and there was soon brisk activity: lectures, debates, social evenings followed in lively succession. On the 17th March, 1928, although not judging myself competent for the office, I was elected President. On a firm and perfectly harmonious basis the club was well established. Within a few months the club membership increased from 25 to 80 members. By enthusiastic good team work interesting public performances were produced, such as Hamlet by Mrs. S. Ward of London, and an important lecture given by Prof. Liefeld, former American Consul at Freiburg im Breisgau, on "American Anecdotes, Political and Historical." Further, it was through our endeavours that the English Players came and performed at the town theatre, and I remember the pleasant meeting we had with the English guests in the foyer of the theatre after the play.

There were many social events at that time—moonlight excursions on the lake to Weggis, Bürgenstock and so on—but the climax of our attainments was when we produced sketches and one-act plays such as "Between the Soup and the Savory," "Furigan" and several others. These were actual scenes from our club life, and were written by the members in very clever and witty dialogue. Great was the enthusiasm and gratification at having produced so much wit and humour by our own efforts. What a happy crowd we were! We became very ambitious and decided to

produce a real play entitled "Mr. Pim Passes By" by Milne. Mrs. P. Müller-Bovich undertook the production and rehearsals. The concert room of the Hotel Monopole was engaged for the occasion and the play was a great success; every seat was sold.

Of invaluable support for an English Club is the membership of English people, for it is only through them that the club gets its atmosphere and characteristic form. We appreciate and thank our dear friends Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Mr. Welman, Mrs. Danioth, Mrs. Reich, and Mrs. Reiser as well as many others for their sympathetic understanding and helpful co-operation. They were ever ready to stand by us and saw us through many difficulties. On behalf of the Swiss members, I ask them to continue their kind interest in our Anglo-Swiss Clubs.

The local difficulty of finding suitable 'homes' for our meetings justifies a paragraph to itself. You may have all experienced this trouble. We wandered from our original quarters, the Balance Hotel, to the Engel, from there to another part of the town, the Hotel de la Paix, du Lac, etc. and then back to the Hotel Balance where we have been happily settled for some years now. However, this 'nomadic life,' I am glad to say, did not interfere in any way with our Sessions.

In reviewing the club's history of the past 28 years, we wish to thank all who have given their services, in whatever form, especially the various presidents, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Stettler, Mr. Welman, Mr. Trauffer, Mr. Sernatinger, Mr. Schnyder, and the present leader Mr. Im Thurn. An interesting fact which might be mentioned was that during my term of office I was the only man on the committee, the other members were all ladies and this team worked together excellently. Let it not be said that the men folk are egotistic and that women are at a disadvantage!

A very critical time for the club was the outbreak of the Second World War, 1939. Just a month before, our very worthy President, Mr. Sanders and his wife left for England for their holidays. The writer of this article saw them off at the station never thinking it would be years before we should meet again. Even in those days the club held loyally together and continued its activities although under sometimes trying circumstances.

While sitting at my typewriter and relating the early history of the club I can clearly visualise all the friends of the past club years. Many changes have taken place, some have left Lucerne, some are married with grown-up children, while others have gone to England, Australia, America, but every time we see each other a happy smile comes over our faces when we think of the happy hours we spent together at the meetings of the Anglo-Swiss Club.

And so through the medium of this our Lucerne special issue of the Anglo-Swiss Times I thank the editor for all his trouble and for giving us this opportunity to stretch out our hands in friendship to all fellow club members. Time passes, but true friendship lasts for ever.

Lucerne sends Greetings

With this number of the Anglo-Swiss Times the Anglo-Swiss Club of Lucerne sends greetings to the members of all Federated Clubs and friends and carries on the valued series of special editions, which have been started so successfully by the Bienne, Basel, Aarau, Berne and Olten Clubs. In the articles appearing herein, which we owe to various contributors, we are endeavouring to report some facts about the area of Lucerne. You all know that Lucerne, situated amidst a variety of natural beauties, offers its visitors manifold distractions and highgrade cultural events and attracts visitors from all parts of the world. May we also count you amongst our visitors and bid you a hearty welcome?

H. Im Thurn

President of the Anglo-Swiss Club Lucerne

July 1953





Sir Patrick Scrivener, the British Ambassador to Switzerland, speaks at the annual Congress of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. Also in the picture are (from left to right) Mrs. C. W. Welman, Mrs. Noelle Schäfer and Mr. Albert Thornton, President of the Federation.



This has been no ordinary year for the Anglo-Swiss Clubs and it has had special significance for us in Winterthur since the Club had its twenty-fifth birthday just before the Coronation. We are therefore glad of this opportunity to greet you all in our anniversary year. In this number we have tried to show the cultural and industrial importance of Winterthur. Our town has developed until its name is widely known in the industrial world; visitors come from many countries, not to be impressed by its striking beauty, but to stand in respect before its machines. We have also endeavoured to make this Anglo-Swiss Times representative of our club and I wish to thank all those who have helped and given their time so generously to our anniversary number.

AUDRIE JAPPERT

President of the Anglo-Swiss Club Winterthur

Reminiscences of a Great Occasion:

The 25th Anniversary Ball

By GABRIELLE STADLER

Shortly before the Anniversary Ball, our late President had to leave our Club for professional reasons. All the more credit is therefore due to our present President, Mrs. Audrie Jappert, and special mention should here be made of the series of stage sketches of which she was the author.

The last few weeks preceding the ball, the many drawn-out rehearsals with all the minor preparatory work involved, will certainly always be remembered by our cast. Much hard work and perseverance was needed until everybody felt sufficiently at ease in his dramatic role. Often our courage seemed to leave us when the stage director had to remind us of the same things over and over again: "For heaven's sake, speak up! Don't mumble into your beard! Get rid of that Yankee accent! Don't turn your back to the audience! Oh, this just won't do, we'll have the whole scene over again..." and so on, ad infinitum.

The main rehearsal, lasting till midnight on the eve of the great day, was of course a dead loss. Saturday afternoon was occupied with decoration work—blowing up 150 balloons being only one of the minor jobs. Thus a group of tired and worn-out amateur actors looked forward with feelings of great anxiety and faint hopes to an evening which after all proved to be quite a success.

Well, before the curtain rises, everybody is getting busy back-stage. A beard is glued to the chin of an "old Scotsman," faces are made up, safety pins stuck into all imaginable and unimaginable places and the final touch given to the elaborate dress of a Spanish dancer. The Can-Can girls are performing their agile ballet steps on the stage while the nervous little "Trachtebueb" practises his tune on the violin for the last time. A cricket player in his complete get-up suddenly appears eager to score a century, and behind him sit two spectators, old English ladies wearing queer hats and enormous spectacles, complete with needlework and knitting, and hoping to enjoy a fast and exciting game. The stage assistant is given the last directions as to when to raise and lower the curtain, only to operate it later at the most impossible moments. The nearer we approach zero hour, the tenser the atmosphere gets: "For heaven's sake, where's the piano player?"—"Well, you look rather pale tonight?"—"Oh, I do feel so ill, you know that empty-stomach feeling."

In the meantime the ballroom was slowly filling. Among the many guests we were specially pleased to note members from the neighbouring clubs of Zurich, St. Gall and Schaffhouse, as well as the Secretary of the Federation, Mr. Donald Smith, from Zoug. How-

ever, we back-stage people did not really have time to take much notice of all that went on in the ballroom till after the curtain had dropped for the last time, and at this point I should therefore like to give the floor to a commentator in the audience. The following is an extract from an article which at the time appeared in a Winterthur daily:—

The evening was opened with a few words of welcome by our President and an interesting retrospect of the activities of the Club and the merits of the older generation. Shortly afterwards followed what may well be called the highlight of the evening: a series of short sketches illustrating some typical scenes of national life in England and Switzerland. The first part pictured the impressions of a young Englishman visiting Switzerland, and his romantic adventure with a Swiss girl who in the second part of the play visited England with her freshly affianced husband. (They were married in the interval, as some ironic observer remarked.) The part about Switzerland started with a glance into one of Geneva's night cabarets, where the young Englishman had got lost on his first night abroad. There he witnessed amongst other attractions a French Can-Can dance which was really an excellent performance. Swiss democratic life was mirrored by two voters who discussed the advisability of the introduction of dust-bins in rural districts and the folklore element found expression in a Swiss "Trachtenfest" with country dances and yodelling.

On the other side of the Channel, the young Englishman tried hard to explain to his Swiss wife the importance of taking cricket earnestly—"a wicket is not a stick, my dear, any more than a pitch is a field"—on the occasion of a village match. The next scene: the coronation procession, eagerly awaited by crowds of people, so that our young couple, who had been camping on the roadside all night, were just able to get a glimpse of the horses' hoofs through the legs of the cheering crowds. And the last scene of all: a real "Hogmanay" with a sword dance, in genuine kilts.

The rest of the night was filled with dancing to the Winterthur Quick Band, interspersed with games and all sorts of competitions. It passed very quickly, especially for us stage people, whose energy was by that time well-nigh exhausted.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking our President once again for all the work she put into an evening which will certainly be long remembered by many.

The first Anglo-Swiss Rally

On Sunday September 13th a splendid day was born, the day of the first Anglo-Swiss Rally, organized by the Anglo-Swiss Club of Soleure. The heavens were bright and wonderful sunshine accompanied the competitors on their way from the beginning to the unknown end of the 42 km way. At 9 a. m. the participants from Berne, Bienne, Thoune and Soleure met at Lyss. After a short introduction by O. Leu (Soleure) the cars were started. Driving the whole way at the prescribed speed of 25 km an hour the end of the stretch could be reached in two hours' time, including approximately 20 minutes set aside for the solution of some problems and competitions. Having passed through Kappelen, the competitors reached the first control-post, where they were asked some interesting questions. After Aarberg two competitions of observation were included. At Wahlendorf, the highest point of the Frienisberg, they had to guess the exact height above sea-level (which is 764 m). Another competition consisted in indicating the height of the bridge at Niederried (11 m). The continuation to Fräschels required special knowledge in map-reading, and in the surroundings of Treiten some surprises awaited rather astonished competitors. The way from Treiten to Finsterhennen included another competition of observation, the solution of which was not to be found very easily. Last but not least Finsterhennen was reached and, on the whole, in very good time. The best result as regards time was returned by Mr. Ed. Gygax (Bienne) with a difference of only 16 seconds, duly registered by precise Leonidas Chronometers. The exact classification of the first ten cars is as follows: Mrs. H. Leu, Soleure, 9 points; H. R. Fritscher, Bienne, 28 points; Ed. Gygax, Bienne, 31 points; Ch. Jeangros, Thoune, 48 points; H. Flury, Bienne, 52 points; Dr. Hermann, Berne, 65 points; P. Weibel, Thoune, 66 points; Ed. Schmuckli, Berne, 67 points; F. Wälchli, Bienne, 72 points; T. Suter, Soleure, 74 points.

F. Dixon, British Consul in Berne, and his family honoured the meeting by their presence. F. Dixon kindly distributed the prizes to the happy winners. The organization of the first attempt was very good and the Anglo-Swiss Club of Soleure, which conceived the idea of the first Anglo-Swiss Rally in Switzerland and organized it, earned long applause. In any case the participants wanted and still want the rally to become a regular yearly event in the programme of the Anglo-Swiss Clubs of Zone II and they hope that the rally will be organized on a larger scale and that more clubs will attend. The first rally is over, it was just splendid, but the next one will be even better.

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The President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, Mr. A. Thornton, has received the following letter from Her Majesty's new Ambassador in Berne, Sir Lionel H. Lamb, C.M.G., O. B. E.



BRITISH EMBASSY
BERNE

December 21, 1953.

Dear Mr. Thornton,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 17th of December conveying on behalf of the Federation their greetings to me on my new appointment. ¶ I shall be indeed pleased to follow Sir Patrick Scrivener as patron of your Federation and I shall be glad if you will convey to your members a message of my appreciation of their courtesy in extending to me an invitation to fulfil this pleasant position. ¶ I shall be happy to attend your Annual Summer Congress and look forward to this opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the officers and members of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. ¶ With very best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,
L. H. Lamb.

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Mr. A.V.Thornton M.B.E.

Many of our readers will already have heard that Mr. A. V. Thornton, President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and President of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Basle was awarded the M. B. E. in the New Year's Honours List for his services to Anglo-Swiss friendship and understanding. This distinction has been richly earned, for nobody has been more active in the promotion of the welfare and vitality of the Federation or devoted himself more selflessly to furthering its aims and ideals. Only those who have

worked with him on the Council of the Federation or on the Committee of his own Club in Basle can appreciate the good humour, ripe experience and care for detail with which he approaches problems large or small. We tender him our very heartiest congratulations on this signal honour and, at the same time, express the hope that the Federation may continue to benefit from his active participation for many years to come.

How the Anglo-Swiss Club of St. Gall came to be founded

It was in the last years of the Second World War, in the beginning of 1944, to be exact. Among those of us who for professional or other reasons had been used to contacts with the outside world the sense of being cut off from whatever lay beyond the war-infested continent of Europe, especially from the Anglo Saxon world, had become widespread and amounted to a sad obsession. The ties that had linked up a town like St. Gall with Great Britain and the United States were innumerable and most intimate. It was far more than a matter of trade relations only. Hundreds, even thousands of St. Gall people had friends and relations in the English-speaking world. England especially was for many of them the home of very dear friends, and the scene of happy memories. Whatever had happened in the years that had intervened, the "Blitz" and all the sad loss and destruction and strain it had brought, had only endeared the country all the more to us.

At home a new generation was growing up in practical seclusion from all those civilising influences, all the liberal thought that had previously poured in from the English-speaking world. It was as an attempt to break this increasing isolation that the Anglo-Swiss Club of St. Gall was intended.

There had been many English clubs of one kind and another before the war. One or two of these were still carrying on in a quiet way and were serving their special purposes. What was needed was a larger and more lively organization, which would be able to organize lectures that could rival the impulse given by the work of the Alliance française or the Società Dante Alighieri. Of course we could hardly hope to get so rich a supply of brilliant lecturers as those government-sponsored bodies of large neighbouring countries could muster. There were, however, encouraging examples enough to show that something could be achieved in this field. There was the Fitzroy Club of Zurich, at that time a most lively body under the able leadership of Mr. Tilmann and Mrs. Eggstein and there was the even finer Anglo-Geneve Society, a solemn and brilliant affair, where you lectured in a dinner-jacket and assembled in the lovely Athénée.

It was in long midnight discussions, intermixed with literary talk about Yeats and T. S. Eliot between the writer of these lines and his friend Mr. Harold A. Mason that the plan of our club took shape. Under the inspiration of Valpolicella and endless cups of coffee provided by my long suffering wife, we decided that this Club should bring to the people of St. Gall an unheard of revelation of what we considered finest in English literature, music and philosophy, not forgetting the great Irish masters Joyce and Yeats and even condescending to the Americans, who, after all, had produced Ezra Pound and Eliot.

No earthly workable club could ever have been

evolved out of such talk, but I wanted to put it on record that it was no vague opportunist Anglomania, nor the humdrum idea of providing entertainment and free conversation classes that lay behind the idea of founding our club. It was the love of English letters and of all those other manifestations of the English spirit, the lovely Christmas carols amongst many other things that were an enrichment of our common European heritage.

We should never have succeeded, and the Anglo-Swiss Club could not have outlived its first dawn if it had not been for the practical and enthusiastic help of the present Vice-President of the Club, Mrs. Ruth Sailer, who, together with my wife was our first and most faithful ally. Thanks to their backing and the encouragement of other friends we went ahead and announced our plan to a small public that was then attending lectures on English literature at the Handels-Hochschule. The response was most auspicious and so we proceeded to the actual foundation and the formation of a committee (February 1944). The time proved favourable for our venture, for we soon had something like two hundred members, including a number of friendly firms that were willing to act as patrons by paying slightly higher annual fees.

Since this spring of 1954 brings the tenth anniversary of the St. Gall Club and this number of the "Anglo-Swiss Times" has been placed at its disposal, it may be permissible to indulge in personal reminiscences. A club without clubbable people, i.e. without the vital element of friendship is but a poor and abstract affair, however fine a cause it may serve. A young club, moreover, lacking tradition and precedent, must be able to derive its first impulse from the enthusiasm of the small band of those who are united by friendship and devotion to the common cause. We were a very happy lot. Kind fairies had inspired that most lovable and unselfish creature, Helen Bächtiger, to join us and to act untiringly as our treasurer and later on also as secretary, also they brought us the invaluable help of Mrs. Buchmann in all things musical. (Oh for the thrill of the first singing of the glorious old Carols!) Let me also evoke the memory of the finest of our patrons, kindly, generous Max Thomann, who remembered our Club in his will and helped us by free and spontaneous gifts in his lifetime. It was a joy to be together with these friends. Hermann Müri, lately arrived from Zurich, where he had been a most active member of the Fitzroy Club, was our first secretary. It was a fine team to start with and the Club, thanks to their collaboration, soon took shape.

We started our activities with a debate on the literature of the Eighteen-Nineties, evoking the lively shades of Oscar Wilde and young G. B. S. and reading Yeats to a crowded room. It was an echo of our



The first Committee Members at the Christmas Party

Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Muri, Mr. and Mrs. Sailer, Professor and Mrs. Wildi

midnight talks and the start of the grand literary crusade. We had our first social gathering sponsored by Mrs. Ruth Sailer, and interrupted by an air alarm and our first public lecture (Mrs. Mary Hottinger-Mackie on "The English Spirit"). The Club was launched.

The fates and fortunes of war, which had among a million other events brought about the fall of Tobruk and the collapse of Fascist Italy (which freed the Tobruk prisoners) brought us into contact with évadé officers of the British armies. We heard, amongst other things Major French's reminiscences of one of the great attempts at the North Face of Everest, a memorable talk that was later to be supplemented by Professor Odell's reminiscences of a geologist in the Himalayas.

Then the war in Europe ceased. The isolation was at last broken. It had in fact, been broken before by the wireless which transmitted Churchill's speeches and the news sheets of the various press services. Papers and books now began to pour in which were soon to swell to a great flood of reprints and translations.

Our young club now experienced its most brilliant days, these we owed almost exclusively to the bounteous effort and contribution of the British Council. The Council had been founded in the Thirties. It had sent us books and had announced its willingness to help foreign libraries and scholars, but it was only now that it took its place beside such official organizations as the Alliance and the Dante Alighieri. It did so with brilliant entrain on the highest level by sending us a galaxy of lecturers such as we had never dreamt to see nor could ever have dared and afforded to invite. Lord Russell, Charles Morgan, Elizabeth Bowen, Ronald Bottrall, V. S. Pritchett and Sean O'Faolain. In Britain and Ireland writers had suffered from enforced isolation, too, and some of them may have enjoyed coming out to a neutral country unravaged by the war, to see foreign faces, foreign

scenery, and eat foreign food. For us it was wonderful to hear Bertrand Russell quote from Edward Lear's Nonsense Verses, to hear his clear irrepressible laughter ring among the beer glasses of the "Hecht" to drink Italian wine with Sean O'Faolain, to show Charles Morgan round the glories of the Stiftsbibliothek in the mellow afternoon sun that lights up its warm woodwork so wonderfully, and to sit far into the night with Elizabeth Bowen. There were some awkward moments too, as when the chief medical officer of Coventry, to the intense and natural disgust of our excellent local doctors proclaimed the Labour scheme of Bevan's Health Act, or when the second Christmas Party was flooded by innumerable hilarious G. Is.

It was all great fun and made you feel alive and free again. Every now and then the authentic voice of poetry was heard, or the voice of English music, as when Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears came to St. Gall accompanied by their friend (and ours) Lionel Billow. It was too good to last for ever. When the bitter aftermath of the war forced Great Britain to retrench, the British Council was deprived of a quarter of its former subsidy. But it is still there, helping us in dozens of ways and earning our gratitude.

Meanwhile the Club, too, had changed. Harold A. Mason its Co-Founder and first Vice-President had left us for Basle and eventually for Cambridge, where he is now immersed in deep literary research. His place was taken by Mrs. Ruth Sailer, who had given us her time and energy without stint ever since the foundation of the Club. One day the writer of these lines had to leave as well, but fortunately his successor at the Handels-Hochschule, Professor Rudolf Stamm, took the Club into his valiant hands. Many of those who were present at the foundation are still among its members, as faithful and friendly as ever. Miss Engeler for instance, in whom I salute the band of the veterans.

Max Wildi

1954

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 21st 1954.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Bellinzona, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Olten, Soleure, St Gall, Sion, Tavannes, Thun, Winterthur, Yverdon and Zurich.

Mr. Jenoure congratulated Mr. Thornton, in the name of all present, on the award of the M.B.E. announced in the New Year's Honours List for his services in furthering Anglo-Swiss relationship.

New Member:

S.M.S. Club, Zurich, was proposed and accepted.

Guests at luncheon:

Sir Lionel Lamb, the newly appointed Ambassador in Berne, and Lady Lamb
Col. Williams and Mrs. Williams.

Congress venue: Brunnen.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Jenoure, Smith and Durscher).

Council Meeting held at Brunnen on June 19th 1954.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Bienne, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Tavannes, Winterthur, Zug and Zurich.

Resignation of Hon. Secretary:

Mr. D.E. Smith, Zug, tendered his resignation.

Mr. Thornton thanked Mr. Smith for the great job he had done as Secretary during the 16 years. Mr. Smith returned to the U.K.

Mr. Jenoure asked that this Council meeting be transferred to the autumn meeting. It will then be decided whether the Annual General Meeting will always take place in autumn.

Congress at Brunnen was attended by approx. 150 persons.

Guests: Mr. Marriot, British Consul General in Zurich
(in the absence of Sir Lionel Lamb, British Ambassador)

Mr. & Mrs. Dixon of the British Embassy, Berne
Mr. A.A.E. Franklin, British Consul in Basle
(guest of the Basle Club and the Federation).

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 7th 1954.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Olten, Soleure, St Gall, Winterthur and Zurich.

Clubs Anniversaries:

Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne, celebrated its 25th birthday and Anglo-Swiss Club, St Gall, was 10 years old.

New Member:

Anglo-Swiss Club, Bassecourt.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. C. Marriot, British Consul General in Zurich and

Mr. & Mrs. Perryman, Representative of the British Council.

The Second Anglo-Swiss Club Visit to England and Scotland

(21st August—4th September 1954)

At last the day of departure came for which we had waited so long. We were all looking forward to seeing dear old England again and wondering what Scotland would be like.

It was pouring with rain when we left; it had been raining for days and our holiday spirits were somewhat dampened. As we made a last-minute baggage check, we wondered whether or not to take light dresses along and made certain that we had all the pamphlets so kindly provided by Mr. Burnell, our guide on the first visit to England and on this. Were we going to see old acquaintances from other clubs? That was a question we all asked ourselves. Owing to cancellations at the twelfth hour our party consisted of thirteen only; but we did not mind. This time our baggage was registered through to London, and, although crowds of people were leaving Basle that night, we had reserved seats—in fact we travelled first class and actually managed to get some sleep. And what a surprise for us to find when daylight returned that it had stopped raining, and when we reached Boulogne the sun greeted us. Our first English breakfast on the boat was a special treat. The sun was shining for us when we arrived in London, and after dinner we went for a short walk to see again the dazzling lights of London by night.

Oxford in the rain

Monday was set aside for a visit to Oxford, and as the sun was out at first, some of us first went for a stroll in the park. At Paddington our organizer, Mr. Burnell, said goodbye, for he was returning to Switzerland. With many misgivings, I was left in charge. Hardly had we set off when a member of the party informed me that he had forgotten his ticket; but as another could be obtained, all was well. This was a nice trip. Guides were waiting at the station, and we

were shown some of the twenty-nine colleges, where eight thousand students are reading for degrees. Unfortunately it began to rain when we set off for Abingdon to have our tea.

Returning to Oxford by boat on the Thames, we found the scenery delightful—even in the rain. In view of the weather we greatly enjoyed a cup of tea before returning to London, where we all had supper together at a Lyons Corner House.

A visit to Hatfield House

On Tuesday we went to St. Alban's and Hatfield House, the morning being occupied with shopping and visiting places. The conductor of our bus was very nice, and when one of our lady members was not there in time he waited another ten minutes: a bar of Swiss chocolate was his reward. It was another lovely run, but for the rain. St. Alban's Cathedral was originally a Norman Abbey, and, though much restored, retains the characteristic Norman massiveness and solidity. Hatfield House is the home of the Cecils, a family celebrated in English history since the days of Elizabeth I. The Marble Hall, typically mediaeval with minstrel's gallery and oriel window, contains some famous portraits of the great Queen. Outside are terraced gardens and an extensive and magnificently wooded park.

Round and about in London

The following day some of us went to see the Changing of the Guard, always a great attraction. In the afternoon a conducted tour of the City was arranged. The tour was somewhat tiring, for it was rather hot and there were crowds of people everywhere, and the guide pointed out every single place of interest. All



The Party with the Arbroath British Legion Pipe Band

the same, it showed us the greatness of London. In the evening some went to a musical show: "The King and I," which was very good entertainment.

No arrangements were made for Thursday; consequently we had a chance to visit places, go shopping and see friends. Three members went to Windsor Castle and Hampton Court, an unforgettable experience. We all had dinner at the Veeraswamys India Restaurant, and tasted a real chicken curry in an oriental atmosphere attended by Indian waiters. A sunny day ended in a glorious evening, and so we walked back to Hyde Park before returning by tube. Our young clergyman had an experience of his own—no fear, I won't give the secret away!

We were very comfortable at our London hotel, not far from the places we wanted to visit; moreover, we took our meals when we liked.

Off to Scotland

Friday morning meant saying goodbye to London as we left for Scotland. Can you imagine it? For over 400 miles our train did not stop. We passed through many beautiful parts; though coming from Switzerland as we do, we are used to more variety of scenery. We greatly appreciated lunch and tea in the dining car and they made a welcome break. At last we reached Edinburgh. After this point the scenery became more attractive: we passed over famous bridges and saw in the sea in all its splendour. Finally we arrived at Arbroath, our Scottish holiday centre. The "Windmill" is such a nice hotel. Attractively situated on a terrace with a beautiful view of the sea, and surrounded by lawns, it makes an ideal place for relaxation. Unbelievable as it sounds, we were actually given an official reception by a representative of the Burgmaster, Mr. D. A. Gardner, in full national dress. We had dinner together and then Mr. Gardner, a school teacher, gave us an interesting lecture on Scotland and Arbroath. It was late when we parted, and no unpacking had been done, but all enjoyed our first evening in Scotland.

Enjoying Arbroath

No plans were made for the week-end, so we all went exploring. Some had a swim in the open-air bathing-pool, but as it was cold nobody enjoyed it very much. On Sunday almost all of us went to church. How surprised we were to find that mention was made of our visit to Arbroath and attendance at divine service. Afterwards we were introduced to the Rector and to the Provost, who came to greet us and to invite us to the Town Hall on Monday. Needless to say, we were very proud to have all these honours bestowed upon us, but we quickly realized that we were regarded as representatives of our small country. After church Mr. Gardner took us to a modern school and in the evening we were shown the film "The Pageant" (a play performed every year in the ruins of the Abbey) and then some lovely views of Scotland. During the afternoon a party went by boat to the caves in the reddish sandstone cliffs. I had a visit from two Scottish girl friends of mine who had travelled four hours to greet me in their native land.

A hundred miles to Aberdeen

A trip was organized to Aberdeen, a lovely run for a hundred miles along the sea-shore past many castles. The sun was out and the sea looked very attractive with its different shades of blue. Because of the long distance, we had to curtail our stay in Aberdeen, but we saw many imposing buildings and the lovely Marischal College. Our return journey lay through beautiful country and we arrived at the Town Hall, where we were officially received by the Provost in his golden chain, Town Clerk Smith, and, of course, our good friend, Bailie Gardner. Before leaving, we were asked to sign the Visitors' Book.

A Royal Encounter

Tuesday was a whole-day outing to Braemar and Royal Deeside. The sea looked grey, different from the day before. At Aboyne we stopped for our picnic

lunch, eating it partly in the coach because of the rain, and we also stopped at Dinnet to pick some heather, which we brought back to Switzerland. It was a lovely trip through the Highlands, many parts of which resembled our own Swiss scenery. Crathie church, where the Queen worships when at Balmoral, was our next halting-place; although so simple, it is very attractive. Shortly afterwards we entered a narrow road, and while proceeding along this, the driver suddenly called: The Royal Party! At first we didn't believe him, but then we saw two vans and a station waggon coming towards us. Our driver grew a little nervous, for he had to make way by backing into a field. Thus the cars were able to move on with the Queen in the station waggon. We had all lined the road and were able to wave to Her Majesty. To our great joy, she smiled her beautiful smile and waved back. For the first time we regretted not having a Swissflag; perhaps Her Majesty would have stopped! On we went over the highest road in Britain, the Devil's Elbow, 2,000 ft. high, a very steep bend.

Glamis Castle and a Scottish Entertainment

The following day we went to Glamis Castle, the home of the Queen's mother, one of the loveliest castles in existence and beautifully surrounded by parks. Sir Walter Scott, who saw Glamis in 1793, declared it "by far the noblest specimen of the real feudal castles perfect and entire which has as yet come under his inspection." This beautiful outing made us long to see more of Scotland's beauty. For tea we went to Alyth where we had the best of the delicious teas on our tour. Just before we left the hotel that afternoon a press photographer took our picture. In the evening another surprise awaited the party when Arbroath British Legion Pipe Band entertained them—this was a surprise arranged by the organizing party, Basle A. S. C. Everything had been fixed up with Pipe-Major Bill Caird, whom I had met on Sunday with my two Scottish friends. For half an hour the band played at the Windmill Hotel. Another picture was taken of us with the band, and after dinner we joined them in the hotel bar to sing a Swiss yodelling song, which they all liked, although we did not think it was one of the best!

Goodbye to Arbroath

The last day at Arbroath was the sunniest. We went along the beach for a walk and in the afternoon enjoyed a rest in the hotel gardens. Some went for a swim. Others heard a fisherman explain in his own home how fish are smoked. In the evening a small party was invited to Mr. Gardner's home—not for the first time—and it was rather late when we got to bed. Bailie Gardner certainly did all he could to ensure that we saw as much as possible.

We fully enjoyed our stay at Arbroath, where we met with great hospitality and friendliness. The Scot-

tish language caused no difficulties in spite of the many "r's." I was always amused by the looks of consternation evoked by the fact that there were thirteen of us in the party when I was making arrangements for tours; but when I repeated: just 13—lucky number 13—people smiled and all was well. Mr. R. D. R. Bowman of the Windmill Hotel did everything to render our stay successful. Our meals were delicious.

On our last morning we were presented by Mr. Bowman with a photograph taken of us with the British Legion Band, and a copy of the Arbroath Herald with our picture and an outline of our visit there. There also appeared the message of thanks I had inserted in appreciation of the kindness and courtesy we had received.

It was a dull day when we left and the sea looked grey. Back went over the famous bridges, and once again a few pennies were thrown down; perhaps they had brought us luck on our Scottish tour.

A peep at Edinburgh

Edinburgh was our last stopping-place in Scotland. After lunch we were taken on a well conducted tour of the city, and after supper we went to see the tattoo—a unique performance against the background of the illuminated castle. At 11 p.m. we left for London with reserved sleepers and arrived safely after an hour's delay.

Homeward bound

Three of our members elected to return by train, but the rest of us came back by plane. We found this most pleasant, for we had dreaded another night journey; and we particularly appreciated the lunch served by our hostess, Miss Gill, at 11 o'clock.

After making a happy landing, we arrived in sunshine at Basle station, where we were met by Mr. Burnell. We had a last drink together and then each returned to his or her home.

We are most grateful to Mr. Burnell for having arranged such a successful tour. Before long we shall be urging you to organize another! I can only recommend those who have not seen Scotland to go there—it is well worth the long trip. There are so many beautiful places and the people are so friendly. And if you do go, then include Arbroath and the Windmill Hotel as a holiday centre. It's a lovely seaside place and you will be well looked after at the Windmill.

Before closing, I should like to say a word in praise of British drivers. How careful they are! Whenever a motorist is about to advance, another driver gives him a sign either to come or to wait. Couldn't this little courtesy be adopted in Switzerland too?

Well, goodbye England and Bonnie Scotland. It was a perfect holiday.

Maisie Bienz

1955

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 20th 1955.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Bassecourt, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Olten, St Gall, Soleure, Tavannes, Thun, Yverdon and Zurich.

Resignation of the Club of Schaffhausen due to lack of interest.

Congress venue: Bienne

(Sub-Committee members of both Bienne Clubs).

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 13th 1955.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Bienne, Fribourg, Geneva, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Olten, Soleure and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. C.W. Arning, M.B.E., British Consul in Zurich

Mr. & Mrs. Perryman, Representative of the British Council.

Associate Members:

Prof. Gillam, La Chaux-de-Fonds

Mr. Dixon, Berne and

Mr. Wynyard-Wright, London.

Invitations to congresses and the Anglo-Swiss Times would be sent to them in future.

The Council Officers were all re-elected. Before Mr. Thornton thanked the Committee for their fine jobs and big efforts made for the benefit of all Clubs.

President Mr. A.V. Thornton, M.B.E.

Vice-President Mr. J. Jenoure (also Lecture Organiser)

Secretary Mr. H.R. Fritscher

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Mr. H. Im Thurm, Lucerne

Mrs. R. Sailer, St Gall

Mrs. A. Furger, Thun.

Congress at Bienne had been well organised by the two Bienne Clubs, approx. 120 persons attended.

Guests at the banquet:

Sir Lionel Lamb, British Ambassador in Berne and Lady Lamb

Prof. Rappard and Mrs. Rappard

Mr. Ed. Baumgartner, Mayor of Bienne

Dr. Koenig, Chief of the Police

Mr. Bürgin of the Tourist Office, Bienne

Mr. Perryman, Representative of British Council, Zurich.

PESTALOZZI VILLAGE

Dear Miss Bienz,

We from Thames House thank you very much for the generous gift which you so kindly gave to our housefather, Mr. Atkinson, at the Christmas Party in Basle. Here in Kinderdorf we spent Christmas very merrily. On Christmas Eve all the British children went round to the different houses carol-singing, only to be interrupted by the outbreak of a not very serious fire in the Sauna. Luckily it was put out before any serious damage was done. After this disturbance we all went home to have some hot soup. When the children from Stepping Stones went home to their house, Mr. Atkinson brought in and distributed all the parcels to the corresponding children. About 10 o'clock, everybody with the exception of three big boys were in bed. (The three big boys went to midnight mass with Mrs. Atkinson). Christmas morning brakfast was served by two boys for everybody who was in bed. At 12.30 a visitor could have seen all the English children seated round a table with Mr. Atkinson dishing out the Christmas dinner, which consisted of turkey, brussels-sprouts, stuffing, apple-sauce, baked potatoes, and then followed the traditional Christmas pudding and custard. This was the time when we all gathered round the Christmas Tree to receive our presents from the village. After this distribution the village could go to "Canada Hall" to see the village play; the smaller children of the village played the parts. When the curtain had dropped for the last time we went home to see tables pushed together and absolutely crammed full of food. When we had devoured about half the things on the table we went to hunt money in the treasure hunt Mr. Atkinson had prepared beforehand. After a few more games everybody retired to their bedrooms well pleased with the day's happenings.

Well, now you know what it was like during the Day of Christmas in Kinderdorf. So with another "thank you very much" for your present which added so much to our enjoyment of Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Lee, Denny Horton, Henriette Milton, Betty Deane, Peter Powling, Janet Frankel, Mickey Lee, Jennifer Horton, Barbara Moore, Paul Mattheman, Norma Hanna, Douglaus Needham, Cynthia Penny, Theresa Milton, James Ritchie.

Pestalozzi Children at Easter

Last year many members of Federation Clubs were so kind as to entertain a child from the Pestalozzi Children's Village over Easter. This year again it is hoped that homes may be found for children during the Easter holidays. Those who wish to help the Children's Village in this most useful way are asked to contact Mr. Atkinson, the English Housefather at the Pestalozzi Kinderdorf bei Trogen. Members wishing to have the same child as last year are asked to mention this fact when writing to Mr. Atkinson. Members who have not previously taken a child are asked to state whether they would like a girl or boy and the age they would prefer (children from 7 to 18 years of age). If members have not previously offered hospitality, they are requested to enclose with their letter to Mr. Atkinson a recommendation from the President of their Club. The children would stay for a fortnight, commencing on the Saturday before Easter.

1956

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 8th 1956.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Biel, Delémont, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, St Gall, Soleure, Yverdon and Zurich.

Club at Basecourt:

The name and address had been changed into:

Jura-Nord English Club, Delémont (Pres. B. Wilhelm, Delémont).

Congress venue : Bürgenstock

(Sub-Committee Messrs. Fritscher and Durscher).

Finance:

Mr. Thornton's dream was to see the Federation capital reaching Fr. 10,000.-- !

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 11th 1956.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Interlaken, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Olten, Soleure, Winterthur and Zurich.

At 11 o'clock the meeting was interrupted for one minute silence to commemorate Armistice day.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. C.W. Arning, M.B.E. British Consul in Zurich

Mr. & Mrs. Perryman, Representative of the British Council.

Congress on the Bürgenstock was a great success, 204 persons attended. A big profit was made.

Guests:

Sir Lionel Lamb KCMG OBE, British Ambassador and Lady Lamb
Prof. W. Rappard and Mrs. Rappard

Mr. Haptie, British Consul in Lucerne

Mr. & Mrs. Perryman, Representative of the British Council in Zurich.

Council Officers:

The President and the Committee were all re-elected with many thanks for their tremendous work often under great difficulties.

32 Clubs belonged now to the Federation.

In view of the big profit made at congress it was decided to remit Fr. 200.-- to the Swiss Red Cross to help Hungary.

FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS

List of Federated Clubs

With names and addresses of presidents, Club Headquarters, and day of meetings.

(F) = Fortnightly meetings

(M) = Monthly meetings.

Aarau: Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Aarauerhof, Wednesday (F).

President: Mrs. Nöelle Schaefer-Vinn, Mühlematthof, Aarau.

Amriswil: English Club, Café Brühlmann, Rennweg, Friday (F).

President: Mr. A. Sulzberger, Freiestr. 45, Amriswil.

Arbon: English Club, Hotel Seehof, Tuesday (F).

Secretary: Miss Iris Rüegger, Scheibenstr. 9, Arbon.

Basle: Anglo-Swiss Club, Rest. Kunsthalle, Thursday.

President: Mr. A. V. Thornton, Glaserbergstrasse 6, Basle.

Basle: British Circle, Correspondence to: Hon. Secretary Mr. W. Kenworthy, Burgfeldstrasse 67, Basle.

Bellinzona: English Club, Ristor. Corona, Tuesday (F). President: Mrs. Tina Furger, Bellinzona-Ravecchia.

Berne: Anglo-Swiss Association, Amthausgasse 1, Thursday.

President: Mr. M. Kapp, Stettlerstrasse 15, Berne.

Berne: English Club, Pergola Belpstrasse, Wednesday. President: Mr. Edwin Leuenberger, Königstrasse 30, Berne.

Biel: English Club, Hotel Seeland, Wednesday. President: Mr. J. Jenoure, Paganweg 7, Nidau.

Biel: S.M.S. English Club, Hotel Walliserkeller, Thursday. President: Mr. H. R. Fritscher, Bettlachstrasse 128, Grenchen.

Delémont: English Club, Jura Nord, «La bonne Auberge», Delémont, or Club-House, Bassecourt, Tuesday (F). President: Mr. B. Wilhelm, 2, chemin des Puits, Delémont.

Fribourg: English Club, Café Restaurant Rex, Wednesday. President: Dr. A. Girod, Düringen.

Geneva: English Conversation Club, 4, quai de la Poste, Monday. President: Mr. G. Wuhrmann, 115, rue de Lausanne, Genève.

Interlaken: English Circle of Interlaken, President: Mr. R. Balmer, Seestrasse 18, Unterseen.

Langenthal: Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Bären, Wednesday. President: Mrs. Hügli, Murgenthalstrasse 30-30a, Langenthal.

Lausanne: Anglo-Swiss Club, Alexandra Hotel, Wednesday. President: Mrs. L. M. C. Morzier, 24, av. d'Echallens, Lausanne.

Locarno: Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Beau-Rivage, Muralto, Wednesday.

President: Mr. A. Meister, via Orelli, Locarno.

Lucerne: Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Balances, Saturday (F).

President: Mr. H. M. Im Thurn, Post Office Box, Lucerne.

Lugano: Anglo-Swiss Club, Bar Federale, Piazza Riforma, Wednesday (F).

President: Prof. Dr. John R. Mez, Ruvigliano-Lugano.

Montreux: Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Excelsior, Thursday.

President: Mr. C. Cater, Fontanivent sur Montreux.

Neuchâtel: Anglo-Swiss Club, Restaurant Beau-Rivage, Tuesday (F).

President: Mr. B. Marchand, 56, Fbg de l'Hôpital, Neuchâtel.

Olten: Anglo-Swiss Club, Restaurant Aarhof, Wednesday (F).

President: Mr. V. Gelpke, Grubenstr. 818, Aarburg.

Rorschach: English Conversation Club, Rest. Post, Thursday (F).

Correspondence to: Mr. A. Schellenberg, Mühletobel 259, Rorschach.

Sion: Anglo-Swiss Club Valais, Saturday.

President: Dr. Alex Théler, Ecole de Commerce, Sion.

Soleure: Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Krone, Wednesday. President: Mr. O. Leu, Rötiquai 40, Solothurn.

St. Gallen: Anglo-Swiss Club, Rest. not fixed, (F) not fixed.

President: Prof. Dr. R. Stamm, Dufourstrasse 71, St. Gallen.

Tavannes: English Club S.M.S., Cercle Démocratique, Tavannes, Tea-Room Doriot, Reconvillier, Tuesday. President: Mr. Georges Friedli, 13, La Chaudrette, Reconvillier.

Thun: English Club, Hotel Beau-Rivage, Friday. President: Mr. Armin Müller-Ginn, Eigerhaus 3, Thun.

Winterthur: English Club, Hotel Krone, Monday. President: Mrs. M. Horr-Bertsch, Malzstrasse 38, Winterthur.

Yverdon: English Club, 91, av. Haldimand, Monday. President: Mrs. M. Bruggmann, 91, av. Haldimand, Yverdon.

Zurich: Fitzroy Club, Haus zum Rüden, Wednesday. President: Mr. Colin, E. Pfister, Trittligasse 18, Zurich 1.

Zurich: Swiss Mercantile School Club, Hotel Carlton-Elite, Wednesday.

President: Mr. Heinz Gerber, Stockenstrasse 97, Kilchberg ZH.

High-lights of the Council Meeting, 11th November

The Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland has agreed to become a Patron of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs.

The Federation has sent Fr. 200.— to the Hungarian Relief Fund.

First choice for Congress 1957 is Interlaken with Montreux as second choice.

A Federation trip to England in 1957 is being discussed. Probable destination: London and North Wales.

A new Anglo-Swiss Club has been formed at Chur. Mr. Welman visited the Club on its opening night.

It is hoped that a new Club at Langenthal will also join the Federation. Contact has been established.

1957

Council Meeting held in Bienne on April 7th 1957.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Interlaken,
Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne, Olten, Soleure, St Gall,
Tavannes, Yverdon and Zurich.

The reason for meeting in Bienne (and not in Berne as usual)
was to invite Mrs. H.M. Wernli of Bienne, a founder member of
E.C. Bienne and present at the first meeting of the Federation
at Macolin on June 19th 1932. Mrs. Wernli celebrated her
80th birthday the week after.

New Members:

English Club, Langenthal, also a new
Club in Chur (Pres. Mr. Malcolm S. Scott). The Club was
founded on November 11th 1956.
Both clubs were proposed and elected.

Mr. Jenoure proposed to elect Mr. W.J. Perryman, Representative
of the British Council, an honorary Member of the Council of
the Federation.

Congress venue: Interlaken.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Balmer, Interlaken, Jenoure, Durscher,
O.Leu)

Revision of Rules:

A Sub-Committee was elected, composed of Messrs. Welman, Jenoure,
Fritscher, Leu, Stephenson and Gelpke.

Council Meetings:

It was decided to hold the spring meetings in Berne, whereas
the autumn meetings in other suitable towns.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 17th 1957.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton, President, and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Bienne, Chur, Langenthal, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel,
Olten, St Gall and Zurich.

The OSMS now SMS English Club, Bienne, was congratulated on
its 20th birthday. The Federation was represented by
Mr. J. Jenoure, Vice-President.

Also the English Club, Amriswil celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Congress at Interlaken was attended by 160 persons, a very
enjoyable gathering.

Council Officers:

The President and the Committee were all re-elected, no changes.
Also the Zone-Presidents remained the same.

English Club, Yverdon, had been liquidated.

Constitution and Rules

Aims and purposes

1. The purposes of the Federation shall be:
 - a) the fraternal collaboration of all bona-fide Anglo-Swiss Clubs;
 - b) the promotion of friendship and understanding between Switzerland and the Nations of the British Commonwealth;
 - c) to foster good fellowship and social intercourse amongst members of the Federation;
 - d) to centralise the varied forces of Clubs belonging to the Federation for the benefit of all;
 - e) to support, or co-operate with, any movement or body serving the same aims.
2. To attain these aims, the Executive Council shall meet as occasion demands, and at least twice a year, and a congress and sports meeting of all federated members shall be held yearly. Social intercourse between members shall be encouraged by means of inter-club visits, exchange of club talent and lecturers, and sustained through such other medium as may be decided upon from time to time.
3. The Federation is non-political and non-confessional. No party-political or sectarian discussion shall be permitted at any Federation meeting.

Conditions of admission

4. All Clubs admitted to membership shall retain their full autonomous rights.
5. A Club applying for membership shall proceed as follows: An application, giving the exact title and address of the Club, the year of its foundation, and the full name and address of its President, and accompanied by a copy of its rules and a statement of its aims and purposes, shall be addressed to the Federation Secretary. The application must be supported by at least one Federated Club.
6. The Executive Council shall decide whether the application shall be accepted or rejected.
7. The Executive Council shall report to the members its acceptance of any application.
8. Should the Executive Council reject an application, it shall inform the candidate, but shall be under no obligation to submit the reason for such rejection.

9. On acceptance of an application for membership the subscriptions due according to Articles 13/15 must be at once remitted to the Federation Treasurer.

Membership

10. The Federation shall comprise:
 - a) all bona-fide Anglo-Swiss Clubs which have fulfilled the obligations prescribed in these regulations;
 - b) Associate Members, who may be Clubs or single persons. Such Associate Members shall have no vote on Federation affairs, nor can they compete in Federation Sport events;
 - c) Corresponding Members, consisting of persons who take an earnest interest in the work of the Federation and will send at least one article per annum to the Editor of the Federation organ for publication.

Subscriptions

11. The financial year of the Federation shall be from January 1st to December 31st.
12. New members of the Federation are not required to pay any entrance fee, but only such current subscriptions as may be due according to the provisions of Articles 13/15.
13. The annual subscription to the Federation shall be:
 - a) For full members: Sw. Frs. 0.50 per club member with a maximum subscription payable of Sw. Frs. 25.—;
 - b) For Associate Members: Sw. Frs. 10.— for single persons, and Sw. Frs. 25.— for Clubs.
14. When a member is admitted after June 15th, only one half of the annual subscription shall be payable in respect of the current year.
15. When a member is admitted after September 15th, no subscription shall be payable in respect of the remainder of the current year.
16. Any member resigning from membership of the Federation shall be required to give written notice to the Secretary and shall have no claim whatsoever on the Federation funds.

17. Any member falling in arrears with the subscriptions, and failing, after two written reminders, to pay the amount due, shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member.
18. Debts can be met only out of Federation assets and no personal liability attaches to the members, whether clubs or individuals.

Administration

19. The activities of the Federation shall be directed by an Executive Council, which shall be composed of the Presidents of the member Clubs, and Founder Presidents, who may no longer be Presidents, but remain members of any federated Club, and ex-members of the Executive.
20. The current business of the Federation shall be transacted by a select committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the co-optation of one or more of the Vice-Presidents of Zones in the absence of any of the first mentioned four officers.
21. In addition to the officers of the Executive, the members of the Council may delegate any member of their respective clubs or any member of any federated club of their region, should they so desire, to represent them on the Council in the event of their unavoidable absence and to vote.
22. The President of the Federation shall be elected by the Executive Council.
23. The President shall hold office for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election.
24. The Executive Council shall appoint annually from among its members a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Zone-Vice-Presidents, who will assist the President and represent the various regional groups of Clubs, also one Member Club to act as Auditor.
25. The President shall prepare and submit to the Executive Council annually a report on the work of the Federation during the preceding year. The Treasurer shall submit to the Executive Council a financial statement for the preceding year.
26. The Executive Council shall be the sole authorized representative of the Federation. The Federation shall not be bound by any document which does not bear the signatures of the President and one other member of the Executive. No officer or body shall involve the Federation in a financial liability exceeding Sw. Frs. 400.— without the approval of a two-thirds majority of the members present at a Federation Executive Council Meeting.

Annual congress

27. A Congress of the Federation shall be held each year.

Basle and Grenchen August 1957.

Dismissal

28. In the event of a reported grave infringement of the rules of the Federation by any member, or of conduct on the part of any member club as a whole, which may be injurious to the well-being of the Federation or of any of its members, the Executive Council shall decide whether it is desirable that the member or member club should be excluded from the Federation.
29. The representative of the club, of which the conduct is impugned, or similarly an individual associate member, shall have the right to attend the Executive Council in their defence, if so desired.
30. A decision of the Executive Council to exclude a member shall only be valid if pronounced by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council present.
31. The decision of the Executive Council shall be final.

Amendments

32. Additions to, excisions from, or other amendments of the present rules may be made at any time by the Executive Council. Such amendments shall be communicated to the members of the Federation.

Transfers

33. Members of Federated Clubs may transfer from one club to another without payment of the entrance fee or of the subscription for the remainder of the current year, if they have already paid this in the club from which they transfer.

Official publication

34. All official publications will be made in the official organ of the Federation. The Patrons and Associate Members will receive a copy of each issue to keep them in continual touch with the activities of the Federation. The members of all Federated Clubs are urgently requested to subscribe to the official organ at the price in force.

The foregoing constitution and rules were adopted in their original form at the meeting of the Executive Council at Bienne on February 18th 1934 and have been subsequently amended. They come into force immediately.

For the Executive Council

President : A. V. Thornton Secretary : H. R. Fritscher

English Club Amriswil

Speech by Mr. P. Bernhardsgrütter, Vice-President of the English Club Amriswil at the Club Jubilee 1957 held on June 22nd at the "Stelzenhof".

Mr. President,

Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Excuse me please if I demand your attention for a few moments.

You all know that we are today commemorating a very unusual day in our Club Life; it is the 25th anniversary of the E. C. A.

In fact I find it is worthwhile making a little stop at this mile-stone in our Club's history to look back over the way we have gone through all these years.

I do not think that I am the only one who appreciates the social gatherings of the friends of the English language which have given us not only the opportunity for so many pleasant evenings of entertainment in agreeable company and of outings, games and lectures, but also discussions of an instructive character on the English language and on social topics and other problems in the lively debates we have so often had the pleasure of enjoying. You will no doubt agree with me when I say that our English Club may be regarded as one of the most active and interesting amongst the English clubs in our region.

However this did not come about of its own accord, somebody was needed to take the initiative to "take the bull by the horns" as we say, to make a start, somebody was needed to take the initiative, to "take such a new enterprise to success.

The man who ventured upon the task is amongst us, you know him very well, our Club Daddy Mr. Albert Sulzberger. He was the man who had the courage to take up the idea of founding an English Club in Amriswil in 1932.—Full of energy and perseverance he built up his little English Club and many a good friend may perhaps have thought at that time, or even have predicted, that this new enterprise would probably be short-lived. Our president Mr. Albert Sulzberger however proved the contrary. With the assistance of Mrs.

Sulzberger and a staff of true friends, the newly born baby ECA soon grew into a sturdy youngster.

Mr. Ernest Roggwiler, our cashier for 25 years

Mrs. H. Naegeli and Mr. E. Meier

(out of 18 foundation members)

were the members who also took part in the foundation of the Club, and most of them still join us regularly at the Club meetings, about which we are very pleased indeed. So this circle slowly grew bigger and bigger. No wonder when we consider the attractive way our President organized interesting and pleasant meetings. He had the knack of avoiding monotonous gatherings and cheering up the members with topical subjects for discussion, games, lectures and, last but not least, of arranging with Mrs. Sulzberger the delightful Santa Claus parties every year or moon-shine outings in summer time.

The years went by and one member or the other went abroad to make use of what he learned in the Club, and new friends joined us, thus keeping up the number of members. Mr. Sulzberger was always on the lookout for new adherents and several former members, some of whom had even taken lessons with him in earlier years, came back to join us again. Others of them paid us a visit when they came back for holidays from Australia, Brazil, Israel, America etc. giving lectures or accounts of their life and experiences in many parts of the world. Some of them could show us very interesting lantern slides and made the meetings very attractive. All this is no doubt was due to our President's art of bringing members to our Club in such a magnificent way.

It is many years now since the number of members was increased by the joining of quite a few ladies from Romanshorn, where an English Club had been dissolved owing to lack of interest.

It will not be possible in my short survey to tell you all the interesting details of the Club's history during 25 years. Perhaps this will be done by somebody else.

In conclusion I would only like to fulfil my main task and that is to express the heartiest thanks to our daddy in the name of all the members for the enormous amount of work he has devoted to our club during so many years, for his idealism in keeping on in spite of the ups and downs we sometimes experienced. More than 500 meetings had to be prepared besides the arrangement for parties, outings and the usual Club business and all this without any remuneration.

We can only hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing our President amongst us for many years to come and we all wish him the best of health and all good luck and once again our most hearty thanks for all he has done for our Club.

The Vice-president: P. Bernhardsgrütter

5th Anglo-Swiss Rally of Zone II

It was a gorgeous autumn day, that last Sunday in September 1957, and the organizers of the 5th Anglo-Swiss Rally were certainly very clever to choose the day for this event.

From all directions the participants arrived at the car park of the Hotel Seefels in Biel, driving through a light mist. After a quick one for the road to remove the chill of the morning, the cars left one after the other, 20 altogether. Some of the drivers were a little nervous with excitement, the others as cool as cucumbers, and all of them were looking forward to the unknown hazards of the rally. The navigators settled themselves down to study the instructions, consult maps and calculate speeds, distances, times or just to enjoy the drive, trusting to their unfailing luck.

The first lap brought the cars, or at least those who faithfully followed the orders, through Frinvillier, Orvin, Lamboing to Prêles and in bright sunshine over the plateau of Diesse to Lignières. On the way to Le Landeron, looking down from the sunny heights of the Jura, the beautiful view of the Lake of Biel with St. Peter's island and Erlach still lying under a transparent veil of faint mist was certainly one of the highlights of the rally. I do not know whether it was intended to give everybody a chance of enjoying the view or whether it was out of sheer malice, but just at this lovely spot awkward questions were asked. Anyway I thought it was a fair thing to do to point out the silhouette of the Château Erlach even if only to ask for the distance to it! The faint mist was of course responsible for the widely differing answers whereas the wrong replies to the questions on history were mainly due to our being overwhelmed by the lovely sight of the present.

On the look-out for any unusual object we had to pass Le Landeron, Erlach, Ins, and Brüttelen during the second lap. There each one had to show some skill, be it backing the car for 5 full turns of the wheels or having a go at the dart board. And as a preparation for lunch the experts had to decide whether "sherry" was a liqueur, or a Spanish wine. There was unanimous agreement that sherry certainly was something out of a bottle.

After a short run the target was reached in the village of Finsterhennen, where the timekeepers were busy writing down the total time of each car as it drove up to their table. One final question was put to the drivers and then came the time to discuss the various happenings and adventures of the morning.

Lunch, which was served in the Hotel Weisses Kreuz, reunited the participants again and found everybody in high spirits, even those who only arrived after the stop watches had stopped keeping time!

Winner of the 1957 rally and keeper of the shield was Mr. George Littlejohn Cook from the British Embassy in a Jaguar, followed by Mr. H. R. Fritscher from SMS Club Biel in a D.K.W. and Mr. Peter

Grunder ACS, Neuchâtel in a VW. Also ran 4. Miss Françoise Jeanneret, SMS Club Biel in a Vauxhall, 5. Mr. Schwarzkopf, SMS Club Biel in a Renault, 6. Miss Lily Leval, ACS Soleure in a Chevrolet, 7. Mrs. H. Leu, ACS Soleure in a VW, 8. Mr. Ulrich Wälchli, SMS Club Biel in a Consul, 9. Mr. Walter Haener, E.C. Delémont in a Hillman, 10. Mr. Eden, British Embassy, in a Morris. A very nice selection of presents made it possible for every pleasant and well organized contest. In reply to the address by Mr. Oscar Leu, president of the ASC Soleure and organizer of the event, Mr. George Littlejohn Cook summed up the rally and thanked the organizers for their fine work—and all the participants, I am sure, agreed with him.

We are all looking forward to next year's contest which, we hope, will be attended by even more of our friends.

Mr. G. Littlejohn Cook and Mrs. Willis-Fleming on the right holding the challenge-plate: Mr. H. R. Fritscher and Mrs. Fritscher on the left



A few of those taking part in the gay party at Finsterhennen



1958

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 27th 1958.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Neuchâtel, St Gall, Soleure, Tavannes, Thun, Sion and Zurich.

Resignation of the Treasurer:

Mr. Leon Durscher, Basle, resigned after 5 years in office,
Mr. Alfred Martinet, Lausanne, was appointed.

Congress venue: Bürgenstock.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Jenoure, Fritscher, Leu and Burnell).

Anglo-French Association:

The Secretary, Mr. Robert Wieder, Paris, proposed a closer
co-operation on English Lecturers.

Resignations of Clubs:

English Club, Bellinzona, had been liquidated.

Also the English Club, Berne, had closed for about a year
due to poor attendance.

Death of Prof. William E. Rappard, our Swiss Patron.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 9th 1958.

Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Jura-Nord, Fribourg,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel, St Gall, Thun and
Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. Robinson, Zurich

Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council Representative,
and Mr. Yantian.

Council Officers:

The President and the Committee were re-elected with many
thanks for their great work.

British Library in Zurich:

Mr. Perryman advised us that the British Council could offer
about 10'000 good books, mainly on current fiction.

Death of Mrs. Charles Welman:

Mr. C.W. Welman expressed his deepest thanks from the bottom
of his heart for the true friendship shown to him by members
of the Federation on his wife's death and funeral. He never
thought he had so many friends in Switzerland.

Congress on the Bürgenstock was attended by 170 persons.
In spite of the bad weather it was an enjoyable congress.

The English Club, Bienne, celebrated its Golden Jubilee
Anniversary.

Resignation of the English Conversation Club, Geneva, for
financial reasons.

Stop Press: Congress

As we go to press news comes of one of the most enjoyable Congresses in the history of the Federation. The weather was glorious. the Burgenstock was at its best. the food, service, band, rooms, swimming pool all had a Hollywood perfection about them. Everybody enjoyed themselves enormously.

Guests: The British Ambassador to Berne, Sir William Montagu-Pollock, K.C.M.G. and Lady Montagu-Pollock

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Perryman

Mr. and Mrs. C. Allanson

It is good to hear that Mr. Allanson, who has long been associated with the Federation, has agreed to become a Patron in place of the late Professor Rappard.

Another welcome guest was Mr. Lang, Manager of the Dreyfus Bank at Basle.

Sports: Tennis: English Club, Bienne

Swimming: English Club, Bienne

Table Tennis: Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle

Shooting: Anglo-Swiss Club, Soleure

Shooting King: Mr. Stucki, Thun

Skittling: English Club, Winterthur

(32 495 points)

Skittling King: Mr. Wyler, Basle (9754 points)

Skittling Queen: Miss Berger, SMS Bienne.

There were 170 persons present at the Ball on Saturday evening.

William E. Rappard †

With the death of Professor William E. Rappard the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs has lost not only a Patron but a friend. To most members he was known as a guest of honour who never failed to attend Congress if his many duties permitted. And when he was there, everyone who knew his gift as a speaker was assured of an after-dinner speech which would sparkle with wit. Yet his presence at our Congresses was something more than merely a guarantee of wit and humour. Professor Rappard moved on the grand stage of international politics and his voice was heard in the high councils of the world, but he realized that our aims and objects were not essentially different from his own: that we were both striving towards a better understanding between nations. No one was better placed than our late Patron to bring about such an improvement in international relations. Although a citizen of Geneva he was born and educated in America, studying at Harvard University and subsequently at the University of Geneva. His career was intimately bound up with those great international bodies the League of Nations and the International Labour Office and he frequently undertook diplomatic missions on behalf of his native country to the U.S.A., London and Paris. It was,

however, typical of the man that he should not be content simply with these signal services to the cause of peace and understanding; besides the action of the present he was concerned that trained and penetrating minds should be brought to bear on the problems of the future. It was with this thought that he founded the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales at Geneva. Under his direction this institution became one of the leading teaching and research centres of political science in the world. Although his energies were so thoroughly absorbed by his work for international understanding, he was not in favour of any system which would involve the loss of national individuality. He saw that the world was a richer and better place for the almost infinite variety of national character and temperament; he asked only that men should bring goodwill to the solution of their common problems. It was this philosophy, in addition to his other splendid personal qualities, that made his patronage of our Federation so inspiring.

The President of the Federation has received a letter of thanks from Madame Pierre de Claparède, the late Professor Rappard's daughter, for the floral tribute with which the Federation paid its last respects.



GUIDO WIRZ †

It came as a great shock to the members of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Basle and all those associated with the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs to hear of the sudden death of Guido Wirz on January 15th. So vital a personality and friendly a disposition will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him as a genial fellow Club member, a shrewd and hard-working Committee member and a diligent and far-sighted member of the Executive Council of the Federation.

In recounting his great contribution to the welfare of the Anglo-Swiss movement as a whole, it is hard to separate his activities as a member of the Basle Club and a member of the Executive Council of the Federation. He saw each as a field for service in the cause of Anglo-Swiss friendship and was untiring in his efforts for both. Mr. Wirz was introduced to the Basle Club in 1935 by the acting secretary, Mr. Owen Payne, and when the latter left for Geneva, he was elected secretary of the Club in 1934. During the early years of his secretaryship, he devoted energetic attention to an improvement in the standard of the Club programmes. It was he who introduced the idea of "at least one good lecture per month" as the basis of the Club programmes and insisted on a high cultural level at all times. This did not mean, however, that the programmes became too loftily intellectual. No one was more ready than he to relax and enjoy a social function and he always saw to it that dance evenings were arranged for club members and well arranged. During the difficult years early in the war Mr. Wirz took a leading part in attempts to restart the Club's activities and he carried out his work as

secretary and committee member with the greatest tact and skill. He continued in office as Secretary for 18 years until 1952, when he left us to take up a post in Rio de Janeiro for the Swiss Bank Corporation, to which he gave a lifetime of service. On his return in 1957 he was re-elected to the Committee as advisory member and filled this post until his untimely death.

Concurrently with his work in Basle, he was for many years active on the Executive Council of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. In 1940, when the future of the Federation hung in the balance and its financial position was unsound, Mr. Welman placed his confidence in Guido Wirz, who was appointed Treasurer. Mr. Wirz tackled the job of clearing up the financial difficulties of the Federation with zest and vigour. It speaks volumes for his tenacity of purpose and resource when we say that in a few years he had transformed a sizeable deficit into a respectable reserve. He set about the organization of Congresses with the same vigour and attention to detail that characterized whatever work he took in hand. Those fine Swiss qualities of thoroughness, reliability and diligence were exemplified in all he did.

We had hoped that we should benefit by his services and enjoy his friendship for many years to come. But it was not to be. A strong and united Federation and a happy and prosperous Club are a tangible memorial to his work, and in our hearts we shall always remember him with respect and affection. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his mother, his sister and his brother-in-law.

Anglo-Swiss Club Lausanne

The Christmas holidays have passed—the new year's programme is well under way and the future meetings look very promising. A film show of Japan drew a large assembly despite an awful windy rainshower on that Wednesday evening. Let us hope that the members of the Anglo-Swiss Club Lausanne always prove to be a courageous lot of people on which the committee can rely in every respect! As a matter of fact, the outstanding event of the club's activity during this year will be the Annual Congress of the Anglo-Swiss Federation which will be held in Lausanne on the 30th/31st of May. There will be a great deal of work to be done in connection with the organization of the congress and the committee is counting on the members' willingness to help. May everybody bear in mind Nelson's famous words—translated for the circumstances—"The committee expects everybody to do his duty!"

Anglo-Swiss Club Soleure

The year 1958 will go down in the annals as one of special importance since it marked the "coming of age" of the Club. The crowning event of the year was therefore the 20th Anniversary Dinner and Ball which was held on December 6th at the Hotel Krone. Besides present and past members many old and new friends of the Club joined the party and helped to make the evening a success. H. R. Fritscher as M. C. kept the party in full swing until the early hours of the morning. It is not possible to narrate all the various happenings but some high lights are worth mentioning. Firstly the presidential address of Oscar Leu—himself a founder of the club—after which he was presented with an engraved pewter plate as a token of appreciation for his activities in the Club. A special attraction and much applauded were a series of Scottish Folks Dances performed by members of the British Legation in Bern who were guests of our party. And finally, as Father Christmas was in town on business that day, he of course looked in and had a few things to say and a little present for everyone. Now another year of Club activities has begun. On January 14th the General Meeting was held. The committee under the chairmanship of Oscar Leu will be the same as in the previous year. The need to recruit new members was specially emphasized and new ways to attract people will be tried out. And so good luck to the Club for another year full of activities and life. A. W. A.

We deeply regret to announce the death on 24th December of Mrs. John Wernli-Gattrell at the advanced age of 82 years. Mrs. Wernli was a founder member of the English Club of Biel and a most popular and respected figure. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

30th Anniversary of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne

In is sometimes difficult to known precisely when a club started. In 1929 a notice was placed on the notice-board of the Swiss Mercantile School in London bearing this announcement:

"Will all students who are returning to French Switzerland, Lausanne or environs, after their stay in London, and who wish to keep up their good English, place their names and addresses below (signing distinctly) to enable us to notify them of our first meeting."

Twenty-six students did so. On 6th November 1929, the first meeting of the Fitzroy Club Lausanne was held, and from this date the present Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne may be said to have been in existence. Your historian has pored over old files, trying to discover how these early members of the Club spent their evenings together, but the documents are silent on the subject. The Rules state that the purpose of the Club was to foster good fellowship amongst the members by entertainments, excursions, etc, and no doubt a good time was had by all.

But Club life was not all beer and skittles. Evening programmes were arranged consisting of lectures, debates, dictations and comparative philology. How decadent we are nowadays! How many clubs in the Federation settle down to a dictation or comparative

philology in 1959? It must not be supposed, however, that the files are slim. In fact they are voluminous, mainly with plans for amalgamating the Fitzroy Club of Lausanne and the Club of Former Students of the SMS London. Proposals and counter-proposals were shuttled backwards and forwards. And then suddenly, in perfect tranquility, we find the President in her report of 22nd September 1937 reviewing the first year of the Scarlet Pimpernel Club, as the amalgamation was called. Unfortunately the new Club was not left long to enjoy a peaceful and prosperous life. The war clouds gathered and in 1939 hostilities began. The Club struggled on bravely against adverse conditions with meetings and lectures, one entitled rather ominously "How to make a Will." It was in fact the last recorded lecture of the Club before its rebirth in 1949 with Miss Stewart Berkely as President. From then on the Club has gone from strength to strength. An imposing array of lectures and film shows and numerous social events are the outward evidence of a Club vigorously alive. And now the Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne is arranging the Congress of 1959 with all the verve and attention to detail we may expect in French Switzerland. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to them together with our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

1959

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 5th 1959.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, St Gall, Soleure and Thun.

Guest at luncheon:

Sir William Montagu-Pollock, British Ambassador, and
Lady Montagu-Pollock

Mr. C.S. Allanson, the new Swiss Patron of the Federation.

Death of Mr. Guido Wirz, Basle, former Treasurer of the
Federation for many years.

Associate Membership.

The British Club, Zurich, applied for associate membership.
The meeting accepted it.

Congress venue : Lausanne.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Martinet, Fritscher, Leu and Cater).
The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne, celebrated its
30th anniversary.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 22nd 1959.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux,
Neuchâtel, Rorschach, St Gall, Soleure, Winterthur
and Zurich.

Congress at Lausanne:

Guests at the banquet:

Sir William Montagu-Pollock,

Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson, Bienne,
the British Consul General of Geneva,

Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council Representative, and
the Mayor of Lausanne.

Sports places were far away from each other.

A remarkable profit was made.

Death of Mrs. John Wernli-Gattrell, Bienne.

Mrs. Wernli was a founder member of the English Club, Bienne,
she was also present at the first meeting/congress of the
Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs at Macolin on June 19th
1932. She was a great respected person.

Congress 1959 in Lausanne

The Annual Congress of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs is over for another year and everybody agrees it was a good Congress. Not the least of those feeling happy about the Lausanne Congress are the Committee of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne. For a long time the 30th and 31st May were awaited with a certain amount of apprehension as it was the first time the Federation had bestowed on the Lausanne Club the honour of organizing this important event. We in the Lausanne Club are also celebrating our 30th Anniversary this year and of course we were especially proud and happy to have the privilege of having all our friends gathered in Lausanne for Congress. Although it was raining hard on Sunday morning the weather on the whole was good and those who managed to get to Lausanne on Saturday afternoon could enjoy the blue Leman at its best. In all nearly 200 guests enjoyed the weekend to the full.

The programme started as usual on Saturday afternoon and from 2 o'clock onwards the representatives of the various Clubs in German Switzerland were arriving at the Casino de Montbenon. The various sports competitions were in full swing the whole afternoon and with a few exceptions most sports events were completed then. The dinner on Saturday evening was excellent and the ball which followed lasted until 4 a.m., which goes to show that there was plenty of fun and gaiety! Mrs. Morzier, the meritorious President of the Lausanne Club, welcomed the guests in her usual friendly way and the evening was soon under way. Was it the white wine of the Lemanic shores which lent a certain lightness and verve to the spirits of some members "d'outre-Sarine?" Anyway, time passed only too quickly and Bernard Oguey's band was certainly partly responsible for the smooth running of the whole evening. We must also mention here some of the other clubs who contributed with their amusing games and entertainment.

For the banquet on the Sunday we were blessed with bright sunsh'ne again which shone down on the beautiful gardens outside the Rotonde of the Casino. The guests invited included:

Sir William Montagu-Pollock, K.C.M.G.,
Her Majesty's Ambassador in Berne,
and Lady Montagu-Pollock.
H. R. Sawbridge Esq., H. M. Consul in Geneva.

W. J. Perryman, Esq.,

British Council Representative in Switzerland.

Monsieur Albert von der Aa and Madame von der Aa,
Municipal de la Ville de Lausanne.

Other well-known personalities at the "table d'honneur" were Mr. Albert Thornton, Mr. Charles Welman, and Mr. F. T. Wynyard-Wright. Of course after the roast chicken there followed a good number of speeches but all were short and witty and reflected the good spirits of this family gathering. First Mr. Thornton, the President of the Federation, welcomed the guests and then Sir William Montagu-Pollock proposed a toast to the Queen. Mr. von der Aa, representing the town authorities, spoke in French, obviously delighted although he could not understand a word of what was spoken round him! He not only conveyed the town government's greetings but also brought a case of "Dezaley" out of the town's cellars!

Finally came the very important act of distributing the sports cups to the winning teams. The M. C., Mr. Bovy, called the captains of the successful teams and Lady Montagu-Pollock presented the cups. The Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne won the prize for the darts competition, a beautiful Channe vaudoise which the Lausanne Club itself had given! We also keep the cup for table-tennis for one year. The other winners were:

Skittles: Thun.

Skittle King: Mr. Aeschlimann of Thun.

Skittle Queen: Miss White of Montreux.

Tennis: Basle and Biel, each team keeping the cup for six months, as the rain forced the competition to end in a draw.

Swimming: SMS Biel.

Shooting: Soleure.

As the Soleure team has won the cup for the third time in succession, the Soleure Club now keeps it, but the President, Mr. Oscar Leu, has already offered a new cup for this competition.

I am sure we can say that the Congress was a real success, due mainly to the tremendous work and efforts of the organizing committee, especially Mrs. Morzier, the President, and the two families A. and G. Martinet, who were in charge of the accommodation, finances, publicity, sports, tombola, etc. A very special thankyou to all concerned!

W. G.

Anglo-Swiss Club Soleure

"The City of Ambassadors receives the British Ambassador" was the headline with which the local newspaper introduced its account of Sir William and Lady Pollock's visit to Soleure at the invitation of the Government and the Anglo-Swiss Club of Soleure on October 21st. In an address of welcome at the Town Hall, Otto Stampfli, the Landammann, referred to the close historical relations between Soleure on the one hand and England on the other. It was probably news to most of those present to hear that Colonel von Roll of Soleure had fought with his regiment for the British against Napoleon in Egypt. As a memento of his visit Landammann Stampfli handed Sir William the fine book "Kleine Stadt mit grosser Tradition." After the reception the Ambassador was shown round the splendid collection of weapons in the Old Arsenal and he expressed his intention of visiting it again when accompanied by his children. After being entertained to lunch at Kriegstetten by the Government, the party spent the afternoon looking round the "Autophon" works, and at 5 p.m. the Ambassador had an opportunity of informal conversations in the cellar of the Town Hall with representatives of industry, the chamber of commerce, the unions and the press.

an opportunity for many years to come of strengthening the ties existing between England and Switzerland. After an excellent dinner had been served, Sir William addressed some 150 members and friends of the Club. His talk was not concerned with the esoteric world of diplomacy or even his own native country, but with Peru, where he represented the United Kingdom from 1953 to 1958. It soon became clear from his talk and the excellent slides with which it was illustrated that Peru is probably the most interesting of the South American states both from the natural and historical point of view. The pictures, which were a testimony to the Ambassador's skill with a camera, showed every aspect of the country from the dry and rocky Pacific coast to the grasslands of the high plateau and the gorges of the Andes as well as the tropical forests of the Amazon basin. Particularly interesting were the ruined temples and buildings of the Incas, whose civilization, flourishing for centuries before the incursion of the Europeans, has only recently been investigated in detail. Loud and prolonged applause marked the conclusion of Sir William's talk which had made his day in Soleure something much more than merely a diplomatic courtesy visit. Among the guests present were Mr. Otto Reichwald, President of the British Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. C. W. E. Kessler, the Secretary, Mr. Silvan Kocher, Vice-President of the Fédération Horlogère, Mr. J. Blöchliger, Manager of Autophon, ex-Councillor Iwan Bally (Schönenwerd) and Mr. Arnold Bally (Schönenwerd), formerly President of the Soleure Mercantile and Industrial Union.

Anglo-Swiss Club St. Gall

Since our last report in May, work and play has continued here as usual, with bi-monthly meetings and an interval of some weeks for summer holidays in July and August.

In June we heard Mr. M. R. Mowat, M.A., a Scotsmen, speak on "Robert Burns and Scotland," and enjoyed a highly interesting lecture, being especially impressed by Mr. Mowat's reciting of Burns' poems and songs and the way he brought this most gifted and dearly loved poet and his works closer to us. This was followed at the end of the month by an outing to a near-by lake which is also a bird-preserve, and very beautiful indeed on a summer's evening.

On July 3rd we had the great pleasure of receiving His Excellency Sir William Montagu-Pollock and Lady Montagu-Pollock, who came to visit our town officially and so kindly offered to spend an evening with our Club and meet our members. Sir William Montagu spoke to us about the years he and his family spent in Peru and showed us many exquisite colour slides which he had taken himself. Afterwards we all sat together until late and we were all delighted by the warm and hearty interest Sir William and Lady Montagu-Pollock took in our Club, its members and our doings here. To finish the season we again arranged a swimming and dancing evening by the Bodensee, but for the third year in succession we were favoured with bad weather, and so had to give up the bathing part and put all our energy into the dancing, rather difficult this, with seventeen men and three young ladies!



Recalling that, by a happy coincidence, it was on Trafalgar Day that Sir William and Lady Montagu-Pollock were visiting Soleure, Mr. O. Leu, President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Soleure, extended a hearty welcome to their honoured guests and said that their presence was a milestone in the history of the Club. After greeting many other distinguished guests, Mr. Leu expressed the hope that Sir William would have

In September likewise we had one lecture and one outing. On the 7th of the month Dr. Robert Wieder spoke to us on "Some aspects of British Humour" which quite unexpectedly turned out to be a very serious affair indeed, and very interesting too, as was evident by the intense discussion which took place afterwards. Dr. Wieder has studied his subject deeply and gave us to understand that true humour is not a matter alone of subtlety and laughter but rather more of resigning oneself to the sorrows and troubles of life with smiling tolerance and equanimity. We were very interested to hear such an unusual outlook, which left us with much food for thought, and—serious laughter!

And now, please note all ye Zones of ye Federation, we did arrange and hold a Zone meeting, of the East Zone. (We do not like this designation and decided to call ourselves the East Region!) On Sunday, September 27th, we met in Bad Ragaz. Clubs invited were those on the Bodensee, Arbon, Rorschach and Amriswil, then Chur and St. Gall. The first three were, unfortunately, not represented, but a couple of friendly guests from Winterthur turned up. We met for a delicious chicken dinner at the Paradies, and then, in smaller groups explored the Tamina Schlucht, the Thermal Baths, and other charms of this famous watering place, and finally gathered together again for a big and hilarious tea-party at the Kursaal, where we even achieved the astounding feat that no two members of one and the same Club sat together. At 5.30 p.m. we parted company, everyone seemingly delighted and animated with the new friendships and contacts made. Next year, it was decided, we shall hold a "bigger and better" regional meeting. What about each one of the other Regions sending a representative? This would be very nice for all those members who are not able to attend the annual Congress.

October brought us two lecture evenings, and very nice ones too. First we were honoured by the kind visit of Mr. H. T. Kennedy, Commercial Attaché to the British Embassy in Bern, who came here to speak to us about his hobby, "British Sailing Ships throughout the Ages." He told of the history and the art of sailing and how the ships were designed and built, right from the beginning and up to the present day, and showed us lantern slides. These pictures of models of all ages were very fascinating and made one regret the passing of time and with it the gradual disappearance of such a beautiful and graceful way

of transport. One prefers to forget the gruesome horrors of naval warfare in sailing fleets.

For the end of October, we had booked Mr. Felix Witzinger, of the Konservatorium in Basel, who gave us a brilliant lecture-recital entitled "The Sources of American Music." Our Club showed great interest in this subject, and were well rewarded, for Mr. Witzinger has spent many years in America teaching and studying and giving concerts himself, so he knows his subject well and is able to illustrate his impressions and contentions most ably. The following lecture was also of a musical nature, this time about Ireland. It was Professor Hans Merz, of Bonn, who came here to speak on "Ireland in Landscape and in Song." Professor Merz has spent many years in Ireland and was just recently adjudicator at the Dublin Song Festival. He told us a great deal about the Irish and their music and brought us many rare and beautiful recordings of old folk songs, of church choirs and even a symphony of impressive quality. Our members enjoyed this very much, as our lecturer himself was so very enthusiastic about his subject.

Finally we have just held a play-reading evening, well attended by our younger members. The play chosen was "The Gioconda Smile" by Aldous Huxley, a rather sombre but dramatic and problematic murder story. We are grateful indeed to the British Council in Zürich for letting us have the books free of cost.

Another feature which we should mention is the visit of English school children on several occasions this summer. We were asked by the Tourist Centre to receive these various groups and give them an evening, which we did, and derived much pleasure therefrom. Once it was a group of boys and girls of 15–17 years, who were most eager to know all about the Swiss and Switzerland, education here, and so on, and we held a discussion evening, very animating. Yet another time, younger girls were here, who performed folk-dances, and were entertained to supper afterwards. Even a small group of American University teachers visited us and were extremely appreciative of the little hospitality we could show them. All this we find enriching to our Club life, and therefore to be encouraged.

And now our thoughts turn to Christmas and all the celebrations. We wish you one and all a very happy and festive season, and all the best for the New Year to follow.

Anglo-Swisses, St. Gall



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1960

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 10th 1960.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Olten, Rorschach, St Gall, Soleure and Zurich.

The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lugano, was liquidated, the President,
Prof. J. Mez, died 8 months ago.
There seems to be another Club in Lugano, the Big Ben Club.
They wish to remain a private club for the present.

Mr. Jenoure, Vice-President, proposed to commemorate the
biggest soldier in Switzerland, General Guisan.
A minute silence was observed.

Guest at the luncheon:

Mr. R. Scrivener from the British Embassy, Berne,
(in the absence of Sir W. Montagu-Pollock, H.M. Ambassador.)

Congress venue: Bürgenstock.

British Weeks in Basle: They will take place in February 1961.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 27th 1960.
Present: Mr. A.V. Thornton (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, St Gall, Soleure, Winterthur
and Zurich.

Mr. Thornton thanked for the lovely present for his 70th
birthday. On doctor's advice he had to curtail his
activities.

Mr. Jenoure, Vice-President, presided the meeting.

Guests at the luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. Lockhart, British Consul, in Zurich.

New Patron of the Federation:

Mr. Paul Grey, H.M. Ambassador.

Council Officers:

Mr. Thornton resigned as President for health reasons.
He thanked everyone for the splendid work done for so many
years. He proposed Mr. Jenoure as his successor.

New Council Officers:

President	Mr. J. Jenoure
Vice-President	Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (also Editor)
Secretary	Mr. H.R. Fritsch er
Treasurer	Mr. A. Martinet
Travel	Mr. R.V. Burnell.

Congress on the Bürgenstock:

Guests:

Sir W. Montagu-Pollock, H.M. Ambassador and Lady Montagu-Pollo
Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson
Mr. R.W. Welman, H.P. and
Mr. A.V. Thornton.

During the banquet Mr. Thornton was elected Honorary President
by the Executive Council. Mr. Jenoure seized the opportunity
to thank Mr. Thornton for all the good work he had done for
the Federation from its foundation, during the war up to
the present.

A Good Captain Hands over the Helm

MR. ALBERT THORNTON M. B. E.

It was with reluctance that we heard at the Meeting of the Executive Council held in Zurich on November 28th that Mr. Albert Thornton M. B. E. was resigning from the Presidency of the Federation. Ill health during the past few months has obliged him to curtail his activities and, to our great regret, the Presidency was one those activities that came under the medical ban.

Those few official words record the end of a presidency whose true character has never been readily expressed in any official terms. It does not lie in Albert Thornton's character to be official. To the office of President he has brought the qualities of a warm and lovable personality which has permeated all the activities of the Federation and made the meetings of the Executive Council a gathering of friends rather than the sessions of some high, deliberative body. To the work of a Federation such as ours, dedicated as it is to promoting goodwill and good fellowship, this is indeed a high qualification.

However, it must not be thought that his contribution to the work of the Federation has been confined

simply to spreading a warm and shrewd benevolence over its activities. His office in the Freiestrasse in Basle has been a sort of Anglo-Swiss intelligence centre to which people, letters and telephone calls have been directed from all over Switzerland, nay all over Europe, and with all these he has dealt with his usual kindness, consideration and insight. And from so many of these encounters something of interest and value for the Federation has taken its rise in the form of a new lecturer, or a contact with some other English-speaking country, or a set of films or slides for club evenings. Unperceived by all except those who have occasion to call on him there, he has done an immense amount of liaison work for the benefit of us all.

It is good to know that his wisdom and experience will still be at our disposal, for he has been unanimously elected an Honorary President of the Federation, and in this capacity we extend to him our affectionate good wishes for the future and tender him our ever grateful thanks for all he has done in the past.

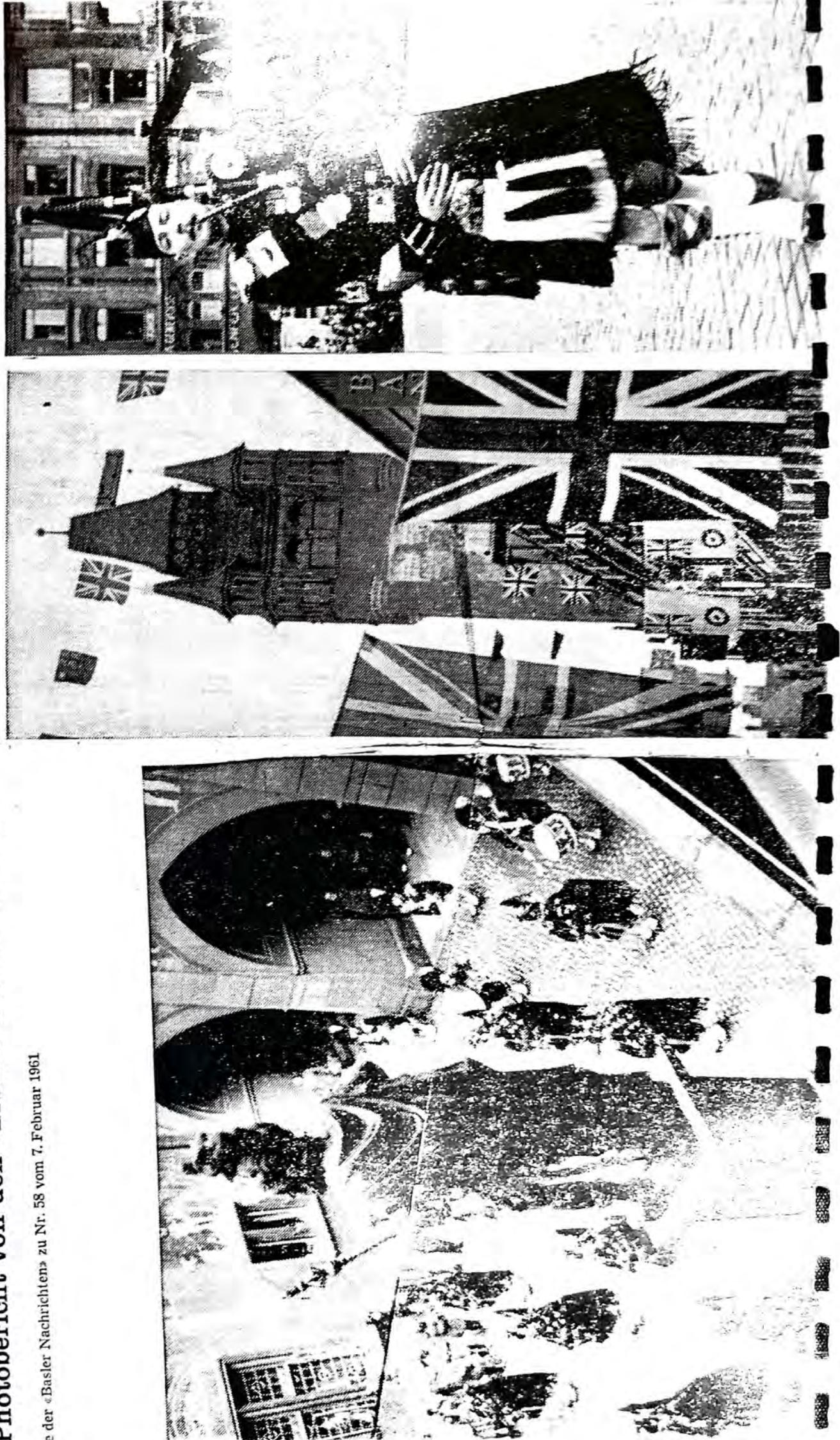
Twenty-five Years of Pupil Exchange in Basle

«25 Jahre Basler Schüleraustausch» is the title of an interesting booklet by Dr. Erich Dietschi (Basle). Dr. Dietschi looks back over 25 years of activity in the praiseworthy cause of arranging for the exchange of school children between Switzerland and various countries. Dr. Dietschi writes in his characteristically lively style of the beginnings of the exchange between England and Switzerland and some of the trials and tribulations with which he had to contend. He has many wise things to say about the principles behind the exchange and the ways in which the greatest benefit can be derived from such stays abroad, not only for the guest but also for the host. The prospects for the future are bright, and we wish Dr. Dietschi and his colleagues every success in their forthcoming ventures and warmly congratulate them on their success in the past. A close co-operation already exists between the «Schüleraustausch-Kommission» and the Anglo-Swiss Club in Basle, and since the aims of the Federation are so similar to those of the holiday exchange system, it is hoped that still more profitable collaboration may be attained in the future.

an den Rhein — an der Themse

Photobericht von den "British Weeks" in Basel

aus der «Basler Nachrichten» zu Nr. 58 vom 7. Februar 1961



1961

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 16th 1961.
Present: Mr. J. Jenoure (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, St Gall,
Soleure, Winterthur and Zurich.

Also both Presidents of Honour:
Mr. R.W. Welman and Mr. A.V. Thornton.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Grey, H.M. Ambassador in Berne.

The British Weeks in Basle, held in February, had had much success.

Congress venue: Weggis.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 26th 1961.

Present: Mr. J. Jenoure (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, St Gall,
Soleure, Winterthur and Zurich.

Death of Mr. R.W. Welman:

Mr. Jenoure informed those present that Mr. R.W. Welman had passed away on November 15th. The President thanked Mr. & Mrs. Rogger, Lucerne, for their great help at the funeral. One minute silence was observed.
Mr. Welman devoted a great part of his life to the well-being of the Federation and even remembered it in his last will/testament.

Council Officers:

Mr. Leu proposed the re-election in globo, Mrs. Rogger, Lucerne, seconded it, with many thanks for their good work.

Mr. Stephenson, Vice-President, wished to resign as Editor. He proposed Mr. R. Turnill, Mr. Jenoure seconded it.

The Zone-Presidents were re-elected as follows:

Zone	1-	Mr. A. Martinet, Lausanne
"	2-	Mr. O. Leu, Soleure
"	3-	Mrs. N. Schaefer, Aarau
"	4-	Mrs. D. Rogger, Lucerne
"	5-	Mrs. R. Sailer, St Gall
"	6-	Mr. Peland, Bellinzona.

Congress at Weggis:

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Grey, H.M. Ambassador in Berne
Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson
Mr. R.C. Scrivener of the Embassy
Mr. Haptie, British Vice-Consul, Lucerne
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council and the Gemeindeammann of Weggis.



Congress at Meggis 1961:
H.M. Ambassador, Mr. Paul Grey
Mr. J. Jenoure, President
Mr. A.V. Thornton, H.P. and Maisie Bienz.

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(Photo Basan)

Down in the basement the skittlers are busy. Will there be any pins left standing five seconds from now?



(Photo Basan)

By midnight everything is going with a swing! A Paul Jones has everybody dancing—and singing.



(Photo Basan)

English Club, Bienne. Winning team in Table Tennis



(Photo Basan)

Anglo-Swiss Club, Soleure. The winning Team in Shooting, from left to right: Leu, Scheurer (Shooting King), Meyer, Friedli.

Mr. C. W. Welman † 1961

The death of Mr. Charles W. Welman will be sad news to every member of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. He had been in indifferent health for some months and passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of November 15th in his 84th year. At Congresses, Executive Council Meetings and especially in his own Club at Lucerne he was a familiar and well-loved figure who will be sadly missed.

After his university studies Mr. Welman spent a great deal of his early life in Africa at a time when that great continent was only just being opened up to European civilization. In lectures and private conversation he gave us fascinating glimpses of his experiences there, and as he is believed to have left memoirs covering most of his life—entitled with characteristic modesty "Golden Mediocrity"—it is hoped that readers of the "Anglo-Swiss Times" will be able to enjoy some posthumous account of his work there written in his own charming style. For most of his professional life he was Legal Adviser to the Governor of the Gold Coast, and on his retirement in 1928 he decided not to return to England, a country where he felt something of a stranger after such a long absence, but to settle in Switzerland, where he had spent many pleasant leaves. Of his life at Meggen it is not necessary to say much because all readers of this journal will have enjoyed the portion of his memoirs, entitled "Thirty Years in Central Switzerland," which has been published in these pages. Modesty forbade him, however, to speak in proper terms of his great contribution to the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. He was himself a President of the Federation and then a President of Honour; for many years he was editor of the Anglo-Swiss News, the forerunner of the present periodical. To all these tasks he brought his patience and kindness and the advantages of a trained legal mind.

For his younger friends in particular Mr. Welman epitomized all the virtues associated with an English gentleman who was twenty-two years old when the nineteenth century came to its close. He had that definiteness, even forthrightness of character which comes from principles firmly rooted in an unshifting scheme of things, and with this he blended a perfect courtesy and sense of humour which made him such a pleasant companion. As befitted a man of law, he spoke clearly and well in a fine, strong voice which must have given many a Swiss student a good idea of what English sounded like when spoken at its best. And to his talk he added the zest of the well-chosen quotation, rhyme or anecdote. His advice, whether personal or in committee, was invariably sound and mature and the Federation owes him a great debt for his excellent counsel through three decades.

During his long retirement Mr. Welman had very many interests. Music was a passion he had in common with his wife, and it is typical of his determination to be as much a part of Swiss life as possible that he became a member of the local Male Voice Choir and sang with them all over Switzerland. His library grew as the years went past and he was familiar with all the volumes that stocked his shelves. In earlier days, when age and the political situation made travel easier, he and his wife visited many parts of Europe and before World War II he was a keen walker and swimmer. Gardening was another favourite hobby of his, and his flowers at Meggen were always a tribute to his skill and devotion in horticulture. "Golden Mediocrity" was his own epithet for his life: "Mediocrity" we can discount as a piece of his typical humility, but "Golden" has life certainly was, both in its richness and in its value to others.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Mrs. Charles Welman, wife of the Honorary President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. To Mr. Welman we express our deepest sympathy in his bereavement and at the same time extend to him our sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery to health after his recent indisposition.

Anglo-Swiss Club Basle 50 Years Old

Life, it is said, begins at forty, and so by the time fifty comes round everything should be going with a real swing! This is precisely what happened at the 50th Jubilee Celebrations. It is something of a cliché to say that a good time was had by all; in this case it would not be a cliché—it would be an understatement.

The dinner was held at the Restaurant Zoo. Guests from outside who had perhaps had mental visions of eating their meal under the baleful eye of ravenous tigers and lions were relieved to find the fauna was well out of sight and that the hall could not have looked more friendly or festive. The dinner they enjoyed was excellent in every way.

There followed a speech by Mr. Albert Thornton, who welcomed the guests and briefly sketched the history of the Club. In response Mr. A. A. E. Franklin, C. B. E., H. M. Consul General at Düsseldorf, said a few words in his own inimitable manner, and was followed by Dr. A. Schaller, representing the Government of Basle, who made a witty and much appreciated speech before presenting the Club with the Commemorative volume "Two Thousand Years of Basle." Mr. Jenoure, President of the Federation, congratulated the Club and, together with Mr. Fritscher, of the S. M. S. Bienné, presented a Swiss and British flag to commemorate the occasion. Mr. Perryman of the British Council made the gift of a gavel and in a few amusing words explained what purpose this hitherto unheard-of implement served. Mr. Staehelin, Patron of the Club and President of the Swiss-British Society, likewise presented a gift and wished the Club well. Miss M. L. Weber, President of the English Club in Mulhouse, made a very welcome gift of Alsatian wine.

There followed dancing to the excellent music of Roy Nelson and his band. A surprise feature of the evening—through anonymous generosity—was the ap-

pearance of Mr. Peter Maxwell, pianist and entertainer from London, who gave a display of virtuoso pianism and then lively comedy. Miss Astrid Urban added an authentic Scottish note by playing the bag-pipes and the leading the polonaise through the building—a unique event in the annals of the zoo. And so evening turned into morning and there was little or no sign that the 180 persons had decreased much in number when the band, in obedience to the laws of the country, played *Auld Lang Syne* at 4 a.m. And now everybody is wondering whether we should be justified in celebrating the 60th anniversary on a similar scale. In such matters, we can perhaps take our lead from the throne: Queen Victoria's 60th anniversary celebrations were even more lavish than those marking her 50th Jubilee.



50 years of Basle Club.

Mr. Albert Thornton, President of the Club and President of Honour of the Federation, exchanges a word with his brother, Mr. William Thornton. Also in the picture (facing the camera) are Mrs. Albert Thornton, Mr. A. A. E. Franklin, Mrs. Ch. Staehelin, Mr. Arthur Merz, Mrs. Arthur Merz and Dr. A. Schaller, and (back to the camera) Mrs. A. A. E. Franklin and Mr. P. J. Lang.



Conversation is lively over the dessert. (Facing the camera from right to left). Mrs. Hoerner, Mr. Mario Fluhmann, Mrs. R. V. Burnell, Mr. J. H. Jenoure and Mrs. Paul Sailer. (Back to camera) Mr. Hoerner, Mrs. J. H. Jenoure, Mr. R. V. Burnell, Mrs. Mario Fluhmann and Mr. Paul Sailer.

1962

Council Meeting held in Berne on May 6th 1962.

Present: Mr. J. Jenoure (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Thun, Winterthur
and Zurich.

Special welcome was given to Mr. Thornton, President of Honour.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Grey, H.M. Ambassador
Mr. & Mrs. Perryman, British Council.

Congress venue - Bienne.

(Organizers: members of both Bienne Clubs)
30th anniversary of the Federation.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 25th 1962.

Present: Mr. Stephenson (V-P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Neuchâtel, Rorschach, Soleure, St Gall, Winterthur,
British Council, Zurich and F.C.Zurich.

(Mr. Jenoure, President, was absent on a business trip).

Congress in Bienne was very well arranged and enjoyed by
120 members, said the acting President.

Resignations of Clubs:

The Clubs of Arbon, Delémont and Olten are no longer
existing.

Council Officers:

In his absence, Mr. Jenoure was re-elected as President,
also the other members were re-elected en bloc.

10 years of London Letters by Mr. Wynyard Wright.

The meeting resolved unanimously to let him have a cash
recompense of 20 guineas.

Mrs. Schaefer, Aarau, mentioned the "Action Nigeria" which
had been started by Aarau under the Aargovia Youth Parliament
to aid Developing Countries. As a result, 8 young Nigerians
are in or around Aarau as workers.



Message from His Excellency the British Ambassador, Mr. Paul Grey

It gives me great pleasure to send my best wishes to the "Anglo-Swiss Times" on the thirtieth anniversary of the foundation of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. These Clubs have, I know, made an enormous contribution to friendship and understanding between the Swiss and British peoples, who share so many common ideals of personal freedom and political democracy. Not the least of the achievements of the Clubs was to foster that friendship during the war when the normal free and easy contact between our two countries was broken off. Their function is, however, no less important now, when we are all becoming more aware of the value of our common European heritage. I am delighted to see the Clubs so flourishing and I wish them every success now and in the future.

Thirty Years of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

By JOHN JENOURE, President of the Federation

Thirty years ago, several far-sighted people who were in sympathy with English thought and customs, and whose spontaneous wish was to improve their knowledge of the English language and the English way of life, decided to meet at Bienne and form a Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. They rightly argued that a federation is by definition a league, and has no



John Jenoure

existence apart from that of the individual members who go to make it up. Its primary aim must therefore be to reflect faithfully the spirit, ideals and activities of its constituent parts. This, they contended, should be the character of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. Its spirit should be one of comradeship, its aim that of furthering the long-standing friendship between the two countries, and its activities simply those of the individual clubs, which it would be able to co-ordinate to the mutual advantage of all. These were the considerations which led to the meeting of June 19th 1932, when the Federation was born.

A permanent bond

Even at that time, a large number of clubs with identical rules, aims and activities had long existed in

Switzerland. Some were large and prosperous, some small and struggling, and for the most part they were unaware of one another's existence. Their difficulties were considerable, and their success too often depended on the untiring efforts of a small group of active members. And since members come and go, the careers of many of them were marked by frequent crises. Something was lacking: a permanent bond which would unite them as a whole, while still respecting—in the strictest sense of the word—that individuality of character of which they were so justly proud. Thus even in those days a federation virtually existed, for those clubs, in their very isolation, were all tending towards a common object. This explains why, when the Federation came into being, the response from clubs was immediate. The founders of the Federation argued along the following lines. All clubs, particularly the smaller ones, are faced with certain difficulties. Although the larger clubs can overcome their difficulties, they too were once small, and many small clubs cannot develop without encouragement. The chief difficulty was that of maintaining the interest of members. Even today, the amount of talent available in any one club is naturally limited, and the round of lectures, discussions and social amusements is soon exhausted or becomes monotonous. Lectures and entertainments imported from outside are expensive, and the funds at the disposal of most clubs are small. Moreover, it was quite rightly argued that the success of a club depends on the spirit which animates it, and this, as already stated, is too often the outcome of the efforts of a small group. If these members leave, activities are allowed to lapse, interest is lost, membership dwindles and the club rapidly declines or may even be wound up.

Mutual benefit

Far more can be achieved by a central organization than by a number of isolated groups. So much effort can be wasted through lack of co-operation. Many excursions could have been pleasant and possible if club



A group of guests at the first Annual Congress of the Anglo-Swiss Federation at Macolin above Bienne, June 19, 1932.



Tranquillity: a perfect study of St. Peter's Isle, Lake of Bienne, looking towards Ligerz.

membership had been greater; many plays or concerts would have been more worth while if the audiences had been larger. Finally, and again with far-sighted intelligence, it was argued that many more prospective members would join clubs if their participation could be on a more permanent footing. The circumstances of life send them away, and when they have left the club they are usually lost to the movement. A central organization would provide for this by keeping all clubs in contact through its yearly Congress and, above all, through the medium of its official journal, the "Anglo-Swiss Times." When members moved to another town they would be transferred from one club to another; when they visited other towns on business or pleasure, they would know where to find friends. Such were the problems for which that body of enthusiasts came together to find a solution at Macolin, Bienné, on 19th June 1932. New problems are constantly arising, and they can be discussed and cleared up in the friendly atmosphere of our Council Meetings (of which that at Macolin was the first), where the representatives of each club co-operate on equal terms to the mutual benefit of all. These representatives are in fact the governing body of the Federation, and it is through them that the Federation reflects and co-ordinates the aims and aspirations of the individual clubs. In conclusion, this founder body expressed the opinion that the Federation had no existence by itself: it could not dictate policy. It was to conform to the idea, mentioned above, of a league, strictly respecting

the absolute freedom and individual character of each club. In addition to its contacting and co-ordinating rôle, it was to enable clubs to derive maximum benefit from the means at their disposal, and extend their activities. In a word, it was to constitute a permanent basis for the movement as a whole.

Thirty years

Yes, these were the logical conclusions arrived at thirty years ago by a group of people who little knew at that time that they were creating an organization which was to go from strength to strength, and gain a reputation of which all concerned have every right to be proud. During the thirty years of the Federation's existence, every President has striven to give of his best—and with no little success. Through the difficult pre-war years, and the even more trying war years, succeeding Presidents have led the Federation safely up the present day, where we are able to enjoy the fruits of their labours. They deserve our heartfelt gratitude for all they have done in the interest of the Federation, and during the celebrations for our 30th Anniversary I would ask you all to spare a thought for those who have done so much in the past to carry on the work begun by that small group in 1932. May the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs continue to gather strength and fortitude in the future, and continue to reflect faithfully the spirit and aims for which it was founded.

Annual Congress 1962

Thirty years is a large slice out of anyone's life, and when the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs assembled for its annual merrymaking in Bienné on a sunny Saturday last June, its members could survey with pride the magnificent achievement which this Anniversary represented. Yes, for 1962 it fell to the lot of the Bienné Clubs to play host to Anglo-Swiss Clubs from all over Switzerland for a weekend of sports, conviviality, and those moments of quiet pleasure which one feels in being part of a large, thriving community, rooted in the past and looking forward to a prosperous future. It was fitting indeed that the 1962 Congress should be held at Bienné, for this was where, in 1932, the idea was born of forming a Federation to link together Anglo-Swiss Clubs in Switzerland. In many places there were already clubs devoted to "the promotion of good fellowship and cultural relations" between the Swiss and British communities. There at Macolin above Bienné, with its magnificent view of the Swiss Lake District and the whole Alpine chain, representatives of these clubs conceived—and realized—an organization uniting clubs into a single body, working for the cause of Anglo-Swiss relations throughout the length and breadth of the country. An ambitious idea—and the Federation founders must have hoped it would catch the imagination of clubs. They can hardly have hoped that it would catch on so well that 180 people would gather to pay homage to their idea in 1962. But the idea was sure to succeed—for it is based on human fellow-feeling and the spirit of comradeship.

Sports, dinner and dance

The weather can be just as fickle in Switzerland as in the scepter'd isle, but it blessed the weekend of this year's Congress by bathing Bienné and the beau-

ties of lakeland in glory. Too much perhaps for some people, who were glad to savour the quiet pleasures of a cup of tea in the shade. Nevertheless, tennis, swimming, shooting, skittles and darts competitions were fought out with a will: not so intensively, though, as to prevent participants from enjoying the sights of Bienné old and new between events. The skittlers were encouraged to give of their best by a superbly equipped bowling alley in a "teenager's paradise" under a cinema. Two alleys reserved for the Federation, juke boxes to right and left, a soft drinks bar handy: what could be better calculated to bring out the best in the skittlers? For a time, the rifle shooting had the air of a disarmament conference. To shoot or not to shoot? The rifles had obviously seen much service, and really, a champion marksman likes to feel he can rely on the weapon in his expert hands. With remarks like "We can't use these weapons!" in the air, a British nuclear disarmer would have felt quite at home if he had wandered in . . . Gaily decorated dining room and tables, a bag of Unilever toilet samples beside each plate: this was the inviting prospect which greeted diners on arrival at the Elite for the dinner and dance on Saturday evening. Duck pasty with sauce, veal and ratatouille, fruit salad and the wines of lakeland: this was what regaled the palates of Federation members, and they could feel that Bienné had done justice to their appetites and the occasion when they rose for the dancing. Here they made the acquaintance of Edy Bär and his music, a "combo" which made up for possible lack of experience by untiring enthusiasm. At any rate, during the Paul Jones the dancers began to suspect that the organizers had arranged a surprise marathon event! It was about this time that some adventurous spirits discovered a cosy bar outside, with an intimate atmosphere pleasantly backed by piano and



Tense and controversial: a study in concentration from this year's Congress rifle shooting.



Long life to the Federation! A toast given by happy guests at the Congress Dinner and Dance on Saturday evening.



Congress skittling: we don't know who the lady is, but she deserves the best of luck!

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drums, where less devoted dancers could chat and relax. In such delightful surroundings, it is hardly surprising that the party did not break up until 4 a. m. . .

Sunday

A late breakfast, and then down to the pillared foyer—suitably solemn—under the old Bienné theatre for the “vin d’honneur” offered by the Mayor. Unfortunately, the Mayor himself was unable to be present, but he had a very able deputy in Mr. Walter König. Mr. König charmed everyone with a speech of welcome in English, during which he revealed that he had attended the Swiss Mercantile School at Bienné in the past, and had actually been present at the formation of the Federation. It was a delightful thought that 30 years of the Federation, from its very beginnings to the present day, were spanned in the person of Mr. König. For excellence and gaiety of presentation, lunch at the Restaurant Sporting was a repeat of the dinner of the previous evening. On the tables, the flowers were in swan-shaped containers made and sewn by the ladies of the Bienné Clubs. Hors-d’œuvre and pork were followed by Biscuit Glacé Falstaff—whether it was the size or the ruddy complexion which earned that name is not clear!

The lunch was attended by His Excellency the British Ambassador and Mrs. Gray, and the after-dinner oratory was ably provided by His Excellency, by Mr. John Jenoure, President of the Federation, and Mr. Jeffrey Perryman, British Council Representative in Switzerland. To commemorate its 30th Anniversary, Mr. Perryman presented the Federation with a gavel, which it is hoped will remain purely a symbol. Federation meetings are unlikely to produce so much discord that it will find practical use . . . Mrs. Gray presented

the sports prizes, and lo and behold, there was a young lady who carried off a prize for literary accomplishment: Miss Finger of Bienné, who won the British Council prize for her impressions of England (see “Anglo-Swiss Times” for December 1961). This was a pleasing witness to the many-sidedness of the Federation’s activities, and Members are reminded that similar prizes for writing, on any subject, are being offered again in 1962. Before the proceedings closed, the right of free speech, one of the advantages of a democracy so well founded as the Swiss, was briefly exercised on the subject of those rifles. Well, it wasn’t the first time the favourite had come a cropper, but in a sport like marksmanship you had to have weapons at least certified by a good gunsmith—which the “favourite” firmly intended to provide in future, etc. Mr. Jenoure, in bidding the guests farewell, expressed the wish that all would be at next year’s Congress—marksmen included.

Thanks to Bienné

As the guests made their way home, they could look back on a very good Congress, exceptionally well organized in every way. The only thought slightly to cloud the pleasure of a thoroughly enjoyable weekend was that relatively few people from outside Bienné attended. There were members from Basle, Aarau, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Lausanne, Winterthur and St. Gall, but since there were 180 at the dinner and dance the support from the two Bienné Clubs must have been excellent. A pity that the outside support was not better, for the Bienné Members had plainly done a tremendous amount to make the 1962 Congress—the 30th milestone in the history of the Federation—a first rate weekend. Many thanks to Bienné!



To prove that what Macolin claims is true: this photo, “Above the clouds,” shows the breathtaking view of the Alps which Macolin, above Bienné, offers.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death on December 7 of Albert Thornton, M.B.E., President of Honour of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and for many years its President.

Thus passes one of the most lovable personalities in the history of the Federation. His wisdom in the management of affairs and kindly personality will be sadly missed.

Albert Thornton came to Basle early in his life and, together with his brother, was in business here as a tailor. He rapidly assimilated himself to life in Switzerland and soon felt at home both in the town and amidst the mountains, lakes and rivers, spending many of his Sundays and holidays fishing in the Rhine or one of the lakes, or walking along the high crests of the Jura. He was one of the earliest and most enthusiastic members of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Basle, and he always took pleasure in recounting the early days of Club life when the meetings held on Thursdays were largely a matter of preparing the walk on Sunday. Into all these activities he threw himself with characteristic keenness and when the presidency of the Basle Club became vacant in 1929, Albert Thornton was the obvious man to fill it.

He took up the office with enthusiasm and served signal success for over thirty years. During the Second World War he was active in the Allied cause and did a great deal for the Red Cross movement and to help British prisoners-of-war interned in Switzerland. When the Club came to its 50th anniversary in 1961 and a dinner and ball were held to mark the occasion, these celebrations also crowned the success of his work for the Club during all those years. More intimate, but nonetheless impressive, was the dinner held in 1960 to mark Albert Thornton's 70th birthday, and the gifts bestowed upon him by the Club and the Federation and the speeches made in his honour were eloquent of the great affection in which he was held by every member of those organizations and the gratitude one and all felt towards him for all he had done during his long presidency.

It was shortly after the Second World War that he became President of the Federation at a time when

its affairs, particularly its financial affairs, had been disrupted by the war. Here, besides reorganizing the Federation and getting it on a proper footing again, he took particular care to build up substantial reserves so that it would be able to weather any future storms. Struggling clubs were given a helping hand, lecture tours were arranged, excellent Congresses were held, and when the time came to hand over the reins to the present President in 1960, the Federation was in a strong and flourishing condition. When Albert Thornton was awarded the M.B.E. for his work in promoting good relations between England and Switzerland, everyone who knew him felt that a decoration had never been better deserved.

The Anglo-Swiss Club of Basle and the Federation will always be there to commemorate his work in this field, but his personality was such that no organization alone, however friendly its character, can really perpetuate his memory. That will live on chiefly in the minds of all those who enjoyed his friendship, his humour, and his kindness. Nowhere was this better displayed than in his presidency of the Basle Club where his warm welcome of new members, his delighted recognition of old members—coupled with an extraordinary ability to recall names—and his rare gift for infusing a genial atmosphere into any occasion will be sadly missed by all who knew him. It was always his custom to drink a toast to the "Spirit of Christmas" at the annual party, and truly he brought some of that warming and benign spirit to every month of the year.

To Mrs. Thornton and his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their very great loss.



Sir Paul Grey, K.C.M.G., British Ambassador to Switzerland and Patron of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

Federation Patron Knighted

The 1963 New Year Honours List contained an item which brought extreme pleasure to the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs—the knighthood conferred by Her Majesty the Queen on Her Ambassador to Switzerland and the Federation's Patron, Paul Francis Grey. His Excellency has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (K.C.M.G.). Knowing the keen interest which Sir Paul takes in the Federation's aims and activities, Clubs will wholeheartedly acknowledge the honour as richly deserved. They may also take pride in the suggestion that, in the person of its Patron, honour has also been done to the Federation and its work in the cause of Anglo-Swiss relations.

Sir Paul, who is 54 years old, comes from a distinguished Northumberland family which has included Lady Jane Grey in the 16th century and, more recently, Lord Grey, initiator of the Reform Bill (England's first electoral reform), as well as Lord Grey of Fallodon, who was Foreign Secretary at the beginning of the First World War. Born in 1908, the son of a senior Army officer, he was educated at Charterhouse and Oxford University and entered the Diplomatic Service in 1933. After serving in Rome, Rio de Janeiro, the Hague and Lisbon, he was in 1951 appointed Minister at the British Embassy in Moscow, where he was several times Chargé d'Affaires. From 1957 to 1960 Sir Paul was British Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, after which he was appointed to Switzerland. Sir Paul is married and has three sons.

We reprint here the message of congratulation which John Jenoure, President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, sent to Sir Paul when the good news became known:

"Your Excellency,

Her Majesty's desire to make you a K.C.M.G. has given all members of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs immense pleasure.

We are proud and honoured to know that our Patron has received just recognition for the tremendous services he renders to his country; please accept our sincerest congratulations.

Repectfully yours, for the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

John Jenoure, President"

And here, finally, is the text of the reply sent by His Excellency to the Federation President:

"My dear President,

It was most kind of you to write to congratulate me on the K.C.M.G. and I am most grateful to you and to the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs for your good wishes and theirs.

With very best wishes for 1963 to you and to all the members,

Yours sincerely,
Paul Grey"



Aarau Club's Santa Claus Party for its Nigerian guests. Here Mrs. Schäfer, the Club President, introduces each of the Nigerians by name. The party was given a highly colourful note by the guests' national costumes, which they delight in wearing on all festive occasions

Partnership Aargau-Nigeria (PAN)

What exactly is PAN? The best person to explain this organization, its origins, history and aims is its President, Mr. P. Suter, who has been kind enough to write an article for the "Anglo-Swiss Times." But before calling upon Mr. Suter, two points must be mentioned: first, eight young Nigerians have been working as trainees in factories in the Canton of Aargau for some months already; second, Aarau Anglo-Swiss Club gave a Santa Claus Party for the eight Nigerians this Christmas, and Mrs. Noelle Schäfer, President of the Club, has kindly contributed an illustrated report on the party. The pictures appear on this and the following pages.

Origins

About two years ago, the Aargau Youth Parliament passed a resolution calling for a greater Swiss contribution to aid for the developing countries. The proposer called upon members not only to debate the matter in a parliamentary way, but also to take concrete action by appointing a working committee for the realization of the project. Thus it was that in Spring 1960 the "Committee for Technical Aid to the Developing Countries" was already at work. These young people now attempted, by studying conditions in extra-European territories and the already-existing Swiss Programme for Aid to the Developing Countries, and by seeking specialist advice, to mark off for themselves a clearly defined sphere of activity.

Nigeria

As chance would have it, it became possible to make personal contact with Nigerians as early as the following June. Dr. Okpara, Premier of East Nigeria, visited Aargau as part of a European tour, and expressed his pleasure in the Aargau Youth Parliament's project. He promised to do all in his power to promote the idea. In late summer, a press conference and celebration announced the Youth Parliament's

"Nigeria Campaign," a widespread collection was made, and a striking device, "Black and White Join Hands" designed for the movement. Industrialists evinced confidence in the organizers, and donated the necessary operating capital. However, the campaign's success must not be judged purely in a financial light. It was above all the Youth Parliament's clear conception of its aims and its willingness to keep its programme within a defined, easily grasped framework which won the understanding and approval of everyone—industry, authorities and the general public.

Recognition

The promoters of the "Nigeria Campaign" soon found that the many-sided tasks involved in carrying out their programme were beyond the capacity of the Youth Parliament alone. It was then that sympathizers from the spheres of politics, economics, church, and education expressed their willingness to carry on the work already begun; they considered that the project answered a real need of our time. This ready response may also serve as exemplary evidence of adult recognition for a positive achievement on the part of youth. In Winter 1960/61, then, "Partnership Aargau—Nigeria (PAN)" was formed, a legally constituted non-confessional and non-political association. According to its Constitution, PAN's object is to further relations between Switzerland and Nigeria, particularly by making practical contributions to development aid, and by accepting industrial trainees for advanced training in Switzerland.

Trainees

The Executive Committee of PAN now started preparing a new campaign, which got under way in the late summer of 1962. The idea was to offer young Nigerians whose professional training was completed an opportunity of undergoing further training in Aar-

Aarau's Nigerian guests are introduced to a Swiss Christmas custom: Santa Claus and his gift sacks went down well!



Santa gets the guests' polite attention...



Young Aarau Club Members entertain the guests in traditional Swiss fashion. This was the prelude to the high spot of the evening—records of Nigerian national music, to which the Nigerian guests got up and did a dance number of their own!



gau industrial firms, with a view to their returning to Nigeria better qualified to help in introducing modern, competitive work and production procedures. For years Swiss institutes of higher education have been training people who, with their academic background, occupy top posts in economic and industrial life. The developing countries, however, will begin to feel more and more the lack of well-trained people in the intermediate positions, people capable of putting the top management's ideas into practice, of training the man at the machine, and of creating that working climate which is the precondition for quality. In this light, then, PAN realized that Aargau, though not possessing a University, nevertheless has a varied industrial set-up which offers a specific possibility of contributing to the solution of this problem. The operational forms of European industry are not new to the Nigerian, and there can be no question of attempting to impose a European structure on Nigeria's own developing industry. Always bearing in mind the time-honoured doctrine of private enterprise on the basis of a free market, PAN's aim was to place Nigerians in Swiss enterprises and say "There—that's how Switzerland does it."

Helping themselves

Aargau's industrial firms were prompt in expressing their readiness to accept Nigerian trainees, and PAN extends them its sincere thanks for their willingness to co-operate in realizing its plan. In collaboration with firm managements, PAN studied the openings offered by the enterprises in question and the mutual profit to be drawn from the training scheme, thus arriving at a method of selection in line with the campaign aims. The directives which were sent to Nigeria to aid the authorities there in the selection of candidates embraced three main points. First, the candidates should have had the best professional training (technical schooling if possible). They should be above a certain age; the eight trainees now in Aargau are 28 years old on average, and half are married with one or more children (a lively correspondence is exchanged between Aargau and Nigeria!). In this way it was hoped to avoid the dangers of uprooting young candidates, for the fundamental object is that the trainees should return to Nigeria and apply their

European training in taking an active, personal part in the development of the Nigerian economy, and in exercising the best possible influence from both the technical and human standpoints. PAN feels that this view obeys the principle that the best external aid to the developing countries is in "helping them to help themselves."

Partnership

Apart from advanced professional training, the candidates were also to be familiarized with the federal structure of the Swiss state and with Swiss social structure in general. After examining PAN's programme, the Aargau Cantonal Government granted the organization a handsome subsidy which enabled PAN to send its Nigerians to the Goethe Institute in Munich for an eight-week introductory course in German, thus equipping them better for friendly relations with their Swiss hosts. The idea of partnership presupposes contributions from both sides, and the East Nigerian Government willingly paid for the candidates' journey to Switzerland and undertook their selection. PAN offers its thanks to the Ministries of Finance and Education, as well as to its Swiss representatives, for their painstaking work on its behalf. The first months of contact with the Nigerians who arrived in Aargau have amply proved that this work was well done.

Pleasing results

Finally, PAN expresses its sincere gratitude to all those who have agreed to accept Nigerians in their families. Some of the finest experiences the organizers have had in the rewarding task of forming contacts between the Nigerians and Swiss families has been to see these friendships take root and grow in the soil of pure humanity. Each of the families concerned has taken on a delicate task; one will naturally find it easier than another. In all cases an atmosphere of confidence has grown up, with the most pleasing results. PAN wishes all who have taken part in their campaign in any way, and to all sympathizers everywhere, the satisfaction the organizers themselves feel in the success of their project.



Mrs. Schäfer bidding a partygoer good-night. The Aarau Club could justly feel that its Santa Claus Party had been a landmark in the Federation's history



Above and below: Happy guests at Bienne SMS Club Christmas Party



1963

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 7th 1963.
Present: Mr. J. Jenoure (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg Langenthal, Lucerne,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, Soleure, Winterthur,
British Council, Zurich and F.C. Zurich.

As a sign of respect to the late Mr. A.V. Thornton,
who died in December 1962, the meeting rose for a minute.

Guests at luncheon:

Sir Paul Grey, British Ambassador and Patron of the
Federation and Lady Grey
Mr. Pfister and Mr. Winkler of the English Speaking
Union in Switzerland.

Mrs. Schaefer, Aarau, was thanked for the organisation of
the PAN meeting, a great deal of Publicity for the
Federation.

Congress venue : Vitznau.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on November 24th 1963.
Present: Mr. J. Jenoure (P) and Council Officers, also
the following federated Clubs:

Aarau, Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, British Council Zurich
and F.C. Zurich.

One minute silence was observed of the sudden death of Mr. John
F. Kennedy, President of the U.S.A.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Perryman, British Council in Zurich.

Congress at Vitznau was considered as one of the best.
The success was in a great deal due to the wonderful help
and co-operation we received from the Hotel Manager,
Mr. Hofmann.

90 members attended.

A special word of thanks was also expressed to the
Lucerne and Basle Clubs for inviting one of the Nigerian
boys from Aarau.

Council Officers:

Mr. John Jenoure, President and Mr. H.R. Fritscher, Secretary,
expressed the wish to resign at the latest as from November
1964. Mr. Stephenson, Vice-President, proposed looking for
substitutes for the two Officers.
All other officers were re-elected.

Congress 1963

The weather augured well right from the start; there were a few preliminary blandishments of sunlight through the clouds and by the time we reached Vitznau the Rigi was letting the cloud slip off its shoulders like a bathing belle basking on the first sun-kissed beach of the summer. The Park Hotel left nothing at all to be desired. It had that atmosphere of relaxation which makes for a perfect holiday together with smooth and efficient service and a setting that could not have been bettered. Everybody felt at home at once.

The sports competitions all took place within a hundred yards of the hotel. The tennis balls were soon being knocked to and fro, the rifles pinged, the darts plonked into the dartboard, the skittle balls rumbled up the alley and, as an innovation this year, contestants piloted golf balls round, up and through the most amazing hazards in the minigolf competition. It was surprising how quickly the afternoon sped past.

Seldom has there been a more delightful hall for the evening dinner and dance. The architect who designed the hotel certainly knew what he was about. A great window at one end of the room framed a picture of the evening lake and the mountains beyond with just one giant pine-tree to the side to give the view perspective. When the candles standing in silver candelabras on each table were lit, the atmosphere was just right for a delicious dinner enjoyed amongst friends to the music of a muted piano, beautifully played by some nimble-fingered genius who wooed the ear with favourites past and present.

Almost imperceptibly the dinner merged into the dance, ably introduced by our M.C., Mr. Ernst Romann, whose genial good humour blended competitions and dances into a pattern of delight. Mrs. Rogger had arranged a Quiz on Central Switzerland, and for two minutes we tried to remember the facts and figures of our history and geography before handing in our papers. One particularly enjoyable interlude was provided by our eight most colourful guests, the Nigerians who are at present studying Swiss industrial methods in and around Aarau. Attired in gorgeous garments which recalled Joseph's coat of many colours, four of them performed a dance of their own country to music on the gramophone. Each man danced alone, interpreting rhythm and melody in his own way, ranging from slow, graceful stretching movements to long, feline strides and quick steps on the spot, all performed with such consummate ease that our Western dance that followed looked clumsy and graceless in comparison. Thus the night sped past, with our hostesses Mesdames Rogger, Sailer, Schaefer and Weyeneth ensuring that no one was left out of the picture, and before we knew what was hap-

pening, we were dancing the candlelight waltz and singing *Auld Lang Syne* before retiring to bed just in time to hear the birds' dawn chorus striking up.

The sun shone from a cloudless sky on Sunday morning and despite our late night before, most of us were up betimes and sitting in the magnificently laid out hotel gardens by the lake. Aperitifs were served in the garden, which made a wonderful setting with silver fish leaping out of the placid waters of the lake and an occasional paddle-steamer splashing past.

Our guests at the banquet were Mr. F. G. K. Gallagher, H. M. Chargé d'Affaires at Berne, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perryman. After lunch out President, Mr. John Jenoure, welcomed all the guests and thanked all those who had helped to make this a most memorable Congress. He voiced a special vote of thanks to Mrs. Rogger of the Lucerne Club, on whose shoulders so many of the arrangements had fallen, and she was presented with a bouquet as a token of our esteem and gratitude. Nosegays went to our lady hostesses and one also to Mrs. Fritscher, whose husband, our worthy Secretary, does so very much for



Twist addicts show their paces. We had no idea there were so many twisters (?) in the Federation.



Mrs. Bamberger wags an admonitory finger at Oscar Leu. What has he been up to this time?



One of the highlights of the evening. Our Nigerian guests perform one of the dances of their own country: an astonishing display of grace and rhythm.



A friendly chat over an apéritif. Right: Mrs. Rogger (Lucerne) engages Mr Jenoure (E.C. Bienné, President of the Federation) in conversation, watched by Mr. Sailer (St. Gall) and Mrs. Jenoure. In the background the oldest member of the Federation, Mr. Hofstetter (Lucerne) is kept company by Mrs. Sailer (St. Gall).



Everyone's attention is riveted on something. What we don't know: there were so many interesting things going on.

the Federation. The President finished by proposing the toast to the President of the Swiss Confederation. In proposing the toast to the Queen, Mr. Gallagher said that he had been in Switzerland for only a short time, but already he had discovered how much the English and the Swiss had in common in their national character and outlook. Working on the Common Market negotiations in Brussels had enabled him to understand the Swiss point of view better than before, and he was looking forward to getting to know the country more intimately. He felt sure that the last chapter had not yet been written to the story of the Common Market. Mr. Perryman of the British Council took the opportunity of reminding Clubs of the facilities the Council could offer and intrigued his listeners by describing the wonders of a modern language laboratory where learning is instilled electronically with, perhaps, a mild electric shock to bring the erring back to the straight and narrow of grammar and syntax. (This, we hasten to add, was not part of the facilities offered.) Lastly spoke Mr. Felix Anatogu on behalf of our Nigerian friends. He said how much he and his friends had enjoyed the Congress and the opportunity to meet us all. The reception they had received was most gratifying and he felt it augured well for the future when all men

might be brothers. In conclusion he paid a well-deserved tribute to all Mrs. Noelle Schaefer has done to make their stay in Switzerland a happy one.

The proceedings concluded with the distribution of the prizes to the winners of the sports events. The results were as follows:

Tennis: Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle

Shooting: S. M. S. Bienne with 138 points

Shooting King: Mr. Hans Bichel with 37 points

Shooting Queen: Miss Aebi with 38 points

Skittling: English Club Bienne, Team I, with 32,867 points

Skittling King: Mr. Landry

Skittling Queen: Mrs. Landry

Table Tennis: English Club, Bienne

Darts: English Club, Bienne, Team II, with 1,020 points

Darts King: Mr. John Jenoure

Darts Queen: Mrs. Halsey

Minigolf: English Club Winterthur with 291

Nigerians' Shooting Contest: Team II led by Mr. Felix Anatogu.

And so ended the 31st Congress of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and members dispersed to their various homes, taking with them memories which they will often recall with the greatest pleasure.

Robert Wieder

Members of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs have learned with much pleasure that Robert Wieder, Secretary General of the Association France-Grande-Bretagne, has been made a Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur. Mr. Wieder is well known to our Clubs as a lecturer, and as an indefatigable worker in the cause of Continental relations with the English-speaking world. His work as Secretary General of the French Association, already stretching back over nearly 17 years, involves organizing functions in Paris, maintaining relations with the Association's branches all over France and editorship of the official publication, as well as lectures and frequent trips to London, where his talks are popular items with the Franco-British Society and with schools. All this, of course, is in addition to his career as a university teacher.



We cannot do better than reproduce the letter of congratulation sent by Mr. John Jenoure, President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, to Mr. Wieder:

" My dear Friend,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I read in 'France-Grande-Bretagne' that you have been made a Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur.

Please accept the congratulations of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs for an honour which you so richly deserve. Your continued efforts in the promotion of Anglo-French cultural and friendly relations have now been recognised by both countries and no-one is more entitled to this recognition than you.

All your friends in Switzerland join with me in sending you our expression of joy and satisfaction on this occasion.

Very sincerely yours,
John Jenoure
President."

And here is Mr. Wieder's reply:

« Merci beaucoup, mon cher Ami, de vos cordiales félicitations. Elles me touchent profondément. Veuillez dire, de ma part, à tous mes amis de la Fédération Anglo-Suisse, mon souvenir le plus amical. Vous savez quelle amitié je leur porte à tous.

A vous, à tous les vôtres, mon cordial souvenir.

Yours very sincerely,
Robert Wieder. »

1964

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 15th 1964.
Present: Mr. J. Jenoure (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Winterthur,
British Council Zurich and F.C. Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council, Zurich.

Resignation:

E.C. Thun had been liquidated.

Congress venue : Vitznau again.

A.S.C. St Gall celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Council Meeting held in Bienne on November 8th 1964.
Present: Mr. J. Jenoure (P) and Council Officers, also
the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Winterthur,
British Council Zurich and F.C. Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council

Mr. C.S. Allanson, Bienne, Swiss Patron.

New Ambassador in Switzerland:

Mr. R.S. Isaacson. He had already accepted to be a Patron.

New Executive Council Officers:

Mr.	D.Q. Stephenson	President
Dr.	P. Honold	Vice-President
Miss	M. Bienz	Secretary
Mr.	A. Martinet	Treasurer
Mr.	R. Turnill	Editor
Mr.	R.V. Burnell	Travel
Mr.	O. Leu	Business Manager

Zone Presidents:

Messrs. A. Martinet, Mr. O. Leu, Mrs. N. Schaefer,
Mrs. R. Sailer and Mr. Pellanda.

Lecture Organiser: a new post, proposed by Mr. Perryman.
Mr. J. Jenoure was elected.

During luncheon Mr. Jenoure was elected President of Honour
by the Executive Council with acclamation.

Congress at Vitznau : another lovely gathering and well
attended.

Guests: H.M. Ambassador, Sir Paul Grey and Lady Grey
(they left Switzerland a few weeks later)
Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council.



Congress ball: and now Mr. A. Arnold of Solothurn will play a little number entitled ...



Congress rifle-shooting: this lady looks right on target ...



Robert Spencer Isaacson, C.M.G., H.M. Ambassador to Switzerland.

Changes at the Top

Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs has new Patron, Executive

It is of course pure coincidence that Britain and the USSR decided to change their leaderships about the same time as our Federation... at least we can claim that the Federation's change was arranged farther in advance! First, we have the honour and pleasure of welcoming our new Patron. Traditionally, the Patron of

the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs is Her Majesty's Ambassador in Berne; readers will already know that Sir Paul Grey left Switzerland earlier this year, and we are happy to record that his successor, Mr. R. S. Isaacson, has graciously consented to become our new Patron.

Mr. Isaacson, who was born in 1907, joined the Foreign Service in 1940. After serving in Rio de Janeiro, Bucharest, Athens and Washington, he was appointed Minister (Commercial) in the British Embassy in Paris in 1955, acting as Chargé d'Affaires there in 1956 and 1958. In 1960 he returned to Rio de Janeiro as Minister (Commercial). In 1963 he was appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador in Guatemala, but the rupture of diplo-

âtre) of two of our Federation's trustiest stalwarts—*Mr. John Jenoure*, the President, and *Mr. Hansruedi Fritscher*, Secretary. Both retire after years of devoted service to the Federation and its Clubs. Mr. Jenoure's successor to the Presidency is *Mr. Dennis Stephenson* of Basle, and the new Secretary is *Miss Maisie Bienz*, also of Basle. The new Vice-President replacing Mr. Stephenson is *Prof. Paul Honold*, of Solothurn.



Mr. J. R. Jenoure, retiring Federation President

matic relations between Britain and Guatemala prevented him from taking up his post. Since then he has served as principal Foreign Office Adviser on the United Kingdom Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held at Geneva this year.

In accepting the invitation to become Federation Patron, His Excellency said "I have heard a great deal about the activities of the Anglo-Swiss Clubs, and about the good work which they do in promoting friendship between the two countries, and I should be delighted to become their Patron." For our part, we are honoured to have Mr. Isaacson as our Patron, and, to paraphrase our President's words, we can assure him of our fullest co-operation.

New Executive

The Federation Executive Council's meeting in Biel on November 8th was an occasion of joy not unmingled with sorrow, for it marked the departure from high office (though not from active service, we

Perhaps the finest tribute to the retiring President and Secretary is the Federation itself: they are handing over a well-run and flourishing organisation. No one who has met John Jenoure will easily forget his inimitable blend of easy-going cheerfulness and Macmillanesque "steel." During his nine years as Vice-President and three as President he has been a formative influence on the Federation as it is today, and—to its great good fortune—the Federation will long bear the stamp of his personality.

What strikes one about Hansruedi Fritscher is his almost permanent smile—the outward feature of a man who has devoted terrific energy to running the Federation. A not unfamiliar figure in the pages of the "Anglo-Swiss Times," Mr. Fritscher fulfils many roles: the *bon viveur*, the "twister," the minigolfer, the organiser. He has been a real leading light in Club and Federation activities, and may he long continue as such.



Mr. Paul Honold, Federation Vice-President



Mr. H. R. Fritscher, retiring Federation Secretary

Such is the team that is relinquishing office. Now, what of their successors? There is none of the "faceless man at the top" about Dennis Stephenson, who must be known to nearly every member of the Federation both as an officer and as one of our most energetic and brilliant lecturers. John Jenoure (to quote his own words), handed over the Presidency to Mr. Stephenson "with congratulations and commiseration," but there is no commiseration on our side. Any-one who knows Mr. Stephenson is sure that the Presidency of our Federation couldn't be in better hands.

Miss Maisie Bienz will already be known to many as the indefatigable secretary of the Basle Club, and

she is anglophilic enough to put many Britons to shame. We can congratulate ourselves that she has graciously "accepted the burden" of the Federation Secretariate, and on the knowledge that Miss Bienz is a worthy successor to Mr. Fritscher. Prof. Paul Honold, who recently became president of the Solothurn Club, accepted the Federation Vice-Presidency with alacrity when he heard it was a sinecure.... But is it? Anyway, we can rest assured that this is not the spirit in which Prof. Honold will tackle his new office.



Mr. A. C. Martinet, Federation Treasurer

One office has not changed hands: that of Treasurer to the Federation, and we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Alfred Martinet for all the years of quiet and efficient work he has done in this capacity and wishing him many more years in charge of the Federation's finances.

Tributes and roses

At the luncheon which followed the Council Meeting (and which our new Patron was regrettably prevented from attending), the incoming and outgoing Presidents vied with each other in Shakespeariana, tributes and (literally) bouquets. Mr. Stephenson acknowledged his "enormous debt" to Mr. Jenoure for all the work the latter had done for the Federation, "thoroughly, efficiently and with unfailing good humour." He had once, he said, spent a sleepless night trying to find a quotation which would sum up his sense of gratitude to Mr. Jenoure. All he could think of was

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate."

It may have been the last word that produced a sense of unease, but anyway Mr. Stephenson felt he ought to consult his Shakespeare's Sonnets a little more closely. Finally he came up with

"Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments..."

To mark his retirement from the Presidency, Mr. Stephenson presented to Mr. Jenoure, on behalf of the Federation, something "which reflected the closest interests of the recipient and gave a fair assurance that what was presented would be in regular use..." the gift was a set of whisky glasses. Mr. Stephenson hastened to point out that there were six glasses, not one, and

paid tribute to the outgoing President as a sociable person and a generous host.

The new President also praised Mr. Fritscher for his "magnificent work, tremendously reliable under all circumstances," and declared that "the Federation owes him a great debt of gratitude." Mr. Fritscher's gift from the Federation was a champagne cooler, which the recipient said would be used for white wine, since the white wine of the Lake of Biel must be drunk cool.

Mr. Jenoure expressed his pleasure in handing over the Presidency to one so capable as Mr. Stephenson, and acknowledged the precious help given him by the latter "both morally and practically."

He expressed his satisfaction with the Federation as it had evolved during his period of office, and with its prospects for the future. He acknowledged his gratitude in particular to past Presidents, the late Albert Thornton and Charles Welman, whose generous bequest did much to swell Federation funds. This gift had been a gesture of appreciation to the Federation, a token of the donor's gratitude to a fine organisation. Mr. Jenoure shared this feeling of gratitude, and thanked the Federation as a whole for its help during his term of office.

But if Mr. Jenoure was handing over the seals of office, he was not abandoning his "girl friends," as he termed them. And as tokens of appreciation for many years of patience and cooperation, he presented bouquets of roses to Mrs. Jenoure, Mrs. Fritscher, Mrs. Stephenson and Miss Bienz.

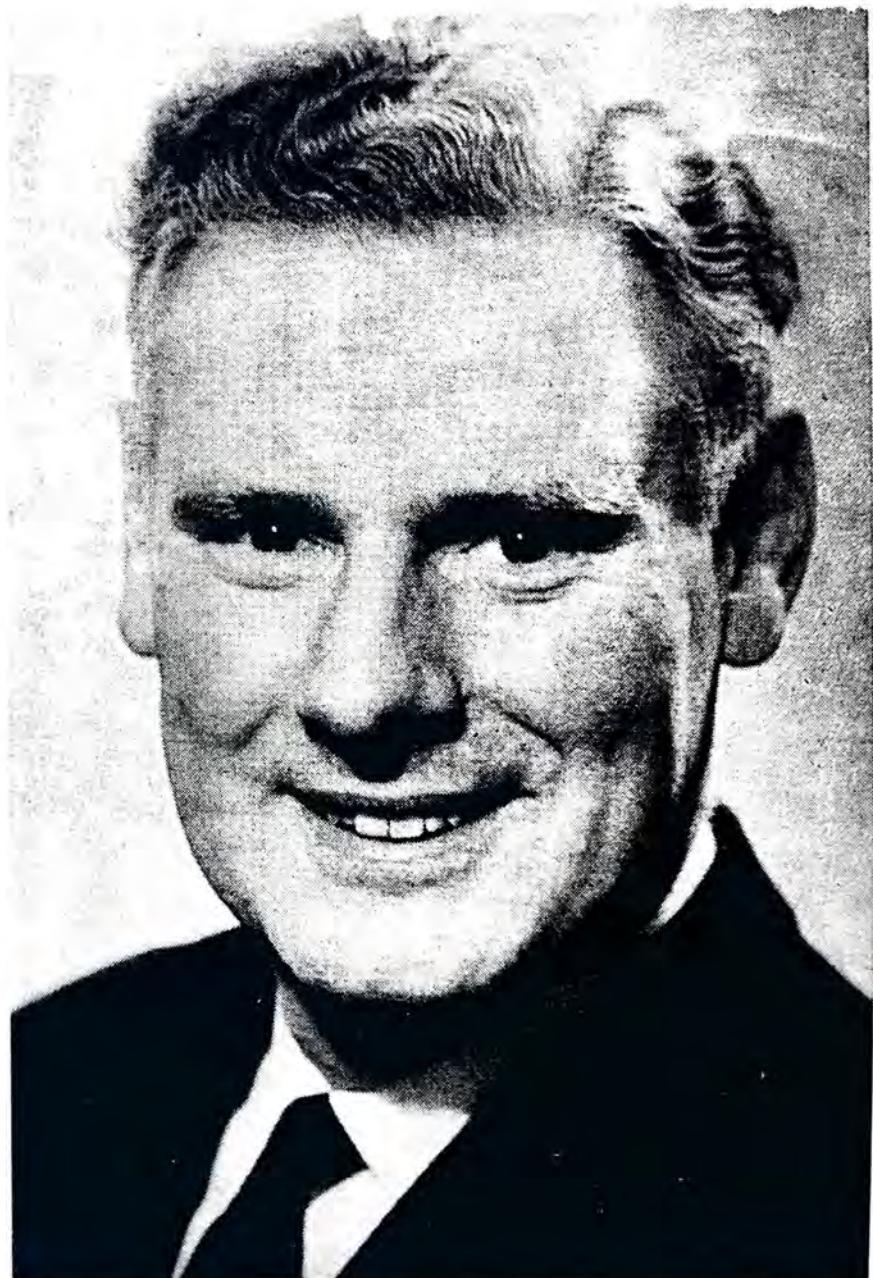


Miss Maisie Bienz, Federation Secretary

Taking up Mr. Stephenson's Shakespearean tribute, Mr. Jenoure said he had expected a reference to one of the Bard's characters with whom he did feel a certain affinity: Falstaff. Whatever the resemblance, however, our retiring President (now President of Honour) can rest assured of a nobler retirement than Sir John's.

Mr. D. Q. Stephenson, President
of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss
Clubs.

As we were prevented from publishing a picture of Mr. Stephenson with the article on the new Federation officers in the last issue, we take the opportunity of rectifying the omission here. Mr. Stephenson has been a popular figure in the Federation as lecturer and officer for many years, and our best wishes go with him for every success in his new office.



1965

Council Meeting held in Berne on April 4th 1965.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson -(P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lucerne,
Lausanne, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, Soleure, St Gall,
Winterthur, British Council, Zurich, and F.C. Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Robert S. Isaacson, CMG, H.M. Ambassador and
Mrs. Isaacson
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council.

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. J. Jenoure, P.H.
Congress venue: Interlaken.

Council Meeting held in Basle, on November 6th 1965.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers, also
the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall,
Winterthur, British Council Zurich and F.C. Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Fluhman OBE, British Consul, Basle
Prof. & Mrs. R. Stamm, President of Swiss British Society.

Council Committee:

The President and Members were all re-elected with many
thanks for their work.

Congress at Interlaken: was very well attended and enjoyed,
180 persons were present.

Guests:

Mr. R.S. Isaacson, H.M. Ambassador and Mrs. Isaacson
Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Allanson
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perryman, British Council
Mr. & Mrs. P. Kappeler, Information Centre, Interlaken
Gemeindepräsident Mr. Jucker and Mrs. Jucker
Guest speaker: Prof. Wildi.

Gemeindepräsident Jucker presented the Golden Key of
Interlaken to Mr. D.Q. Stephenson

A.S.E., Aarau celebrated its 20th anniversary.

A.S.C., Soleure, organised a Car Rally.

Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

List of Federated Clubs

With names and addresses of Presidents, Club headquarters, and day of meetings.

(W) = weekly meetings

(F) = fortnightly meetings

(M) = monthly meetings

Aarau

Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Aarauerhof, Wednesday (M). President: Mrs. Noëlle Schaefer-Vinn, Mühlematt-hof, 5000 Aarau.

Basle

Anglo-Swiss Club, Restaurant Kunsthalle, Thursday (W). President: Mr. R. V. Burnell, im Steinenmüller 23, 4142 Münchenstein BL.

Basle

British Circle, Stadtcasino, no fixed day (M). President: Mr. A. M. Fluhmann, OBE, Chairman: Mr. D. Pughe, Holzholzweg 9, 4102 Binningen BL.

Berne

Anglo-Swiss-Association, Postgasse 10, Thursday (W). President: Mr. M. Tiedmer, Dipl.-Ing. ETH, Geyerz-Strasse 76, 3000 Berne.

Berne

English Club, Hotel Schweizerhof, Wednesday (F). President: Miss S. Freiburghaus, Schermen 36, 3063 Ittigen BE.

Bienne

English Club, Hotel Continental, Wednesday (W). President: Mr. W. R. Koch, Feldeckstrasse 7, 2500 Bienne.

Bienne

SMS English Club, Hotel Walliser-keller, Thursday (W). President: Mr. H. R. Fritscher, Bettlachstrasse 128, 2540 Grenchen.

Chur

Anglo-Swiss Club, meeting place: variable, no fixed day (M). President: Mrs. N. Buol, Plantaweg 5, 7000 Chur. Correspondence to: Mrs. A. Gasche, Neubruchstrasse 17, Chur.

Fribourg

English-Club "The Pickwickians" Restaurant Gambrinus, Wednesday (F). President: Dr. A. Girod, 3186 Düdingen FR.

Interlaken

English Circle, meeting place: usually a local hotel, Wednesday or Friday (M). President: Mr. A. Michel, Höheweg 7, 3800 Interlaken. Correspondence to: Mrs. S. Leutwyler, General-Guisan-Strasse 27 a.

Langenthal

English Club, Hotel Kreuz, no fixed day (M). President: Mr. K. Eberli, Belzengasse 3, 3360 Herzogenbuch-see BE.

Lausanne

Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Alexandra, Wednesday (W). President: Mr. Alfred Martinet, 64, av. Béthusy, 1012 Lausanne.

Locarno

Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Carmine, Tuesday. President: Mr. Alberto Pel-landa, via Arch. Giuseppe Frizzi, 6648 Minusio.

Lucerne

Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Union, Friday (F). President: Mrs. T. Horlacher, Arsenalstrasse 17, 6010 Kriens LU.

Montreux

Anglo-Swiss Club, White Gates Hotel, Thursday (F). President: Mrs. D. Adams, 2, Place du Four, 1814 La Tour-de-Peilz, Les Terrasses, VD. Correspondence to: Miss J. White, 1842 Territet VD.

Neuchâtel

Anglo-Swiss Club, Palais Du Peyrou, Tuesday (F). President: Miss Claire

Buchelé, Cressier. Correspondence to: Miss M. Schneider, Sablons 6, 2000 Neuchâtel.

Rorschach

English Conversation Club, Hotel Schweizerhof, Wednesday (F). President: Mr. E. Grädel, Zentralstrasse 4, 9403 Goldach SG.

Sion

Anglo-Swiss Club Valais, 10, rue du Petit Chasseur, no fixed day (M). President: Dr. Alex Théler, Ecole de Commerce, 9, rue du Collège, 1950 Sion.

Soleure

Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Krone, Thursday (W). President: Dr. P. Honold, Florastrasse 20, 4500 Soleure.

St-Gall

Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Hecht, no fixed day (F). President: Prof. Raymond Tschumi, Flurhofstrasse 88, 9000 St-Gall. Correspondence to: Mrs. Ruth Sailer, Varnbühlstrasse 9, 9000 St-Gall.

Tavannes

English Club S. M. S., Cercle démo-cratic, Tuesday. President: Mr. Maurice Lutz, 30, H.-F.-Sandoz, 2710 Tavannes.

Winterthur

Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Krone, Monday (W). President: Mr. W. Bul-lock, Weberstrasse 100, 8400 Winter-thur.

Zurich

British Circle, Hotel Carlton-Elite, Wednesday (W). President: Mr. Ernest W. Cooper, Goldhaldenstrasse 53, 8702 Zollikon ZH. Correspondence to: Mr. H. J. Denss, Stüssistrasse 91, 8057 Zürich.

Zurich

Fitzroy Club, Restaurant Zunfthaus zur Eintracht, Wednesday (F). President: Miss T. Böppli, Steinhalden-strasse 40, 8002 Zürich.

1966

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 19th 1966.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal,
Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Winterthur,
British Council Zurich and F.C. Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Robert S. Isaacson, British Ambassador and Mrs. Isaacson,
Col. Haire, Military Attaché of the British Embassy.
Col. Haire was invited to inform us about the new English
school to be built outside Berne, for pupils aged 5-13/14 years.

Congress venue: Vitznau again.

Federation brochure had been sent to schools in England.
Mr. Stephenson informed us that the Swiss Embassy in London
had been in contact with him in order to obtain information
about the activities in the Federation.

The meeting decided later to send a contribution of Fr. 500.--
from the Welman Fund to Col. Haire for the new English school.

Council Meeting held in Soleure on October 29th 1966.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Winterthur and Zurich.

In remembrance of the late Mr. O. Leu, Soleure, President of
the A.S. Club, Soleure, and business manager with Vogt-Schild,
the printer of the Anglo-Swiss Times, a minute silence was
observed.

The British Ambassador had been awarded the KBE and is now
Sir Robert Isaacson.

Resignation of the E.C. Interlaken, whereas the
Big Ben Club, Lugano, had applied for membership.

Congress at Vitznau was much enjoyed, Dr. Honold was acting-
President at the congress, Mr. Stephenson had been called to
England.

Guests were: Mr. & Mrs. Grant Purvet (for the Ambassador),
Mr. & Mrs. J. Perrymann and
Prof. Häusermann.

Council Committee:

All members were re-elected and thanked for their work.
Mr. R. Turnill had expressed the wish to hand over the
editorship of the A.S.T. as soon as a suitable successor had
been found.



Knighthood for Federation Patron

The "Anglo-Swiss Times" has pleasure in recording that in the Birthday Honours of 11th June, 1966, a

Knighthood was conferred on the British Ambassador to Switzerland. He has been made a Knight Commander of the British Empire, and his title from now on will be Sir Robert Isaacson, K.B.E.

As readers will know, the Ambassa-

dor is also Patron of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, and the "Anglo-Swiss Times" would like to join with the Federation and Club Officers, and all members, in extending Sir Robert our heartiest congratulations on his new honour.

**M. B. E. for ASC Lausanne
Vice-President**

The "Anglo-Swiss Times" also has pleasure in reporting the award of the M.B.E. to Mrs. Guy Martinet-Roberts, vice-president of ASC Lausanne, "For her services to export," which was announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Mrs. Martinet came to live in Switzerland in 1952 after her marriage, and entered the Lausanne Branch of the Anglo-Swiss Chamber of Commerce. On the death of Mr. Maurice Galland, O.B.E., she be-



Mrs. Guy Martinet-Roberts, M. B. E.

came Directrice of this branch, which covers the whole of the Swiss Romande. Besides doing outstanding work for the Anglo-Swiss Chamber of Commerce, she has done a great deal for the British colony in Lausanne and has earned the gratitude of the members of ASC Lausanne for her share in running the Club. The Federation and its members join in congratulating Mrs. Martinet on her well deserved honour.

Oscar Leu †

It is with the greatest regret that we record the death of Oscar Leu, for many years President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Solothurn, and permanent business manager of the Anglo-Swiss Times.



As in everything else he did, Oscar Leu threw himself, heart and soul, into the Anglo-Swiss movement. It was he who founded the Anglo-Swiss Club in Solothurn and, after making it one of the most flourishing clubs in the Federation, became its Honorary President. It was he who created the Anglo-Swiss Times in its present form, and it is largely due to him and his unceasing interest in the magazine, that it has continued to give pleasure to so many and remain an irreplaceable link between the clubs of the Federation. These achievements are lasting tributes to the steadfastness with which he served the cause of Anglo-Swiss relations.

But merely to relate these achievements, substantial though they are, can give no hint of the intangible contribution Oscar Leu made to the life of the Anglo-Swiss Clubs. In whatever he was associated with,

Oscar was always a point of ferment, producing ideas, dispensing bonhomie and good humour, making everyone realize that life was something to be enjoyed. Oscar was never short of ideas, and good ideas, for bringing out different issues of the Anglo-Swiss Times: a memorable number to commemorate the Coronation, a series of issues each of which dealt with a town where there was an Anglo-Swiss Club—and the one he produced for his own Solothurn was highly praised in many quarters as a real service to the town. The inter-club car rally was one of his ideas. New suggestions for Congress venues often stemmed from him. Constantly we were the beneficiaries of his fertility of mind.

Yet to remember Oscar is to recall above all the sense of good fellowship, of fun, which he radiated about him. Nowhere was this more in evidence than in the Santa Claus party which he introduced into his own club and made into one of the highlights of the year. Then he dispensed a spirit of conviviality which was irresistibly infectious. But this was not just a short-lived effervescence which faded and was forgotten when the candles went out. This gaiety was the outward expression of a feeling of friendship which became undeniably deeper and remained strengthened for ever after. His was the true spirit of hospitality. Indeed, in all he did, Oscar Leu had the power to communicate his own enthusiasms to others. Agree or disagree with him, one could never doubt the genuine fervour that moved him or fail to respond to his own eager approach to life. He was happiest, he once said, when he saw others happy round him. If that was the essence of his philosophy, he lived up to it throughout his life. Now he has gone from us, all too tragically soon, but we are left with a memory which will not quickly fade. It will live with us for many a year to come and rekindle the affection in which we all held him.

To his widow and all those close to him we express our very real sympathy.

The 1966 Annual



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Dr. Paul Honold, President of the Solothurn Club and Vice-President of the Federation, who assumed the Presidency of Congress in the absence of Mr. D. Q. Stephenson.

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Mr. Alfred Martinet, Federation Treasurer, and neighbour at the banquet table.

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The E. C. Bienné contingent drink a toast (to their highly successful sports team?).

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Happy faces (and some concentration) during the Saturday evening dance. 4

1967

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 11th 1967.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Aarau, Basle, Bienne, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, Schaffhausen, Soleure,
St Gall, Wattwil, Winterthur, British Council and
F.C. Zurich.

Mr. J. Jencure, President of Honour, was thanked for
his great work as Lecture Organiser.

Guests at luncheon:

Sir Robert S. Isaacson, British Ambassador, and
Lady Isaacson.

Congress venue - Montreux.

Council Meeting held in Winterthur on October 28th 1967.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Neuchâtel, Rorschach, Soleure, St Gall, Wattwil,
Winterthur, British Council and F.C. Zurich.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. F.G. Wood, the new British Council Representative
in Zurich.

Congress at Montreux was very well attended.

Guests at the banquet:

Sir Robert S. Isaacson, British Ambassador, and
Lady Isaacson

Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson , our Swiss Patron

Mr. & Mrs. William Bond, British Vice-Consul

Mr. & Mrs. A. Vogelsang, Syndic of Montreux.

New Members:

English Club, Wattwil, and
English Speaking Union, Geneva,
were proposed and accepted.

The English Club , Tavannes, resigned.

Council Officers:

The President and the Committee were duly re-elected
with thanks for their work.

Federation Football League:

Football match between A.S.C. Basle and E.C. Bienne.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Winterthur, celebrated its 40th
anniversary. For this reason the autumn meeting was
held in Winterthur.

Annual Congress 1967

This year's Annual Congress of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs was the first to be held in French-speaking Switzerland for a number of years. So it was perhaps with a feeling of homecoming, to a part of the country thus neglected and traditionally so beloved of the British, that nearly 200 members from Clubs all over Switzerland foregathered in Montreux on the weekend of 10th and 11th June. And what a setting! Montreux strung out along the lake with its promenades and gardens; the lake, itself stretching away to the horizon, flanked by the Haute Savoie on one side and the Alpes Vaudoises



on the other, with, in the distance, fabled Chillon standing sentinel. So, if you were not taking part in any of the inter-Club sports competitions—tennis, shooting, minigolf, darts skittles—there was plenty on which to feast the eye.

Not least, you could tread the august and exclusive precincts of the Montreux Palace Hotel, the chosen "roof", one might say, for this year's Congress. Montreux Palace—a name to conjure with. A stranded whale on the shifting shores of tourism, a memorial to a way of life that revolution and world wars have destroyed for ever. Once the chosen resort of

the world's *Adel*, it came too late to serve them for long. But it lives on. It may be mocked, a little, by the upstart Eurotel tower nearby (hardly a decorative addition to Montreux's lakefront), yet to walk the Palace's spacious corridors, its pillared, chandeliered, high-windowed lounges, gives us an inkling of what we have lost. If we were overpowered by our forebears' taste for sheer size in architecture on picking our way into the Palace on arrival, we were soon reassured by the sight of familiar faces: Mr. Alfred Martinet and Mrs. Guy Martinet presiding with customary efficiency at the reception desk, doling out Congress tickets, allocating rooms, assigning places at the evening's dinner/dance. And other Federation officers, buzzing hither and thither organizing the afternoon's sports competitions.

The weather was slow in warming up this year, until its sudden generosity in bestowing a July heatwave on us. At Montreux on Congress weekend it was still showing its mean side, at least as far as temperature was concerned. But it was very tolerable: after all, Montreux has the mildest climate north of the Alps. So the sports competitors were not inconvenienced. The competition venues were conveniently grouped (except the skittles, tucked away in Territet) within easy reach of the hotel, and



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1 The President's Table: A.S.C. Basle

2 Fitzroy Club, Zürich and Geneva English Speaking Club

3 A.S.C. Lausanne



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1 The S.M.S. Bienne table

2 A.S.C. St. Gall

3 Here, this bottle's empty...

4 That must have been some joke

as Saturday afternoon wore on the activity became fast and furious (allowing for the necessary concentration, of course) on minigolf course, the shooting range in the Palace Pavilion, and so on.

And with the afternoon's exertions over, the guests assembled within the mirror-clad walls of the Pavilion Banqueting Room for the dinner and dance. A chance to renew old acquaintance, make new friends, enjoy the Palace's exquisite cooking and revel in the general bonhomie until the wee small hours ...

It was a special occasion for one guest: Mr. Hofstetter of the Lucerne Club, who is over 80 years old and was attending no less than his thirtieth Congress. He arrived on the dot, just before the hors-d'oeuvres, armed with a Canadian flag (he spent many years in Canada) and the sheet music for *Waldteufel waltzes*—too much to expect the dance bands of today to remember them! And these waltzes he danced—*en pas de deux* with his partner of preference, Mrs. Sailer of St. Gall—before the evening was out. This is something of a Congress tradition, and one that we hope will live on. May we all be tripping the light fantastic at Mr. Hofstetter's age! The Pavilion Banqueting Room opens onto a beautiful terrace overlooking the lake, and since it had been expected that the public outside would

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1 Mr. Hofstetter of Lucerne dances his traditional waltz with Mrs. Ruth Sailer, St. Gall

2 Do you come here often...?

3 Wait a minute, just let me tell you this one...

4 Belle of the ball?

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be dancing to the same orchestra, no official MC had been appointed. But when the churlish chiding of the summer wind effectively prevented anybody from dancing on the terrace and we had the orchestra to ourselves. Mr. Koch of Bienné nobly stepped into the breach and directed ceremonies for us in his inimitable manner.

Some 180 people sat down to the Banquet on Sunday. The official guests were Mr. H.B.C. Keeble, who as Counsellor at the British Embassy was representing Sir Robert Isaacson, and Mrs. Keeble, Mr. Alfred Vogelsang, Syndic de Montreux, and Mrs. Vogelsang. Mr. W.R.S. Bond, Vice-Consul at Montreux, and Mrs. Bond, and Mr. C.S. Allanson. In his speech of welcome the President of the Federation, Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, expressed the pleasure of all at having these guests with us and thanked them for kindly accepting the invitation extended to them. He then thanked all those who had helped to make this 35th Congress such a success, and singled out for special praise Mr. A. Martinet of Lausanne and Miss M. Bienz of Basle, who between them had virtually organized the whole function. We owed them, he said, a great debt of gratitude. In a few well-chosen words, Mr. Keeble responded on behalf of the guests. Mr. Vogelsang then spoke on behalf of the

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1 Mr. Alfred Martinet shows the youngsters how it's done

2 Anyone for tennis?

3 Mrs. Norma Stephenson tees off

4 Congress minigolf in full swing



town of Montreux and referred to the close ties that had always existed between Montreux and England since the days of Lord Byron.

Mrs. Keeble then kindly consented to present the prizes to the winners of the various sports competitions, the names being announced by Dr. Honold, the Vice-President. This ceremony marked the end of the Congress but many members still had time for a chat or a cup of tea before dispersing to their various home towns. Altogether a very successful and happy Congress and we may be sure that it will not be long before we return to French Switzerland for another memorable weekend.

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ASC Lausanne Christmas Party: Mr. Guy Martinet is the lucky recipient of Santa's largesse

Anglo-Swiss Club Lausanne

Time flies and week after week we had a good choice of various items on our program. Perhaps the most outstanding events of the last months were exceptionally good lectures, i.e.: Mrs. Sterling, the wellknown English actress, who came from London to give a lecture on "George Bernard Shaw's Philosophy—how some of it has worked out and some has not"; H. M. Consul General in Geneva, Miss C. Polak, O. B. E., kindly consented to come and talk about the "Reminiscences of a woman consul". The club entertained Miss Polak to dinner at the Alexandra Hotel before her talk.

Mr. Frederick Moss, whom we have had the privilege of hearing before, was touring the clubs of the Federation of Anglo Swiss Clubs again this year and this time the subject of his lecture was "Canoeing on Britain's Inland Waterways". Unfortunately, this lecture had to take place on a Monday and therefore fewer people than usual turned up—and this was really hard luck, as the evening was a treat to ears and eyes.

Last but not least, I should like to mention our traditional Christmas Party. It is always a chance to all of us to have a good time together in the true spirit of Christmas with an appetizing menu (which was first class and excellently prepared by the cooks of the Alexandra Hotel). Of course Father Christmas was paying us a brief call after dinner with the usual Christmas gifts for all the party, and the committee had been getting ready several other surprises and attractions to amuse the members. Not many turned up, but "quality makes up for the quantity".



ASC Lausanne Christmas Party: members toast the Queen. Left to right: Club secretary Mrs. Joy Humbert, President Mr. A. Martinet, Mrs. Martinet, a member, Mr. Guy Martinet

1968

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 30th 1968.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Chur, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Wattwil, Winterthur, British Council Zurich, and F.C. Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

The new British Ambassador, Mr. H.A.F. Hohler and Mrs. Hohler, Mr. F.G. Wood, British Council and Mrs. Wood.

Best wishes had been extended to the former Ambassador, Sir Robert Isaacson, on his retirement.

Congress venue : Seelisberg (after 15 years again).

No Club could be formed at Schaffhausen .

Council Meeting held in St Gall on October 26th 1968.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, St Gall and Wattwil.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. F.G. Wood, British Council Representative in Zurich.

Council Officers:

The President and all the other officers agreed to remain and were duly re-elected en bloc.

New Editor: Mrs. A. Green, Basle.

Congress on Seelisberg - in bad weather, attendance 150 persons.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. H.A.F. Hohler, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Hohler

Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson

Mr. & Mrs. F.G. Wood, British Council.

Anniversaries:

The following anniversaries were announced:

E.C. Biel 60 years

A.S.C.Winterthur 40 years

F.C. Zurich 40 years and

A.S.C. Soleure 30 years.

Best wishes were extended to all the Clubs.

Lecture:

The Governor of the Tower of London had kindly consented to visit Federation Clubs.

rought along accompanying music from Thailand too.

In April, Brian D. Barnes entertained us with his brilliant performance of "Under Milk Wood". Even though the language was a little difficult to understand in parts, most members agreed they had enjoyed it.

We had the pleasure of going with Mr. R. Matossi on a trip to "The Island of the Swan" in May. This was a most interesting talk about Mauritius and the local inhabitants and their customs.

Our club year ended in June with a very happy evening. Consul Clive Dugdale came along to visit us with film projector and four beautiful films, kindly lent by British Railways. We would like to recommend them, North to the Dales, Shakespeare's Country, Round the Island, and Robert Burn's Country. Not only the few British members felt real pangs of homesickness at some of the magnificent shots!

After the Summer holidays we met again in September to elect the Committee, which proved to be only a re-election of the same! Club business being very short, we filled the time by hearing tape recordings of the lives and works of Charles Dickens and Oscar Wilde.

In October we met up with our friends from our neighbouring club, St Gallen, for our Annual Regional Meeting. It was so difficult to choose a date suitable to both, to say nothing about a place, and then to crown everything the weather let us down; but in spite of all the drawbacks, we kept smiling and made the best of it! We met at Wildhaus for lunch and then set off towards Iltios Alp. How very English the weather seemed to be!! First drizzle and then fog and then real rain but spirits were not dampened in the least and over a cup of tea a very jolly atmosphere developed, complete with songs and one man shows!

In November we had the great pleasure of welcoming Dr. P. Honold and his charming English wife to our club meeting. Dr. Honold's talk about "The Swiss in England" was most informative and interesting and we were particularly pleased to hear about all the famous "Bündners" who had sought fame and wealth across the Channel!

On December 16th in Hotel Drei Könige a happy crowd of 65 people came together to celebrate our Anglo-Swiss Christmas. As is now tradition, the tree was lit to strains of "Silent Night" and then followed a delicious portion of "Roast Beef" and once again these tasty homemade Christmas Puddings. The singing of carols and Santa's visit, were as usual very welcome and also the play "Helen's Husband" produced by the literary group.

Anglo-Swiss Club Chur

May we bring you up to date once again with club activities in Chur? Our club is still going strong and monthly meetings show lots of enthusiasm and interest. Number of members stays around the 70 mark and 50% to 60% attend meetings, which is quite satisfying.

In March last year, a pilot friend, Hans Versell, brought us "Glimpses of Thai Temples and Dances". Lots of these being his own personal glimpses made it a very fascinating entertainment, especially as he



Anglo-Swiss Club, Chur. "Helen's Husband"



Anglo-Swiss Club, Chur. Traditional Christmas

The New Year began with a now three year old tradition too! One of the ski racing team, from the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Davidson. (Lab. Accrington, Lancs.) came to say "Hallo" to us and told us a little more about problems and progress of the British Government. His talk was followed by a lively discussion and the whole evening was a great success.

Next week we look forward to the visit of our President, Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, who will talk about "What is a Story". And so our club activities go on, always something interesting, bringing contacts from near and far and helping to make and strengthen friendship between the English and the Swiss living here among the mountains in this busy little town of Chur. We send greetings and good wishes to all other Anglo-Swiss clubs and their members!

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Annual Congress 1968



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This year's annual congress of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs was held at the Hotel Kulm and Sonnenberg at Seelisberg, which we have not visited for the last fifteen years. The Hotel is magnificently situated in some of the loveliest pastoral countryside, with a splendid view over part of the Lake of Lucerne—one can see the cars on the shore opposite, hundreds of feet below, creeping along like ants on the Lucerne—Altdorf road. Away to the left is a spectacular view of the Mythen which, as legend has it, was a mythical beast doomed to sleep there for ever.

About 200 people from all over Switzerland came to this picturesque but rather remote spot on the 8th June. The journey is long and complicated for almost everyone however near they live, involving as it does a crossing over the Lake from Brunnen for anyone coming from the north or east, and a long drive up the hill from Beckenried—but it's well worthwhile when you do arrive.

The weather this year unfortunately was not of the best, in fact on Sunday it seemed to be doing its best to wash the whole Hotel down to the level of the Lake itself. However, it was at least dry on Saturday when we all arrived, to be warmly welcomed and assigned to our rooms by Mesdames Sailer, Koch, and Benies.

We were then free to indulge in what sports we wished. Most of them were arranged very conveniently close at hand—only the skittles and minigolf were 20 minutes drive away down at Beckenried, but we managed. The only event which did not take place at all was the swimming: this is normally held on Sunday morning but was cancelled, ironically enough, because of the rain. Some say they were put off by the play of lightning across the water, others assert that the whole pool was infested by frogs.

The evening festivities were held in the enormous Banqueting Hall, which was not however too big to

spoil the general conviviality. Once again Mr. Hofstetter of the Lucerne Club joined us, thereby celebrating his 31st Congress—surely a record. Though more than 80 years of age he was more than willing to show us the way to the dance floor with his favourite partner, Mrs. Sailer of St. Gall. The fun waxed faster and more furious as the evening wore on, under the able direction of Mr. Arnold, our MC: one of the most unforgettable and funniest spectacles was that of twelve men sitting in a circle wearing some of the most extravagant and appropriate head gear ever seen, before starting on a game which consisted largely of retaining



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- 1 «Why didn't you shave this morning?»
- 2 «I've dropped it!»
- 3 «H'm! Nice dress over there..»



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as much hat as possible in the face of considerable opposition. Even after festivities had officially ended, one gathers that they continued unofficially behind the closed doors of people's rooms.

The Banquet lunch the following day was held in the Dining Room overlooking the Lake—this time there was only just enough room for everyone! Our guests were Mr. Wood, the British Council Representative, and Mrs. Wood: our Patron, the British Ambassador in Berne, Mr. Hohler, and Mrs. Hohler; and Mr. Jeavour, President of Honour. In a very elegant speech, which was a joy to listen to, as always, our President,

Mr. D. Q. Stephenson, welcomed these guests on behalf of us all, and also congratulated in picturesque terms the organizers on their work for the Congress, notably Miss M. Bienz of Basle, our Secretary. He also expressed our disappointment at the nonappearance of Mr. Martinet, the Treasurer, owing the ill health. Mrs. Hohler kindly consented to present the prizes, the winners of which were announced by our Vice-President, Dr. P. Honold. It was interesting to see how Basel made a clean sweep of the minigolf and table tennis, and Bienné of the darts—easy to see who'd been practising! Thus another extremely enjoyable Congress ended,



"Cheers!"
Mrs. Sailer, St Call and
Mr. Hofstetter, Lucerne
Mrs. Stephenson, Mr. Sailer

.. but not before Mrs. Sailer had expressed her delight the way the Congress had gone, and the unparalleled opportunity it gave for meeting old friends and making new ones - and also her disgust at the way hardly anyone knew more than one verse of Auld Lang Syne !



1 «I say, the wind seems to be blowing the bullets away.»
2 Congratulations all round — especially to Soleure, the winners (left); or, what do you expect, with three against two?

Sports Competitions

(Winning teams and holders of cups)

Shooting

Team SMS E. C. Biel	173 Points
King Dr. Humbert A. S. C. Lausanne	49 Points
Queen Mrs. Baumberger A. S. C. Soleure	46 Points

Darts

Team E. C. Biel	1,240 Points
King Mr. Woodcock E. C. Biel	360 Points
Queen Mrs. Landry E. C. Biel	280 Points

Swimming

not held, cup in possession of E. C. Biel

Tennis

Team A. S. C. Soleure

Table-Tennis

Team A. S. C. Basle

Skittles

Team A. S. C. Soleure	34.308 Points
King Dr. Humbert A. S. C. Lausanne	9,765 Points
Queen Mrs. Studer A. S. C. Soleure	9,772 Points

Minigolf

Team A. S. C. Basle	156 Points
King A. S. C. Basle Mr. Häuselmann	32 Points
Queen A. S. C. Basle Mrs. Nazroo	40 Points



1969

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 22nd 1969.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil, Winterthur
and Zurich.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. Britten of the Embassy, Berne,
(in the absence of the Ambassador).

Congress venue in 1969: Vitznau

As the Hotel had been modernised, prices had gone up a lot.
Guests at banquet:

Mr. H.A. Hohler, CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Hohler
Mr. & Mrs. Allanson, Swiss Patron

Mr. F.G. Wood, British Council, Zurich, and Mrs. Wood.

Council Meeting held in Neuchâtel on October 25th 1969.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall,
Wattwil, Winterthur.

We learned that Mr. F.C. Wood, Representative of the British
Council, and Mrs. Wood, would be leaving Switzerland and
returning to the U.K. at the end of the month.

Congress at Vitznau was a slight disappointment, said
Mr. Stephenson, we had met many difficulties. The original
arrangements were made with Mr. Hofmann, who had left.
Mr. Bally, a business man handled matters quite differently.

Lecture Organiser:

Mr. Stephenson stated that Mr. Jenoure had continued to organise
lecture tours but wished to resign now. We owe a very great debt
of gratitude to Mr. Jenoure for all he had done for so many
years, providing us with stimulating talks and personalities
with his usual efficiency and patience.

Council Officers:

Mr. Eberli proposed the election of Mr. Stephenson as President
with many thanks for all the work. The whole committee was
re-elected en bloc as they were willing to carry on.

Mr. Stephenson informed us that Dr. Honold, Vice-President, had
kindly agreed to become lecture organiser.

Mrs. Green, Editress, reminded presidents of a photo
competition.

The film on the Investiture of Prince Charles in Wales would
be available through the British Embassy, Berne.

37th Annual Congress 1969

Rain, rain, and more rain—this seemed to be the programme on June 7th at our annual Congress at the Park Hotel Vitznau. One could hardly appreciate the view or the walks in the garden when everything was hidden by a screen of mist and rain. However one could enjoy the facilities offered by the Hotel, which is really first class. Miss Bienz and Mr. Martinet were there to greet us as we arrived: it was nice to see someone from the Lugano Club, Mr. and Mrs. Montagu, but we were sorry not to see Mr. Sailer of St. Gall owing to ill health. Most of the sports could be held, but tennis and minigolf had to be postponed, and we just hoped that it would be fine enough the following day; it didn't seem at all likely. Plenty of people were swimming though: that pool is really terrific. There was Mr. Slade of the Swiss Mercantile School London trying to persuade the youngest member present, aged 9 months, to come swimming with him! She declined.

In the evening we foregathered in the Banqueting Hall. The dinner was extremely good, and we felt that the Hotel's reputation for good food was justified: one of their temporary waitresses didn't seem to be quite with it, though—she brought the sugar-shaker instead of the salt. A lot of people were heard to mention that there wasn't nearly enough room in



Dr. Honold—about to strike the winning stroke?



Two ladies from Lausanne with the youngest member

the Bar to dance. Well, it was what one might call a little intimate, and it did prevent the usual party games. However, the resident band was good—a lively three piece playing six or seven instruments between them, and Mr. Arnold, our MC, thought up some games we could play in the limited space. One of them consisted in finding Mrs. Jacqueline and Mr. Aristotle Onassis, who were supposed to have dropped in for the evening. During the interval Mr. Koch held his American Auction: the prizes to be won included lace handkerchiefs, crotched mats, chocolate, tins of motor oil, a soap dispenser, with enough soap to last you the rest of your life, Bündner Fleisch, the odd bottle of wine and spirits, and last not least, a large leather case. With



Mrs. Luer and Mr. Montagu

such an assortment of attractions he kept the money rolling in—"Cash it up now"—till he reached his target of Fr. 500—a really good effort: he must have been quite hoarse. At ten to three Mrs. Sailer provided us with candles to dance with, as she has done for years past—very pretty, but I wonder what it symbolizes. After Auld Lang Syne we theoretically went to bed: most of us I think did, but I heard wild tales of parties held behind closed doors till the light of dawn appeared.

Believe it or not, the dawn actually did come bright and clear, and the weather was quite perfect—beautiful warm sunshine, that stunning view, brought everyone out onto the terrace and into the gardens. So we were able to play tennis and minigolf after all. The swimming competition very nearly had to be cancelled, as only SMS Bienné had entered a team; at the last minute however they managed to scrape up a second team, but they were both beaten by ASC Soleure, whose team also entered just before it was too late. The lunch-time Banquet was held in the dining room, which has the prettiest view out over the Lake, and there were also the loveliest table decorations—blue, yellow and white irises, red saxifrage and pink begonias. We welcomed as our guests Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Allanson, who presented the prizes, and Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Wood. In his speech Mr. Stephenson thanked everyone who helped in organizing the Congress—Miss Maisie Bienz, Mr. Martinet, Mr. A. Arnold, Mr. Koch, Dr. P. Honold, and everyone who organized the sports. He also apologized for the absence of the British Ambassador, Mr. H.A.F. Hohler and his wife, but they had to be in Prague: and he extended a special welcome to that "piratical



On the terrace



The American Auction team: look at all that oil!—and all those glasses!



Pat her on the back!



Looking forward to a good dinner



A toast!



"...and I said to him..."



Dr. Zhivago?

scholar", Mr. Slade, who appears year after year, making a special journey from London. His regrets were expressed at not seeing our faithful friend, Mr. Hofstetter, this year: he passed away at the age of 87

earlier this year. To this speech Mr. John Jenoure very cheerfully got up on his hind legs and made a reply. By the time the prizes were presented it was four o'clock and a bit duller than before, but many people

stayed for a last round of minigolf or a last wander in the garden. This was a most successful Congress, held in the best possible surroundings, well worth the slight increase in the price of the ticket.

Club Profile

English Club Bienne

Most older members of the Federation will remember this club as being run by Mr. John Jenoure. Well, it isn't any more: it's in the able hands of Mr. Koch, who might accurately be described as a live wire. Bienne is one of the oldest clubs in Switzerland, having celebrated its 60th birthday last year, no doubt with a certain amount of abandon. The ideas the committee think up for meetings are unusual, not to say downright original, and certainly seem to keep the bulk of their ninety-odd members happy. Look at last year: there was the car rally, a football match, a fancy dress party, a spaghetti party, a treasure hunt; and it was Bienne who recently had the idea of inviting Mr. Soames to give a lecture on Anglo-French relations; though something went slightly astray there. Some of their members are a bit unusual too: there are a couple of lads who used to do professional motorcycle racing, and there's a Canadian ice-hockey coach, which accounts for the fact that Bienne is the only club I know of that runs a regular ice-hockey team. Their regular meeting place is rather a nice room with heavily flowered wall-paper in the Hotel Continental, and the club night is Wednesday, except when it promises to be on the late side, when it is altered to Friday, very sensibly. Enough of the generalities: on to the people who run the club.

Werner Koch

is the Swiss-born President, and as his wife is a committee member as well the organization of the club revolves round their home. Neither the antics of two hefty and energetic



children nor the effort of ensuring the production of 850 watches a day seem to dampen his enthusiasm, cheerfulness, and natural ebullience—not even when the phone is ringing every five minutes. As most other club presidents are aware, he has very definite opinions about some things (the Anglo-Swiss Times for example), and is not afraid to put his point of view, in English that is forceful, fluent, colloquial, and to the point. Nor is he afraid of work: if he has an idea he'll willingly put it into practice.

His hobbies include stamp-collecting, driving for long distances, especially on holiday, and mucking about with electrical things in the flat. Opera is his favourite entertainment.

I asked him what he thought about **English Beer**: he reckons it would be perfectly O.K. if only it were kept properly, that is, cold!

Housing: he likes living in a flat, principally because there's no garden to worry about.

Television: against.

Decimal Coinage in England: very much in favour, thinks the change should have been made much sooner.

Ken Woodcock

as Vice-President, is also known for his views, often expressed with outspokenness and candour in club reports and occasional letters. He comes from Manchester and has accent to match, but has learnt to speak fluent Biel-Deutsch from his Swiss wife and three children, and in the course of his job which involves painting and decorating other people's homes. What the President doesn't think of, he does, one feels. Though he lives out of town, he has a very willing motor scooter which takes him in to practise darts, watch football matches, and so forth. His main hobbies are stamp-collecting, reading, football and a bit of ice-hockey.

His opinions on:

English Beer: much better than Swiss. He prefers draught to bottled, and doesn't care what temperature it is—can't see what difference it makes. In fact he often drinks wine in Switzerland.

Favourite Food: egg and chips at midnight.



Housing: he finds that a flat gives you less freedom than a house, but otherwise it's not so different. He likes to have lots of garden though, provided someone else looks after it. **The Swiss:** it takes about ten years to get to know them, then they're alright.

Television: he has recently acquired one, but still prefers to go out, for any reason whatever, except to dance.

Modern Advertising: thinks it's very good and extremely effective, but that the sex line is overdone.

Decimal Coinage in England: (with a sigh) "Necessary, Pity, but still."

Hazel Friederich



must be one of the youngest and prettiest club secretaries in Switzerland. Her upbringing in London Suburbia has not prevented her from learning to speak fluent French, nor from developing a passionate interest in photography, which she shares with her French-Swiss husband. Their near-professional collection of large black and white photographs, which they must have spent nearly every night during the last ten years printing, include such "why didn't I think of that" subjects as Covent Garden porters, Evening News sellers, old shoes on a beach, and a most telling full length portrait of a woman tramp. Perhaps one of her best efforts is a slide of a lightning flash, taken when she was absolutely terrified during a terrific storm. Another pastime which consumes less time and energy is listening to music: classical, pop, especially Gilbert Bécaud, and jazz, especially Chris Barber—until he started ruining all his best hits and dragged in an electric guitar player. How she finds time on top of all this to hold down a job, go walking and horse-riding, and attend to her secretarial duties is a bit of a puzzle—but she admits that this last is not particularly arduous.

I asked her her opinion on

Beer: she used to adore English beer, but after being here for two years lost the taste for it.

Favourite Food: Chinese, but can't cook it.

Housing: she has become resigned to living in a flat and even enjoys it, but misses the garden.

The Swiss: finds them very friendly—in the French-speaking part.

Television: very much against. She prefers to collect records.

Modern Advertising: as she used to work for an Advertising Manager she knows a bit about it! She finds it very much like a science and very psychological.

Decimal Coinage in England: should have been introduced ten years ago.

André Rouiller

Treasurer, seems to be rather elusive, partly, no doubt, because he lives out of town, and partly because he is very attached to his 13 month old son, whose development he watches with interest and eagerness. This doesn't prevent him from being an extremely good treasurer: his job inspecting taxes obviously helps him preserve a suitably eagle-eyed watch over the club finances: in addition he is a professional accountant so one could hardly have a better man for the post. I gather that, in spite of rather a serious aspect, he has a wicked sense of humour and some rather startling ideas. Principal entertainments include filming, photographing, cooking, meeting good friends, listening to music, watching good movies and ice-hockey matches. His opinions on:

Beer: the right beer at the right moment. In England, definitely draught beer.

Favourite Food: anything well prepared at the right place, with the right drink. He has a preference for French and Italian cooking.

The Swiss:—"What is a Swiss? I have known Bernese, Vaudois, people from Basle, from the Ticine, etc.—they are all very different!" (André himself is from French-speaking Fribourg, but was brought up in German-speaking parts.) "As a whole people, we are not doing so badly. Of course we have things to think over, renew, change—who hasn't? I hope we shall go on making changes by evolution rather than by revolution at risk of not appearing spectacular. Our diversity often imposes compromises."

Modern Advertising: sometimes very strange. He finds that they try to convince you for example that you are not a man if you don't wear the A slip, smoke the B cigarette and drive the C car"—and the so-called tough look of those ad. blokes, it just beats any comic strip."

Decimal Coinage in England: for cash payment, English coinage is alright, but that's it.

Nina Koch



is the fifth member of the committee—being the president's wife she hasn't much choice but to take an active interest! She is a charming Londoner, and though she's been here nearly ten years is ashamed that she can't yet speak fluent Schweizer-Deutsch—puts it down to innate laziness. She does however do dress-making, where she has an advantage as she used to be a professional pattern-cutter, and read quite extensively—books, not paper backs. The Beatles provide her favourite pop-music, and the cinema, theatre and opera her main entertainment.

I asked her what she thought about:

Beer: never drinks it.

Favourite Food: strawberries and cream. (She has a sweet tooth.)

Housing: she finds the kitchen of a flat too small. In fact, she would

very much like a house in the centre of town, but everyone knows what Swiss prices are like... A flat is, admittedly, easy to keep. As she doesn't drive, she has to be near the shops, but she's "a devil on a bicycle!"

The Swiss: admires their cleanliness, ability to run a home and their language ability. But they conform, don't seem to have any eccentricities, and their children are like "jellies out of a mould".

Television: she used to like the English tele, but thinks one can well do without it. She prefers the radio, but

her greatest regret is that she can't get the BBC, probably because of the hill overshadowing Biel. She misses the serious programmes. The Swiss radio has light music about fifteen years out of date, or modern classical, which she can't stand as it doesn't make sense, or "beastly folk music".

Modern Advertising: the repetition is annoying.

Decimal Coinage in England: "Inevitable and a good thing, but I'm afraid of Britain losing her individuality."

Obituary



Mr. Otto Hofstetter, whose death on April 22nd at the age of 87 was announced by Mr. Stephenson at our recent Congress, will be sadly missed by us all in the Anglo-Swiss Clubs. Last year he attended his thirty-first Congress and his age made him the oldest member of all the A.-S. Clubs. As a member of the Lucerne Club to which he belonged, I should like to pay tribute to our much-loved Mr. Hofstetter. For more than thirty

years he has been with us, with his loyalty to our Club, his quiet sense of humour, tolerance and contented nature. It is hard to realize we shall see him no more.

It was a stroke of fate, which he later recalled with some amusement, that sent him into the English-speaking world. Born in 1882 in Lucerne, Mr. Hofstetter was eligible in the early 1900's for Swiss military service, but was refused on account of flat feet. With some disgust at this rejection, he decided to emigrate to England. Here, he grew to know the character and language of its people and to form a great love of gardening. Ten years later, he and his family went to Canada and stayed until 1931.

Back in Europe, he was a Swiss Guard at the Vatican for six months, and, in Switzerland, continued to look after gardens. Now, a widower, he joined the English-speaking Club in Lucerne with his daughter, and stayed with us for the rest of his long life.

As a true "Anglo-Swiss" we shall always remember him, for his support of our Club and the Congresses for more than a quarter of a century, where, maple-leaf flag on the table, he enjoyed nothing better than Viennese waltzing. But above all, we shall remember him for his genuine goodness and modesty.

He died very peacefully at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. Vogt, in Zollikon, just as he himself had wished.

E.M.C.B. Lucerne

Anglo-Swiss Club St. Gall—Christmas Party and Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration



Mrs. Sailer presenting a bouquet to Mrs. Margrit Thomann



Singing round the Christmas Tree

A glittering crowd of people assembled on the Saturday before Christmas in the Hotel Hecht of St. Gall, to celebrate not only an annual festival in a traditionally English style, but also a very special anniversary—the existence of the Club for twenty-five years. A superb meal of turkey and Christmas Pudding was impeccably served and thoroughly enjoyed, before we got down to the "business" of the evening—the lighting of the Tree, followed by Speeches. Mrs. Ruth Sailer made a short introductory speech describing her misgivings about whether it was worth while celebrating the anniversary of such a small club in such a small town in such a small country, but she came to the conclusion that after all, it became a great thing by linking up English speaking friends from all over the world, and therefore such a celebration was definitely worth having—an inspiring speech, with whose sentiment one could well agree, looking round at all those people gathered together from dif-

ferent places. Prof. Tschumi, the President, welcomed all the guests, including many old and faithful members of the Club, the guests of Honour—Prof. and Mrs. Rudolf Stamm, who was President of the Club from 1950 to 1956: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stephenson, President of the Federation, and Mrs. Margrit Thomann, Patroness, widow of Mr. Thomann, who left substantial funds when he died, without which the Club could not have carried on so long and so well, and also all the guests from other Clubs—Mr. and Mrs. Gisner from the Rorschach Club, Mrs. E. Luer and three members from the Wattwil Club, Mr. A. Hubmann and Miss M. Elder from the Fitzroy Club, Zürich, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green from Basle. Mrs. Nora Buol, President of the Chur Club (the remaining Club in the East Region) was unable to come, but sent her congratulations and a present. Prof. Stamm rose to the occasion and spoke most entertainingly, reminiscing about his time as Club President.

It was left to Mr. Stephenson to cap that, if he could—which he did do in his usual brilliant manner. He took as his theme the postulation that the St. Gall A.S.C. was not in fact founded twenty-five years ago, but considerably before that, by Galillus when he arrived in Switzerland during the seventh century. Proof lies in the fact that he was helped by



A Musical Interlude



Mrs. Sailer entertaining Guests from Rorschach



Musicians' Corner

a beaver (not a bear, as is popularly supposed), which word appears to have a devious and obscure connection with the word "Ruth"... and, of course, the "Beaver" is still hard at work today. Mr. Stephenson also presented the Club with a bell, to restore order if and when necessary at club meetings.

A musical interlude followed: Robin Broad sang some Lieder in a very fine tenor accompanied by Nils Sailer at the piano, and Alexander Sailer entertained us with his violin, also accompanied by Nils Sailer. How wonderful to have such musical talent in the club. We then had a chance to show what we could do, and gathered round the Christmas Tree to sing carols—"God rest ye

merry gentlemen" all the way through, "Hark the herald angels sing" and many other old favourites—with our whistles suitably wetted with an excellent Punch Bowle.

We danced the hours away "hearts a-beating, spirits high"—not quite till dawn was in the sky, but at any rate until 3 a.m. or so. Many, many thanks are due to those who worked so hard to make this occasion such a success—the organization, the decorations, the little memoirs in the form of old programmes and photographs recalling good times had during the life of the Club.—And those beautiful handkerchiefs with embroidered Christmas motifs as party gifts! What a wonderful souvenir to a truly memorable celebration! A.G.B.

(who cheated?); twisting in the most original position (!); balloon bursting, which caused more mirth among the onlookers than the partakers; even proper dancing, with numbered tickets; and last but not least an imaginary obstacle course, endangered by various unnatural and often imagined hazards as balloons, bottles and brooms, round which masked participants were guided with shouts of exhortation from Mr. Bullock—the expression on their faces once unmasked was quite side-splitting.

At midnight the guests began reluctantly to leave and wend their way homeward through the cold snowy streets: unfortunately no extension beyond twelve had been obtained and it was just possible that the police might take an unwelcome interest in the unauthorized noise, had the party continued longer. Many thanks are due to the Committee, who worked hard to make it such a success.



A.S.C. Winterthur—Ah!



Being entertained



Musical Chairs—Help!



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60 YEARS

OF THE

FEDERATION

1980

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 29th 1980.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil and
Winterthur.

We heard with regret that our Swiss Patron,
Mr. C.A. Allanson, Bienne, passed away early in March.
On behalf of the Federation and of the English Club Bienne,
a message of condolence was sent to Mrs. Allanson by
Mr. Koch.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. A.K. Rothnie CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Rothnie.
They paid their last visit to us before their return to
England early summer. During his after lunch speech
Mr. Rothnie invited Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Koch with their
wives, as representatives of the Federation of Anglo-
Swiss Clubs, to a reception given to Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II in the British Embassy in May 1980.

Congress venue - Bürgenstock.

Associate Members' Fee:

By a majority vote the fee had been increased to
Fr. 50.-- p.a.

Federation News-sheet:

Mrs. G. Lang, Editress, was thanked for her efforts made
to produce a trial copy, the News-sheet to appear quarterly.

Council Meeting held in Lausanne on October 25th 1980.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Winterthur and Fribourg.

Congress on the Bürgenstock was very successful, 138 persons
came and enjoyed a wonderful congress in perfect weather.
The Ticino Clubs were very well represented.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. G.R. Lee, first Councillor to the British Embassy,
and Mrs. Lee,
(the new British Ambassador had not yet arrived).

Resignations - new Council Officers:

Miss Maisie Bienz resigned after 16 years as Secretary and
Mrs. Norma Stephenson resigned after 5 years as Lecture
Organiser.

The Council Committee for 1981:

President	Mr. W.R. Koch
Vice-President	Mrs. J. Martinet
Secretary	Mrs. S. Jakob
Treasurer	Mr. R.V. Burnell
Lecture Org.	Mrs. B. Rüttimann
Editress A.S.N.	Mrs. G. Lang
President of Honour	Mr.D.Q.Stephenson.

New Rules and Constitution:

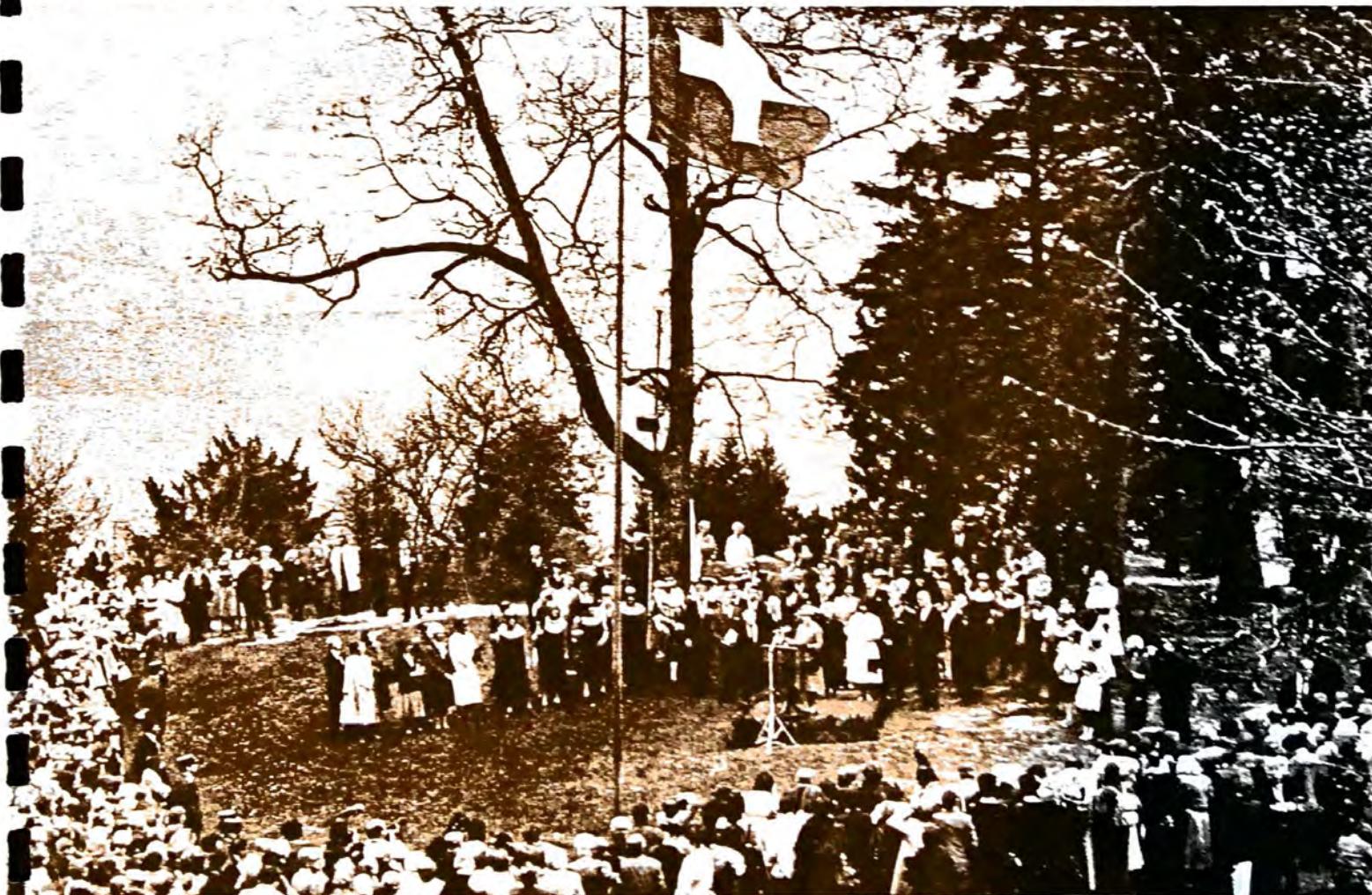
Mr. Stephenson had arranged for their printing, every Club
president to receive a copy with the Minutes of this meeting.



Sur le tarmac de Kloten,
Sa Majesté est accueillie
par Georges-André
Chevallaz, président de
la Confédération

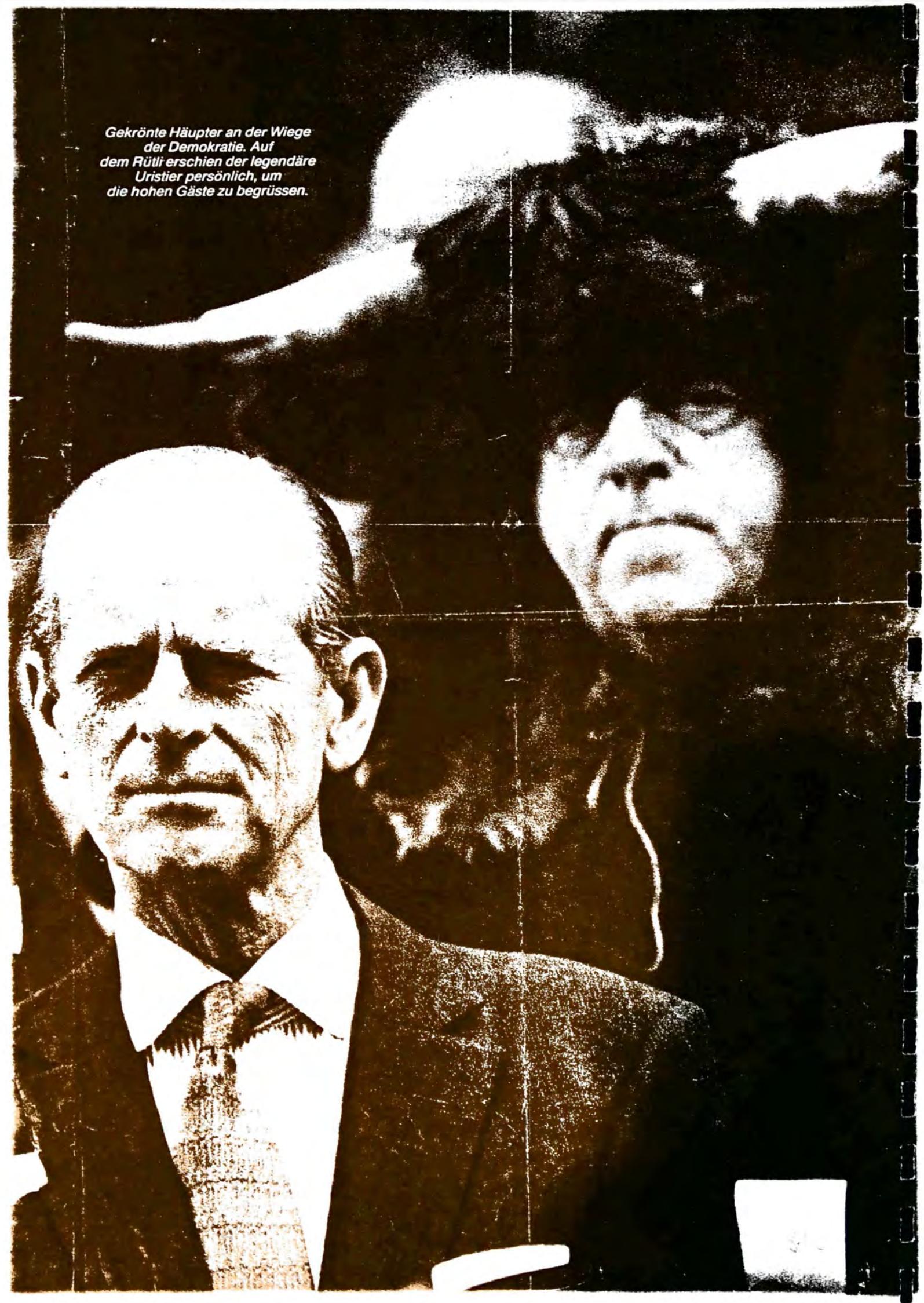


instant de liberté: Sa Majesté peut se rapprocher de son époux, Philip, duc d'Edimbourg



moment historique: au Grütli, l'hommage de la Reine aux Trois Suisses des origines

*Gekrönte Häupter an der Wiege
der Demokratie. Auf
dem Rütti erschien der legendäre
Uristier persönlich, um
die hohen Gäste zu begrüssen.*





Während fünf Tagen war
die Schweiz eine
Monarchie. Am besten.

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Thoughts on being presentable by Mrs. Nina Koch, EC Bienné

To be presented to the Queen is a great honour, but not such an exalting event as one might expect - I will try to explain.

At 10 p.m. on the 1st of May, Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson, Werner and I were invited to represent the Federation at a reception given by her Majesty at the residence of the British Ambassador. When we arrived we were ushered into a large room full of tall, old and loudly chattering people. Champagne, and other drinks were passed round on silver trays and while we waited for something to happen a bagpipe band played stirring music on the lawn outside.

The Queen appeared, smaller than most, and heavily jewelled, and stood with the British Ambassador and some of her aides in a line against the long side of the room. The babble died away and in true British fashion we formed a queue. Nobody knew what to say or do, so it was a case of "Follow the leader". A lady in front of us came from the Basle Opera Co., she floated into a curtsey like a swan, leaving me slightly at a disadvantage. Our names were relayed to the Queen and I did a bob of knees and neck, muttering something like "Good evening your Majesty". She touched my gloved hand with her gloved hand and with a faint smile replied something I didn't catch. Then I was promptly moved along the line before I had time to realize what had happened. For Werner I think the impression was somewhat similar.

Later in the evening the Queen moved among us, talking to chosen people and looking relaxed. We managed to have a longish chat with the Duke of Edinburgh who has a dry wit which puts everyone at ease. Finally more drinks; even noisier chatter and at midnight the Queen and her entourage left. We followed soon after, feeling high, not from the drinks but from having enjoyed a fascinating and, for us, unique experience.

1981

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 21st 1981.
Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and
Winterthur.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. C.S.R. Giffard CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Giffard.
Mr. Koch thanked Mr. Giffard for the co-operation the
Federation had received from the British Embassy.
Mr. Giffard thanked for the hospitality and invited the
delegates to his home after the meeting.

Congress venue: Gstaad .

New Club in Fribourg.

The inaugural meeting of the new Anglo-Swiss Club was a
great success, approx. 100 persons were present.

Mr. & Mrs. Koch came with some members from Biel, also
members from the Club in Lausanne were present.

Resignations:

English Conversation Club, Rorschach,
(the first English Club, Rorschach, became a member in 1943),
English Club, Wattwil, joined in 1967.

Autumn meeting.

Dr. Bedenig, Soleure, invited the delegates to Soleure, the
town celebrating the 500th anniversary of its accession to
the Confederation.

Council Meeting held in Soleure on October 31st 1981.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and
Zurich.

The aperitives were offered by the town of Soleure.

Each member received a souvenir glass, a gift of the Anglo-
Swiss Club, Soleure, to commemorate the meeting.

A sight-seeing tour of Soleure was arranged by a local guide
of the town.

Congress at Gstaad: a happy and successful gathering,
120 representatives came from all over Switzerland

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. C.S.R. Giffard CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Giffard.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle.

The 70th Anniversary began with a tram ride on the oldest tram
complete with driver and conductor in contemporary uniform.

Guests: Mr. W.R. Koch, President of the Federation, Mrs. Koch,
Miss Doerr of the British Consulate, Zurich, Rev.T.Roberts,
Chaplain of the Anglican Church, Basle, and members of the
Biel and Geneva Clubs, also a lady from Winterthur, Miss Roth

Council Officers:

The President, Mr. Koch, was re-elected and then the Committee
en bloc with many thanks for their work.

New Members:

The Swiss British Societies in Berne and Zurich had applied
and were accepted.



Congress 1981 at Gstaad

1982

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 27th 1982.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Soleure,
St Gall and Zurich.

The President announced the death of Mr. A.C. Martinet,
Lausanne, ex-treasurer of the Federation for many years
and former President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne.
Mr. Martinet died end of 1981.

Further we heard of the death of Miss M. Schneider,
Neuchâtel, former secretary of the Anglo-Swiss Club,
Neuchâtel, for a number of years.
One minute silence was observed.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. George Lee, First Counsellor of the British Embassy,
and Mrs. Lee. They very kindly invited the delegates
to their home for cocktails after the meeting.

Congress venue : Interlaken.
(50th anniversary of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs).

New Member:

The new Club in St Gall, the Anglo-Swiss Circle.

1983

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 19th 1983.
Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
Soleure, St Gall and Zurich.

Guests at the luncheon:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones CMG, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

Congress venue - Vitznau.

Clubs Anniversaries in 1983:

75th English Club, Bienne
50th Big Ben Club, Lugano
45th SMS English Club, Bienne
20th English Speaking Club, Geneva.

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on October 29th 1983.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Chur,
Lucerne, Locarno, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure,
Winterthur and Zurich.

The aperitives before the luncheon were offered by the
Club of Lucerne. After the meeting a tour through the
old parts of Lucerne was arranged by Mrs. Lotti Neumann,
hon. President of the Club.

Congress at Vitznau attracted 90 people. The weather was
really perfect. The highlight on Sunday was the magnificent
and beautifully decorated Hors d'Oeuvres buffet.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones CMG, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

Diamond Jubilee Party of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne:

A champagne aperitif, a Gala Buffet with a model of London's
Tower Bridge made of butter etc. 100 members and guests
enjoyed the delightful, warm and friendly atmosphere.

Guests of honour:

Mr. John Powell-Jones, British Ambassador,
Mr. Neil Smith, British Consul General,
Mr. Kurt Illi, Director of the Lucerne Tourist Board,
Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, and their wives.

Delegates came from the Clubs of Basle, Bienne, Chur, Geneva,
Langenthal, Locarno, Lugano, Montreux, St Gall and Zurich.

Mr. Cl. Blättler, hon. President of the Club, and member since
1926 received a special welcome.

A joint outing arranged by E.C. Langenthal with A.S.C. Lucerne
to Swissair, Zurich Airport, included a tour by bus of the
airfield and through various technical departments.

The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne, invited the members of the
English Club, Langenthal, to a visit of "Schloss Heidegg"
above the Lake of Baldegg. 70 members from both Clubs
visited the many rooms of the 11th-12th century Castle.

1984

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 24th 1984.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and
Winterthur.

Mr. Koch announced the death of Miss Claire Buchelé,
President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Neuchâtel, for many
years. Miss Buchelé died at the end of 1983.
A minute silence was observed.

Congress venue - Grindewald , a new resort.

Council Meeting held in Bienne on October 27th 1984.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Langenthal, Lausanne. Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel and Soleure.

The Congress at Grindelwald was attended by 75 people.
The weather was glorious. The excellent food, the beautiful
scenery helped to make it a successful week-end.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones CMG, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

We were delighted to hear from the British Ambassador that
Her Majesty the Queen had approved the awarding of an
Honorary Membership (of the Order) of the British Empire
to Mr. Werner Koch, President of the Federation.

The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne, organised on Ascension Day
an outing to the Grandson Castle, well known for its English
connections. Members from the Geneva and Montreux joined
them. A visit to a horse museum close by was also included.

Resignations of Council Officers:

Mr. Koch, President, Mrs. Jakob, Secretary and Mrs. Rüttimann,
Lecture organiser resigned.

In his speech Mr. Koch said, he had tried to federate new clubs
with some success. He thanked all the members of the Committee.
Mrs. Martinet, Vice-President, praised Mr. Koch's work during
his five years as President.

Mrs. J. Martinet MBE became the first lady President

Mr. E.W. Pooley was elected Vice-President

Mrs. C. Vuillé became Secretary

Mr. R.V. Burnell was re-elected Treasurer

Mrs. A. Green was elected Lecture Organiser

Mrs. G. Lang became Editress.

Mr. W.R. Koch was appointed President of Honour.

Saas Fee and the English-Swiss Friendship:

75 years ago a few English people in the Swiss Alpine Club
founded the "Association of British Members of the Swiss
Alpine Club ABMSAC. The Britannia Hut was donated by these
English in 1912, but hardly anyone knew it, because there was
no plaque on the hut. In August the ABMSAC celebrated its
75th anniversary, a bronze plaque was uncovered, a procession
and festival took place in Saas Fee and climbers dressed in
early 20th century clothes climbed up towards the Allalinhorn.

CONGRESS 1984

The weekend of the 16/17th June at the Grand Hotel Regina in Grindelwald was a very pleasant one for the 75 people who were there. The glorious weather, the beautiful scenery and the good food helped to make it a successful weekend. The one-man orchestra, provided free of charge by the Hotel Regina, was excellent and made a very nice party atmosphere on the Saturday evening.

The winners of the sporting events were:

DARTS:	Team - EC Biennne
	Queen - Miss S. Koch
	King - D. Guy
SHOOTING:	Team - EC Biennne
	Queen - Miss S. Koch
	King - J. Arnold
TENNIS:	SMS Biennne (for the 4th time)
CLOCK GOLF:	Team - ASC Lausanne and EC Biennne
	Queen - Anitra Green
	King - Reginald Burnell
SWIMMING:	EC Biennne
SKITTLING:	Team - EC Biennne
	Queen - Miss S. Koch
	King - W.R. Koch

The highlight was the announcement made by the British Ambassador at the Sunday Banquet to the effect that Her Majesty the Queen had approved the awarding of an Honorary Membership (of the Order) of the British Empire to Mr. Werner Koch.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !!!

1985

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 16th 1985.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
Soleure and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

Congress venue - Chexbres above Lausanne.

British Club, Zurich, celebrates its Golden Jubilee Party
in June.

Miss Maisie Bienz was elected hon. Historian/Archivist
by Mrs. Martinet and unanimously elected, a new post in
the Federation.

Council Meeting held at Chexbres on October 26th 1985.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Chur, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel and Soleure.

Congress at Chexbres was not so well attended, 70 persons
came.

Guests at the banquet:

Miss Savil of the British Embassy, Berne, and the new
Principal of SMS, London, Mr. & Mrs. McClafferty.

Mr. Werner Koch celebrated his 25th consecutive congress !

Constitution and Rules:

Mrs. Martinet asked that the statutes drawn up in 1979 be
changed, the clause "non-political and non-sectarian" had
been omitted.

With great regret Mrs. Martinet announced the death of
Mr. R.V. Burnell, Treasurer of the Federation for many years.
He died in his beloved country, England, while on holiday.
A one-minute silence was observed.

Mrs. Martinet and other members of the Federation, members
of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle, of which Mr. Burnell was a
Honorary President, after 10 years as President and 12 years
as Vice-President, friends of the British Colony and British
Rail, of which he was the manager, attended the funeral at
Duggingen near Basle.

Council Officers:

Mr. Pooley, Vice-President, proposed the re-election of
Mrs. Martinet, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. M. Pavel, President of the E.C. Langenthal, was proposed
and seconded as new Treasurer.

Mrs. J. Adams, Montreux, took over from Mrs. G.Lang, who
wished to resign as Editress.

Ascension Day outing of Zone I:

Members of the Lausanne Club, Geneva and Montreux went to
Yverdon-les-Bains in "rain-coat" weather. They visited the
Château d'Yverdon and museum. A room is devoted to Pestalozzi
who ran his first school in the castle. There is a large
collection of costumes, bronze sword set etc. worth seeing.

Obituary : Reg Burnell 1920 - 1985

On a warm sunny October day, Reg Burnell, the late Treasurer of the Federation, and President of Honour of the Basel Club, was laid to his final rest, October 14th 1985.

The shock of his sudden death from a heart attack while he was on holiday in England, reached us two weeks earlier; his body was returned to Switzerland by way of the European Railway network which he served, knew and loved so well. Over 100 people met in Dussingen, where his son Richard lives, to pay a final tribute to him, taking part in a moving service led by the Rev. T. Roberts, in the graveyard and church set deep among the cliffs and woods of the Swiss Jura.

Born a Guernseyman, Reg lived through the war in German-occupied Guernsey, and came to Switzerland in 1948 to work for and help set up the Swiss office of British Railways in Basel. He became senior Vice-President of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Basel in 1949, and its President in 1962; resigning this office ten years later, he became President of Honour. Since the 1970's he had been Treasurer of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs until his untimely death. As deputy manager, he retired from British Railways in 1982.

The Club and the Federation mourn a colleague and friend, a more than competent organiser, a calm easy-going but thorough and willing associate, both in his job and in his 'spare-time' activities.

We of the Basel Committee shall miss the barbecues in his allotment garden, which he kept so neat and flourishing, his steady well-considered advice and the summer walks he organised - the last one as recently as 8th August, over the hills above Dussingen. That is in no way ironic, but simply fitting. Farewell Reg; we will all miss you. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his widow, son and daughter.



1986

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 15th 1986.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Chur, Fribourg,
Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Kocarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and St Gall.

The British Ambassador, Mr. John R. Rich, invited the
delegates for aperitives in the British Ambassador's
Residence. The luncheon was taken at the Grauer Hotel,
Berne, the British Ambassador and Sir Edmund and
Lady Grove were our guests.

Congress venue - Brunnen.

New Clubs:

Anglo-Swiss Club, Geneva, and
English Speaking Group, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
were proposed and accepted.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on October 18th 1986.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
St Gall and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. Le Breton of the Consulate General, Zurich.

Congress at Brunnen was well attended, 120 people came,
a delightful spot.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. & Mrs. Le Breton, British Consul General, Zurich,
representing the British Ambassador, Mr. John Rich, also
Mr. & Mrs. Hilton of Swiss Mercantile Society, London.

Inaugural Dinner of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Geneva:
56 people attended, speakers were: a British lawyer,
a Swiss lawyer, the President of the Federation,
Mrs. J. Martinet, and the British Consul General, Geneva.

Ascension Day outing of Zone II:

50-odd Baslers, Bielers and Solothurners went from Wangen-
a.d.Aare to Inwilersee, a happy gathering and a glorious day.

1987

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 21st 1987.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall and Zurich.

Mrs. Martinet announced the passing away of Mrs. Ruth Sailer,
Vice-President of the A.S.C., St.Gall. Mrs. Sailer took a
keen interest in the Federation.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. John R. Rich CMG, British Ambassador and Mrs. Rich.
Congress venue - Fürigen a/Bürgenstock.

Council Meeting held in Baden on October 24th 1987.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, Chur, Geneva, Langenthal,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure,
St Gall, Winterthur and Zurich, also Mr. P. Le Breton,
British Consul in Zurich.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. P. Le Breton, British Consul, Zurich.

Congress on Fürigen was not much favoured, rooms below the
usual standard, but a surplus was made , much appreciated
by our Treasurer, Mr. Pavel.

Mrs. A. Hostettler announced the death of Dr.P. Honold,
Vice-President of the Federation for 15 years and Lecture
Organiser for a longer period. Dr. Honold took a keen interest
in the Federation, he was also President of the A.S.C.,
Soleure, in earlier years. Former Council Members of the
Federation and Members of the A.S.C., Soleure attended the
funeral at the Cathedral of Soleure.

Council Officers:

Mrs. Martinet referred to the work done in the Committee
and thanked each member. The President also stressed the need
for new clubs.

Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of Mrs. Martinet as President,
and proposed the election of the committee en bloc except for
Mr. Pooley, Vice-President, who wished to resign.

As new Vice-President, Mr. D.H.Green, Basle, was elected by a
majority vote.

After the meeting we all enjoyed an interesting City Tour
through the old parts of Baden, arranged by Mr. Dury, Baden.

1988

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 5th 1988.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Biel, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. John R. Rich CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Rich.

Congress venue - Brunnen.

Clubs Anniversaries in 1988:

80th English Club, Biel
60th Anglo-Swiss Club, Winterthur
50th Anglo-Swiss Club, Neuchâtel
50th Anglo-Swiss Club, Soleure
25th English Speaking Club, Geneva.
30th Big Ben Club, Lugano .

Council Meeting held in Basle on October 22nd 1988.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Chur,
Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall and Zurich.

Congress at Brunnen was very well attended over 110 persons
came. The weather was lovely, what delicious food,
a great success, happy people.

New Club:

Mrs. Martinet welcomed three members of the Neuchâtel Club
International, the Club had applied and was accepted.

Mrs. Rüttimann announced the celebration of the 65th
anniversary of the A.S.C. Lucerne, a combined Birthday/
Christmas Party.

Council Officers:

Mrs. Martinet reported on the year gone by and thanked
the Committee for the hard work.

Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of Mrs. Martinet as
President and of the other members of the Council en bloc
- for one more year - except of Mrs. Adams, Montreux, who
wished to resign as Editor.

Mr. Ph. Reverdin, Geneva, offered to do the work as
Editor, he was elected with thanks.

NO issue of Anglo-Swiss Newsletters in 1987 and 1988.

Mr. Bryon Stone, Chairman of the British Circle, Basle,
organised a lovely tour through many old parts of Basle,
some places were even unknown to Swiss members.
Thank you Mr. Stone.

1989

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 11th 1989.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Chur,
Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Christopher Long, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Long.

Congress venue - Saanen near Gstaad.

Council Meeting held in Lausanne on October 21st 1989.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Fribourg,
Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall and Zurich -
37 delegates from 20 Clubs !

Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne, 60th anniversary, thus a
celebration lunch combined with this meeting had been
arranged.

Guests at the luncheon:

Mr. J.R. Paterson, Consul General, Geneva

Mr. Philip Cole, Cultural Attaché of the British Embassy,
Berne, and Mrs. Cole.

Mr. Gustave Chaudet, founder member of the A.S.C. Lausanne.

Congress at Saanen did not come up to our expectation.
The interest in our Federation was lacking, the service
in the hotel was far from being first-class.

Resignations - new Council Officers:

Mrs. Martinet, President, gave her end-up year report
before resigning after 5 years in office. She pointed out
the importance of encouraging new clubs to join the
Federation. The President also thanked every committee
member for the hard and efficient work done.

Mr. Green, Vice-President, thanked Mrs. Martinet for her
work done during 5 years in office and presented her with
a handsome Pewter and flowers, also Mrs. Vuillé, Secretary,
received a token and some flowers.

The new Committee:

President	Mrs. B. Rüttimann
Vice-President	Mrs. L. Meschini
Secretary	Mrs. M. Allenspach
Treasurer	Mr. M. Pavel
Lect. Organiser	Mrs. A. Green
Editor	Mr. M. Welling.

Anglo-Swiss Circle, St Gall:

About 15 members went for a week-end to Lugano, visited the
exhibition at Villa Favorita, did boat trips and ascended
by railway San Salvatore. They had a really good time.

Club anglo-suisse de L

Les diamants

Les 23 clubs anglo-suisses ne comptent que 20% de sujets de Sa Majesté, ce qui n'empêche pas les quelque 3000 membres de ne parler que la langue de Shakespeare lorsqu'ils se rencontrent. C'est la règle.

Et qui dit règle, dit aussi généralement respect des traditions. C'est pourquoi la section lausannoise vient de célébrer son 60e anniver-

saire — un «diamond jubilee» — en portant deux toasts: l'un à Sa Gracieuse Majesté la reine d'Angleterre, l'autre au non moins gracieux président de la Confédération, Jean-Pascal Delamuraz. Ainsi, pas de jaloux, l'honneur est sauf!

La journée de fête a commencé très sérieusement par l'assemblée générale de la Fédération des clubs an-

gio-suisses: à cette occasion, une nouvelle présidente centrale a été élue en la personne de Brenda Ruttimann. Celle-ci remplace de fait la dynamique Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts, membre de l'Ordre de l'Empire britannique, qui a offert cinq ans de bons et loyaux services à la tête de cette fédération, et qui reste tout de même présidente de la section lausannoise.



Brenda Ruttimann, présidente de la Fédération des clubs anglo-suisses, James R. Paterson, consul général de la Grande-Bretagne. Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts MBE, ancienne présidente de la fédération, Guy Martinet-Roberts.



Sonia Cole, James R. Paterson, consul général de Grande-Bretagne, Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts MBE, Phil Cole, 2e secrétaire presse auprès de l'ambassade britannique.

ausanne

sont éternels

Après la partie statutaire, les sujets de Sa Majesté Elisabeth II, ceux de Guillaume Tell, et tous les autres, ont pu enfin passer aux choses sérieuses: «the» menu — nettement plus gaulois que britannique, il faut le souligner.

Ont honoré cette agape de leur présence: James R. Patterson, consul général de Grande-Bretagne à Genève,

qui représentait l'ambassadeur de Sa Majesté à Berne, Phil Cole, second secrétaire à l'ambassade britannique, et l'un des membres fondateurs de la section lausannoise, le docteur en droit Gustave Chaudet, de Bloinay, accompagné de son épouse.

Fondée en 1929 par un groupe d'étudiants suisses qui revenaient dans leur «bonne ville» de Lausanne,

la section locale se réunit chaque semaine au foyer de Saint-François. Pour les membres de tous âges et de tous milieux, le club offre l'occasion de pratiquer l'anglais, au travers de diverses activités, telles que conférences, soirées créatives, etc.

Tel est le phare — «the lighthouse», dirait Virginia Woolf — des amoureux de la langue de Shakespeare.



Claudine et Gustave Chaudet (membre fondateur du club de Lausanne), Maisie Blenz, (archiviste de la Fédération des clubs anglo-suisses).



L'anglo-suisse club de Lausanne autour de sa présidente (assise au milieu), Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts MBE.

ercredi 25 octobre 1989

24 heures

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RÉGION LAUSANNOIS



June Barley, Denis Sandiford, Henri-Albert Girard, «Kiki» Girard.
Photos Jane Way



Howard Green, (prés. Bâle), Anitra Green, Ann Hostettler (Soleure), Marion Allenspach (Lucerne).



Debout: Michael Wellington, Brenda Girardbille, Simone Perrenoud, Edward Nassar. Assis: Jacqueline Schupbach, Denise Redman, Joy Humbert (vice-présidente Lausanne), Denis Helfer.



Mina et Werner Koch (Blenne), Sylvia Jakob (Bienne).



**Gustave Chaudet
founder member of
Lausanne Anglo-Swiss Club
who attended and addressed
the Club's Sixtieth
Anniversary Luncheon**

1990

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 10th 1990.
Present: Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Biel/Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and Zurich.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. Colin Bright, Counsellor of the British Embassy, Berne,
representing the British Ambassador, who was unable to come.

Congress venue - Locarno.

Anglo-Swiss News:

Mr. Dury, Baden, thanked Mr. Welling, Editor, for the new
look of the ASN.

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on October 20th 1990.

Present: Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel/Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva,
Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux,
Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Winterthur and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Franz Kurzmeyer, Mayor of Lucerne, and Mrs. Kurzmeyer,
Miss Gill Remington, British Embassy, and
Mr. Richard Scherrer, Pres. of the A.S.C. Lucerne -
Bournemouth Twinning Association.

Congress at Locarno -after 30 years- was a wonderful week-
end. The dinner and banquet at the Grand Hotel were
exquisite, the service first-class, 120 persons attended.
Souvenirs from the Ticino and chocolates beside the plates
of each person. A boat trip to "Isolé di Brissago" on Saturday,
aperitives at the "Castello di Locarno" on Sunday.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. Colin Bright, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission,
and Mrs. Bright

Avv. V. Mariotti, representative of the Municipality of Locarno
Sir John Eccles, former Nobel Prize Winner for Physiology.

Mrs. Rüttimann extended warmest thanks to Mrs. L. Meschini and
Mrs. T. Fantoni for the tremendous work they had done to make
the weekend at Locarno such a big success.

Council Officers:

Mrs. Rüttimann expressed her appreciation to the Vice-President
Secretary, Treasurer, Lecture Organiser and Editor for all
their work in perfect co-operation.

The President and the Committee agreed to stand for re-election
except Mrs. Green. A present and a posy of flowers were handed
over to her in appreciation of her 8 years as Lecture
Organiser. Mrs. A. Hostettler took over the vacant post.

The International Club, Neuchâtel, had tendered its
resignation.

We heard that Mr. Hans Bauer, founder member of the
Anglo-Swiss Club, Locarno, died in July 1990.



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GRAND HOTEL - LOCARNO



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PROGRAMME

Saturday 9th. June

For those taking part in the Boat-Trip, please be at the «Imbarcadero» - the landing stage of Locarno - by not later than 13.35 - to collect your ticket.

For those who wish to enjoy the Games, please consult the notice Board in the hall at the Grand Hotel.

19.00 APERITIVES - on the Terrace

19.30 - 01.00 a.m. DINNER-DANCE
in the Ball-Room
to the music of Mr. De Lusi and his Friends

Sunday 10th. June

For the Remainder of the Sports - Swimming, Tennis, etc.
please consult the notice Board in the hall.

11.00 At the «Castello di Locarno»
Aperitives kindly offered by the Municipal
Authorities of Locarno

13.00 GRAND HOTEL - LUNCHEON
with as Guests of Honour:
Mr. Colin Bright, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission,
and Mrs. Bright
Avv. V. Mariotti, representant of the Municipio Locarno

The A.S.C. Locarno welcomes you and wishes you a very happy and carefree week-end



Convegno degli Anglo-Swiss Clubs

La scorsa fine settimana al Grand Hotel Locarno si è svolto un convegno della Federazione Anglo-Swiss Clubs. La manifestazione è stata contraddistinta nella mattinata di domenica da un ricevimento al Castello dei Visconti, a cui hanno partecipato 120 persone. Sono fra gli altri intervenuti con le loro consorti il Premio Nobel per la medicina e fisiologia Sir John Eccles, cittadino onorario di Tenero-Contra, e Colin Bright, in rappresentanza dell'ambasciatore britannico Christopher Long, che non ha potuto presenziare essendo stato richiamato a Berna sabato. In rappresentanza delle autorità comunali, un breve saluto è stato pronunciato dal municipale avv. Vittorio Mariotti. Il convegno si è svolto in Ticino per la prima volta in 30 anni ed è stato impeccabilmente organizzato dall'Anglo-Swiss club cittadino, presieduto da Linette Meschini, vice-presidente a livello nazionale. La Federazione degli Anglo-Swiss Clubs, presieduta da Brenda Rüttiman, si occupa della promozione dei buoni rapporti d'amicizia e culturali tra la Svizzera e le nazioni del Commonwealth. Nella foto (di Nicola Pedrazzini) un momento della manifestazione, con il saluto dell'avvocato Vittorio Mariotti. A destra il Premio Nobel Sir John Eccles.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Locarno

HANS BAUER

Founder member 1986
Committee member 1990

Hans Bauer suffered a massive stroke in May and died on 24 July. On 30 July, he was laid to rest beside the Thames at the thirteenth century church of All Saints, Bisham, one mile south of Marlow, attended by family and friends, the latter including your President.

The most Anglo-Swiss of our members, Hans' affection for England was never better demonstrated than when he proposed the vote of thanks to Churchill's former bodyguard at a meeting at the Hotel d'Angleterre. We learned of his admiration for Churchill, his knowledge of the life of the great man, and that he had visited the grave at Bladon. A widower, Hans had planned to re-marry in September. He was elected to the Committee at this year's AGM, and we were greatly looking forward to his participation, but unfortunately he was able to attend only one meeting.

His death represents the passing of one of our most valued members, and the Club will be poorer without him.

1991

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 9th 1991.

Present: Mrs.B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Biel, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall,
Mr. Lüssi, Wattwil and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Phil Cole, Information Officer, British Embassy,
and Mrs. Cole.

Anglo-Swiss Weekend (formerly Congress) - Engelberg.

Mr. Lüssi spoke about the introductory meeting and
forthcoming events in the new Club at Wattwil.

Mr. Green gave details of the 80th anniversary celebration
in Basle in October.

A letter of thanks had been received from Clarence House,
London, for the good wishes the Federation had sent to
Queen Mother on her 90th birthday.

Council Meeting held in Soleure on October 26th 1991.

Present: Mrs.B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall
and Zurich.

Anglo-Swiss Weekend at Engelberg did not attract so many
people, about 80 came from 9 clubs. All the same it was
an enjoyable weekend. The visit to the Monastery was
interesting and much appreciated.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle. The 80th anniversary was a great
success: an afternoon tour on a London double decker through
Basle, a gala dinner attended by 90 persons.

Guests: Mr. Michael Smith, H.B. Consul General in Zurich,
and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Brenda Rüttimann, President of the
Federation, presidents and members from clubs in Fribourg,
Neuchâtel, Soleure, British Circle, Basle, the American
Women's Club etc.

Council Officers:

Mrs. Rüttimann, President, and the Committee were thanked for
their great work. The President and the Council were re-elected
unanimously and with a hearty applause.

Jubilee Weekend at Interlaken to be held on June 13th/14th
1992, 60th anniversary of the Federation. Lots of
attractions, rides in horse-drawn carriages - a big event
the planting of a tree on Sunday, the gift of the Federation
to the Swiss Confederation for its 700 anniversary in 1991.
We hope for large delegations from all federated clubs to
make this an unforgettable, happy birthday weekend.

Guests from the British Embassy and the town of Interlaken
will be with us on Sunday.

Let's go with a swing into the next forty years
of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs.

Eine britische Eiche für Interlaken

Anglo-Swiss Clubs jubilieren nächstes Jahr auf dem Bödeli

ae. Die «Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs», der in 24 Vereinen rund 3000 Mitglieder angehören, will im Juni 1992 in Interlaken das 60-Jahr-Jubiläum feiern und als leicht verspätetes Geschenk zum 700. Geburtstag der Eidgenossenschaft im Garten des Grandhotels Beau Rivage eine Eiche pflanzen. Das OV/Echo konnte sich mit der Präsidentin Brenda Rüttimann über das Jubiläum und über die Ziele der Federation unterhalten.

In den Anglo-Swiss Clubs treffen sich Engländerinnen und Engländer, viele von ihnen in der Schweiz verheiratet, sowie Schweizerinnen und Schweizer mit Beziehungen zu Grossbritannien und guten Englischkenntnissen. Ziele sind die Förderung guter Kameradschaft (Fellowship) und kulturerller Beziehungen zwischen den Völkern der Schweiz und des Commonwealth. Klubsprache ist Englisch. Vorträge, Besichtigungen, Essen und Ausflüge stehen auf dem Programm der zweimal monatlich stattfindenden Treffen. Beliebt sind Vortragstourneees britischer Referenten.

Seit zweieinhalb Jahren ist die in Stoke-on-Trent in den Midlands aufgewachsene Brenda Rüttimann Präsidentin der Federation. Vor 26 Jahren ist sie in die Schweiz gekommen, und seit einem Vierteljahrhundert ist sie in verschiedenen Funktionen im Anglo-Swiss Club von Luzern und in der Federation tätig. In Weggis ist sie in einer privaten Hotelfachschule für Ausländer als



Brenda Rüttimann, Präsidentin der «Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs».
(Robert Aemmer)

Fachlehrerin tätig. Der sehr gut schweizerdeutsch sprechenden Brenda Rüttimann gefällt es in der Schweiz, empfindet es jedoch, dass sie manchmal nach so langer Zeit immer noch als «Fremde» angesehen werde.

Die 24 Klubs sind über die ganze Schweiz verteilt; im Berner Oberland gibt es aber keinen Anglo-Swiss Club, der nächste ist in Bern. Brenda Rüttimann würde sich freuen, wenn sich hier ein Club bilden würde. Vielleicht gibt die Jubiläumsfeier Anlass zur Gründung?

Jubiläumsfeier am 13./14. Juni 1992

Die Präsidentin gibt zwei Gründe an, weshalb die 60-Jahr-Feier in Interlaken begangen werden soll. Einmal wurde bereits das 50-Jahr-Jubiläum – damals im Grand Hotel Victoria-Jungfrau – hier gefeiert. Andererseits weil viele Engländer gute Erinnerungen an Interlaken hätten. Interlaken sei immer noch ein wunderschöner Ort. Sie freue sich, hier feiern zu können.

Zwischen 120 und 150 Clubmitglieder würden am Treffen im Grand Hotel Beau Rivage teilnehmen. Am Samstagnachmittag sollen sportliche Wettkämpfe zwischen den einzelnen Klubs stattfinden: Tennis, Minigolf, Dart und Kegeln. Am Abend wird mit einem Nachtessen und Unterhaltung gefeiert. Am Sonntagvormittag schliesslich soll als Geschenk an Interlaken aus Anlass des 700-Jahr-Jubiläums der Eidgenossenschaft im Garten des Hotels eine Eiche gepflanzt und ein Erinnerungsplakette angebracht werden. Bäume seien immer etwas Schönes, und Eichen seien typisch für Grossbritannien, erklärt Brenda Rüttimann. Sie hoffe, dass später viele Engländer hieher kommen würden, um die Eiche zu sehen. Sie rechnet damit, dass an der Jubiläumsfeier der britische Botschafter in Bern und prominente Gäste aus der Schweiz teilnehmen werden.

Der Jubiläumsanlass in Interlaken soll dazu dienen, die britisch-schweizerische Freundschaft zu stärken.

FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS

1932 - 1992

Founder Members:

Mrs. P.	Peter	E.C.	Bienne
Mr. James	Lothian	E.C.C.	Geneva
Mr. HRS.	Sanders	A.S.C.	Lucerne

(1932-35 Notes have not survived).

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1935	Mr. L. Brändli	Mr. HRS. Sanders	Mrs. P. Peter	Mr. J. Lothian
1936	Mr. HRS. Sanders	Mr. AV. Thornton	Mr. CW. Olliver	Mr. L. Reiser
1937	Mr. CW. Olliver	Mr. HRS. Sanders	Mr. L. Hufschmied	"
1938	"	"	Mr. W. Braun	"
1939	Mr. CW. Welman	Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. AV. Thornton	Mr. DE Smith	Mr. G. Wirz
1940	"	Mr. W. Braun Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. CW. Zwez	"	"
1941	"	Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. HO. Müller Mr. CW. Zwez	"	"
1942	"	Prof. DJ. Gillam Dr. E. Haag Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1943	"	Mr. R. Butler Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1944	"	Mr. R. Butler Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1945	"	Mr. R. Butler Mr. R. Meuli Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1946	"	Mrs. P. Anastasi Mr. O. Leu Mr. R. Meuli	"	"
1947	"	Mrs. P. Anastasi Miss S. Girard Mr. O. Leu	"	"
1948	Mr. AV. Thornton	Mrs. P. Anastasi Miss S. Girard Mr. O. Leu	Mr. A. Dalby	"
1949	"	Mrs. P. Anastasi Miss S. Girard Mr. O. Leu	Mr. DE Smith	"

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1950	Mr. AV. Thornton	Combined <u>Vice-Pres./Zone</u> Mrs. P. Anastasi Mr. WV. Barton Mr. F. Eggstein Mr. J. Jenoure Mr. F. Ruf Mrs. N. Schaefer	Mr. DE Smith	Mr. G. Wirz
1951	"	Mr. WV. Barton Mrs. M. Casella Mr. H. Im Thurn Mr. J. Jenoure Mr. F. Ruf Mrs. N. Schaefer	"	"
1952	"	Mrs. N. Casella Mr. H. Im Thurn Mr. J. Jenoure Mrs. A. Schaefer	" "	Mr. L. Durscher
1953	"	<u>Fed. Vice-Pres.</u> Mr. J. Jenoure	"	"
1954	"	"	Mr. HR Fritscher	"
1955	"	"	"	"
1956	"	"	"	"
1957	"	"	"	Mr. G. Wirz
1958	"	"	"	Mr. AC. Martinet
1959	"	"	"	"
1960	Mr. J. Jenoure	Mr. DQ Stephenson	"	"
1961	"	"	"	"
1962	"	"	"	"
1963	"	"	"	"
1964	Mr. DQ Stephenson	Dr. P. Honold	Miss M. Bienz	"
1965	"	"	" "	"
1966	"	"	"	"
1967	"	"	"	"
1968	"	"	"	"
1969	"	"	"	"

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1970	Mr. DQ Stephenson	Dr. P. Honold	Miss M. Bienz	Mr. AC. Martinet
1971	"	"	"	Mr. RV. Burnell
1972	"	"	"	"
1973	"	"	"	"
1974	"	"	"	"
1975	"	"	" "	"
1976	"	"	"	"
1977	"	"	"	"
1978	"	" "	" "	"
1979	Mr. WR.Koch	Mr. WR Koch $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. Mrs. J Martinet	"	"
1980	"	"	Mrs. S. Jakob	"
1981	"	"	"	"
1982	"	" "	"	"
1983	"	"	"	"
1984	Mrs. J. Martinet	Mr. RW.Pooley	Mrs. C. Vuillé	"
1985	"	"	"	Mr. M. Pavel
1986	"	"	"	"
1987	"	Mr. DH.Green	"	"
1988	"	"	"	"
1989	Mrs. B. Rüttimann	Mrs. L.Meschini	Mrs. M.Allenspach	"
1990	"	" "	"	"
1991	"	"	"	"

Year	Editor	Lecture Fund (in charge)	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1932				
1935				
1936	Mr. CW. Welman	Mr. CW. Olliver		
1937	"	"	Mr. AC. Acton- Burnell B. Pro-Consul, GE	
1938	"	"	"	
1939	"	Mr. HM. Norman	"	
1940	"	"	Mr. LS. Haptie B. Vice-Consul, LU	
1941	"	Mr. CW. Zvez	"	
1942	"	Mr. CW. Welman	"	
1943	"	"	"	
1944	"	"	"	
1945	"	"	first Patrons Sir CL. Norton H.M. Minister Prof. WE. Rappard	
1946	Mr. DE. Smith	"	Mr. Th. M. Snow H.M. Minister	
1947	"	"	"	
1948	Mr. A. Dalby	"	"	first P. H. <u>Mr. CW. Welman</u>
1949	Mr. DQ. Stephenson	Mr. AV. Thornton	"	"

Year	Editor	Lecture Fund (in charge)	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1950	Mr. DQ. Stephenson	Mr. AV. Thornton	Mr. P. Scrivener H.M. Minister	Mr. CW. Welman
1951	"	"	"	"
1952	"	Mr. J. Jenoure	"	"
1953	"	"	Sir P. Scrivener H.M. Ambassador	"
1954	"	"	Mr. L. Lamb H.M. Ambassador	"
1955	"	"	"	"
1956	"	"	"	"
1957	"	"	"	"
1958	"	"	"	"
1959	"	"	Sir W. Montagu- Pollock H.M. Ambassador	"
1960	"	"	Mr. Paul Grey H.M. Ambassador	Mr. AV. Thornton
			Mr. CS. Allanson	
1961	Mr. R. Turnill	"	" "	(Mr. CW. Welman decd).
1962	"	"	" "	Mr. AV. Thornton decd).
1963	"	"	" "	
1964	"	<u>Lect. Organiser</u> Mr. J. Jenoure	Mr. RS. Isaacson H.M. Ambassador	Mr. J. Jenoure
1965	"	"	Mr. CS. Allanson	"
1966	"	"	" "	"
1967	"	"	" "	"
1968	Mrs. A. Green	Dr. P. Honold	" "	"
1969	"	"	Mr. HAF Hohler H.M. Ambassador	"

Year	Editor	Lecture Org.	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1970	Mrs. A. Green	Dr. P. Honold	Mr. ED. Midgley H.M. Ambassador Mr. AS. Allanson	Mr. J. Jenoure
1971	"	"	" "	"
1972	"	"	" "	"
1973	"	"	Mr. JR. Wraight H.M. Ambassador "	"
1974	"	Mrs. J. Martinet	" "	"
1975	"	Mrs. N. Stephenson	" "	"
1976	"	"	Sir JR. Wraight H.M. Ambassador	Mr. J. Jenoure decd.
1977	"	"	Mr. HK. Rothnie H.M. Ambassador	
1978	"	"	"	
1979	"	"	"	Mr. DQ. Stephenson
1980	Mrs. G. Lang	Mrs. H. Rüttimann	Mr. CSR. Cliffard H.M. Ambassador	"
1981	"	"	"	"
1982	"	"	"	"
1983	"	"	"	"
1984	"	Mrs. A. Green	Mr. JE. Powell- Jones H.M. Ambassador	Mr. WR. Koch
1985	Mrs. J. Adams	"	Mr. JR. Rich H.M. Ambassador	" "
1986	"	"	"	" "
1987	"	"	"	" "
1988	Mr. Ph. Reverdin	"	"	" "
1989	Mr. M. Welling	"	Mr. Ch. Long H.M. Ambassador	" "
1990	"	Mrs. A. Hostettler	"	" "
1991	"	"	"	" "

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These pages record the

HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION

from its beginning in 1932 to 1992.

I should like to thank all Council Officers,
Club Presidents and Committees for their efforts
made - often under great difficulties during the
critical period of the war and following years -
to keep the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs alive.

Maisie Bienz

Maisie Bienz
Archivist

Basle, January 1992.



FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOOD
FELLOWSHIP AND CULTURAL RELATIONS
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SWITZERLAND AND THE NATIONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH

FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS

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60 YEARS
OF THE
FEDERATION

Appendix I

1992 - 1995

1992

JUBILEE YEAR -
60th ANNIVERSARY 1932 - 1992.

COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 14th 1992.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P), Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P), since 1989,

Mr. M. Pavel (T), since 1985,

Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.), since 1990,

Mr. M. Welling (Ed. ASN), since 1989,

Miss M. Bienz (Archivist), since 1985,

also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg	ESC	Basle	ASC and BC	Bienne	EC and SMSEC
Fribourg	ASC	La Chaux-de-Fonds	IESC	Langenthal	EC
Lausanne	ASC	Locarno	ASC	Lucerne	ASC
Lugano	Big Ben C	Neuchâtel	ASC	Soleure	ASC
St Gall	ASC	Zurich	BC,		

Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, hon. President.

Absent: Mrs. M. Allenspach (S), since 1989.

35 delegates from 16 Clubs were present.

GUEST AT LUNCHEON:

Mr. Paul Chatt, British Consul in Berne.

After the meeting we were invited for tea at the home of Counsellor Colin Bright and Mrs. Jane Bright.

Mrs. Rüttimann, the president, sounded a sad note from the beginning, the ASC Montreux, a very active club, had ceased functioning owing to lack of support (a federated club since 1943!) Grateful thanks were extended to Mrs. Caroline Bourget, president of the club, for all her efforts made to run the club for so many years. A token of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Bourget.

VENUE OF THE JUBILEE WEEKEND, INTERLAKEN.

Clubs were invited to make special table decorations, to be judged for prizes ; also to bring little flags - Union Jacks, Swiss and local. Mrs. Bourget proposed crackers, which she makes in aid of St John's church in Territet. Mr. Bob Howis of St Gall offered Fr. 50.-- towards the cost. Raffles would be organised.

Mr. Pavel, the treasurer, asked for donations to the tree fund, Fr. 50.-- per club, but private donations would also be welcome.

Saturday afternoon, 4 pm, a tour of Interlaken of one hour in horse-drawn carriages had been organised.

Sunday morning the tree-planting ceremony on the grounds of the Beau Rivage Hotel, Interlaken.

Guests:

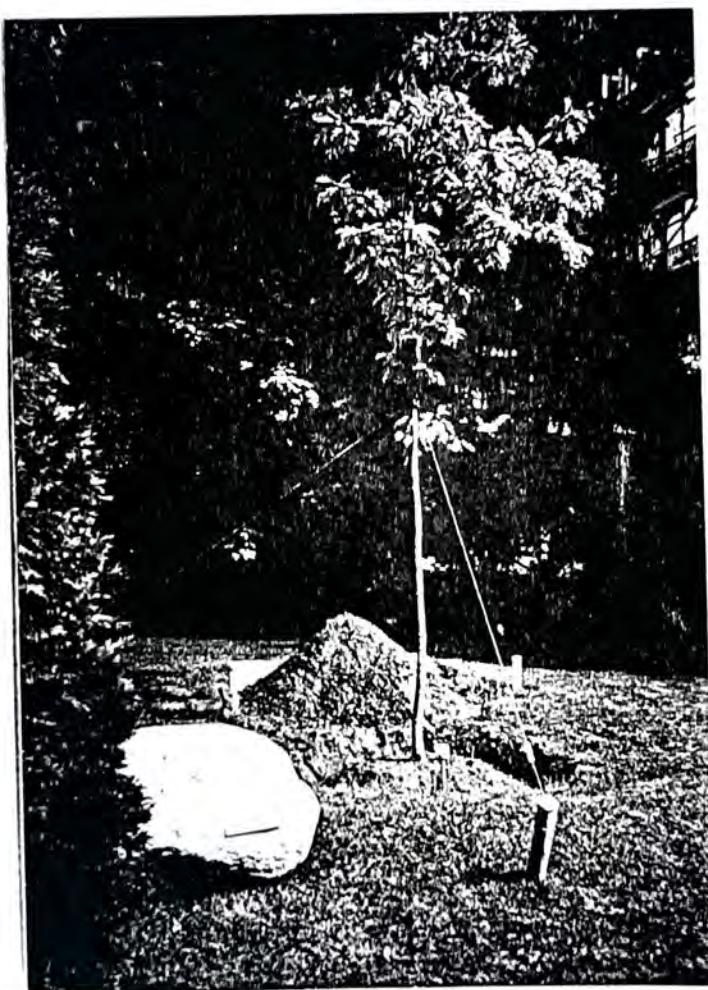
The new British Ambassador in Berne,

Delegates of the Swiss Confederation and the Landamann of the town of Interlaken.



Interlaken ... in 12 horse-drawn carriages

Quercus Robur Oak



This tree was presented by the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs to commemorate its 60th Jubilee and the 700th Jubilee of the Swiss Confederation, and planted on 14th June 1992.

JUBILEE WEEKEND
60th ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 13/14th 1992.

BEAU RIVAGE HOTEL, INTERLAKEN:

125 members and friends, including 9 non-residents from 16 Clubs came to celebrate the founding of the Federation.

Mrs. Rüttimann (P), Mrs. Meschini (V-P) and Mrs. Allenspach (S) had come to Interlaken on Friday morning to ensure perfect organisation.

The weather was on our side. Sports were mostly completed by early afternoon. At 4 pm started the one-hour tour of the town, through many areas off the touristic places, with 12 horse-drawn carriages. It was great fun, people waved as we passed them. Dinner was served in a most beautiful dining room of the hotel, an excellent dinner, the service was synchronized, crackers were cracked. We danced to the music of Mr. Heer, our entertainers were Steve Bryant and Barbara.

Lucky Dip, be organised by Miss Perrenoud and her ladies of Neuchâtel, the Bottle Raffle, arranged by Mrs. Foster and Mr. Evans of Lugano and the Weight and Quantity guessing game by Mrs. Meschini all went well. Mrs. Rüttimann's humour and Mrs. Allenspach's singing also added much to the excellent atmosphere. During the evening Mrs. Stephenson went round the tables to judge the table decorations:

First prize went to the English Club, Bienné,
Nina Koch and Sylvia Jakob,
Second prize to the Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle,
Anitra Green, and
Third prize to the Big Ben Club, Lugano,
Pat Foster.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th:

dawned bright and sunny, and the sports were completed. We waited for the arrival of the new British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie, also Mr. Börlin and Mr. Best, diplomatic Assistants of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne and Mr. & Mrs. Jost from the Town Council of Interlaken.

The gift of an Oak Tree, on the occasion of the Federation's 60th Anniversary, to the Swiss Confederation celebrating its 700th Anniversary was to be celebrated. The tree was already planted. Mrs. Rüttimann, the president, extended a hearty welcome to the guests. H.E. the new Ambassador in Berne, in the company of Mrs. David Beattie, thanked Mrs. Rüttimann for the invitation, stressing the importance of friendship and cooperation between our countries. The Ambassador and Mr. Börlin of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne wielded the first spadefulls of earth into the hole of the tree and then it was symbolically watered by our two honorary presidents, Mr. D.Q. Stephenson MBE and Mr. W. Koch MBE. The commemorative plaque was unveiled by the Ambassador and Mr. Börlin, who spoke about the importance of the gift of a tree, especially an oak with its history and mythology down the ages in Europe.

Special thanks were expressed to the daughter of Mrs. Allenspach, Elizabeth, who, as an arboriculturist (Tree expert) had carefully chosen and prepared the tree and everything to do with the planting.



Nos 1 - Mrs. B. Riittimann, the President,
2/3 - H.E. Mr. David Beattie, the Ambassador.



Nos 1 - Mr. Börlin of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne
2 - our honorary Presidents,
 Mr. D.Q. Stephenson MBE and Mr. W. Koch MBE,
3 - H.E. Mr. David Beattie, the Ambassador, and
 Mr. Börlin, S.F.O. in Berne.

JUBILEE WEEKEND
60th ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 13/14th 1992.

SUNDAY:

Aperitifs were served in the garden, followed by an excellent indoor buffet lunch.

The Ambassador, Mr. David Beattie, who had arrived in Switzerland a few weeks before, briefly outlined his previous posting: Moscow, Cyprus, Vienna and Nato, Brussels. He was very much looking forward to his time in Switzerland and showed a keen interest in the Federation programme. He proposed a toast to H.M. the Queen and Mrs. Rüttimann reciprocated with a toast to the President of the Swiss Confederation.

What a surprise it was when Mrs. Rüttimann read a telegram of congratulation to the Federation from H.M. THE QUEEN !

Another surprise this time for our president !

Mr. Jost of the Town Council of Interlaken presented to Mrs. Rüttimann the Golden Key of Interlaken, making our president an honorary citizen of the town.

A former secretary of the Federation, Mr. H.-R. Fritscher, gave us a short review of past Anglo-Swiss Weekends, from 1946 to early 1960.

Mrs. David Beattie kindly presented the winning cups for the various sports.

Mr. Börlin, diplomatic assistant of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne thanked Mrs. Rüttimann and the Federation for the kind invitation and the friendliness received.

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. RUETTIMANN (P), Mrs. ALLENSPACH (S), Mrs. MESCHINI (V-P) and Mr. PAVEL (T) for their considerable contributions, efforts and patience.

A wonderful and unforgettable JUBILEE WEEKEND for those who were there .



Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) and Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)
checking the arrival list in the hall of the
Beau Rivage Hotel, Interlaken.



Mr. Jost of the Town Council of Interlaken
presenting the Golden Key of Interlaken to
Mrs. B. Rüttimann, the president.

1992

JUBILEE YEAR -
60th ANNIVERSARY 1932 - 1992.

COUNCIL MEETING held in Lugano on October 24th 1992.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)
Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)
Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.) Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg ESC Basel ASC and BC Bienne EC
Chur ASC Langenthal EC Lausanne ASC
Locarno ASC Lucerne ASC Lugano Big Ben C.
Neuchâtel ASC Soleure ASC Zurich BC.

Absent: Mr. M. Welling (Ed. ASN).

23 delegates from 13 Clubs were present,
(less than usual, the distance may have been the cause).

GUEST AT LUNCHEON:

Mr. Aldo Crivelli, hon. British Consul in Lugano.
The aperitif was offered by the Big Ben Club, Lugano.

Mrs. Rüttimann, the president, referred to the Jubilee Weekend. She mentioned in particular the positive aspect for the Federation of the contact with the Ambassador, the Swiss Government and the Beau Rivage Hotel. The president expressed thanks to all those who had taken an active part in the money-raising projects:

The Lucky Dip, arranged by the ladies of Neuchâtel, Mrs. Meschini for the Weight and Quantity guessing game, and Mrs. Foster and Mr. Evans for the Bottle Sale. The tour of Interlaken in 12 horse-drawn carriages had been much appreciated.

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mrs. Rüttimann said that the year had gone by so quickly, the highlight had been the JUBILEE WEEKEND.

Mr. Dury took the chair when the Committee stood down.

He praised Mrs. Rüttimann's capacities in organising Federation affairs, especially the Jubilee Weekend, and mentioned the president's close contact with the Embassy.

Mrs. Rüttimann's intimate knowledge of the Hotel trade were also of great advantage to the Federation. Mrs. Rüttimann was re-elected as president with a big round of applause. Back in the chair, Mrs. Rüttimann thanked Mr. Dury for his kind remarks. The president praised each of her Council Officers, especially for their great support in the preparation of the Jubilee Weekend. 'A wonderful Committee', said Mrs. Rüttimann.

As all the other officers were standing for election, they were re-elected 'en bloc' with acclamation.

CLUB NEWS:

The INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB, LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS, informed us of a lovely trip across the Lake to explore MORAT.

The ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB OF GENEVA paid a visit to the Suisse Romande Television Studio last spring.

The ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LAUSANNE, arranged an evening through local vineyards, followed by a visit to the ancient winepress at the CHATEAU OF LUREY early October.

60th Anniversary of the English Club - Jubilee Speech

October 8, 1988

Dear Members, Dear Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I give you the biography of our cherished birthday child, whose 60 years we are celebrating.

In fact, our Club was founded exactly 60 years ago, on October 8, 1928, in the Restaurant Steinbock, Winterthur. Its most striking feature is that it was christened three times, but on the whole it remained very much the same.

From 1928 to 1964 it was the English Club Winterthur

from 1964 to 1982 the Anglo-Swiss Club Winterthur and

from 1982 to this day the English-Speaking Club Winterthur.

Here some excerpts from the Statutes:

1928, Article 1

The object of the Club is to enable the members to preserve and extend their knowledge of English by means of conversation, debates, readings, recitation and lectures, and further to foster good fellowship amongst the members by entertainments, excursions, etc.

Article 2

For this purpose, regular meetings are held, and a library is put at the disposal of the members.

1982, Article 1

The object of the Club is to foster fellowship through social activities among those people in and around Winterthur who have as common interest the English language and its associated way of life.

In 1928 there were very few possibilities in Winterthur to learn and practice English, and the Club stepped into the gap.

Miss Bertha Schneider and 24 interested people founded the Club and went into action straight away. There was a meeting on every Monday evening.

1st Monday of the month:

Conversation, games

2nd Monday of the month:

Reading by members out of library books

3rd Monday of the month:

Debates

4th Monday of the month:

Lectures on grammar, literature, conversational English, mainly by Prof. Schwarz of the Handelsschule, who was devoted to the Club and rendered invaluable service for many years.

In Summer, the meetings were replaced by evening walks greatly enjoyed by everybody. Mind, be punctual and meet in adequate clothes. The discipline was hard to keep in the good season of the year.

The first Annual General Meeting took place already in December 1928. The Committee, consisting of 5 members: President (Miss Schneider), Vice-President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary, was quite efficient and had very good ideas. Every member was asked to bring an English book along, the nucleus of the library which should rapidly increase to 205 books already in 1930, not to forget heaps of magazines. It was soon necessary to elect a special librarian. Further it was decided to hold a soiree in the Erlenhof, and a special ladies' committee was elected to the effect. Later on, the soiree: were changed into balls and took place in the Wartmann. Often the members came in fancy dresses according to a special motto "A cruise around the World", "Carnival" when one couple was so well disguised that nobody found out who they were before the masks were taken off, "Anbau-schlacht" when all were disguised as vegetables or garden tools. Another time, 4 ladies and gentlemen performed a minuet in costumes and wigs to the sound of a quartet, also formed by members.

Christmas on the other hand was held in a modest way. On the first AGM somebody had brought along a little Christmas tree, and the candles were lit, while another members read a Christmas story. The Club was not rich enough to offer everybody an orange.

Public lectures were organized right from the beginning and met with great interest. Up to 60 listeners were counted. In order to cover the high expenses, an entrance fee of Fr. 0.50 for members and Fr. 1.00 for guests was levied.

In Summer, outings were planned right from the beginning. The first one was quite a headache for the secretary. He wanted to go to the Schauenberg, but this was

criticized from both sides. Some found it too high, others too low, and still others wanted to go swimming instead. "A good thing it rained" was the final comment. Already the next year, things improved. 15 people went to the Schnebelhorn-Kreuzegg-Wattwil, as well as to the Glarner Fronalpstock. Even the Säntis was on the programme, all on foot with an overnight stay half way up. On Sunday the weather got doubtful. Some members who ventured the trip down over the Blauer Schnee, got soaked, whereas the others, who were more prudent, did not get a drop of rain.

Already then, garden parties were delightful. An old English tradition as well.

In 1930 a tennis section was founded. A very good thing indeed. In the Merz-Rieter Gut, near the Barock Hütsli, a court could be hired. Just imagine, every day at 6 a.m., 4 members used to meet and play before going to work. This healthy sport became ever so popular among the members. Tennis lessons were taken. Even tournaments took place both with the Adorf Tennis Club and the Tennis Section of the FC Winterthur. Soon a chairman and a treasurer of this group had to be appointed. Only in 1948 the tennis section had to be closed down, mainly because the court was no longer available. The tennis players were a cheerful crowd. Often they turned up at the AGMs with an accordion so that the younger ones danced till midnight. It was amazing how young Mr. Burkhardt, an elderly member of the Committee, got on these occasions is reported.

Never ending efforts and initiatives are characteristic for the first decade of the Club. A table tennis set, a gramophone with records and a wireless set were bought. All this with membership fees of Fr. 1.- per person and month. Only after a number of years, the fees had to be paid in 2 installments and no longer monthly. Poor treasurers! No wonder that despite great private help, the Club had in 1935 a deficit of Fr. 150.55.

Let me quote some incidents reported by Mr. Kappeler, one of the presidents of the early years. Lectures were always well attended. Soon the hall in the Steinbock got too small, and the Krone was chosen as meeting place, both for the Monday evenings and the lectures. Well known people were already then invited to Winterthur.

Mrs. Mary Hottinger-Macky (well known from her book "Brush up your English") shocked the ladies by her remark "Whenever I enter an overclean Swiss house, I feel like trampling around with my dirty shoes in the temple, in order to make it more homely". Mr. Masterman, a former headmaster of the Swiss Mercantile School in

London, came as well. He too shocked the nicely dressed, well behaved audience by shouting "Hallo boys and girls . . . And you, Kapeler, you silly ass". He seemed to have come in through the wrong door. A lecture on Winston Churchill held just before the war attracted friends of the Nazis as well. They sent letters of protest both to the Committee of the Club and the Management of the Bank where the president worked, because we had infringed on neutrality.

The war years were difficult and most activities stopped. A great exception was a Christmas celebration for British and Polish interned officers and soldiers in 1943.

It was even discussed whether the Club should be closed. With assets of Fr. 900.- and a good reputation in Winterthur, it was deemed that the Club should be carried on. In 1947, the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs was joined, and in 1948 the 20th anniversary was celebrated in big style. The members even took dancing lessons, the husbands and elderly ladies had got out of the habit of dancing.

However, the great event was the Club's 25th anniversary in 1953. A special number of the Anglo-Swiss Times, the paper of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, was issued. It contained a message by our mayor, Dr. Ruegg, an article on the Stiftung Oscar Reinhart by Dr. Lisbeth Staehelin, essentially a great number of contributions by the president, Mrs. Audrie Jappert, as well as by other members.

The next period was characterized by the president, Mr. William Bullock, who joined the Club straight after moving from England to Switzerland and held the post for 15 years. He was English as English can be: tough, witty and always smiling, never at a loss what to do and always finding a way out. He had the right contacts with the English community in Switzerland and intensified the cooperation with the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. This was made evident by changing the name of the Club into "Anglo-Swiss Club" in 1964. This central organization was helpful with English lecturers, both from English speaking countries and from Switzerland. Mr. Denis Stephenson one of our favourite guests, talked once on "How to become a Genius" which lecture had a very good echo in the Landbote. Mr. Bullock was also a great sportsman. The many mountain trips he organized will never be forgotten either. In his time, the delightful, real English Christmas parties were introduced. Roast turkey and Christmas pudding were a must. Even the custard had to be prepared according to a special recipe which had to be handed over to the chef in due time. Father Christmas

came along every year as well, both with a whip and a brimful sack. Under the auspices of the Club, a Welsh Miners' Choir gave an excellent concert in the Stadthausaal. It was again our most devoted president who took care of the miners while they were in Winterthur. Mr. Bullock's untimely death was a shock to all of us and a hard blow to the Club. An era had come to an end.

In this difficult situation a new and inexperienced Committee carried on. The Club nearly collapsed, and it took a lot of work, efforts and ideas to continue and get new members. People had become rather spoilt mainly due to TV and other perfect performances of all kinds. They wanted mainly to listen and get good entertainment. The Club met with these requirements as well as possible, but with difficulties, also because money was scarce and a good thing has its price. On the eve of lectures the Committee would worry, how many listeners might turn up, especially when the lecturers came a long way. May I mention that twice, a lecturer from the United States spoke to us on American history.

Another memorable evening (with a terribly small audience though) was a one-man show by the English actor, Brian Barnes: "The incredible Mr. Pepys" giving a lively picture of London at the time of the Great Fire.

In 1973 we had a Ceylon Tea Party in the home of our Vice-President. The Consul General of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Mr. Patmarajah, accompanied by his wife and his second secretary, gave a lecture with films on his country. In the interval Ceylon tea and specialties were served. For once we were so many that we had to take folding chairs along.

We had often English films on the programme. Once it was "Oliver Twist" by Dickens. We had informed the English teachers at the Kantonsschule without ever getting an answer. Therefore we were stunned when some 50 pupils of this school turned up. The hall for 20 people which we had booked, was far too small, and it was a blessing that the larger hall next door was free. No wonder the manager of the Volkshaus was displeased.

We regularly attended the plays given by the Comedy Club in Zurich. Once we were invited to a rehearsal which was quite amazing. Nobody was prepared, nothing was ready, and all the same the play "Lady Windermere's Fan" by Oscar Wilde only 10 days later was perfect.

Among the social events, fondue parties were always a success. On one occasion,

we even had representatives from the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs with us. They were so delighted that they invited themselves for the next Christmas party.

Speaking of the Federation, I nearly forgot to mention the Annual Congresses open to members of all Clubs. They are held in beautiful, luxurious hotels, such as the Victoria-Jungfrau in Interlaken, the Palace in Gstaad and include sports competitions of all kinds, a dinner dance on Saturday and a banquet on Sunday. A small crowd from Winterthur was nearly always present, and still is by the way.

All through the 70s we had a very good crowd. By and by, our members contributed a lot to Club life by giving talks, showing slides, organizing outdoor activities. Once we had a talk on collecting stamps. The halls in the Krone being occupied, our crowd of a dozen people was put into a "suite", a large bed-sitting room. It was a very pleasant and also interesting evening, so that we stayed on. At 10 p.m. Mr. Schellenberg came in, followed by a chamber maid. He asked us to be so kind and leave now. Downstairs in the small lobby, the next occupants of our cosy place were already waiting.

In 1982, a new crisis came up. The over-worked Committee resigned, and there was just nobody who was ready to take over, except the treasurer. After a second Annual General Meeting a new Committee could be found. It was decided to change things. The Club was rebaptized into English-Speaking Club. There would be no more lectures by guest speakers, these having become too expensive and involving a lot of work without too good results. The activities of the new Club would be of social character, it was decided. Active members, willing to contribute and take over the responsibilities for the events suggested by them, were wanted. Besides we meet regularly in an informal way for conversation evenings. I am glad to mention that due to great efforts of the Committee and the presidents we have had since then, our Club is doing quite well. Countless activities are on the programme, and even the cultural events have not disappeared altogether. We have very good lectures by our members and have also visited a number of places of interest which are numerous in the Winterthur area.

May I wind up by taking my glass and saying *A TOAST TO THE HOST. LONG LIVE OUR CLUB.*

S. Roth

1993

COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 20th 1993.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)
Mr. M. Pavel (T) Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.)
Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),

also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg	ESC	Basle	ASC	Berne	SBS
Bienne	EC & SMSEC	Geneva	ASC	Langenthal/Zofingen	EC
Locarno	ASC	Lucerne	ASC	Lugano	Big Ben C.
Neuchâtel	ASC	Soleure	ASC	St Gall	ASC
Zurich	BC.				

Absent: Mrs. M. Allenspach (S)

Mr. M. Welling (Ed. ASN), abroad.

28 delegates from 14 Clubs were present.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON FEUSISBERG - A NEW VENUE.

New sports: Crossbow shooting and mountain bikes, but no tennis and golf due to the position of Feusisberg.

Mr. John Beguin of AngloPhone, Geneva, spoke to us about the Company he works with. The firm offers information for English-speaking people who can phone in from all over Switzerland. The aim of the Company is to give correct information rapidly. No information in English was available in Switzerland before their existence.

THE FUTURE OF THE FEDERATION:

Logo with flags to remain, text to include 'English-speaking peoples'. Interzone meetings to be improved.

Club presidents and committees are responsible for their clubs, with backup from the Federation. Choice of lecturers is excellent. Local propaganda to be made in big firms, Information Centres in Towns, also insert 'English Club' with name and address in Telephone books.

Further discussions to follow.

Mr. W. Koch announced the 85th anniversary of the English Club, Bienne, in autumn 1993.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON JUNE 12/13th 1993,
HOTEL PANORAMA, FEUSISBERG:

97 members from 12 Clubs were present.

SATURDAY afternoon : a trip to Einsiedeln to visit the imposing Abbey and Monastery was arranged, about 15 people came.

SUNDAY - GUEST AT THE BANQUET:

Mr. Paul Chatt, British Consul in Berne.

A résumé of the History of the Federation was presented by Miss M. Bienz at the request of the President.

Mr. Chatt kindly presented the cups to the winners of the sports.

A successful weekend, excellent food and good service , in quiet countryside, with panoramic views over the Lake of Zurich, had come to an end.

1993

COUNCIL MEETING held in Zofingen on October 23rd 1993.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)

Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)

Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.) Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),
also the following federated Clubs:

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La Chaux-de-Fonds	IESC	Chur EC	Geneva ASC
Langenthal/Zofingen	EC	Lausanne ASC	Locarno ASC
Lucerne	ASC	Lugano Big Ben C.	Neuchâtel ASC
Soleure	ASC	St Gall ASC	Zurich BC,

Mrs. N. Stephenson.

36 delegates from 17 Clubs were present.

In memory of the Honorary President of the Federation,
Mr. D.Q. Stephenson MBE, who died in June,
2 minutes silence were observed.

Mrs. Rüttimann reported, sadly, another death, the secretary
of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne, Mrs. Denise Rebman.
Condolences were offered to the Club.

The president informed us of the resignation of Mr. Welling,
Editor of the ASN, as he had been posted back to Britain.
The Federation regretted losing him and thanked him in his
absence for his excellent work. Mrs. Anitra Green agreed to
take over once again.

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mrs. Rüttimann thanked the Committee for their help and
support during the year.

Mr. Green took over as Chairman. He suggested the re-election
of Mrs. Rüttimann with many thanks for her good work. The vote
was accepted unanimously.

Mrs. Rüttimann, back in the chair, thanked the meeting for the
vote. She reminded them that her term of office would come to
an end in a year's time and asked the audience to think of a
possible nomination. All the Committee Members were willing to
carry on, and they were re-elected 'en bloc' with many thanks.

Mr. Stephen Norton announced the 85th anniversary of the
English Club, Bienne. There would be a combined Christmas and
Jubilee Party on Saturday, December 18th, and guests would be
welcome.

After the meeting a guided tour of Zofingen was arranged ;
an originally fortified market town with narrow alleys, but
wide main streets and well-preserved historic buildings.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death
last June of

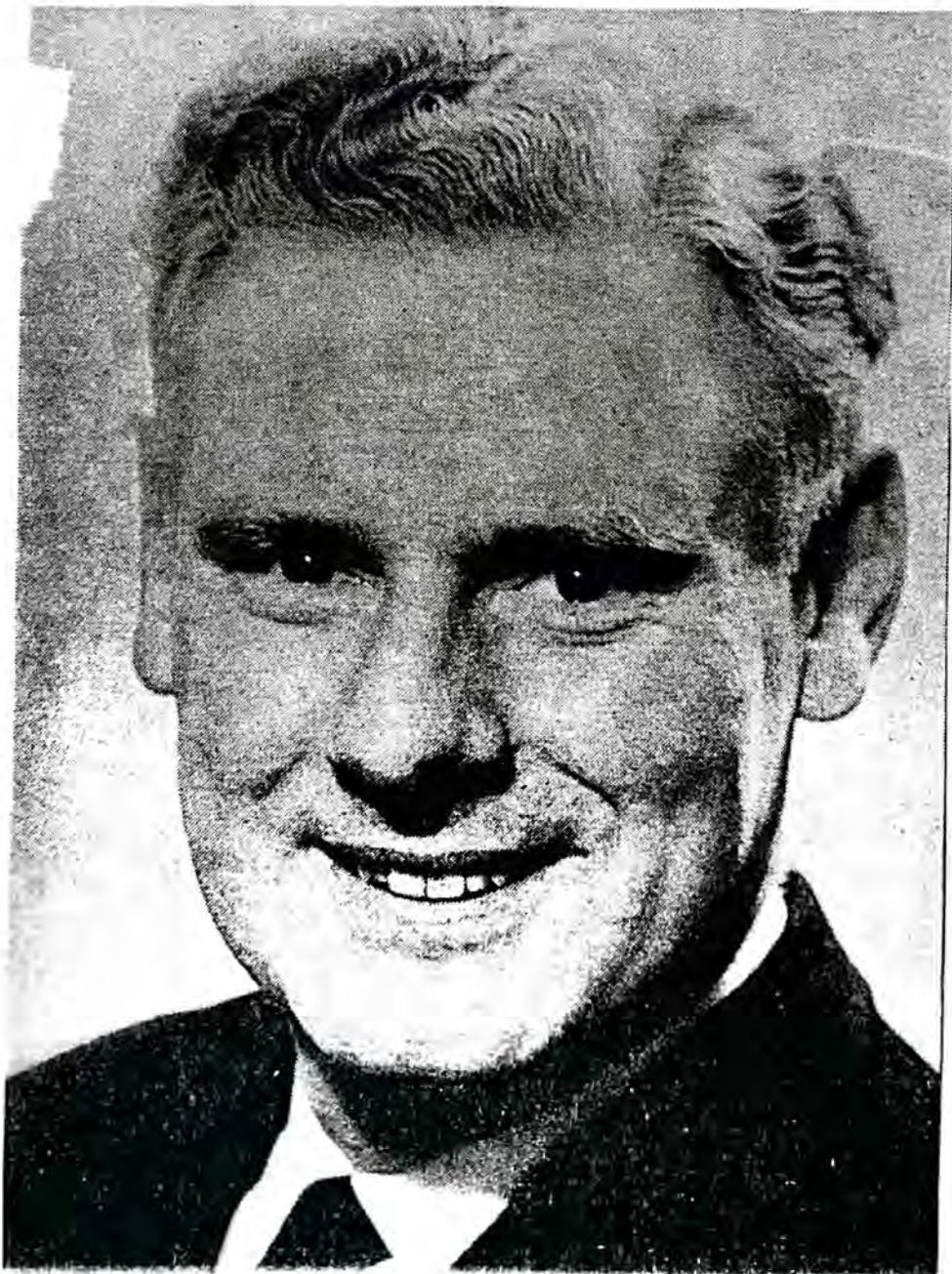
DENNIS Q. STEPHENSON, MBE
Honorary President

Editor of the A.S.Times	1949 - 1961
Vice-President of the A.-S. Federtation	1961 - 1964
President	1964 - 1979.

We shall always remember Dennis Stephenson for his great nature,
his outstanding wisdom in the management of affairs in the
Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and his very much appreciated,
wonderful lectures.

To Mrs. Norma Stephenson and the two sons we extend our heartfelt
sympathy in their great loss.

The memorial service held at St Leonhards-Kirche in Basel on
July 1st 1993 was attended by Mrs. B. Rüttimann, president,
Mrs. M. Allenspach, secretary, Mr. M. Pavel, treasurer,
Miss M. Bienz and other members of the clubs of Biel, Neuchâtel
and Soleure.



ENGLISH CLUB BIENNE - 85th Anniversary Celebration.

Saturday, 18th December 1993 was the date chosen to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding, in 1908, of the English Club, Bienne. This took the form of a dinner and dance, held at the Grande salle de la Loge in Bienne.

To do justice to the occasion, the Club committee suggested that as many members as possible should try to dress in a style appropriate to 1908, or thereabouts. They were gratified to be rewarded by a good proportion of people dressed accordingly, which lent an authentic atmosphere to the evening. This, combined with a gourmet dinner, cooked for us by our first-class chef and club member, Armin Fuchs, a brilliant sketch performed by club members, the sparkling dance music and the elegant surroundings was the stuff from which unforgettable evenings are made.



"RUMBOULE" Christmas Menu 1908

Terrine de légumes accompagné de saumon fumé
Salade de fruits au curry
Vinaigrette de tomates

Roastbeef à l'anglaise
Sauce béarnaise Gratin dauphinois
Carottes étuvées au beurre
Epinards en feuilles à l'italienne

Buffet d'entremets avec
Bread and butter pudding
Custardcreme, Meringues à la crème
Salade of fruits
Icecreme cool and pleasente after all ye other good dyshes.

Café crème

Après minuit: Potage d'orge perlé :

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COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 19th 1994.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)

Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)

Mrs. A. Green (Fd. ASN) Miss M. Bierenz (Archivist),
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Lucerne	ASC	Lugano	Big Ben C.	Neuchâtel	ASC
St Gall	ASC	Toggenburg	EC	Zurich BC	ESC SBS.

Absent: Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.)

37 delegates from 18 Clubs were present.

The English-Speaking Club, Zurich, was represented for the first time and
the Swiss British Society, Zurich, had renewed contact.

Mrs. Rüttimann informed the delegates of her personal contact with Mrs. Caroline Sinclair, Secretary of the British Residents' Association, who welcomed the co-operation between our organisations.

GUEST AT LUNCHEON:

Mr. Ian Knight-Smith, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy, Berne. After lunch Mr. Knight-Smith confirmed that the Anglo-Swiss relations at government level had had an extremely good year. How nice to have our efforts recognised.

THE ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LOCARNO, celebrated its 60th anniversary on March 5th, with Mrs. B. Rüttimann, our president, as guest. Members of the Clubs of Bienne and Lugano were also present.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND , MATTENHOF, INTERLAKEN.

A Raffle with very good prizes would be organised by Mrs. Foster. Mrs. Koch proposed that every Club contribute one important Raffle prize.

Arrangements for the Dennis Stephenson Memorial Trophy are also in hand.

A flyer, prepared by Mrs. Rüttimann, is to serve as a reminder of the Scottish theme evening.

ASCENSION DAY: A Federation outing to Ballenberg above the Lake of Brienz had been arranged. Large delegations from Clubs were expected !

ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LOCARNO -
60th Anniversary Party.

This took place on the 5th March 1994 at the Hotel Muralto, Locarno. 60 Members and friends participated, with Guests coming from Lugano, Zurich and Biel; and the whole Party was most enjoyable. The Club offered the aperitifs and, during that time, we had the "Ticinese" part of our programme, that is to say, a Ticinese Mandolin Group, which played all the well-known Ticinese melodies. The group was warmly applauded. After the aperitifs, we went in to Dinner, and our second surprise was introduced. Before the Dinner started, we were entertained for about 20 minutes, by a well-known concert pianist, Madame Huguette Wachendorf Bolle, who enchanted us with excerpts from Liszt, Chopin and Alkeniez. When the cake was wheeled in, Madame Bolle returned to play some very original arrangements of "Happy Birthday".

As always we had our faithful Mr. de Lusi playing for us during the rest of the evening.

Our four-tiered Birthday Cake was cut, amidst much applause by Brenda Rüttimann, President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, and Linette Meschini, President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Locarno. Delightful speeches were made and appreciated, and so the Party continued until 1 a.m., when, reluctantly, we waved our Guests and Members farewell. A happy Party and may the A.S.C. Locarno continue for many years to come.

Menu:

Smoked salmon trout with lentil salad

Green celery cream soup with horseradish dumplings

Roast veal larded with fresh vegetables

Rosemary gravy

Gratinated potatoes and leaf spinach

Birthday Cake.



ENGLISH CLUB, TOGGENBURG.

The English Club in Toggenburg was founded in 1991 by Paul Lussi, the only man in the A.-S. Federation ever to have founded two clubs (the other was ESC Baden/Brugg almost 20 years ago; he's now departed for New Zealand). The president elected at that first meeting, on April 26, was Paul himself.

Alison Schwarz was elected president at the third AGM and is still running the club with a good deal of humour. A Lancashire lass, she's been in the country for 25 years and was a founder member; she teaches English when she's not looking after her lovely Toggenburg house and family, including a large dog. Lively and outgoing, with an infectious laugh, she's the ideal person to head this club, which is unusual in Switzerland in drawing its members mainly from a large rural area.

Bernhard Welters, vice-president, could be described as the driving power behind the club. He's Austrian, and came to Switzerland seven years ago after spending eleven years in South Africa. Although a busy man (sales and marketing), who knows how to enjoy life, he finds time to do the half-yearly programme, and a lovely job he makes of it, too. He's full of ideas and prepared to carry them out, and it was he who thought up the club slogan - "WHERE PEOPLE MAKE FRIENDS".

Jenny Dean is the club secretary - just the right sort of person for the job as she's bilingual anyway.

Martin Ash was treasurer at the time of visiting the club, but he intends to resign at the next AGM, when the post is to be taken over by Alison Bellhouse. Yes, a second Alison, and there's a third in this club as well.

Heidi Fischer, as membership secretary, and Rolf Fehr, as extra member, complete the committee.

The club was holding a Darts evening when I went to visit. And it really is true; it's a place where people make friends. It has 63 members, all ages from 21 up, and judging by the success of this evening the membership looks set to rise quite a bit. I think I spoke to everyone in the room, or they spoke to me, and there was a lot of serious darts-playing going on as well, suitably lubricated of course. The room, at the Restaurant Drei Eidgenossen in Ulisbach, was pretty large and not actually cosy enough to generate a pub atmosphere, but it didn't matter a bit.

Although only 25% of the membership is English, everyone uses the language - they probably have to, come to think of it, as they come from all over the place, Austria, Netherlands, America, South Africa, Japan - truly a cosmopolitan atmosphere. They meet twice a month and have a remarkably varied programme; in the last quarter they've had both A.-S. Federation lectures, an Indonesian dinner, a recipe exchange and get-together in a ski hut, a flute concert in a cloister, a charades and pictionary (that's what it says) evening, and a visit to the carol service in St Gallen. And they do more elaborate things like car rallies and days out skiing. Altogether, a flourishing and lively club.



. where people make friends

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON JUNE 4/5th 1994,
PARK-HOTEL, MATTHENHOF, INTERLAKEN:
94 members from 13 Clubs were present.

SATURDAY afternoon sports only
Scottish theme, name-tags with tartan ribbons.

EVENING: Ladies dresses were beautifully decorated with tartan ribbons, even in the hair, and some people wore kilts; what a lovely sight. Piper Dominique Thommen, major of the City of Basle Caledonia Pipe band, played for us during the aperitif and Chris Harris from Jona, danced for us. Later in the evening Chris instructed Scottish dancing, which was followed by singing some of the old songs ; a wonderful evening.

GUESTS AT THE BANQUET:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie, also Mr. Hans-Rudolf Brunner, representing the Town Council of Matten, and his wife.

Saturday afternoon was rainy, which hindered some sports, but the sun came out on Sunday when the Ambassador arrived. This caused Mrs. Rüttimann to say in her address at the banquet that perhaps we should invite the Ambassador for the whole weekend to be sure of good weather.

Mrs. David Beattie, the Ambassador's wife presented the cups to the winners of the sports.

Mrs. Norma Stephenson presented the Crossbow trophy for the first time in memory of Dennis Stephenson, a 'Basler Rundeli', typical for the region of Basle.

The Hotel, the food and the service did not come up to the usual standard. Nevertheless it was a lovely weekend.

After the Weekend we received the happy news that our president, MRS. BRENDA RUETTIMANN HAD BEEN MADE A MEMBER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST. Mrs. Rüttimann intends to go to London to receive her award. It is gratifying to know that her efforts during her almost 5 years as president of the Federation, her many travels to various Clubs in Switzerland, her lectures, and her work in general to make the Federation better known, have now been officially acknowledged and honoured.

OBITUARY:

Mr. Clemens Blaettler, Lucerne (1903-1994).
The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne, lost their oldest, but still very active, member. Mr. Blaettler joined the club on February 20th 1926 after his return from USA. Two years later he became the president. He was present at the founding of the Federation on Macolin above Biel on June 19th 1932, and attended club evenings and Anglo-Swiss Weekends into his old age.



A-S Weekend, Park Hotel, Matten, Interlaken,
H.E. Mr. David Beattie, the Ambassador, and
Mrs. B. Rüttimann, the president.



The Oak Tree in 1994
Mrs. B. Rüttimann, the president.

1994

COUNCIL MEETING held in Lucerne on October 22nd 1994.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)

Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)

Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.) Mrs. A. Green (Ed. ASN)

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Lucerne	ASC	Lugano Big Ben C.		Neuchâtel ASC
Soleure	ASC	St Gall	ASC	Toggenburg EC
Zurich	BC,			

Mrs. N. Stephenson,

Mr. M. Linde, Chairman, British Residents' Association.

31 delegates from 15 Clubs were present.

It was a great satisfaction for Mrs. Rüttimann to be able to welcome Mr. Michael Linde, Chairman of the British Residents' Association of Switzerland. His presence underlined the fact that our two organisations are in no way in competition.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON: Mr. Ian Knight-Smith, Deputy Head of Mission of the British Embassy, Berne, and Mrs. Knight-Smith, and for coffee the Mayor of Lucerne, Mr. Franz Kurzmeyer and Mrs. Kurzmeyer.

Mrs. Rüttimann was saddened that her 5-year term in office was at an end. She had enjoyed her time as president, giving her an opportunity of meeting a great many people and visiting clubs. Five new clubs had joined during her time in office: ECS Schaffhausen, English Social Club of Schaffhausen, ESC Lausanne, ESC Zurich and RSC Berne. All clubs had previously existed, but had not been members of the Federation.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND at the Park Hotel, Matten, Interlaken. The standard of the hotel left much to be desired. We have to bear two items in mind, said the president. If we have low prices then we cannot expect a high standard.

ASCENSION DAY OUTING to the open-air museum at Ballenberg had been disappointing, said Mrs. Rüttimann, although the delegates had agreed at the spring meeting to go there.

12 people turned up: Mrs. B. Rüttimann, Federation president, Mr. J. Askins (P) of ASC, Lucerne, Mrs. I. Askins, Mr. & Mrs. A. Prosser, Mrs. M. Iten, Mr. P. Thomas, Mr. G. Reimann, 3 guests, all from the ASC., Lucerne, and Miss M. Bienz, Basle.

Mrs. Rüttimann said that she was greatly honoured to receive the award of the MBE. Her 20 years on the Club Committee of Lucerne and the 12 years on the Bournemouth-Lucerne Twinning Committee had no doubt been taken into account.

Mrs. Rüttimann thanked all the Committee members for their wonderful support all the time and for working so well together in the interest, and for the well-being, of the Federation.

Mr. M. Pavel thanked Mrs. Rüttimann for her tremendous work for strengthening links with the Embassy, for her many ideas, and for visiting so many clubs all over Switzerland. The Treasurer also mentioned that Mrs. Rüttimann had introduced various raffles, which had brought Fr. 2,588.-- into the Federation account.

RESIGNATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mrs. Rüttimann proposed, as her successor, Mr. Trevor Dury, president of the ESC Baden/Brugg, a faithful supporter of the Federation for many years. Mr. Dury accepted the nomination, proposed by Mrs. P. Zafiropolo of BC Zurich, seconded by Mr. J. Askins of ASC Lucerne. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. L. Meschini proposed Mrs. Pat Foster as her successor. It would be to the advantage to have the Ticino once again well represented at the Council, said Mrs. Meschini. Mr. John Parker of the Big Ben Club, Lugano seconded it, and all were in favour.

Mr. T. Dury, the new president, proposed Mrs. Adèle Kelham, of the Baden/Brugg Club, as the new secretary. She is very efficient with a talent for organisation. The vote was unanimously accepted.

The remaining members - the Treasurer, the Lecture Organiser and the Editor of the Anglo-Swiss News - were re-elected 'en bloc', proposed by Mr. Askins and seconded by Mrs. P. Foster.

THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mr. Trevor	Dury	President
Mrs. Pat	Foster	Vice-President
Mrs. Adèle	Kelham	Secretary
Mr. Mike	Pavel	Treasurer
Mrs. Ann	Hostettler	Lecture Organiser
Mrs. Anitra	Green	Editor of ASN
Miss Maisie	Bienz	Archivist.

Mr. T. Dury, the new president, thanked the Council for the honour and their confidence in him, but added that it would be very difficult to replace such a qualified president as Mrs. B. Rüttimann.

After the meeting, a tour across the old/new bridge over the Reuss to Lucerne's historic Town Hall and Picasso Exhibition was organised by Mrs. B. Rüttimann.

BRENDA RUETTIMANN IN LONDON TO RECEIVE HER MBE.

In London we stayed at a hotel near Kensington Gardens. The days were filled with meeting friends, shopping and sightseeing. At the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection at Kensington Palace, the alarm went off, and we were hurried out; a professional photographer had touched the frame of a painting!

We enjoyed seeing 'The Mousetrap' and 'The Phantom of the Opera', and we also dined in the candle-lit cellars of a traditional English restaurant on Holborn Viaduct.

DECEMBER 1st 1994 was Brenda Rüttimann's big day, to go to BUCKINGHAM PALACE FOR HER MBE. She was accompanied by her son Tony, her mother and her brother, Gordon. Brenda's relatives and friends in England came to the hotel the night before. Also Mike and Doris Pavel arrived in time from their world tour.

We all met outside Buckingham Palace to see Brenda coming out. While waiting, we looked at the ladies' fashions! The favourite colour was red for coats, costumes and jackets, then blue or green, also some black and white - but what lovely hats! Brenda kept us waiting. The policeman at the gate smiled at our party and let us stand at the open gate.

About a hundred people received distinctions that day. At last Brenda came, looking lovely in a long red jacket and black skirt, with a big black hat with a red flower. Congratulations, cheers, photos - then we went to our coach waiting near the Palace. A toast of champagne in the coach, then off we went to our restaurant near London Bridge. The singing duo, Ian and Jennifer, entertained us with some of their folk songs.

After lunch we visited the Tower of London, where the Head Yeoman Warder, Norman Jackson, an AS Federation lecturer in previous years, received us. We were taken directly to the up-to-date Jewel House and shown round by Brian Darcy, also a former A.-S. Federation lecturer. Afterwards we went for high tea at CLARIDGES.

We met again at 8 pm, all wearing warm clothes. I wondered - will it be a boat trip or an outside performance? Wrong guess - we returned to the Tower to see the Ceremony of the Keys, the traditional locking-up ceremony every night for the last seven hundred years. Norman Jackson met us again, this time in civilian clothing, with his wife. We heard a short review of the history of the Tower. It was night, no noise or laughter, only the sound of the marching of the guards and sentries and their voices: it left a strange impression on us all. Visitors are able to attend the ceremony by special permit, and leave the Tower just after 10 pm through a small door, which is open for inhabitants up to midnight. Back we went to the hotel, stopping for fish and chips on the way, and then another drink or two in the hotel lounge while Ian and Jennifer entertained us once more with their lovely songs.

Thank you, Brenda, for all the arrangements and so many surprises.

Maisie Bienz.



Brenda Rüttimann's MBE-DAY



Head Yeoman Warder, Norman Jackson, and Brenda Rüttimann at the Tower of London

1995

COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 25th 1995.

Present:

Mr. T. Dury	(P)	Mrs. P. Foster	(P-V)		
Mrs. A. Kelham	(S)	Mr. M. Pavel	(T)		
Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.)		Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),			
also the following federated Clubs:					
Baden/Brugg	ESC	Basle	ASC	Bienne	EC and SMSEC
La Chaux-de-Fonds	IESC	Geneva	ASC	Langenthal/Zofingen	FC
Lausanne	ASC	Lucerne	ASC	Lugano	Big Ben C.
Neuchâtel	ASC	Soleure	ASC	St Gall	ASC
Toggenburg	EC	Winterthur	ESC	Zurich	BC.

Absent: Mrs. A. Green (Ed- ASN).

33 delegates from 16 Clubs were present.

The British Residents' Association had revised the handbook. Clubs wishing to advertise should contact the secretary, Mrs. Caroline Sinclair.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON FEUSISBERG - a second time.

Sports: tennis again possible (15 min. by car to the Court).

Mr. Dury, the president, reminded the meeting that the Weekend means: SOCIAL CONTACT TO BE ENJOYED IN PLEASANT SURROUNDING AND IN A GOOD HOTEL.

Before lunch Mr. Dury proposed that Mrs. B. Rüttimann MBE be made an HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION.

Mr. Koch, also an honorary president, seconded it.

The whole meeting accepted it with a big round of applause.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON JUNE 10/11th 1995,

HOTEL PANORAMA, FEUSISBERG:

75 members only from 13 Clubs were present.

SATURDAY afternoon a trip to Rapperswil above the Lake of Zurich was organised, a charming old town with delightful old buildings, a castle and parish church. Rapperswil has received an award from the Council of Europe in recognition of its efforts to preserve its unique heritage. Rapperswil is also called the Town of Roses on Lake Zurich. About a dozen or more members came along in spite of the windy and rainy weather.

SUNDAY - GUESTS AT THE BANQUET:

Mr. David Bell, British Consul General, Zurich,

Mrs. Dominique Van Hille.

The trophies were presented by Mr. D. Bell, assisted by Mrs. Foster. She had also organised another successful raffle. The cup in memory of Dennis Stephenson was presented by Mrs. N. Stephenson.

The Table-tennis Cup was again won by Edward Bonifaccio, the grandson of Mrs. L. Meschini, a student and the youngest member of the ASC Loarno. He has been a member for four years and is a keen club member.

Resumé of the Weekend: not as popular as 2 years ago, the rooms, food and service were not of the high standard they were before.



Council Meeting in Berne, 1995.
H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie
with Mr. T. Dury, the president.



Berne, 1995, Mr. M. Pavel, the treasurer and
Mrs. A. Hostettler, the lecture organiser.



Council Meeting, Lucerne, 1994
the departing Committee



Council Meeting, Berne, 1995
Mrs. B. Riittimann, the new honorary President, and
Mr. T. Dury, the president.

20TH ANNIVERSARY - ENGLISH SPEAKING CLUB BADEN-BRUGG

A very appropriately decorated "Schloss Klingnau" created a most pleasant atmosphere for our Club's 20th Anniversary celebration on 13th May, 1995. The President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, Trevor Dury, welcomed over 100 Club Members from 22 Nations, who helped make the evening a memorable one for all concerned.

One of the 39 Foundation Members, Lyall Smith, very ably reminisced on the serious and humorous events and happenings in the Club since its inception.

To represent Switzerland, Dr. Hugo Schumacher, "Grossrat" and former "Stadtammann" of Klingnau, gave an excellently prepared address on the historical connections between the British, American and Swiss.

The British Consul-General from Zürich, David Bell, who had only recently been appointed, told of his work in the Consulate, commended the work of past and present organisers of the Club, and wished the Club success in the future.

Entertainment comprised folk dancing by the Scottish Country Dance Club, under the direction of Eileen Isberg, and songs by some members of the English Carol Choir, conducted by Vicky Atchison. The Choir's highlight was the Statutes of the Club set to the tune of W.H. Havergal's Psalm XXI.

Friendship and fellowship was enjoyed over dinner. A room had been set aside to display photos, videos and the Attendance Books reminding all of the events of the past 20 years.

Alison Goudie
Committee Member



English-Speaking Club Baden-Brugg
20th Anniversary party, 1995.



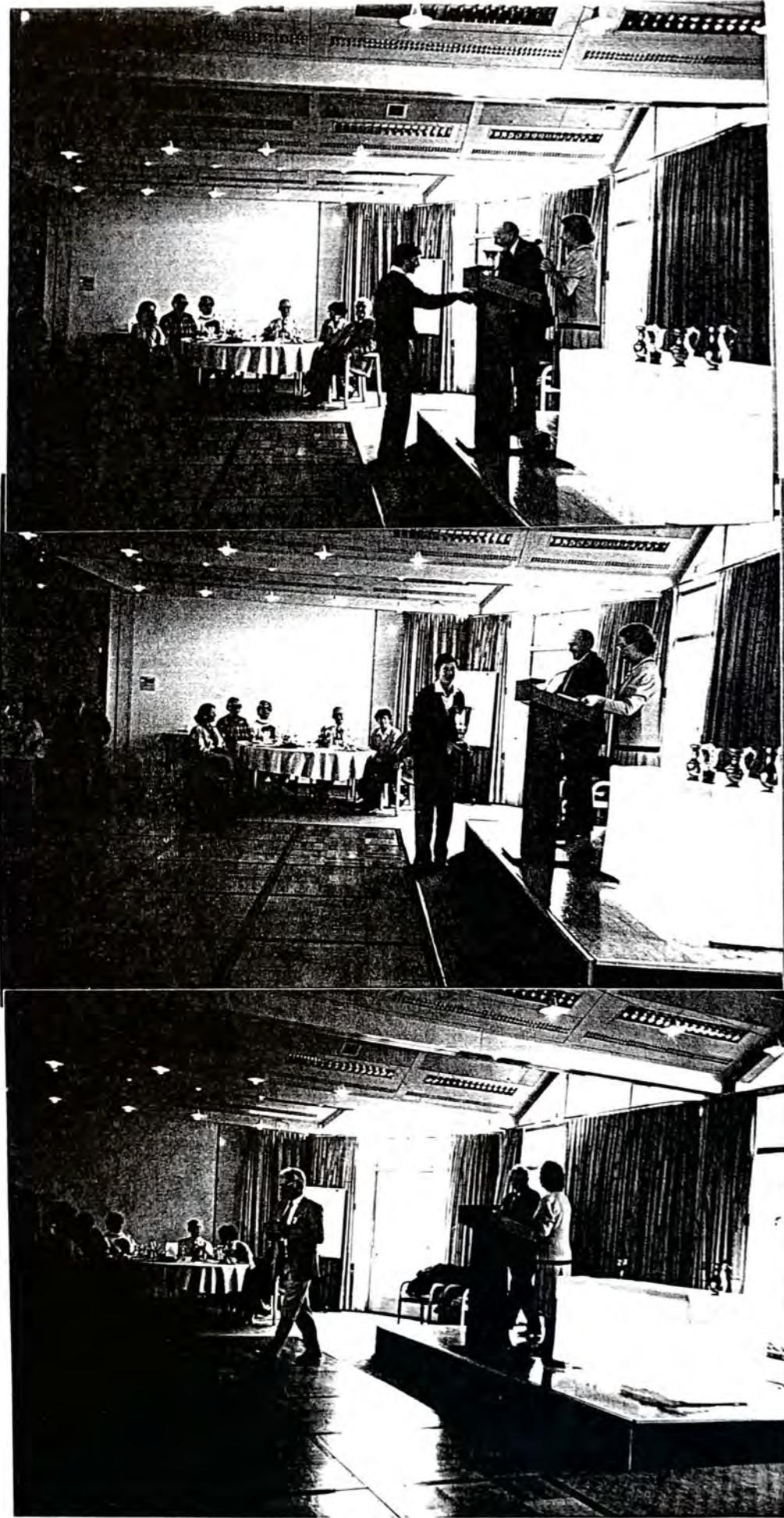
English-Speaking Club Baden-Brugg
20th Anniversary party, 1995.



A-S. Weekend 1995 on Feusisberg
outing to Rapperswil



A-S. Weekend 1995 on Feusisberg,
Panorama Hotel.



Nos 1/2 Edward Bonifaccio of the ASC Locarno,
winner of the Table-tennis Cup, 1995
3 Mike Pavel, the treasurer,
winner of the Darts Cup.

10th ANNIVERSARY

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB, LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS.

On Wednesday, 18th September 1985, nine Ladies met for coffee. This was the first activity of what was to become the International English-Speaking Club of La Chaux-de-Fonds. The actual first Meeting and official forming of the committee was held on Wednesday, 20th November 1985.

1995:

We decided to make two different outings.

The first on 18th June was a day at the Lac Noir (Canton of Fribourg). About 30 of us turned up. Some of the members walked whilst others took the Chair-Lift up to the top of the Riggisalp. The rest of us had a casual walk around the lake and visited the waterfall nearby.

Lunch time: We picniced by the lake and later on all met up for tea and coffee before the journey home. Despite the dull and rather wet beginning, it eventually turned out to be a lovely day.

Our second outing, on 21st June, was supper at the 'La Lagune' restaurant by the Neuchâtel lake. Once again, around 30 members turned up and spent an enjoyable evening. Aperitifs were offered by the club.

NEWS from the

ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LUCERNE.

We have had a wonderful year with excellent meetings where attendance have averaged about 25 people.

The Federation Lectures were always a great success. We sent our thanks to the organiser, Ann Hostettler, for choosing such excellent speakers and topics.

NEWS from the

ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB, WINTERTHUR.

Since 1995 - after the Annual Meeting in Berne - contact with the St Gall group and also with the Toggenburg English Club has improved. We have started to combine our programmes and have agreed that for at least 3 events per year, all three clubs should meet. Up till now, we were able to arrange 2 meetings, which were both successful and appreciated by everybody.

INVITATION to the Reception at the British Embassy on the occasion of the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

What a lovely surprise to receive such an invitation. First I bought a suitable dress. When I arrived by taxi at the private residence, I was discretely observed by security men around. At the entrance I was received by the British Consul in Berne, Mr. Paul Chatt. After placing my invitation card on the silver plate I was directed to H.E. the Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie to greet them. (How many hands do they have to shake on such an occasion). Then I moved into one of the big halls with very little furniture just along the walls. A lot of people were standing in groups, tall, old and young, also some men in the uniforms of their countries, chatting loudly. I looked round for a familiar face from the Federation or a federated Club, in order to chat before moving along to greet others.

Drinks and little canapés were offered again and again by a busy staff. From time to time a bagpiper played some well-known tunes from the balcony on the first floor. If the weather is fine then everybody is out on the lovely, big lawn, some 300 to 500 people.

A lovely, unforgettable reception.

Maisie Bienz.

1995 COUNCIL MEETING held in Baden on October 21st 1995.

Present:

Mr. T. Dury	(P)	Mrs. P. Foster	(V-P)		
Mrs. A. Kelham	(S)	Mr. M. Pavel	(T)		
Mrs. A. Green	(Ed. ASN)	Miss M. Bienz	(Archivist), also the following federated Clubs:		
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Bienne EC and SMSEC		La Chaux-de-Fonds	IESC	Geneva	ASC
Langenthal/ZofingenEC		Lausanne	ASC	Lucerne	ASC
Lugano	Big Ben C.	Neuchâtel	ASC	St Gall	ASC
Toggenburg	EC	Winterthur	ESC	Zurich	BC.

Mrs. N. Stephenson

Absent: Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.)

34 delegates from 16 Clubs were present.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie.
It was a special pleasure to have the Ambassador and
Mrs. David Beattie with us at the autumn meeting and outside
Berne. We do appreciate the Ambassador's keen interest in the
Federation.

Ms. Sue Greutmann (New Roots).

NEW CLUBS:

We heard of the existence of an English Club in Muri/Berne
for about 8 years, of a Club to be founded in Frauenfeld,
and one in Glarus. Also a new Club might be re-formed in
Aarau.

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mr. Koch in the chair thanked the three parting members:
Mrs. P. Foster, vice-president, Mrs. A. Hostettler, lecture
organiser, and Miss M. Bienz, archivist, for all their work.

Mr. Koch expressed sincere thanks to Mr. T. Dury for his first
year as president and proposed his re-election, this was
accepted unanimously.

Mrs. S. Kernen, from Tasmania, now in St Gall with the ASC,
was proposed and accepted as vice-president.

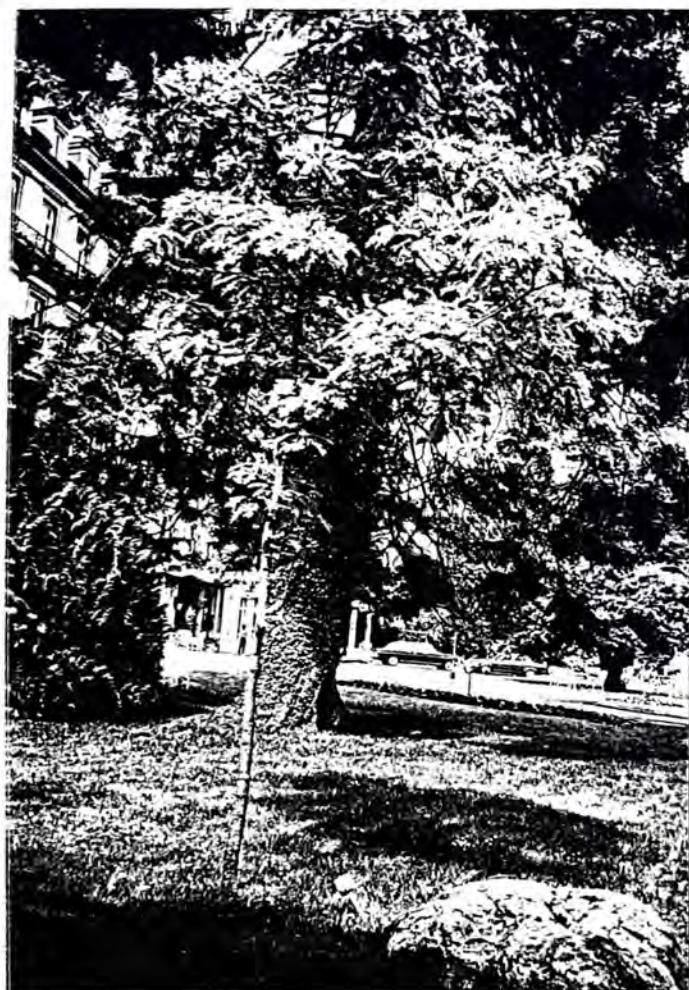
Mrs. A. Kelham, the secretary, was immediately re-elected.
Our treasurer, Mr. M. Pavel, celebrated his 10 years in office,
was congratulated and re-elected. As it was his birthday, the
audience sang 'Happy Birthday' to him.

Mrs. A. Green was also re-elected as editor of the ASN.
Mr. Koch thanked all the Council Officers for their efforts
made in the year gone by.

Miss M. Bienz agreed to make an Appendix to the History Book
1932-1992 for the years 1992-1995. At the luncheon she
received a lovely bouquet of flowers, a token of appreciation.

After the meeting, a guided tour of the Langmatt Museum was
organised to see the wonderful collection of impressionist
paintings and also the special exhibition of the works of
Max Oppenheimer (1885-1954).

Quercus Robur



The Oak Tree, Autumn 1995

FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1992	Mrs.B. Rüttimann	Mrs.L. Meschini	Mrs.M. Allenspach	Mr. M. Pavel
1993	"	"	"	"
1994	Mr. T. Dury	Mrs.P. Foster	Mrs.A. Kelham	"
1995	"	Mrs.S. Kernen	"	"

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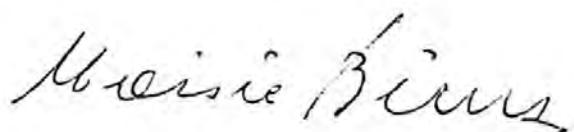
Year	Editor	Lecture Organiser	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1992	Mr. M. Welling	Mrs.A. Hostettler	HE.the Ambassador Mr. D. Beattie	Mr. D.W. Stephenson Mr. W. Koch
1993	Mrs. A.Green	"	"	Mr. D.W. Stephenson, d.c. Mr. W. Koch
1994	"	"	"	Mr. W. Koch
1995	"	-	"	Mr. W. Koch Mrs.B. Rüttimann.

Years 1992 - 1995

In addition to my History Book 1932 to 1992
here are some pages of the years 1992 to 1995.

A big thank-you to all Council Officers for their
endeavours to keep the Federation alive, also to
Club Presidents and Committees to keep their Clubs
going and prospering.

May the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs continue
to grow more and more to a bigger and leading Family.

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Maisie Bienz".

Maisie Bienz
Archivist

Basle, December 1995.



FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUNY

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1932 - 1992

60 YEARS

OF THE

FEDERATION

1970

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 14th 1970.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux,
Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Wattwil and Winterthur.

Guests at the luncheon:

Mr. M.H.S. Everett, the new British Council Representative,
and Mrs. Everett.

A Federation Football Tournament was arranged for the autumn.

Congress venue: Interlaken.

Mr. Stephenson informed us that Mr. A. Mario Fluhmann,
British Consul in Basle, had been awarded the C.B.E. for
his signal services to Anglo-Swiss relations.

Council Meeting held in Basle on November 7th 1970.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Wattwil,
Winterthur and the British Council, Zurich.

Guests at the luncheon:

Mr. I.H. May, British Consul in Basle, and Mrs. May.

We learned that the Anglo-Swiss Club, St Gall, would
celebrate its Silver Jubilee in December, whereas the
Anglo-Swiss Club, Aarau, had ceased.

Mr. E.A. Midgley, British Ambassador, had consented to
become the new Patron of the Federation.

Congress at Interlaken: In spite of the rainy weather, it
was an enjoyable gathering.

Guests:

Mr. E.A. Midgley, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Midgley

Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson

Mr. H.M.S. Everett, British Council, and Mrs. Everett.

Council Officers:

Dr. Honold proposed the re-election of Mr. Stephenson, as
President, also the Committee was re-elected.

Club Profile—Anglo-Swiss Club Soleure

It would be difficult to write about this little town nestled in the Jura without making some reference to its history and fantastic store of tradition. Hundreds of pages must have been covered in describing it from Roman times to the present industrialized age (signs of which, incidentally, have been kept well away from the old town centre by a sensitive and discerning populace), with full reference to its sacred number, eleven, its title "City of the Ambassadors", its friendship with the French and the Bishop of Basle, its patron saints Urs and Victor, its gates, walls, churches, fountains and so on. It's not my intention, however, to commit yet more purple prose to paper in praise of this extremely at-

tractive old town: I shall concentrate instead on just one important facet of its present—a very flourishing Anglo-Swiss Club, which accurately reflects the international feeling that the town has had since its founding, said by some authorities to have been in the time of Abraham, or even Adam and Eve! The A.S.C. cannot boast such an age: it is metaphorically speaking still in its cradle, having been established just over 31 years ago at the Hotel Krone—a wonderful old hotel and still the Club's official "home". The late Mr. Oscar Leu of Vogt-Schild, publishers of the Anglo-Swiss Times, was President for 25 years, and it can fairly be said that it is due to his enthusiasm and drive that we still have

the A.S.T. and that the Soleure Club is so strong—a membership of 70 members with perhaps a third of that number active. And when I say active, I mean really active.—Their Santa Claus Party is one of the big social events of the year in the town. One feels that anything the Committee dreams up is a genuine team effort, but credit must go to the main "executives", Messrs. Arnold and Wormser, for untiring energy in arranging such things as "Surprise Parties"; once, this was a barbecue in the middle of the River Aare, with the return trip on pontoons at midnight; another time it was in the ruins of the Falkenstein, complete with Hamlet's ghost!



Dr. Paul Honold took on quite a job when he was elected President five years ago, when Mr. Leu retired. Not everyone is able to fill a gap left by such a big personality, but somehow Dr. Honold, with his iron-hand-in-the-velvet-glove touch and powers of leadership, has managed to do just this admirably. And anyone who has anything to do with the Federation, of which he is Vice-President, is familiar with his quiet charm, extreme courtesy, conscientiousness and absolute reliability. Born in Zürich, he is now a teacher of English—a job he is well-qualified to do being married to a Liverpool lass, whom he first met in England and with whom he later renewed the friendship when he was in the wilds

of Buxton writing a thesis on the Derbyshire dialect—while most teachers in the area were doing their best to eradicate it! His understanding and sense of humour, which has been described as "twinkly", must have helped a lot at this time. At Congress he is always to be seen adorned with a sun-shield (weather permitting) wielding the tennis racket to good effect in defence of the Club, and doing a bit of shooting—quite apart from consuming a lot of energy helping to organize things.

Mr. Urs Studer has been Vice-President for the last couple of years or so and came originally from Olten. He learnt his English with the S.M.S. in England for two years, but decid-

ed he preferred Swiss girls and came back to settle down in a house in Solothurn with the one of his choice. Now he is in charge of the commercial office of a screw machine parts factory—something else for which Solothurns is very well known. The spare time which isn't devoted to his young son is spent in sport—skiing, tennis, and especially mountaineering. Then there is slide photography, and rally-driving, with his wife as navigator, when he once won a watch. Sometimes he finds time to go to the theatre as well. He is still able to maintain good connections with England, as his brother is married to a Welsh girl, and he goes to see them once a year—also to enjoy the bright lights of London which he loves. But he doesn't like English beer!



Mrs. Hilde Bamberger (Secretary) is one of the most amazing women—looks ageless but doesn't mind it being known that her birthday was February 29th 1924. Czech by origin, she was brought up in Sweden, and has relations in Britain, though she has never actually lived there herself. For eight of her nine years in Switzerland she has been Club Secretary, but she freely admits that she can't type ("I can lick stamps and labels") and relies heavily on her three under-secretaries, who remain anonymous. (I'm sure she does a lot more than she'll say, but there's so much emphasis on team-work in this Club that it's almost impossible



to disentangle who exactly does what!). Her most visible contribution is the Book, in which is kept a record of all Club meetings, with the signatures of members and guests present. Some are written in beautiful script, others adorned with appropriate picture postcards, and yet others with magnificent coloured drawings—art was Mrs. Bamberger's hobby. In fact she's always wanted to study medicine: I don't think she'll find the time now, what with the house, the two sons (one of whom is rapidly turning into a Beatle), the garden, the poodles, the sewing (professional standard), the rally-driving, when she also once won a watch ("It's the navigator who's the intelligent one, I only do the driving"), and duties on the Branch Committee of the Auto Club der Schweiz—whereby hangs a tale: it was reported that at the last A.G.M. of this Branch, the outgoing President spoke very forthrightly, the incoming President spoke very wittily, and Mrs. Bamberger spoke very sexily—she hadn't prepared a speech and decided to leave it to inspiration, and that's how it turned out!

Miss Elizabeth Heri has been in the Club for twenty-seven years, and has been Treasurer for twenty of them—some record. And very well qualified to do it she is too—having her own book-keeping office. She's one of these self effacing people radiating an atmosphere of quiet efficiency and reliability, without whom you don't know what on earth you'd

do if she ever decided to resign—especially after such long years of service. She lives quietly in a house with her parents, and avers that she has no particular hobbies—just a general interest in practically everything. But there are some fascinating reminiscences there somewhere, especially of the war years, when she used to go foxhunting by bike, for example.

Mr. Max Wormser is what is known as a "Second Secretary"—his duties are undefined and his activities far-reaching. Together with his partner in crime, Mr. Arnold, he arranges barbecues, parties, tombolas, you name it. He is also able to obtain stuff for prizes in tombolas and so on. His job is that of a buyer in one of the Basle emporia, where he travels to work every day—that is, when he is not travelling elsewhere in Switzerland, Europe and other continents. His terrific drive and innate enthusiasm make him one of these furiously busy people who, however, are never too busy to take on yet more. Photography is his hobby—he must have quite a collection of pictures. His wife was a founder member of the club, and is a fascinating person in her own right—used to be a concert pianist, and now teaches music.

Mr. Adolf ("Dölf") Arnold used to be Vice-President before Urs Studer took over, and still has quite a lot to do with the running of the Club. His ingenuity in getting people onto the

floor when MC-ing the Congress Ball during the last couple of years I feel sure must be something to do with the fact that he's an engineer by profession—nothing if not clever and imaginative, engineers. His English is precisely and rather slowly spoken—he spent many years in a small English village, and can give a very good lecture on it. I haven't been able to find out his opinions on English beer but assume he must have developed a taste for the genuine English bitter, while possibly retaining an allegiance to Feldschlösschen—as an entirely different drink, of course. One his favourite hobbies is guitar playing, and singing to its music.

Other prominent members of the Club include **Miss Kirchhofer**, who has been a very faithful member over a number of years; **Mr. Moser**, who has a small textile factory and whose generosity may be remarked every time there's a tombola or anything else requiring prizes; and **Mr. Dino Arici**—one of these amazing characters who is a connoisseur of food, whose kitchen is a absolute marvel, who appears on the television to impart his culinary knowledge to as wide an audience as possible, and, in his spare time, cultivates a keen interest in art and music.



Miss Kaufmann—the lady who arranged it all

Social Evening
arranged by
Miss L. Kaufmann,
Lucerne, at Clten
in May 1970.





Bahnhof Buffet, and dancing followed to the music of someone's tape-recorder. Everything possible was done to mix up the different clubs—not that much encouragement was needed. I'm sure we must have driven the poor waitresses crazy, the way we all chopped and changed our places around, ordering wine here, coffee there, and disappearing off to yet a third table when the time to pay came. It was so nice to be able to meet friends from other clubs in an informal atmosphere. Many thanks, Miss Kaufmann: we are all looking forward to the next time. G.G.

Congress 1970 at the Hotel Victoria- Jungfrau, Interlaken

«Rain, rain, go away, come again another day.» Thus runs the old English Nursery rhyme: but rain is precisely what greeted us at this year's Congress. We couldn't admire the view, we couldn't play tennis, we couldn't play minigolf, because the course, they said, was under water. «You'll need your bathing costume»... But why go outside when there's a superb indoor swimming pool at 27 °C?

If you couldn't do anything else, you could at least practice your languages in the Hotel. I'd no idea what language to address any of the staff in—if English, German or French were wrong, in that order, I'd had it. My knowledge of Italian is minimal and that of Spanish non-existent.

However the inclement weather did not succeed in dampening our spirits at dinner time. The dining-room was rather nice: I believe it was new. It had an airy-fairy mural of ballet dancers on lawns on the walls, and was just the right size. The meal—smoked salmon, steak de veau Zingara, and petit soufflé glacé au Grand Marnier—was superb. The band started like Grand Hotel but soon showed their versatility, producing bits of brass to blow through when appropriate so that the younger people could enjoy a bit of modern dancing, or something really ancient like the Charleston. Mr. Arnold was our M.C., and as usual had dreamed up something original for us to enjoy. This time it was «Have

you got a message for me?» One is tempted to answer «Yes» and make up one... but it's a good opening gambit. The other thing was the three-a-side football match. Mr. Arnold invited two of the loveliest and most sophisticated ladies on the floor to tie the ankles of the volunteers, and the rest of us stood on the «sideline» and cheered for twenty minutes or so: —that is, when we weren't laughing at the antics of six hefty gents cavorting about in ankle chains and semi-evening dress. As we had been prevented from playing tennis and minigolf the day before, we were forced later that day (mercifully it was brilliant sunshine) to take stick in hand and battle against the effects of a hangover—the result of either fatigue or alcohol, or more probably, both. The minigolf course, which had got itself unflooded in the heat of the morning sunshine, was crowded out. Some of the holes were «diabolical»: the youngest member, Christopher Green, opted out of playing altogether and slept under the trees or gurgled at passers-by instead: but Bernadette Humbert and Dennis «Bust-



Above: What wouldn't I do for a proper kick at that ball!

er» Martinet, the other two children present, played with the best of them.

The swimming competition was a bit of a fracas—one of the teams arrived an hour and a half too late. It really was a shame that we had to get minigolf and tennis in as well as the swimming, as it didn't leave anyone enough time to breathe.



Above: These Canadians...



Above right: Morning after the night before?

Above left: Oh no, look at that!

Below: Attaboy!



Above: Mr. Meakin, from the S.M.S.

Left: Nicely played!

Below: All eyes on the target...



It's small wonder that lunch started at 1.30 instead of 1 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Allanson, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett (from the British Council) were our guests, and partook of our truite fumée, roast beef à l'Anglaise with Yorkshire pudding (which to my certain knowledge was pronounced inedible by at least two Yorkshire people), and chocolate iced cake. This menu, I may say, was excellent—in spite of the disappointing Yorkshire pudding. Mr. Stephenson's speech was on rather a scientific level, as is fitting in this day and age—he talked of the Maisie as a measure of efficiency, the Tenitram as a measure of lack of resistance, the Dölfli as a measure of fun, and the Paul as a measure of moral support. (To those of you who don't recognise the names, this is a tribute to Miss Bienz and Messrs. Martinet, Arnold and Dr. Honold respectively.) Mr. Everett replied that he wasn't going to attempt to rival Mr. Stephenson's usual brilliant speech, and promptly proceeded to pay compliments right, left and centre to the Federation and all that it stands for. After the banquet was over and the prizes had been given, those who stayed behind long enough might have witnessed the unparalleled spectacle of Messrs. Bärtschi, Hoffmann and Kegele dressed in old-fashioned bathing costumes and all ready for a dip in the pool. Victorian! A.P.

Editorial Note: We very much regret that we couldn't get hold of a photo of this riotous event. Would anyone who took one like to send it in, so we can print it next time?



Right: Bernadette and Buster

Below: Mr. Everett in conversation with Mrs. Allanson

Bottom: Don't look so worried!



Sports Competitions—Winners

Shooting:

Team: S.M.S. Bienne, 182 points,
King: S.M.S. Bienne, Mr. Weyeneth, 50 points (maximum),
Queen: A.S.C. Soleure, Mrs. Bamberger, 45 points.

Darts:

Team: E.C. Bienne, 1100 points,
King: A.S.C. Basle, Mr. Green, 320 points,
Queen: E.C. Bienne, Mrs. Landry, 280 points.

Swimming:

S.M.S. Bienne (team).

Tennis:

A.S.C. Soleure (team).

Table-tennis:

S.M.S. Bienne (team).

Skittles:

Team: A.S.C. Basle, 36 326 points,
King: A.S.C. Basle, Mr. Teuerkauf, 9987 points,
Queen: A.S.C. Basle, Miss Schaller, 9766 points.

Minigolf:

Team: E.C. Bienne 229 points,
King: A.S.C. Bienne, Miss Studi, 48 points.

Cup for Organising Congress:

Miss Maisie Bienz, Federation Secretary.





Mr. May and Mrs. Feiner

U.S.A. Consul in Basle



Nice of Eddie to bring his mouth-organ along—I didn't hear it myself because the singing was so loud



Say cheese!

Mr. & Mrs. Burnell, Mrs. May
and Mr. Don Green.

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High jinks at the party, Lucerne

**Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne
Christmas Party 1970**



Carol singing, Lucerne



The President, Miss Kaufmann during her speech

A.S.C. Winterthur Christmas 1970

How many people shall we have for our Christmas Party? 30? 35? That's what we asked ourselves when we were sitting together and making arrangements for this event. Two weeks went by, and the result was not very striking: only 20 people had sent in the form. We looked at each other, and our hearts sank.

ly noticeable twinkle in his eye, which always makes it so hard to tell whether he is serious or not.

The soup was followed by rice, chicken and salad. But the highlight of the menu was the Christmas Pudding. There it was already on the side-table, a huge dark mass. Then the owner of the hotel arrived, the lights were put out—the rum was poured over the plate—matches please—quickly—and all the blue flames were dancing in the dark like little imps. Year after year I am thrilled by this performance, as if I am seeing it for the first time.

And then we started dancing, games followed, everybody got more and more cheerful, a nice friendly Santa Claus joined us for a while, and so, when at midnight the party came to end an end, we were right at the climax of our enjoyment.

A happy New Year to you all! R. H.

Another week went by and the result was already more encouraging: 30 people. We looked at each other and our hearts felt a bit lighter. And then suddenly letters came from everywhere, more and more people wanted to join the party, and finally, there were almost 50. We looked at each other, and... well, you surely know how we felt. (Our club is moderately sized, and therefore this number seemed very satisfactory to us) And then very soon, the remarkable day was here, and as the hands of the clock were approaching six p.m., I could well imagine all the club ladies examining their dresses for the last time, and all the children of

these ladies, eating their supper as slowly as possible... bed can wait and so can mummy.

At 7.30, there was nobody in the Hotel Krone except two people, who busied themselves with candles, fir-twigs, mistletoe and other indispensable items.

And then gradually, people came up the stairs, the room was filled with light, laughter and ladies who made full use of all the possibilities fashion gives them today: maxi, midi, mini, party slacks... just everything.

While we were sitting down and enjoying the asparagus soup, our president made one of his famous speeches: short, witty and with that scarce-



Cheers!



A visit from Father Christmas

Anglo-Swiss Club,
Wintertime,
Christmas Party 1970.



Chatting over coffee

Club Profile

A.S.C. Lucerne

This club has been existence for a long time, and has had its ups and downs like any other. At the moment it is recovering from a down, and under the dynamic leadership of Miss Kaufmann is recruiting a proportion of the younger people living in and around this large city, enticing them away from the rival attractions that such a place has to offer. Actually it is not only the young: there is a very fair cross-section of the community of all ages among its fifty-odd members—some of them of very long standing, and who only come along occasionally. For the past few months their meeting place has been the Hotel Ruetli, in a very pleasant room more suited to their needs than the room they had a few years ago, a lofty spacious chamber in the Hotel Union designed for a much larger gathering than the present club usually provides. Meetings are fortnightly, on Friday, and there is a wide programme of lectures, bowling evenings, barbecues, parties and so on: and of course everyone remembers the record-beating success of the evening arranged last year by this club in Olten for the clubs of Northern Switzerland, when so many people turned up that there was no room for the organised games! Things like that seem to happen to this club: there was one night remembered by most with extreme amusement but by three unlucky people with the shudders, when a barbecue was arranged on the See-nachtfest up the mountain. Unfortunately the most terrible storm broke, and filled the streets with water, and these three poor unfortunate organisers had to wade through pouring cold rain to find out what had happened to a hundred odd beers and goodness knows how many sausages up the hill. Needless to say nobody else turned up. At another party (the last one in fact, but it wasn't put in the club report!) the President was picked up by the Treasurer and very nearly dumped into a trough of freezing cold water. I wonder what she had done to deserve that?



Miss Liselotte Kaufmann has been President for two years now. Before that she was Vice-President, and before that Secretary for four years, when she had been a member for only a year—new talent gets enlisted quickly. She was born in Emmenbrücke but now has her own flat in the City: and she learnt her English in Kent and Belfast. (No Irish accent is detectable!) Her job is buying for a ladies' clothes shop, and this involves a lot of trips to Zürich to International Fashion Shows—a result of three years' hard work in the evenings on a Textilkaufmann course. She teaches this now to the girls in the shop at lunchtime, and gives some English lessons in the evening. On top of this she has lots of hobbies—playing the piano, skiing, reading English books, knitting, being a godmother and aunt, and making decorations for the Christmas Party. At this point, I asked her how she found time to do all this, saying she must have about twice as much energy as most people! She replied that she is the sort of person who always has to do a lot of things. I'll say. Her gaiety and enthusiasm have brought a lot of young people, and those young in heart, into the club.

I asked her:

Does she like the midi? (in a very small voice) "No." She feels she shouldn't say no as she's in the busi-

ness, but personally if in doubt she always wears trousers.

Favourite Food: spaghetti. And she's not fat!

English Beer: "Guiness I love." Then as an afterthought "In Ireland I only drank Irish coffee". Well, this wasn't really an answer to the question, but like the good Anglophile that she is she admitted her appreciation of English beer.

Television: Likes it but hasn't got one, yet. Can't afford it!

Does she think that young people today are different today from in the past? "No, on the whole: but in a way they have to be, because they have much more time to themselves, more to do. They're not worse, but live another life and have many more opportunities."

Mr. Kilian Geisseler is one of two Vice-Presidents. He is an extremely tall, young and very eligible bachelor who was born and lives in Littau, and is a qualified car mechanic. Although he was elected to the post of Vice-President in the hope that he'd bring new, fresh ideas to the organisation of the club, in fact he is so quiet and modest that he doesn't say much at all: so that when recently he showed his slides of Canada to the club, and proved himself an able, accurate and un-nervous speaker, it



came as a fantastic surprise to everybody — especially as his slides are virtually professional in standard. He went to Canada originally with a friend to perfect his English and has worked his way round the whole of the North American continent, as far south as Mexico, taking these magnificent pictures on the way. Obviously a dark horse !

discouraging work when there are so many types to keep happy. It would be a pity if she ever decided that her two small lively sons, her cooking and sewing, teaching of English, and the distance from Beckenried (where she lives) were too much for her to continue her good work in the club.

Her views on:

The midi: she doesn't really like it to look at but can't say no to it as it's in the fashion, and she does like to be in the fashion.

Favourite Food: Beefsteak with all the trimmings.

The Swiss: finds them a very well organised nation. They command a certain amount of respect among the other nations—one has to look deeply for flaws as so many things are so well thought out—defence and so on. She finds that the women live just for their families and don't have friends as the English do: in fact she herself has a lot of friends in Beckenried, as she just blundered in on people in all innocence when she arrived, and got on very well.

Television: lousy apparatus, kills conversation.

Young People: finds them definitely different from what they were ten years ago. She can't say if it's for the worse, they're just so different. They seem to know things at school that she knew only at college, and feels that perhaps it isn't good for their minds to be aware of things their intelligence isn't yet capable of dealing with.

Mrs. Brenda Rüttimann ist the other Vice-President, although she has been a member for only just over two years. She first heard about the club when she was roped in by a local to help at the minigolf course at the Seelisberg Congress in 1968 and has never looked back. She is a small built, slow speaking but very lucid, talkative and dynamic English woman straight from Stoke-on-Trent, and was a teacher in charge of a school party when she first came to



Switzerland and met the man who is now her husband—the manager of the Hotel they were staying in. That was five years ago: now she speaks fluent dialect and says she wouldn't go back to live in England for the world—though they do spend a three week holiday there every October. Being Vice-President she finds involves a lot of work: she's hand in glove with the President and they arrange a lot of the meetings between them—difficult and sometimes

Mrs. Rosalie Potter is the Secretary, and like most club secretaries has a heart of gold. She does all those little things like hotel bookings, fetching and carrying things, and the odds and ends that no-one else is willing or has time to do. She comes originally from St. Gallen, but has spent nineteen years in England, where she met her husband, and grew so acclimatised that she didn't want to come back! After six years here they are glad they made the change. The



simple things of life seem to afford her the greatest pleasure—a good cup of tea, a meal out, a good film: dress-making and cooking. It's difficult to do justice to somebody of such quiet efficiency, forbearance, and kindness in a report like this. Her views on:

The midi: likes it only on really attractive girls, when it looks elegant. *Favourite food*: this was obviously a difficult question to answer, as she likes almost any well cooked food, but she mentioned spaghetti Bolognese as a possible winner.

English beer: "Too strong for me." *Decimal coinage in England*: a good thing, but it'll be a big mess, knowing the English people.

Young people: "Parents are different. They used to be much more at home: they didn't get married so young. Now they still want to go out, and don't look after the children, and that brings on the whole trouble with young people."

Mr. John Potter is her husband and also Auxiliary Secretary, which is very convenient. Among his duties he has taken it upon himself to write the reports for the Anglo-Swiss Times—as he and his wife go to most of the meetings he's in a position to do so! When I said he didn't look English he felt flattered as most people reckon he practically typifies the race. He's a well-travelled and out-going Londoner, but would probably never have thought of coming here but for the fact that his business in clichés was going very badly in England. (I nearly said to him: "Really? I'm in the cliché business too" but remembered in time that he must mean making blocks for printers!) So he came here on holiday and decided to try for a job, was offered three, and is all set to

stay for the rest of his working days. He is a man who enjoys the social side of life, and is always ready to lend a hand where he can. I asked him my usual questions on *The midi*: prefers the maxi, as a man. Not the 1930's again, please.

Favourite food: Filet beefsteak. I gather this is something of a joke in the club!

English beer: deteriorated. Likes Swiss beer, having drunk sufficient quantity of it to get used to it, I suppose.

The Swiss: finds the people in Lucerne narrow-minded, or perhaps he should say, they have a different sense of humour to the English.

The television: for.

Young people: "When I was young they used to call me a tearaway: and I call the youngsters today just the same."

Miss Doris Walter is an extra committee member. This means that she holds the deciding vote! She was born in Emmen and has spent one year doing au pair work in Stanmore. The first six months was fine but the last six months was dreadful—but it hasn't put her off England. She would go back there to work any day, if she could get more money: as it she goes there on holiday. Now she works in an office, where she would like to get more work in English than she does now, and lives at home where she is one of seven children. Here she loves to cook, mostly highly seasoned things which her mother can't stand. The rest of her spare time is spent swimming, mountain walking, skiing, sewing and going to see English films. What does she think of *The midi*? No. The maxi's better. *Favourite food*: noodles, Rahmschnitzel and cauliflower.

English beer: reckons you can drink more than you can Swiss beer—you don't get drunk on it. (Oh yeah?) Actually she prefers Martini.

Television: "I hate it"—though there are sometimes some good films. It stops you talking.

Young people: feels that they are different today from in the past in that they are less shy—it's better this way.

Mrs. Delphine Rogger is Honorary President, having been President for eight years. She was thankful to give it up some years ago, as she found it an awful lot of work: she only found herself able to do it because she had a particularly good maid at home, and also a car—a must for collecting visiting lecturers and so forth. She is English and goes every year without fail to visit her grand-children in Eastbourne. She has spent 22 years here, having married a Swiss, and her twenty-year old daughter lives in Geneva. Her hobbies are cooking à la Suisse, and dressmaking, principally for her daughter, whom she dresses entirely—she derives great pleasure from this—"she has a lovely figure, and this way she dresses the way I want to see her". In spite of her lengthy residence here, she still sounds delightfully and charmingly English, and is still a staunch and active member of the Committee, though she wonders if perhaps the Anglo-Swiss organisation has outlived its usefulness, what with the recent troubles of the Lucerne ASC, the rise of the television, and the many rival interests today. With some trepidation, knowing her skill in dressmaking, I asked her what she thought of the midi: she prefers the maxi, but her daughter at present has neither, except for a maxi coat



made for her by Mrs. Potter. What an accomplished club....

Favourite food: roast beef.

English beer: never drinks beer of any description, loathes it. In fact she once broke off an engagement because her fiancé was a beer manufacturer.

The Swiss: their sense of humour is lacking.

Decimal coinage in England: chaotic but a good idea.

Television: anti.

Young people today: she has a very good impression from her daughter's friends: there are about twenty of them who always go around together in a group, thoroughly nice boys and girls. Altogether she feels there is more good than bad in the world—"In general, I'm an optimist". When I asked if she could recall any particularly amusing incidents in the club's history when she was running it, she replied rather sadly, "Not funny ones, but plenty of tragic ones".

Mrs. Betty Benies is another additional committee member, one time President, and is a Yorkshire woman. She used to be an art teacher, and came here because her husband, who is a naturalised British Czech, got a job here as a chemist in the nylon factory at Emmenbrücke. She has one son of thirteen, and is on the whole pleased she came, although she hasn't got to know many Swiss people. Her cool, calm, collectedness and quiet friendliness must form an invaluable counter-weight to other committee members' possible over-enthusiasm: and certainly her letter writing announcing future club meetings has been much appreciated in the past.

Her views on:

The midi: Yes, she likes it—after all, it's not the first time it's been in fashion.

English beer: never drinks any beer.

The Swiss: doesn't know enough Swiss people to be able to judge.

Hobbies: designing and home decoration, and teaching English.

Television: Very much opposed to it. She never has had one, doesn't have one now and never will—regards it as a killer.

Young people: she gets on very well with them and thinks that they are often misjudged.

Mr. Dennis Q.
Stephenson, M.B.E.

Mr. Stephenson, President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire, for his services towards Anglo-Swiss cultural relations. Knowing how much he deserves this honour for his extremely hard work throughout the years, we are pleased to offer him our warmest congratulations and best wishes.



1971

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 27th 1971.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel, St Gall, Soleure, Wattwil, Winterthur and British Council, Zurich.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. M.H. Everett, British Council Representative.

Congress venue - Giessbach, a new resort.

Dr. Honold, Vice-President, announced that

Mr. Stephenson had been awarded the M.B.E. This comes from the British Government, said Dr. Honold, but we all know what an amount of work Mr. Stephenson is doing.

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on November 6th 1971.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers, also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil, Winterthur and the British Council, Zurich.

Congress at Giessbach was a great success, although it rained on Saturday.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. E. Midgley, C.M.G., O.B.E. British Ambassador and Mrs. Midgley

Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson

Mr. M.H. Everett, British Council Representative and Mrs. Everett.

We learned that our Patron, Mr. Midgley, the British Ambassador, was taking a keen interest in the Federation and Clubs.

Council Officers:

Mr. A. Martinet, Treasurer, wished to resign.

Mr. R.V. Burnell, Basle, was proposed and elected.

Mr. Stephenson and the Committee were prepared to stand re-election which was noted with many thanks for their work.

A Federation Football Tournament took place in Basle on October 23rd.

At the same time the A.S.C.Basle, celebrated its 60th Anniversary.



The Pestalozzi Party

the ages of 7 and 14 are unusually good, appreciative and natural. We want to congratulate their young and so capable house-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Costello of Thames House. We now very much look forward to the coming recital of English songs by Mrs. André Maillard-Back, accompanied by her pianist, Mr. Brian Vickers, which will take place on Wednesday, May 12th. Her programme includes songs from Purcell, Benjamin Britten and Vaughan Williams, amongst other composers. The concert will be held in the Lyceum Club, a very good setting for such an event, with a good stage, and oh joy! a new and good grand piano, recently given to this lucky club. Also there is a little kitchen there which enables us to serve tea and refreshments to our members, so they can stay on, meet our artists, our friends and other fellow-members.

April 1st and 5th

Parties for the English Children in the Pestalozzi Village. Most delightful and worthwhile! The three bigger children were taken to see the film "Peter Pan" and then to have supper in a restaurant, this having been their wish. All the others gathered for a happy afternoon in the Sailors' house, with games and competitions with prizes, heaps of them, then a big tea, and afterwards a lovely surprise. We had invited the famous "Walter" to come with his animals, and he did! He introduced the children to many and varied beasts, spoke of their habits and peculiarities, and then showed us a film of his Zoo. The highlight of the whole show was when the enormous tame chimpanzee went around most earnestly shaking hands with all and sundry, and finally took a leap over their heads to sit down in the sofa between two surprised ladies, again greeting them with great dignity. So no wonder everyone was pleased, and all of these children, between

As you see by this all-too-long report we do what we can to offer our members a good and varied programme throughout the year, and it would really be a great pity if all this worthwhile club life should have to cease owing to lack of support. We live in hope!

Before finally finishing we would like also to thank the Wattwil Club, and most especially its very helpful President, Mrs. Luer, who very frequently turns up at our meetings with a carload, or even two carloads, of friendly Wattwil members. This is very much appreciated by us, and admired too! Also we keep in touch with the Chur and Rorschach Clubs, although last year we had no annual Regional Meeting, here again the attendance having been too small. The more's the pity, as our whole-day September outings which had been kept up for ten years had always turned out very pleasant indeed.

With every good wish to all our fellow Clubs, we are

The Anglo-Swiss Club of St. Gall



The Pestalozzi Party

Social Evening at Lucerne on March 20th. A warm welcome in the shape of an aperitif on the Lucerne Club was extended to all in the splendidly ornamented

Zunftstube of the Hotel Röthi—members from Zürich, SMS Biel, Berne, and Basel, whose members turned up in far greater numbers than anyone had any right to expect and were only able to sit down and dine regally (and inexpensively) with the rest through Miss Kaufmann's farsightedness in providing rather more places than seemed strictly necessary.

Dinner over, we were welcomed and thanked for coming by Miss Kaufmann, who then quickly handed over to Mrs. Brenda Rüttimann, Mistress of Ceremonies. This able lady really kept us active for the next two hours or so, running around in original and energetic variations of old party games—I remember particularly vividly a version of musical chairs, where only the ladies were expected to

march around in time to the music, but were obliged to find a gentleman on whose knees to sit before they could grab a chair. Whoever thought of doing this directly after a heavy meal deserves to be shot! Then we had a paper hat making competition, with pins kindly provided by Mrs. Rosa Potter, which was judged by the assembled company.

The party finally ground to a halt at

about half past twelve, leaving the various participants, amid cries of
"See you at Congress!"





Good God, it's the boss!



In the bar the pianist is taking time off



Move right down the bus, please!



Well, it makes a good story doesn't it?

CONGRESS 1971
at the GLENDACOM HOTEL
LAKE OF BIENZ.

Federation Football Tournament, 23rd October

On this bright, warm, sunny morning at the St. Jacob Stadium in Basle, near, but not quite where, the feet of the great had trodden only a few days before, a meagre but enthusiastic crowd gathered to watch the battle between SMS Bienne and their friends and acquaintances, and a team representing ASC Basle, which also contained a leaven of ineligible players. To be fair, one must mention that SMS Bienne had the misfortune to lose three of their players through illness the day before the match, and rather than call it off, spent the entire evening ringing round to find replacements, regardless of eligibility.

The ensuing football match started at a fast pace, with Bienne noticeably more skilled in general tactics, but with Basel showing a spirited defence and a resolute will to counter-attack. The formidable Schwan-



The winning team—SMS Bienne





inger was the mainstay of this defence, while the attack was capably served by Kegele, Burnell and Feiner. Only ignorance of the names of their team prevents your correspondent from similarly singling out for mention those of the Bienne team who played similar roles.

Basel kept on level terms until half time by a mixture of good goalkeeping, a solid grip on events in midfield, and excellent use of an off-side trap which had the Bienne captain expostulating in three languages. At half time, the score was 2 : 2.

Immediately after the interval the superior fitness and youth of the Bienne attack began to tell, and they quickly scored 3 more goals, despite

the blatant flouting of FIFA rules by Basel, who introduced 3 substitutes. Basel then pulled one back in a last attacking effort, before Bienne scored a final two goals, to which they would have added but for some acrobatic goalkeeping.

Both teams, the referee, and a vociferous linesman (an ex-rugby player if his encouraging epithets be judged aright), together with the crowd and several late arrivals, adjourned to an adjacent inn for lunch. Final score was 7 : 3.

Our thanks to all those who played, to the referee, Mr. Turi Häner, Mr. Burnell of the Basle Club and Miss Kaufmann of Bienne, who arranged the match, Mr. Kegele and

Mr. Jenni, who captained the two teams with knowledge and skill despite the variable material at their disposal, and to all those who came along to see a match which never rose to the heights, but which created enjoyment, moments of admirable skill, and, dare I say it, amusement.

Innocent bystander.

Afternoon Activities

Lunch in the upper room of the Wirtshaus St. Jakob was an informal affair, with about 40 people squeezed into a room only designed to hold about 30. Several people from other clubs also turned up, including two





ladies from Soleure, and several more from SMS Bienne, and Lucerne. Afterwards a lot of people went to the Basle Zoo which is justly famous for its new ape house, and its varied selection of other beasts and birds of the wild, while the rest had a look round Basle.

Evening Entertainment—ASC Basle's 60th Anniversary Celebration

At six o'clock we all met again at the Restaurant Batterie on Bruderholz for aperitives—those of us who could find the way up there, that is. We

had a nice meal, enlivened by the presence of the Basle Club's patron, the British Consul, Mr. May. Unfortunately E.C. Bienne who had hoped to send a group along weren't able to be with us, and sent a telegramme instead congratulating Basle on their 60th anniversary. We welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and Dr. and Mrs. Honold from Solothurn however, as well as the two ladies already present, and a small group from Berne. Dancing continued till midnight. I can honestly say I've never seen a collection of ladies wearing such different styles of dress—they were wearing everything from long dresses and jump-suits,

through the smart woollen dress, to jumpers and jeans. Who worries? Many thanks to Miss Maisie Bienz, Secretary of ASC Basle, that indefatigable lady who puts so much effort into making sure that everything runs smoothly, and also to Mr. Burnell, President, who was seen to be still dancing at midnight after playing an extremely energetic and effectual game that morning. Thanks also to all the members of other clubs who made the effort to come along, knowing that they would be faced with the journey back in the wee small hours: hope you enjoyed it all and hope to see you all again soon.

Club Profile—Big Ben Club, Lugano

When was the last time you even thought about Lugano? Have you ever considered that there is a very active and lively Anglo-Swiss Club down there in the Ticino, over two hundred strong, which forms between a fifth and a sixth of the Federation's total strength?

Such a big club finds great difficulty in finding regular premises big enough to hold it. An average attendance is forty, higher for any meeting where eating or drinking is involved, but lower, alas, for lectures. Meetings are held anywhere that seems suitable to the occasion, about once a fortnight, depending on what opportunities there are.

The babysitting problem is even more acute than in other large towns, so there are perhaps fewer young marrieds who can come along to meetings on a regular basis. All nationalities are welcomed—English (who form about 25% of the total), American, Canadian, Ticinese, other Swiss, Dutch—provided they can speak English. No President is permitted by the rules to have a longer run than three years, which meant that in addition to meeting the present, very able, president, I also met Mrs. Moederle who was the previous President.

The Big Ben Club is quite a young one, having been founded in 1958. There was an Anglo-Swiss Club before that, which used to be very strong in the war years, but fizzled out afterwards—no connection with the present organization, except that some members of the old have joined the new.

Mrs. Rita Dispeker has now been President for one year, and was secretary for ten years before that, so she knows the ropes. She is a very

outgoing friendly, and loquacious Londoner, whose fabulous house on the hill, when it isn't full of visitors, is occupied by herself, her husband and her 15 year old Dachshund, Jane. Her husband is a charming gentleman, rather quiet, at first, and a complete contrast to Mrs. Dispeker, but a great wit when one gets to know him better.

Mrs. Dispeker as president puts a terrific amount of energy and work into organizing any meeting decided on—finding the way, fetching things in her fiendish Fiat sports, and answering the telephone—which is liable to ring non-stop on an evening before a club meeting, from people with various queries. German is her second language, she can speak Italian, but her French, as she put it, "got lost in the woods".

I didn't bother to ask what she thought about the midi, or any other length of feminine garb, as she obviously favours the Chanel length (just below the knee, for those of you who don't keep up with Chanel) which, slender as she is, suits her very well indeed. I did ask her what she thought of the rival merits of English and Swiss beer, which was a waste of time, as she doesn't like any beer, full stop.

Hobbies: Cooking, sewing and ceramics. She started pottery five years ago, and became interested enough to get her own small kiln. Glazes come from all over Europe. She prefers "building" a pot to "throwing" it on a wheel: the ability to keep it evenly round as it's being built comes with time.

What does she think of the Swiss? She finds that it's impossible to break into Ticine society. The families keep themselves very much to themselves.

Mrs. Mary Moederle is the Vice-President. She struck me as a lady of quiet efficiency, at least compared with the rest of the committee, who seem to be a talkative and extrovert group, full of natural high spirits. She did a three year stint as President, after which she had to stand down, by the rules of the club. She is English, married to an Italian, and came to live in Lugano twenty years ago, after the children were born. Both Italian and English are spoken at home, naturally.



Hobbies: Entertaining, principally. She paints when she has time, and is also on the Church Council. Apart from that her time is taken up with looking after a great big house, in which a daily helps—and, of course, with the Big Ben Club.
What does she think of the Swiss: finds them generally alright, and gets on with them well.

Mr. Rolf Häfliger, Secretary, is a native of Lucerne. He actually looks about as English as they come: in fact he spent about 2½ years in Norfolk, which is where he met his wife who is an English rose. Now they're firmly ensconced in Lugano, with a three year old daughter. When he's not scribbling away as Secretary, a post which he's held for less than a year, he's a jeweller. So it follows, that when I asked him what his *Hobbies* were, he should say mineralogy, though he stressed that this really had nothing to do with his work—after all, one would have virtually nothing to do if one only worked the stones one found oneself. His other hobby is wine. He narrowed this down to sampling the stuff in the places of origin.



What about English beer? "Lovely: especially Norfolk nip"—only one of the strongest and most English beers produced!

Favourite food is pasta—answer supplied by his wife: it's just as well they live in the Ticino.

Television: in favour of it, finds there's a very good choice of programmes.

The Midi: "It's a pity for nice legs."

Mr. Frank Mauders, Treasurer, could not unfortunately be interviewed, as he was out of town when I visited Lugano. I gather he was visiting one of his grown up children. The only things I could find out about him are that he is an extremely good treasurer, that he is retired, that he spends a lot of time in England, that he has spent most of his life in the Far East, and that he hails originally from Ulster, though he doesn't sound it. Pity he wasn't at home, because he sounds interesting.

Mr. Terence Furey is a committee member, though hardly a common or garden one because of his dynamic personality. One is not really surprised to learn that he has spent some time in America, in electronics, and was one of the first three men sent over the start Ampex, Europe. He's now in tourist development, building villages, but not with his own bare hands.

Being a very English English-man himself, having been born behind the bar of the "Peacock" in Printing House Square (—and let's face it, you can't get much more English than that), he threw up his hands in horror at my suggestion that he might be married to any but an English woman: and they have been here with three children for eight

years. Languages are always an advantage in the tourist trade: Terry speaks five, he says. He has been a committee member for one year, and is a great believer in doing things for the community, even if you haven't really got time. I asked him about his hobbies: he says he's an "ornithologist" (non-feathered variety), a skier and a businessman.

The Midi: he's a mini fan, but thinks a maxi is nice for the evening in the house.



Favourite Food: Vegetables. As from his birthday this year, which was a couple of months ago, he's trying vegetarianism for one year. His wife naturally finds it difficult: but I wonder what it does to his business life?

English beer: yes, but he drinks it only in England, and then preferably Double Diamond or draught.

Television: No.

How does he get on with the Swiss? OK with all four kinds: "one takes people with one" and he told a little joke to illustrate the point. But in addition to being dynamic he really is a very friendly and hospitable chap, a combination which makes most people wonder what's hit 'em.

Mrs. Phyllis Ferrazzini, committee member, is a very exuberant lady, who was laughing so much when I first met that I couldn't get a sensible word out of her apart from "Before I was married...". That was eleven years ago, so it's going back a bit. However: she is now married to a Ticinese, has no children, worked on and off as a secretary for seven years, and now works on and off as all sorts of things. I asked the usual

questions and got some very funny answers. For example:

The Midi: "that's past! This is the day of freedom!" (She's absolutely right of course: perhaps I shall cut that question out in future.)

Favourite Food: (big sigh) her husband has a garden, and her favourite food has perforce to be whatever he has a glut of. This year it's tomatoes.

English Beer: never drunk it. She likes Swiss beer, but prefers wine in any case.



The Swiss: "You expect a short answer?!" Seriously, they can't too bad—she did marry one.

Hobbies and Pastimes: Drinking coffee in the Mövenpick, um, cutting the hedge, um, tapestry, reading friends' books, concerts, and walking—yes, she does a lot of walking.

Television: yes.

Mr. Reili von Alvensleban, committee member, swore to me that he had no Irish blood in his veins. I'll believe him, others may not. He is Swiss, though his name is an Old German one. He has an English wife and two children: he has deep connections with England, in which country he would prefer to live, but his wife prefers the Ticino. At the moment he's with a bank, but before that he was a World Tour Manager. I can't help feeling that he gets in a bit of a muddle with nationalities—I mean, we've mentioned several already, and when I asked him if he liked English beer, he said he thought it was the best in the world, then proceeded to tell me that Russian stout is the best of the lot. Well, I ask you. It is, apparently, even heavier than a French wine—and he ought to know, as he's travelled extensively in Europe (tasting beer?).

Favourite Food: difficult to say, he's been round the world such a lot, eating different foods. His favourite is



probably lobster, certainly any sort of seafood.

Hobbies: Cooking and gardening. (How English.) Each year he takes care to do a-trip with a group of people, Americans maybe, or students: and he always has a whale of a time.

Mrs. Pamela Bolliger, committee member. I should not have left till last as she is one of the two founding fathers, or should I say mothers, left in the club. The other is Mrs. Mary Moederle. The fact is that she was not present to be interviewed when I visited Lugano. She is married to a Swiss and has been in this country for 17 years, and has two grown-up

children. She is a very lively cheerful lady, with tons of energy, who, in the past when the club was smaller, always undertook to provide food—mountains of it. There was usually too much: on the rare occasions when it all disappeared, there would certainly be too much the next time. Even now she always provides it at Carnival time, cutting endless sandwiches and often baking cakes too.

Mr. Johann Estermann, though not on the committee, should certainly be included in this column. He is a zither player, and a very eminent one at that. He is mentioned in the Encyclopaedia in this connection and has played for all kinds of films and worked with all kinds of people. The zither he has is a very rare and valuable instrument, built in Bavaria in 1890. He is married to an American and has a family. He is the most charming and kind gentleman, who speaks with a faint American burr, and would seem to be willing to play zither music on demand till the cows come home.

Other eminent People

I also met Mr. L. de Garston who has been a member of the club almost since its founding, and who was made Honorary President some months after he joined the club. Mr. de Garston is also British Vice-Consul in Lugano.



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"As they were"

1 A. S. C. Basle: Flumserberg, 1957

2 S. M. S. Bienne: December 13th, 1947

3 St. Gallen: Christmas 1958

4 A. S. C. Lausanne: Christmas Party:
Mrs. Lilian Morzier, past President;
Mr. A.C. Martinet, present President;
Mrs. Jacqueline Martinet, future
President (no relation)

5 Congress, Locarno 1951

6 Congress, Bürgenstock, 1956

7 Congress 1961

8 A. S. C. Chur: Christmas Party 1964:
"In Town Tonight", Dame Mary
Dingle



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Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne

Our club meetings started up again with a film evening on September 29th after the summer holidays, and it was nice to see familiar faces - and some new ones - after so many weeks. Mr. Bissel, the headmaster of the Commonwealth and American School very kindly let us have the use of one of the classrooms, and we had a selection of films from B.P. Zürich. We had hoped to have a film on Madagascar from the Comptoir Suisse in Lausanne.



M. & Mme. Alfred Martinet.

Our annual Christmas dinner and party took place on December 3rd. This was again held in the Hotel des Palmiers, and about forty members and friends were present, and it was a very pleasant evening. Our President, M. Alfred Martinet, had organised everything with his usual quiet efficiency, and our Vice-President, Mme. Jacqueline Martinet and our Secretary, Mme. Humbert,

had arranged paper and pencil games which were a godsend keeping everyone amused while waiting to be served with dinner, which seemed (and was) a dreadful long time. There were also competitions including "Swiss Towns", "guess what's in the parcel", and guessing the weight of the Christmas cake - the guesses for the latter ranged between 500 gms and 5 kilos, and was won by the husband of a club member who gave the exact weight.



Mr. Guy Martinet, Treasurer

1972

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 18th 1972.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers, also
the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Locarno, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel, St Gall, Soleure,
Wattwil, Winterthur, the British Council Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr E. Midgley, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Midgley
Mr. M.H. Everett, British Council Representative, also
Mr. J. Jenoure, President of Honour.

Congress venue - Interlaken .

(The 40th Anniversary of the Federation).

Anglo-Swiss Times:

The two-monthly journal had changed its name into
Anglo-Swiss News.

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Council Meeting held in Biel on October 28th 1972.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers, also
the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil,
the British Council in Zurich.

The President had to announce three deaths:

Sir Robert Isaacson , KBE CMG, who was British Ambassador to
Switzerland for many years,

Mr. A. Mario Fluhmann, CBE, who was the British Consul in
Basle and Patron of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle, for many
years, also

Mr. W. Bullock, who was the President of the Anglo-Swiss Club,
Winterthur, for many years. A message of sympathy and a wreath
had been sent to the bereaved family.

Mr. Stephenson had also written to Lady Isaacson on behalf
of the Federation to express to her the sympathy of the
members in her loss.

Also to Mrs. Fluhmann and family our deepest sympathy were
extended.

Congress at Interlaken:

Many thought this the best congress they had attended,
about 130 persons came.

Guests at banquet:

Mr. E. Midgley, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Midgley
Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson

Mr. M.H. Everett, British Council, and Mrs. Everett

Mr. & Mrs. Borter, Gemeindepräsident of Interlaken

Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Jenoure, President of Honour.

During the banquet Mr. Borter presented the Golden Key to
Mr. E. Midgley, British Ambassador.

Council Officers:

Mr. Stephenson was re-elected as President with the usual
acclamation. Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of the
other officers en bloc.

CLUB PROFILE - WINTERTHUR ANGLO-SWISS CLUB

Winterthur is one of those towns which have the misfortune to be heavily overshadowed by Zürich and industry, represented in this case by Sulzer, but it nevertheless manages to preserve a most attractive old city centre, with market, and some lovely surrounding country. The 44-year old Anglo-Swiss Club there has had its ups and downs, like any other club, and seems to be climbing slowly upwards at the moment - advertising has brought the membership up to over 60. Many members are Czech refugees: the rest are mostly Swiss, of all ages - there is a certain difficulty in recruiting the English youth. Meetings are held once a fortnight, usually on Monday evenings, at the Hotel Krone - which incidentally is a very good hotel: there are plenty of outings outside the town - picnics, and English plays in Zürich, and skiing, and boat-trips.

The Committee is in a state of flux at the moment - half of them are people who have been in the club for years, and the other half are fairly young and relatively new.



From left to right: Mrs. Völkel, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Heer, and Mr. Völkel. Sorry about the flash!

Mr. William Bullock was President for twelve years before handing over to Mr. Heer, but has recently completed another two year stint in Mr. Heer's absence, (since no-one else wanted to do it) in spite of pressure of fresh work (illustrating in a big way) and other encroachments on his time. However the caustic humour and sly wit of his speeches will be remembered, as will his devotion, courtesy and helpfulness. The occasional outspokenness and cryptic sayings come as a bit of a shock! But Mr. Bullock is not one to agree with something he doesn't believe in - he usually speaks plainly and to the point: Life is not easy. And if you ever admire his tie he'll probably tell you it was designed by the middle of his three daughters. I asked him why as an Englishman he came to Switzerland: he said, "I was in trouble with the police". He married his Swiss wife in England, they used to spend a holiday each year here, and one year he just decided to start working here, "leaving her to do the packing. Of course, the Queen was upset."

Favourite food: everything - he just likes eating.

The Midi : he thinks it's interesting - there's always the hope that..... but he prefers the mini.

The Swiss : "Switzerland is a nice country." And that was all I could get out of him.

Hobbies : Radio - he enjoys tinkering about with his own equipment. Also he's just bought a motor bike, much to the disgust of his wife, to take him on his frequent trips to Zürich, as his daughter is using the car so much. Hates cats and dogs, actively.

Youth today: "They're far worse than I was, I was perfect. Standards have deteriorated."

Decimal currency in England : "I think we should have stuck to pounds, shillings and pence - it's different and it's better."

Television : antisocial.

Mr. Oliver Heer has the distinction of being one of the Club's most eligible bachelors, and also the newly elected President for the second time round. He resigned after two years the first time, not because he couldn't stick it but because he was off to Spain for nine months, to teach the natives his language (French - he's from Lausanne) and, perhaps more important, to learn theirs. Why Spain? Well, it's certainly paid off - he is at present in Sulzer's patent office, dealing with big marine engines, Spain. This betokened a certain amount of ambition and devotion to duty! He's full of enthusiasm and new ideas, even if some of them aren't effective. I asked him what he thought of English beer: he finds it very good, but he is part British - his grandmother was English. "I feel British in temperament - England is my second country." He has many friends there, though he has actually lived there for only 18 months: and he is terribly concerned about the Irish question.

Hobby : railways: the only reason that he didn't become an engine driver was that his sight wasn't good enough. This really is his consuming passion: he has a ten year old Peugeot 203 but doesn't like tinkering around with it much because of the dirt. Other interests include sports and skiing, classical music, S. American music, and history, especially that of Spain and England, through which he has come to be fascinated by both countries and civilisation generally.

Young people today: Oliver would love to have them in the club but finds them hard to understand. They have every material wealth and would love to have an aim but don't know how. Their ideals go quickly e.g. Biafra.

Mrs. Ruth Hablützel has been Vice-President for just one year - but that doesn't mean she led a life of leisure before that. She has often done decorations for a party, or organised a particular meeting. Her home is a recently renewed flat in a pure Jugendstil house, and the modern and the Jugendstil harmonise in a pleasing and practical way. Her husband, who works in cryogenics, doesn't often find time to come to the club, and her little boy is hardly of an age to.... Mrs. Hablützel perfected her English in America

four years ago, where she spent a year. One of her chief interests is her "little job" - teaching primary school children how to play the flute. Sewing - even coats - takes up a lot of her time, and also reading, in English and German: she gets a great deal of pleasure from reading the same book with her husband, but it has to be an interesting one! On a Sunday they go cycling round the charming and little-known lanes outside Winterthur. Television? - she doesn't see the need of it, but supposes they will get one when the children require it. The newspaper's better. Favourite food : 1) red cabbage and chestnuts, pork, and apples with cranberries.

2) Spaghetti, cooked by her husband.

Makes your mouth water doesn't it!

Miss Sylvia Roth is the present Secretary - she has been secretary before, and seems to alternate with Miss Jaeckle. She is one of these ladies who is always efficient, and very earnest, and willing to step into the breach, as indeed she has done on this occasion. She has the misfortune to be short-sighted, but I'm sure that doesn't affect her skill as a translator! Also, she is not afraid to invite all her personal friends to the Club, thus providing the members with lectures of all kinds. The night before a club meeting once a fortnight is usually a sleepless one for her - wondering whether anything will go wrong, the projector, for example, or simply that few people turn up. She might even lose her temper on occasion, but regain it in order to arrange something, using the full resources of the club to the ultimate.

Mr. Langer, the Treasurer, is one of the Czechs, and I'm afraid I never had the pleasure of meeting him, and can't really tell you what he's like. All I can say is that he's a very good Treasurer (he would have been a marvellous officer in the Public Taxes Department!). His English is exceptionally good, as befits an Anglophile, and he is very energetic - loves sports of all kinds, especially cross-country skiing. He's not scared to say what he thinks about the Russian communists in general, and in particular of their policy towards his own country.

Mr. Horst Schiel is in charge of Outdoor Activities, and has been very active in the past. He is a very busy man, but finds time for a lot of general socialising, organising rallies and things for both the Winterthur Club and the Fitzroy Club in Zürich - and giving most interesting lectures and producing marvellous slides taken on various trips all over the world. In his spare time, he does a lot of sailing and gliding. - He's the type of man who has every success and is still sympathetic.

Mrs. Sylvia Völkel is a Committee Member, and a very lively one too. She's one of the few genuine Englishwomen in the club, and still manages to retain a pure London outlook and accent, in spite of having been married to a very good-looking German for more than just a few years. Of course the first question I asked her was why she came to Switzerland: - "To look for a husband - Englishmen are too stuffy. The Swiss are almost as bad." Swiss beer : regards it as "a good drop of wallop."

Favourite food : fish and chips with loads of malt vinegar and salt.

The midi : she wore it when it was in - enough said.

Hobbies : "My husband". In addition she likes skiing and reading.

Youth today : just as good and just as bad as we were.

Television : enjoys it.

The Swiss : this was obviously quite a question! She finds that the Swiss work really hard, which is perhaps an example that the English could well look at. Also they're more kindly to children than the English. The Swiss could also learn quite a lot from the English, e.g. their open friendliness and easy-going attitude.

And here, to round off the Profile, is a picture of the Winterthur Club enjoying a fondue at the Römerhof towards the end of March!



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ENGLISH CLUB, WATTWIL

President's Report for 1971

The year started, as usual, with a first meeting in January during which we discussed our programme and had a general talk. Instead of a further meeting in Wattwil during January we went to St. Gall and joined the Anglo-Swiss Club there to attend the performance of two English actors in "From Chaucer to Shaw" excerpts from different poems and plays.

We had only one Club evening in February - as usual because of the "Fastnacht" for which Melinda Jeffrey and Hans Altherr organized a quiz evening.

In March we had a One Man Show of a Canadian actor, Mr. Hyatt, in the Kantonsschule Wattwil, who gave a very good performance, much enjoyed by a good audience. Also in March we had a farewell party for two of our members, Miss Jeffrey and Mr. Kuster. On this occasion, Mr. Kuster showed us a film which he took during his travels in the Far East.

In April a Federation Lecturer, Mr. Donald Grant, a Scotsman, visited us and spoke about Scotland and the Highlands.

In May we had a get-together and after a few postponements our Spring Outing - this year organized by Mr. Kuss - which led us to the Vorarlberg. We went with 5 cars and spent a lovely day together. Early in June Mr. Steinweg showed us his very interesting slides taken during his trip with a group of students to the USSR and on July 16th we had our Annual General Meeting.

After the Summer holidays we met twice in September - once for an informal meeting with general conversation on topics such as holidays, history, politics and personal impressions on English mentality! For the second evening 2 films, kindly lent us by the Japanese Embassy, were shown. One about the Expo 1970 and the other about KYOTO. In Mid-October we had a Cheese Party at Aewil, which has become a tradition, and was very well attended.

There were two November meetings: the first one was spent playing games and at the other one a Federation Lecturer, Mrs. Casparis, gave us a talk on Mary Queen of Scots, which was enjoyed by all who came.

In December we met for our traditional "Chlaus Obig", this year at the Jakobshof, a well attended and very gay event, thanks to the excellent organization by Mr. Schneeberger. I suppose all present enjoyed it.

Existing contacts with the other Clubs, affiliated to the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, have been maintained. We are regularly receiving the programmes of the Anglo-Swiss Club of St. Gall, the Anglo-Swiss Club of Chur and the Fitzroy Club of Zurich and we attended several lectures and events at the Fitzroy Club and the Anglo-Swiss Club in St. Gall. Three persons attended Congress 1971 in Giessbach and three went to the Christmas Party of the St. Gall Club. We have been regularly informed of special flights to England and several members availed themselves of the opportunity. We went to the performance of the Zurich Comedy Club in Spring and Autumn and Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" during the "Juni Festwochen" in Zurich.

The Commission elected at our last Meeting discussed our Statutes and it was found that no basic changes were needed.

There are still only a few members subscribing to the Anglo-Swiss Times, the official organ of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, which contains all the news about club life in the different clubs affiliated to the Federation.

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Sir Robert Isaacson, KBE, CMG

We have received news of the death of Sir Robert Isaacson, KBE, CMG, who was British Ambassador to Switzerland from 1964 to 1967 and Patron of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs during that period. Sir Robert and Lady Isaacson were always welcome guests at Congresses and Executive Council lunches, and on retirement to England left us with very pleasant memories of their term of office. The President has written to Lady Isaacson on behalf of the Federation to express to her the sympathy of her members in her loss.

A.S.C. Basle 1970

Mr. Mario Flühmann, British Consul in Basle and Patron of the Anglo-Swiss Club, has recently been awarded the C.B.E. for his signal services to Anglo-Swiss relations. We offer him our heartiest congratulations.

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A. Mario Fluhmann, CBE , Basle

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Mario Fluhmann, CBE, who was for many years the Patron of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle. Mr. Fluhmann had a distinguished career with the consular service, entering the then British Vice-Consulate in Basle in 1915 and serving till 1970, when he had been head of the post for twelve years. As Patron of our Club, he was not content merely to be a figurehead, for he often joined us of an evening in earlier days, for a lecture or special occasion, and we always felt he was a friend among friends. Accompanied by his gracious and charming wife, he was always an honoured guest at our Christmas Party and added something special to the occasion. We shall remember him with affection and a sense of gratitude for the keen interest he always took in our affairs. To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

BASLE Anglo-Swiss Club, Restaurant Kunsthalle, Thursday, weekly.
President: Mr. D.H. Green, Am Stausee 27/16, 4127 Birsfelden.

BASLE British Circle, in various restaurants, no fixed day, monthly
Chairman : Mr. B. Acton, Langenhagweg 21, 4123 Allschwil.
Correspondence to Mr. H.W. Pümpin, Binningerstrasse 15, 4142 Münchenstein BL.

BERNE Anglo-Swiss Association, Postgasse 10, Thursday, weekly.
President: Mr. P.M. Widmer, Dipl.-Ing. ETH, Dunantstrasse 2, 3000 Berne.

BIENNE English Club, Hotel Continental, Wednesday, weekly.
President: Mr. W.R. Koch, Feldeckstrasse 5, 2500 Biennie.

BIENNE SMS English Club, Hotel Walliserkeller, Thursday, weekly.
President: Mr. H.R. Fritscher, Bettlachstrasse 128, 2540 Grenchen.

CHUR Anglo-Swiss Club, in various places, no fixed day, monthly.
President: Mrs. N. Buol, Plantaweg 5, 7000 Chur.
Correspondence to Mrs. A. Gasche, Neubruchstrasse 17, 7000 Chur.

FRIBOURG English Club "The Pickwickians", Restaurant Gambrinus, Wednesday,
fortnightly.
President: Dr. A. Girod, 3186 Düdingen-Guin.

GENEVA English Speaking Club,Maison Internationale des Etudiants,Wed.,
fortnightly.
President: Mr. Ph. Reverdin, av. des Promenades 21, 1227 Carouge GE.

LANGENTHAL English Club, Hotel Bären, no fixēd day, monthly.
President: Mr. P. Imhof, Nelchnaustrasse 10, Langenthal 4900.

LAUSANNE Anglo-Swiss Club, Cafe-Restaurant "L'Elysee", Wednesday, weekly.
President: Mrs. Jacqueline Martinet, MBE, 47 Grand-rue, 1095 Lutry.

LOCARNO Anglo-Swiss Club, La Palma Hotel, Muralto, Tuesday, weekly.
President: Mrs. L. Meschini, 6573 Magadino TI.

LUCERNE Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Ruetli, Friday, fortnightly.
President: Miss L. Kaufmann, Kleinmattstrasse 7, 6000 Lucerne.

LUGANO Big Ben Club, in various places, no fixed day, fortnightly.
President: Mrs. R.M. Dispeker, 7, Via Noseda, 6977 Suvigliana TI.

MONTREUX Anglo-Swiss Club, Montreux Casino/Hotel Bonivard,Territet, Thurs.,
weekly.
President:Mr.C.Cater, AMIEE, La Bolliettaz,1817 Fontanivent s/Clarens.

NEUCHATEL Anglo-Swiss Club, Restaurant Beau-Rivage, Thursday, fortnightly.
President: Miss C. Buchele, 1088 Cressier NE.
Correspondence to Miss M. Schneider, 6 Sablons, 2000 Neuchatel.

RORSCHACH English Conversation Club, Restaurant Schweizerhof, Wednesday,
fortnightly.
President: Mr. Heinz Gisner, Hohriet, 9400 Rorschacherberg SG.

SOLEURE Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Krone, Thursday, weekly.
President: Dr. P. Honold, Grünern, 4513 Langendorf SO.

ST GALL Anglo-Swiss Club, Monday.
Correspondence to Mrs. R. Sailer, Varnbühlstrasse 9, 9000 St Gallen.

WATTWIL English Club, usually Gasthaus zum Schaeffle, Wednesday, fortnightly.
President: Mrs. E. Luer, Wilerstrasse 58, 9630 Wattwil SG.

WINTERTHUR Anglo-Swiss Club, Hotel Krone, Monday, fortnightly.
President: Mr. O. Heer, Brunngasse 38, 8400 Winterthur.

ZURICH Fitzroy Club, Restaurant Urania, Wednesday, weekly.
President: Mr. M. Ruthmann, Ueberlandstrasse 393, 8051 Zürich.
Correspondence to P.O. Box 8023, Zürich.

ZURICH British Club, Hotel Carlton-Elite, Wednesday, weekly.
President: Mr. G.S. Atkinson, Seefeldquai 41, 8008 Zürich.
Correspondence to Mr. H.J. Denss-Giles, Stüssistrasse 91, 8057 Zürich.

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SMS Club Bienne

With the help of our programme I will tell you about the activities of our club during the summer and autumn months.

Here we are: INAUGURATION of the new club room at the Stadthaus in Nidau near Bienne. No, they didn't kick us out of the old place, the Walliser-keller which was so nice and so well-known - they are simply going to pull it down. It's a pity, excuse my tears.

And so we more or less had to find a new club room. We found one and it turned out to be quite nice. On the evening of August 24th 1972 almost all of our members were present. We broke just one glass which, after all, ought to bring us good luck !

August 31st: Minigolf at Studen, which I can't remember. Of course, I wasn't there since I was on holiday. And on September 7th (when I was still away) they had the monthly walk up to the Restaurant St. Niklaus in St. Niklaus. Nobody made a false step? Hope you had fun.

September 14th : skittling at the Restaurant Feldschloessli. This was OK, no murders or kidnapping to report !

September 21st : The day, or rather night, when only one nice guy with a car turned up ! So three of us just had to take the train to reach our destination: Ilge in Twann. We had wine and "platos grisonos". While we were eating it, three nice guys (with cars) walked in, so at least our trip home was taken care of (you can't let three young ladies go home in the dark by train - a train which had in any case left some time before). That evening we listened to Mr. Lienhard's beautiful voice, and even joined in, that is to say Klaus did. It turned out to be a real competitive group, and we had great fun. September 28th: Klaus gave a music quiz. Ruth and Denis had the highest scores, then came Mercedes. I didn't like the way they passed a glass of white wine right under my nose to the winners. Was it my fault that I didn't get enough points ? There was just not enough cheating going on, that's all !

We are keeping busy, you see. Bye-Bye for now.

Yellow rocket.

CLUB PROFILE - ENGLISH CLUB, LANGENTHAL

When I first heard that there was an English Club in Langenthal, my first reaction was "Where on earth is that?" and my second was "Is it big enough?" As the place supports about a hundred and five other clubs as well, one might assume it rather more than an overgrown village. The current membership of the English Club is about 45, which includes perhaps ten genuine British people and a number of other nationalities, like Greek, and Japanese. They meet together in different places about once in three weeks, on different nights so as not to clash every time with the same (rival?) clubs. The whole emphasis has changed quite recently from the culture loving, blue blooded club that it has been from 1952 when it was founded, to more of a social club. Possibly this is in part because there are so many young married couples, who have young children. The older members are still there, and give regular support, but the attendance is markedly lower for a lecture evening than for a social evening. And this is something they really do well - everybody mucks in, the ladies cook lovely cakes, and people put a lot of effort into doing as much as they can to help. If anyone hears of any new British arrival in the "village", they'll immediately go and visit them and bring them along to the Club, thus ensuring a supply of new members. The Book not only records who was at each meeting, but is illustrated by a volunteer (or his children) after the event.

Mr. Peter Imhof has been President for the last year, before which he was Vice-President for two years. He is the first of the three Swiss men on the committee who have British wives who do most of the donkey work during the day after the Committee has made the decisions. He describes himself as a textile technician for a firm of upholsterers - used to be in sales, but the advantage of fluency in three languages has given him virtual control over all supplies, since the firm has grown so quickly recently that it's practically exploded. Anyone who doesn't recognise his wife as Scots isn't trying - he met her during his four years in Bonny Scotland, after which they spent a couple of years in the United States. Handwork seems to be one of his favourite occupations, when he isn't running the Club: there's a sofa in their flat which he tells me they re-upholstered themselves - looks very professional to me. Also he's built no end of cupboards, and things for his three children.



The Committee - and long suffering spouses! Left to right: Mrs.Schibli, Mr. Schibli, Mrs. Steiner, Mr and Mrs.Imhof, Mr.Steiner, Mr.and Mrs.Kohler

I asked him what his favourite food is, but he says he's not greatly interested in food - eats more or less just to live. His basic lack of interest drives his wife wild at times, but he supposes he enjoys roesti or curried rice as much as anything. Pretty well the same applies to beer!

As for his views on the younger generation- it depends on where you draw the line between young and old. He thinks the younger generation is a product of the generation before, which went through the war and was content just to be able to earn money, let alone anything else. Afterwards authority was relaxed, and now we have the mess: the pendulum has swung and we now need more authority and are afraid of inflicting it. He reckons a teacher should have the right to hit an obstreperous child. He always thinks (and tries to teach the attitude to his children "What can I give first before I ask for something?" and the current attitude is exactly the other way round. He knows everyone thinks he's a sucker because of it - but one doesn't have to know Peter Imhof for very long to find that underneath he has qualities of perseverance, toughness and leadership without which the Club would be in a pretty sorry way.

Mr. Pierre Schibli (Vice-President) strikes one as rather diffident, but apparently is someone with the initiative, the bright ideas, the artistic temperament. He also has the most stunning English wife, who of course shoulders her share of the work with the other committee wives. He spent two years in England and has been in Langenthal ever since, with an American firm dealing with road building machinery and heavy trailers, but hasn't had a lot of luck. His hobbies are athletic, in contrast to the "heavy" nature of his job, and include swimming, skiing and gymnastics, and, naturally enough, steak is his idea of a good meal. Swiss beer he still prefers to English. And the younger generation? - "They've got more than we had, but there's nothing wrong with them."

Mr. Uli (Ulrich) Kohler (Secretary) is the third of the happy trio with pronounced Anglophile interests, being married to a London girl. He's only been on the committee for eight months and reckons already that she does all the work. To put the record straight, I'm sure that Messrs. Imhof, Schibli and Kohler do a darn sight more than they say they do, or they wouldn't be elected to the post!

This particular guy has a right to be cheerful - not only does he appreciate English beer but he can lay his hands on a constant supply of the stuff, as his father-in-law is with Watneys. So, during his relatively frequent and well spaced trips to England, he lays in a supply, tinned, sticks it on the back seat of his car, and drives back like a lord ready to enjoy the next few months' ration. As he is the export director in the family business of textile machinery presumably he can arrange the trips to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned, and also indulge an acquired liking for roast beef and Yorkshire pud. Hobbies - apart from all this beer-drinking and the attentions of three sons - include jazz of all sorts except ultra-modern, favourite players being Charlie Parker and Lester Young. He used to play the banjo in a trad. band, and he has a collection of three to four hundred jazz lps bought during his five years in England, played on stereo equipment, which I would have thought was a hobby in itself. As well as this he finds time to play football for a local club. Of course he also played in England, in the East End of London, where he picked up a fair knowledge of the traditional songs..... The younger generation? "Alright" he says, laconically.

Mrs. Studer, the Treasurer, I was not able to meet unfortunately - she has a small baby and also lives well out of Langenthal, so finds it difficult to come to meetings regularly. Provided she keeps her eye on the purse strings.... which she does do very well. When the club was

looking round for a Treasurer, this quiet, diffident girl quite willingly volunteered to do the job. Good for her.

Mrs. Marika Steiner is the fifth committee member, a necessity in the event of a stalemate in the voting. She used to be Secretary of the club, but had to give it up when the family moved out of town. She's half English, half Greek, and has lived in a lot of different places, including Nigeria and Syria, but is now settled here, to live it would seem, a comparatively hum-drum existence with her Swiss husband and three school-age children. - "A typical Hausfrau," she says. Yes? with a background like that? Greece she has never lived in, but she enjoys cooking and eating Greek food : her favourite dish is curry cooked by her husband. Sewing is a time consuming hobby and so the only one she really has time for, as she makes most of her own clothes, but she also belongs to a tennis club where she plays regularly. I asked her the standard question on the younger generation: she considers that they're alright but that one has to try hard to understand them, difficult though they are - but then every generation is hard to understand. She thinks they're mostly decent youngsters.

Mr. Kurt Eberli was President of the Club for 11 years before Mr. Imhof took over and is now Honorary President. It is he who is really responsible for the Club in its present form and state of stability, for when he took it over it was in a state of collapse, and he had to build it up again virtually from scratch. He did everything and nursed it like a baby, and he still takes a keen interest in everything to do with the club.

He's never actually lived in England, but spent eighteen years in India, and he still has a liking for things oriental - cats in particular, Siamese ones. Travelling is another activity his long years away from Switzerland have given him a taste for, and recently he's been to Scandinavia, and the States. Mr. Eberli gets on with younger people very well, and finds that he has an understanding for their problems, for it's a hard time to grow up in.

ASC Winterthur
In Memory of Mr. W. Bullock
President of the Anglo-Swiss
Club, Winterthur



Christmas Party 1967

under his leadership? Tough and enthusiastic he dragged everyone along. Out in the woods, among the hills and in the mountains he felt at home, happy to leave everyday life behind him and to find places, where proper comradeship could develop.

Last June, he organized a 2-day trip to the Leventina. It was to be his last one, and the memory of the hours spent up there did not even leave him in hospital.

With Mr. Bullock's death, a period of our Club life, that lasted nearly 20 years, has come to an end, but the memory of his example and leadership will live on.

With deep regret we announce the death of our Honorary President and President of many years, Mr. William Bullock. On October 5th, 1972 he died after a long and painful illness. Besides his work and family, he had one great hobby, the Anglo-Swiss Club Winterthur. Having married a Swiss while still in England, he was Anglo-Swiss himself and ideally suited to this activity. He knew the English and Swiss mentality very well and made it his task to combine the two. Mr. Bullock was a born president. With charm and humour he conducted our meetings, led the debates, organized games and guided the many trips on which we went year after year. He was excellent at improvising, never at a loss what to do or say. His ready wit and ability to overcome difficulties with great calm and a slightly ironic smile showed us again and again what it meant to be English.

Even when his illness began to get the better of him, he carried on as Honorary President, never complaining, but taking an interest in Club matters right to the end of his life.

Through him we learnt what hospitality really means. Our Chairman made it his duty to take care of all newcomers personally. His lively home was open to everybody. Mrs. Bullock assisted her husband gracefully, serving countless cups of tea to the numerous guests, who all felt at home in the warm English atmosphere.

Most of all, Mr. Bullock loved outdoor activities. Who will ever forget the adventurous trips



Left to right: Ruth Kaufmann, Peter Jutzi, Max Weyeneth, Yolande Riess, Jerry Roesler

a total of about 50, seemed to be blessed with eternal youth. Strangely enough there are at the moment no genuine English people in the Club (though this doesn't stop them from speaking the language!): they have had a spate of Indians, and another of Dutch girls, but they've all gone now. It's like one big happy family, and they want to keep it that way: it only goes to show that there is room for two clubs in a town of this size. I asked for funny stories: I got them in abundance, unfortunately most of them were not fit for publication!

Usually the same old crowd of about fifteen people turn up for a meeting; one who can't come as often as he used to is Simon Lehmann, who has moved to a better job in Geneva, but still reckons it's worth belonging to the club and travelling back for the odd meeting once in a while! He's the one who made a cine film of the last Congress - bet it causes some amusement when he shows it at the Christmas Party.

Mr. Hans Ruedi Fritscher has been President for 26 incredible years, if my arithmetic is correct - since 1946. He threatened recently to resign but was persuaded to stay on - it's difficult to imagine what it would be like without him, with his big smile and bow tie. Born and bred in Biel, he had no possibility of going to the SMS in London (he learnt English from Mrs. Bourquin, of whom more later) but took an apprenticeship with a bank where he did very well. Now he is Sales Manager, worldwide, for machine tools for second operations, i.e. turning, finishing, and generally getting a lump of recalcitrant material into the right shape.

His machines have been responsible for building parts of Apollo, and completing automatic pilots on airliners, of which he is very proud. Telephone calls come in every day from every part of the world, which calls for fast clear thinking, confident replies - and a knowledge of languages - Mr. Fritscher speaks four. From 1953 he was also Secretary of the Federation for 14 years. He says he's met many fascinating people through the Club. His wife, unfortunately, does not speak English: they have one grown up son.

When I asked him what his hobbies are, he told me he believes in keeping fit (he certainly looks it) - he does plenty of skiing, mountain walking and swimming. Oh, yes - "And girls!" He enjoys English beer, and his favourite food is French - a holiday in France is a dream for that reason. He's definitely in favour of the younger generation - "You see the way I'm dressed," he said happily. As far as I can remember he was wearing a shirt of a particularly dark and unusual hue, teamed with his usual bow tie and a check suit.

This is the other club in Bienne, the older established being the English Club. The Swiss Mercantile English Club was formed back in 1937 by old pupils of the Swiss Mercantile College in London, founded by the Schweizerische Kaufmännischeverein. In 1946 the Club was accepted into the Federation by Mr. Welman - EC had to say yes or no. Well, they said yes, but the way SMS have been walking off with a good number of Congress trophies, and have capped it recently by winning the Football Cup at the Interclub Tournament... enough said. SMS usually form the noisiest and liveliest group at any gathering, and are chiefly remarkable for their light-heartedness, youth and love of music. Even the older members, of which there are a fair few out of

Mrs. Heidi Bourquin is the Vice President, a founder member, and possibly better known to at least some of the older members of other clubs as Mrs. Weyeneth. She has the distinction of being one of Mr. Slade's first students at the SMS in London. She took a BA at London University, also went to the University of Berne, and returned to her native town, where she has been a teacher "for ages". She is a very good teacher. Her son Max is also on the Committee. It was she who in 1937 got together with a few colleagues from the SMS in London and decided to form a Society in Bienne. Fifty people were at that first meeting. There were SMS's all over Switzerland, but all gradually died away, except the Fitzroy in Zurich - and Bienne. "This club is going to live," she said, and she put her driving force - which is considerable, as is her charm - behind it, and it does live. Everyone speaks English in the club when she's around - I think she's taught most of the younger ones to speak the language. She often introduces her young students from the Technikum to the club - the twenty year olds she finds are OK and keen to learn, but the sixteen and seventeen year olds! Her hobbies are sophisticated - reading, and travelling in Europe, and the History of Art - all kinds. She speaks five languages including Spanish. Her favourite food is filet beefsteak, or perhaps a paella.

Miss Ruth Kaufmann has everything a good Secretary ought to possess - efficiency, intelligence, experience, charm, organisational ability, a ready smile, personality, and a sense of humour which is positively English. No wonder she's her boss's right hand - he is a professional advertiser but has started with his own resources a movement called "Action-Clean Switzerland." She was in England for 18 months, a year with a family in Hertfordshire, which was hard. Now she's started learning Bulgarian in addition to the other languages for the simple reason that her fiance is Bulgarian. Naturally she appreciated Bulgarian food which tends to be on the highly spiced side, but also enjoys a good pizza, or fondu. Her interests are many - dress making, tennis, skiing, graphics - she wanted to be a graphiker but her father wouldn't allow it. Ruth's artistic leanings are also demonstrated by her interest in painting china and porcelain, for which, alas, there isn't a lot of time. And of course she is also musical - her enthusiasm is not confined just to collecting records, operatic and classical, but she plays the piano as well, when she has one - "I must buy one," she says. ASC Soleure will remember the musical quiz which she prepared last spring.

Mr. Peter Jutzi has been Treasurer since 1959. He comes from Basle, and has two daughters who are reaching the expensive age. For four and a half years he was in Australia and New Zealand, and still speaks English with a slight Australian accent! Now he works with GM: his favourite car, however, is his 14-year-old VW which just goes. He wrote out a certificate for it in ancient handwriting using a quill pen (one of his time-consuming hobbies) and sent it to VW who were most impressed and considered it a unique idea. His other

time-consuming hobby is stamp collecting, only unused. He doesn't go for first day covers or used stamps at all - after all, one has to set a limit. I gather also that he is a keen walker: he doesn't always come to club meetings (though he takes care to keep the Books in good order!) but will usually turn up for a walk, fling aside any cares and join in the fun and singing with the rest of them, or should I say the best of them. As I said, it's a 'young' club.



Left to right: Heidi Bourquin,
HansRüdi Fritscher, Klaus Jenni.

Miss Regina Roesler is the reporter for the Anglo-Swiss News. She usually comes to meetings but when the Editor braved fifty miles of fog to visit Biel to prepare this profile she decided that an evening's ski training took precedence! "Red Rose" is attractive, lively, ambitious and fond of sports - lively, because she's always singing and laughing, and ambitious, because she's just spent three months in Perugia, that ancient seat of learning, brushing up her Italian, and I have heard rumours that she intends to skip off to America or somewhere like that. However, I spoke to Jerry, her brother, who although handicapped is one of the mainstays of the club. He has the distinction of being Skittling King, and having one of the largest collections of classical and operatic records I've ever heard of - his knowledge of them is of course phenomenal. This is why I say it's a musical club!

Miss Yolande Riess has been on the Committee in Regina's place, and writes the reports in her absence. Her English is very good as it may well be, considering she's spent 15 months in the British Isles and 20 months in New Jersey. I say British Isles, as three of those months were spent hitch hiking around all over the place including Ireland and the Outer Hebrides!

Mr. Max Weyeneth has been on the Committee for the last two years and is the one who phones the pub when the club decide to meet outside their own club room. This, incidentally, used to be at the Walliserkeller, but since it's being knocked down they decided to move with the Manager to the Stadthaus in Nidau. He's well-disposed to the Club, but the room is reported to be not so attractive, and of course (for some) it's further out. To get back to Max: he is a dark horse, and how long he will remain an eligible bachelor is anybody's guess. There are wild tales of how he borrowed Klaus' guitar (which he can't play) at a recent Sangria party and acted the Spanish beggar - a scene few people will ever forget - kneeling in front of Jerry who was dismissing him with a languid and aristocratic gesture. Is Sangria his favourite drink? He wouldn't say, but fondu is certainly his favourite dish. His number one hobby is girls, followed closely by skiing and drinking, and (apparently) music. He works for a firm making earth moving machinery, and says he is a Director's assistant, doing nothing. Six months at the SMS in London taught him his English, and the next three months was spent wandering around Scotland, but not mountaineering, as there are no mountains in Scotland, with the possible exception of Ben Nevis!

Mr. Klaus Jenni is the one who knows a lot of people, and also has a guitar - many's the evening which has degenerated into a Klaus Abig. His biggest hobby - apart from girls, of course - is music; he, like all the rest, has a large collection of records ranging from pop through jazz and dance to classical and operatic, and he would have gone in for a musical career but his mother who was an opera singer dissuaded him, and advised him to learn another profession first. So now he works for a firm which deals in machinery and spare parts. Other interests include reading (-"Steinbeck is great"-), skiing, handball and wine, of which he has inherited a collection from his father. Apart from occupying the entire ground floor of the family house, this lucky young man has his own boat, an inexhaustible fund of funny remarks, his own car, a fondness for anything consumable, especially highly spiced dishes like scampi à l'Indienne, and the self confidence that belongs to anyone who enjoys acting. Shaving off the beard that earned him the nickname of Rebroff has improved his appearance, according to most people.

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Council Meeting held in Berne on March 31st 1973.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, St Gall, Soleure, Wattwil,
Winterthur and the British Council, Zurich.

The President welcomed Mr. Farmer of the English magazine "Contact" in Switzerland, who had expressed the wish to attend the meeting.

British Council Library:

Group membership fee Fr. 15.-- per person, p.a.,
a fantastic selection of books.

Congress venue - Giessbach.

(Montreux had been chosen but in view of the big increase of prices, it was decided to go to Giessbach).

Council Meeting held in Zurich on October 27th 1973.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Rorschach, Soleure, St Gall,
Wattwil, Winterthur and the British Council, Zurich.

Mr. Everett invited us, on behalf of the British Council, to his home for an aperitif and lunch, this was much appreciated.

Congress at Giessbach, less people than expected. The change of the date and place (Montreux had been chosen first) must have been the reasons. All the same it was a nice congress.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. John R. Wraight CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Wraight
Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson
Mr. & Mrs. J. Jenoure, P.H.

Council Officers:

Mr. Stephenson was re-elected as President, also the other Officers with thanks for their work.

Anglo-Swiss News:

Mr. Lüssi, Baden, offered to publish the Anglo-Swiss News, broaden various items, modify the editorial part and change the size of the magazine. His offer was accepted.

FEDERATION NEWS - OUR NEW PATRON



The new British Ambassador to Switzerland, Mr. John R. Wraight, has presented his credentials to the Swiss Government in Berne. As is our custom, we wrote to him inviting him to become our Patron, and received the following reply :

"Dear Mr. Stephenson,

18th April 1973

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 9th April inviting me to become Patron of your Federation as my predecessors have been. I shall be delighted to accept.

I much look forward to meeting you before very long and in the meantime I wish your Federation every success in the valuable work that it is doing.

Yours sincerely,

J.R. WRAIGHT

H.M. Ambassador."

Mr. Wraight is 56.

From 1940 to 1944, he served in the Western Desert and Libya with the Honorable Artillery Company and the Royal Horse Artillery.

He was then seconded to the Ministry of Economic Warfare Mission in the Middle East and appointed Economic Warfare Adviser at the Headquarters of the American Allied Air Forces in Italy. He joined the Foreign Office in 1945 and was appointed Special Assistant to the Head of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) Operations in Europe in 1946.

From 1947 to 1950 he served in Athens as Second and later First Secretary. In 1950, Mr. Wraight was appointed First Secretary (Commercial) in Tel Aviv where he served until 1953. He was posted in the British Embassy in Washington (from 1953 to 1957) and in the Foreign Office (from 1957 to 1959). He then served as Counsellor (Commercial) successively in Cairo and in Brussels. April 1968 he was appointed Minister and Consul-General in Milan.

Mr. Wraight was made Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1962, and Commander of the Order of the Couronne (Belgium) in 1966.

In Berne Mr. Wraight succeeds Mr. E.A. Midgley, who is retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR

I should like to say, especially to those who are British that although I cannot expect to meet all of you personally I shall hope to make the acquaintance of a good many, chiefly through the various anglophile clubs and organisations. These are an excellent way of keeping likeminded people in touch and I wish them every success and hope they continue to flourish as they deserve. We should all be particularly grateful to the efficient and

devoted voluntary officers of these societies, who do a great deal for Swiss/British relations and who are probably seldom thanked for their efforts.

Although in the present-day world it is unfortunately no longer possible for diplomatic and consular representatives to take a personal interest in each and every British resident abroad, I and my colleagues, both at the Embassy and at Consular posts, will do our best to give whatever help we can. This applies not only to consular matters but also - and particularly - to efforts to further trade between Switzerland and Britain, cultural and social exchanges, tourism, and indeed any activity which encourages closer understanding between our two countries.

JOHN WRAIGHT

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Congress at Giessbach, 2-3 June 1973

Those of you who attended the Congress at Giessbach two years ago will remember that it was remarkable for the quantity of water which came down, not only from the waterfall but also from the sky. This year rather more water was coming down the former than from the latter, thus enabling us to play off the sports in comparative comfort, even the minigolf. This is a misnomer: it was in fact clock-golf, on a course which resembled a hay field ready for cutting, with a cunningly concealed flower pot embedded in the middle..... Giessbach has everything but a minigolf course and a sufficiency of bathrooms. And I mean everything - all other sports facilities, the view, etc., right down to salamanders in the local woods and an exotic looking(exotic looking?) young man in the bar with a flair for mixing drinks...

On to dinner, having worked up a good appetite for it. It was first class cuisine and we did justice to it, from the Swedish style hors d'oeuvres worthy of one of Miss Lotti Kaufmann's minicongresses to the Coupe Romanoff at the end. Service was remarkably speedy, considering, and we had a chance to brush our Spanish on the waiters. Mr. Egli (when did he have his dinner?) started playing his Hammond organ during dinner - and it was not thank God, indigestion music but something nice and light which aids digestion and encourages conversation. A really good party followed, ably MC'd by Mr. Werner Koch, who is a devil for producing original and energetic games when the dancers show signs of flagging.

At midnight all the lights went out. A power cut? No: a figure appeared in the doorway, moved backwards down the hall and eventually turned to reveal a birthday cake lit with 23 candles for Miss Dyanne O'Connor, the birthday girl from Bienne. It was good cake!

At 3 a.m. people started going to bed. I believe Mr. Egli would cheerfully have played all night - some of those songs (he could sing too) I haven't heard in years, and it was great to hear them again. None of your tum-ti-tum everlasting Viennese waltzes, nor of your ear shattering guitars, trumpets, drums or what have you - just nice pleasant intimate dance music that allowed you to chat up your partner in relative peace. I hope we have him again.

The usual tales of those who hadn't been to bed all night were abroad the following morning. Oh yes, the weather improved: by the time the swimming competition took place at 10.30 quite a lot of people were sunning themselves by the pool and wishing they'd brought swim-suits. At noon it was brilliant - and time for a second splendid meal. As our guests we had our Patron, Mr. Allanson, and his wife: Mr. Everett, British Council Representative, and his wife; and Miss Doerr, British Vice-Consul in Basle, who was not strictly a guest but it was nice to have her anyway.

"Redeunt iam gramina campis arboribusque comae" - thus quoth Mr. Stephenson from Horace, in one of his best after-dinner speeches. He has been doing some research, he said, on exactly why it always seems to rain for our Congresses at Giessbach. Then he realised that the ladies of the more prominent members of the Clubs were mostly born under the sign of Libra, which has an "elective affinity" for Aquarius. Here is the link: the inevitable downpour follows, and the only way to avoid it is wholesale divorce among the Club Presidents. Mr. Stephenson then went on to offer a tribute to Miss Bienz, our hard working Secretary, for her efforts in organising Congress: to Mr. Burnell, the Treasurer, (though he got a bit worried when he found said Treasurer treating all his friends to whisky in the bar!); to Mr. Koch, our MC, who also found the Organist and drummer: and to all sports organisers. Mrs. Allanson kindly consented to present the trophies, after which we were free to wend our weary way home, or stop on just a little longer among the peaceful and beautiful surroundings of GIESSBACH.

Winners of Sports Competitions

<u>Shooting:</u>	Team	ASC Soleure	162 points
	King	Mr.D.H. Green, ASC Basle	46 points
	Queen	Mrs. J.Martinet, ASC Lausanne	43 points
<u>Darts:</u>	Team	EC Bienné	980 points
	King	Mr. K.Edwards, EC Bienné	340 points
	Queen	Mrs. J.Humbert, ASC Lausanne	260 points
<u>Swimming:</u>	Team	EC Bienné	
<u>Tennis:</u>	did not take place. Basle did not raise a team to defend the trophy and had to return it to Soleure, who were the only ones to enter a team.		
<u>Table Tennis:</u>	did not take place. The holders, SMS Bienné, retain the trophy.		
<u>Skittling:</u>	Team	ASC Basle	31,511 points
	King	Mr. R.V.Burnell, ASC Basle	9,777 points
	Queen	Miss M.Bäbler, EC Wattwil	9,653 points
<u>Minigolf:</u>	Team	ASC Basle	99 points
	King	Mr. Meakin, SMS Bienné	19 points
	Queen	Mrs. Gygax, EC Bienné	26 points

Organising Congress: Miss Maisie Bienz.

CONGRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Below, left:
Mr Werner Koch,
our M. C.



The Hors d'Oeuvres



Left:
The Elegance of
the Dancing

Right:
Two
Merry
Gentlemen



The Ladies



Centre:
The Birthday
Girl, with
Bare
Midriff



Left:
Mr. & Mrs. Sailor



Tailpiece

EC LANGENTHAL



Our club had a very interesting experience. At the end of August our president received a phone call from our Mayor. Through the International Union of Local Authorities and the Swiss Städtebund, Langenthal was chosen to receive 15 Government Officials from under-developed countries for an exchange of views about local government. Langenthal, a small sleepy town of approx. 15'000 inhabitants has not enough officials who speak sufficient English, let alone play host for a full week.

As the Mayor and the other town-councillors thought these visitors would be only minor officials, they left all the arrangements to our club.

Here we were, fifteen officials on our hands and very important ones - The vice-president of the Red-Crescent of Saudi-Arabia (a millionaire), The mayor of Kirkuk (a town in Iraq of 250'000 inhabitants) etc. - and no

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councillor to welcome them. Our president had to welcome them in the name of the Swiss and the Langenthal government (and he himself is not interested in politics).

We had organised several visits, first to the offices of the local authorities, the fire-brigade, the schools, the porcelain factory and a weaving-mill. On all these trips some of our members went as well as interpreters and driver. As the community let us have one small bus only, we were forced to use our private cars too.

On Wednesday, several families of our Club invited these visitors for supper. These were very interesting evenings for both sides, as we talked freely about everything. Friday night was supposed to be the big banquet with all the officials of the community, the guests and the members of our club who acted as guides. Well, the guests were here, so were the English-club members; the town officials - save one woman-councillor - were and stayed absent.



Nevertheless we think that our guests enjoyed their stay in Langenthal. If ever again called upon, the members of our club would be very pleased to repeat this experience. If any other club has to tackle the same problem, don't hesitate to contact us. We would be glad to help you with advice.

ASC LOCARNO

8th February 1974 - an important day for the ASC Locarno.



A record number of 93 people, guests and members of all nationalities got together in the restaurant of the Hotel du Lac in an atmosphere of great goodwill and cheerfulness. A gorgeous meal (even the vegetarians were satisfied) and a delicious anniversary cake (at least one serving per head) were brilliantly prepared by the manager of the Hotel, Mr. Berta.

Amongst the guests were many VIP's:-

- Founders: Mr. Walter Braun, 1st President (who came especially from Zürich for the occasion), Mrs. Aus der Au, Mr. Danzi, and Mr. Mazzoni (who is still Treasurer).
- The Committee was there in force: Mr. Jacomella, Lld., Vice-President: Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. Lorenz and Mrs. Fantoni.
- Ex-committee members: Mr. Pellanda, one-time President: Mrs. Sasselli, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Lüssi, one-time Vice-Presidents.
- Visitors: Mrs. Ferrazzini, President of the Big Ben Club, Lugano: Mr. M.H.S. Everett, British Council Representative, Zürich: Mrs. A. Green, Editor of the Anglo-Swiss News, Basle: Mr. Stern, Chairman of Locarno Town Council:

and last but not least

Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, M.B.E., President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, Basle.

A series of speeches followed the opening talk given by Mrs. L. Meschini, President of the club, and can be shortly summarised as follows, in order:-

Mrs. Meschini spoke in a sincere and moving fashion.

Mr. Braun's speech was nostalgic and full of good wishes for the years to come.

Mr. Stern spoke of a good Anglo-Swiss, or rather Anglo-Ticinese, relationship in sunny Locarno.

Mr. Stephenson: a witty talk on the advantages and disadvantages of being 40!

Mr. Danzi spoke of the Club of the two Richards (Riccardo Danzi and Riccardo Mazzoni).

See you all at the 50th anniversary!

-L'INGLES-



There are at least two sides to every question of the day. If you take one side among some people, you're blindly prejudiced: if you take the same side among other people, you're an objective viewer: if you refuse to take any side, you're a dope: if you take both sides and get away with it, you should enter politics.

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TOP PICTURE;

MRS. MESCHINI AND MR. BRAUN

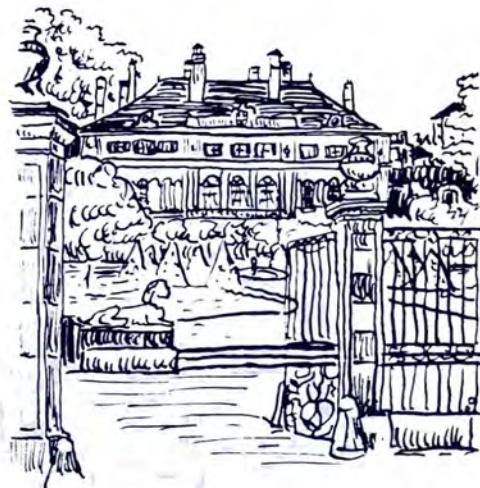
CUTTING THE CAKE

ASC NEUCHATEL

Our Christmas Party was such a success that we are still thinking of it today. The beautiful rooms of the Palais du Peyrou, the decorations, the Menu, and last but not least, the welcome visitors: some friends from Lausanne, and Mrs.A.Green, editor of the ASN from Bâle. Her presence was greatly appreciated.

We were a large crowd then: no doubt we shall be a good number when Mrs.A.Martinet tells us about her hobby, MUSHROOMS: and when Mr.D.H.Green, from Bâle, speaks to us on A BOTANIST AT LARGE. More details later.

M.Ch.



THE
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

ASC SOLEURE

"Excuse me, would you mind moving your foot? You're standing on my sausage. Be careful when you stand up, or you'll hit your head (OUCH!) on the mantelpiece. Look out, Elizabeth, your stick is on fire!" Such remarks could be heard as our Candlelight Party got under way just before Christmas. The local Pfadiheim was gaily decorated for the occasion by Chris and Anne Manning and Heather and Beat Moser plus several other willing helpers. A large number of members turned out on a cold rainy evening to cook Bratwurst over a wood fire. At first there was a great rush to help, mostly because the cooks wanted to roast themselves as well as the sausages! What is the best way of retrieving a banger from a roaring fire without a) getting singed in the process, or b) putting out the fire? We would have loved to know! Mince pies and wine, followed later by coffee and creme-schnitten completed the menu. We "shook a leg" on the concrete floor and things really warmed up. On leaving we found there'd been a snowstorm and the road was like a skating rink, but we all slithered home in the best of spirits after a very enjoyable evening.

On December 23rd a congregation of about 150 took part in an English Carol Service, the first we've ever had. The little Church was filled to capacity, and everyone joined heartily in the singing ably backed up by a choir of youngsters from Balsthal. Between the carols and various solos, lessons were read from the Bible. It was a truly memorable occasion and one which we hope will be repeated next year.

Our AGM was well attended (good show!) and we dutifully sat and listened to report after report. A presentation was made to Mr. Paul Lüssi who is leaving Solothurn and he was warmly thanked for all he had done during his year as president. Our new committee was elected as follows:-

President	Mr. John O'Neill
Vice-President	Dr. P. Honold
1st Secretary	Mrs. M. Brechbühl
2nd Secretary	Mr. M. Wormser
Treasurer	Miss E. Heri
Extra member	Miss E. Tschan
Auditors	Mrs. U. Studer
	Mr. D. Pratt

The first lecture of 1974 was given by one of our own members, Mr. Derek Pratt - fascinating it was too. His subject, "The Origins of Clockwork" is one in which he is particularly well versed, as he restores old clocks professionally. As well as pictures he brought along five beautiful clocks to illustrate his talk. The oldest of these, made in Switzerland, first ticked in 1602. Just imagine, Queen Elizabeth I was still on the throne! On the hour great whirrings and rumblings issued forth and it chimed most melodiously. Another model, 18th century, had an alarm which resembled nothing so much as a fire engine bell, padded though it was. Apparently in those far-off days one clock, being so expensive, had to suffice for the whole house. No wonder it was loud. On yet another timepiece were these words: "Each blow of the hammer, a step nearer the grave." Beautiful thought, isn't it? And on that cheerful note I'll leave you.

Maid of Kent.

Club Profile ~ A.S.C. Locarno



As you will no doubt have gathered from elsewhere in this issue, the Anglo-Swiss Club Locarno has just celebrated its 40th anniversary, and a quick bit of mental arithmetic will show that it was founded in 1934. The first President was Mr. Walter Braun, who is now resident in Zürich. For a small place like Locarno, the club is a large one (130 members or so) and it flourishes like its native camelias. Members are of various nationalities - the English comprise about one third, Ticinese and Germans make up the bulk of the rest, but there are many others - South African, Canadian, Italian, New Zealand. The really nice thing about this club is that there are so many people who bring their relations along, and they remain so loyal to the club - even if they move out of the area. This in itself is rare - the resident population movement in the town, and consequently the club, is low. Naturally, there is a high proportion of retired people, and there have been times when there have been lamentably few of the younger generation; but this has been remedied, thanks to the efforts of the older generation bringing their sons and daughters along, and it is at

present a most active club. Meetings are held every Tuesday in the television room of the Hotel du Lac, except when there's a party, which always takes place on a Friday.

There's always a social event every month: eating events are the most popular, but there are film evenings and lectures. Joint meetings take place with the Big Ben Club in Lugano from time to time, but the prospect of the drive over Monte Ceneri puts paid to very frequent collaboration - especially with the possibility of bad weather. The Committee work hard and need their three month holiday in the summer. Altogether I found this a club with an exceptionally good atmosphere in an exceptionally pretty spot.



ABOVE: MRS. MESCHINI
LEFT: MR. PELLANDA AND
MR. MAZZONI

The present President is Mrs. Linette Meschini, who has held the job for six years, though she's been preparing the programmes for somewhat longer. She is a very charming and understanding English lady, whom I feel is basically shy, but she certainly has a good deal of organisational ability, and puts a lot of effort into running the club. When I asked her what her hobbies were, she said she didn't really have time for any, what with running the club in winter and having a constant stream of visitors in summer, and we came to the conclusion that her most absorbing hobby was people - just that: every character has an interest for her. She has two daughters and lots of in-laws: the Meschini family is one of the old Ticinese families, who have lived in this part for centuries - like the antecedents of at least half of the other members to whom I was introduced. This obviously has a most beneficial effect on the coherence of the club, in what is, let's face it, a very popular resort with a large and fluid summer population.



Mr. Jacomella, LLD., is the present Vice-President, but won't be holding the position for long as he finds he has very little time owing to other commitments, although he retired some years ago. The post of Vice-President, in fact, seems to fall vacant with depressing frequency: the last Vice-President was one of the club's few young men (Mr. Jonathan Lüssi): he, having injected the club with a bit of youthful fire and enthusiasm, then departed for the more exotic attractions of Morocco. As they don't rig elections in the Ticino I'm unable to tell you anything about the new Vice-President.

The Treasurer is Mr. Riccardo Mazzoni who holds what I firmly believe is an unbeatable record: he was one of the founder members of the club, and has been Treasurer since 1936. This is a job which he obviously does extremely well, as he held the purse strings of the firm for which he worked for the same period - and he holds them with a firm and steady hand. He's now retired from the firm, but still leads a full and busy life: apart from various commitments, which he is too charming to refuse, he still does quite a lot of skiing, and enjoys playing cards. He is a native of the Ticino, and once spent ten years in America.



Miss Lilia Abbiati has been the Secretary for a number of years. Another most useful committee member, who is a tremendous help when anything needs to be done or organised, is Mrs. Thea Fantoni. She is capable, willing, enthusiastic, attractive and artistic - it is her beautiful writing which adorns table cards and invitations for a big party. She fits all this in between looking after her year-old son and helping in her parents' hardware shop half-days.

Mrs. Ainsworth (another committee member) has retired to Ticino after many years in Bolivia. Her husband used to be head of the Bolivian railways, and whenever they had to travel anywhere, they had their own private carriage! Her biggest contribution is her good ideas for club activities. Mrs. Lorenz (the last committee member) is of German origin, and after a life of very varied experience has also retired to the Ticino. She does her bit towards the well-being of the club, which includes raiding her fabulous garden for camelias, if the occasion seems to warrant it.

1974

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 30th 1974.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Interlaken, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Rorschach,
Soleure, Wattwil, Winterthur, the British Council, Zurich.

The President announced that Mr. M.H. Everett, British
Council Representative in Zurich would leave Switzerland
in autumn.

Congress venue - Interlaken.

Mr. Stephenson also informed us that Mr. Wynyard Wright,
whose numerous articles in the Anglo-Swiss News are well-known,
would celebrate his ninetieth birthday. It was
agreed to send him a book token.

Council Meeting held in Soleure on October 26th 1974.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil, Winterthur and the
British Council, Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. N.H. Ashmore, the new British Council Representative
and Mrs. Ashmore.

Congress at Interlaken was not blessed by good weather,
nevertheless 110 persons had a good time.

Guests at banquet:

Mr. John R. Wraight, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Wraight
Mr. M.H. Everett, British Council Representative, and
Mrs. Everett

Mr. K. Borter, Gemeindepräsident of Interlaken and
Mr. & Mrs. J. Jenoure, President of Honour.

During the banquet Mr. Borter presented the "Golden Key of
Interlaken" to Mr. Wraight, which gave the British Ambassador
free entry for life to the Casino, the minigolf and the
swimming pool. The Ambassador received the Golden Key with
heartfelt thanks and thought it might be a good idea to
move the Embassy to Interlaken!

At the same time we had to say good-bye to Mr. Everett who
left us after such a fruitful spell of work in Switzerland.

Dr. Honold, Vice-President and Lecture Organiser ~~resigned~~ as
Lecture Organiser in view of increasing pressure of work.

Dissolution of the Anglo-Swiss Association, Berne, but
Application of the English Circle, Interlaken, for re-joining
the Federation.

Constitution and Rules:

Amendment: "All official publications are to be made in the
official organ" the Anglo-Swiss News.

Council Officers:

Mr. Stephenson was re-elected as President, also the Committee
were re-elected.

Lecture Organiser:

Mrs. J. Martinet, Lausanne, was elected. She accepted on a
trial basis for 12 months.

British Circle Basle 1948

On June 19th the Circle arranged an entertainment and tea at Arlesheim for some forty English children who have been staying with families in and near Basle for the last two months or so under the auspices of the Swiss Red Cross. It had been originally intended to hold the party out of doors, but the weather was so atrocious that a retreat indoors had to be made. Nevertheless the occasion was a great success, for which much credit is due to Mrs. Verzär, Mr. Bell and Mr. Nicholson, who made all the arrangements. At the end of the proceedings, which were pleasantly noisy, Mrs. Were presented prizes to the winners of various games, and each child also received a package containing souvenirs of Switzerland. The children returned to England on June 22nd.

BRITISH CIRCLE BASLE

On Saturday 9th February seven Scots and about seventy adventurous Sassenachs and Swiss met in the Electricity Centre in Basle to celebrate, in true (or almost true) Scots style the birthday of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns. The evening began with Cock-a-Leekie soup prepared by Lyn Pickard and friends, according to an ancient and traditional recipe at least three weeks old. In truth, the soup is made from ham, chicken, leek, bacon and rice, and was a great success despite initial misgivings about the amount of chicken needed for eighty people.

After the soup came the high point of the evening. To the accompaniment of taped pipe music, the Haggis was carried in by the only kilted participant, Fred Lochbrunnen, and addressed in the immortal words of Robert Burns by Nan Lochbrunnen. The haggis itself had been obtained with the assistance of the Sunday Post (a popular Scottish Sunday newspaper) and allowed through the Swiss Customs only after assurances that under no circumstances would it be sold or allowed out of captivity. What is not clear is whether it was imported as food, livestock, or engineering equipment. The "champit tatties" (St*ck* by Kn*rr) - enough for eighty people - looked like thick whitewash in the pot, but on the plate looked like genuine "champit tatties" - and tasted like St*ck* by Kn*rr.

After the Haggis (which everyone seemed to survive) came trifle (Scotch a not so Scotch), followed by coffee and Scottish cheese and bannocks. The traditional toast to the Ladies was given in true Burns style by the Bard of Basle, Bob Billington, who gave the first public performance of his new "Ode to the Ladies". The reply on behalf of the Ladies was by Stephen Cooper. Muriel Taylor and Liz Bauer "haivered" their way hilariously through a series of comments on life and current affairs to the tune of "The Ball of Kirriemuir", followed by Brian Clark telling us how little we know about Scotland: Ann Baumgartner won a bottle of whisky by getting most of the answers right. Deirdre Egli, with moral and vocal support from a small choir, sang some Scottish songs (new and old), and the evening ended with six Scots and two Swiss demonstrating an eightsome reel. The evening was judged by everyone to be a great success, and we hope it will be the first of regular annual Burns' Suppers.

D.H.

To F.T. W.-W. on the Occasion of his 90th Birthday

I AM FINE - THANK YOU

Mr. Lynyard Wright

There's nothing the matter with me,
I am as healthy as I can be,
I have arthritis in both my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

And the supports I have for my feet,
Or I couldn't be out in the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm alright.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as the tale I unfold
That for me and you who are all growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my get-up-and-go has got up and went,
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places my get-up has been!

Old age is golden, I've oft heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder when going to bed,
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up,
When sleep comes o'er, I say to myself,
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

When I was young, my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels right over my head:
When I grew older, my slippers were blue,
But still I could dance the whole night through:
But now I am old, my slippers are black,
I walk to the shop and puff my way back.

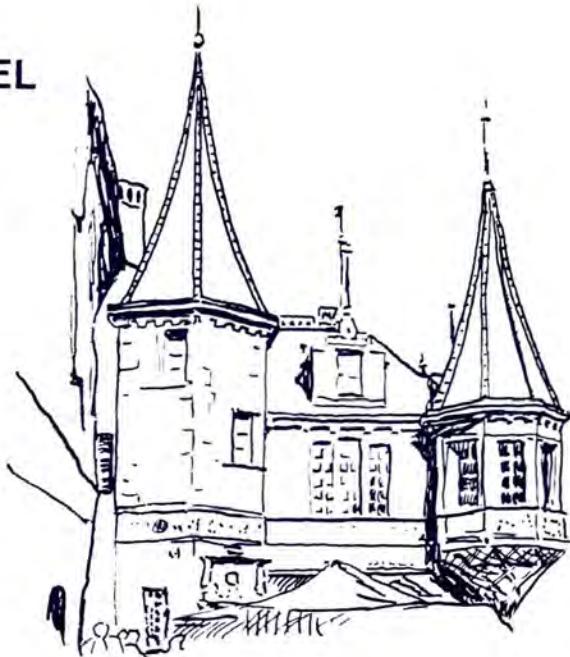
I get up each morning and dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the obits.
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead,
So I get a good breakfast and go back to bed.



ANON.

CLUB PROFILE - ASC NEUCHATEL

It has always been my good fortune to visit Neuchatel when the sun is shining, the lake is shimmering, the flowers are blooming, everything in the garden is lovely, and the city looks at its attractive best. In fact, one might go so far as to say that the beauty of the city together with the beneficial effect of the lake air combine to confer a special feeling of vitality and youthful well-being to its fortunate inhabitants. We all know that there are plenty of young people who flock to Neuchatel in their eagerness to learn, and we also know that there is a very active Anglo-Swiss Club there.



Unfortunately the two do not coincide. The members of the ASC number just twenty-one, but individually saw their twenty-first birthdays a great many years ago. Spiritually however they are the equal of any twenty-one year old, and the keenness displayed in this club would be the envy of any other ASC in Switzerland. There is usually very good attendance at every meeting every two weeks, and they love to give of themselves. Their disappointment at being able to attract young people (whom they love) into the club is tempered by a cheery optimism, and a will to keep the club going, come what may. After all, nearly forty years of tradition is not broken lightly: the club was founded in 1937, after the demise of a former club, about which nothing seems to be known.

There is always an enthusiastic reception for lectures, more than any other type of entertainment, in Neuchatel ASC. Most Federation lecturers are invited there, and royally entertained in return for their entertainment, and if this is not possible, why, they join forces with some other nearby club. The Hotel Beau Rivage is the club's present "home" - a sumptuous and palatial establishment with an unparalleled view over the lake and some very elegant meeting rooms. And for special occasions - like the Christmas dinner - where else but the Palais du Peyrou, with its leisurely atmosphere of days gone by, its up-to-date efficiency, its excellent cuisine, and its beautiful and refined dining rooms.

Miss Claire Buchelé has been President for the last ten or twelve years - no-one can remember exactly, but in any case it doesn't matter. In spite of living well out of town, she is an energetic, inspired, capable and efficient organiser, as well as being kind and hospitable. Perhaps what strikes one most about Miss Buchelé after her conscientiousness is her



LEFT TO RIGHT:

MISS BUCHELÉ,

MISS PERRENOUD,

MISS ROHR

courtesy - all members of this club seem to possess this quality in double doses, which is most relaxing. Miss Buchelé laid the foundation for her excellent English during six years' stay in England: she has visited America on holiday, and goes to Scotland whenever possible, as it's a country that she simply adores. Her relations and friends, who are many, are scattered around all over the place, and clearly value her qualities highly.

Mr Marcel Christen is the Vice-President. If his name sounds familiar, it is because his name has appeared in these pages many times - he is a regular contributor not only of club reports but also articles, humorous stories and jokes. For he has a decided literary bend, adores poetry, and loves scribbling and writing for his own amusement and that of his grandchildren. He positively radiates good humour and an old world charm: and there is little that he likes more than to be surrounded by young people - family and old pupils, for he used to be a teacher. The club has often been grateful to him in the past for an evening of edification or amusement, for he always is prepared to concoct a quiz or arrange something for an evening's entertainment. He has even been known to hold a meeting in his flat! Like Miss Buchelé he adores Scotland, and visits that country whenever possible: his links are close, as his wife comes from Edinburgh.

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Miss Alice Rohr (Treasurer) comes from La Chaux-de-Fonds, but her family originate in Aargau, hence her name. She doesn't always find it easy to come to the club, what with her job and trouble with her eyes.

Miss Simone Perrenoud is an extra Committee member, and helps Miss Rohr wherever possible. She also does all the table decorations for the Christmas party every year - they are original, imaginative and charming, and must take a good deal of time to make. Miss Perrenoud has never lived in England but likes to visit it on holiday.

ASC Neuchatel is a club of older people with cultural and literary interests: SMS Biel is a club of party-loving youngsters - they could hardly be more different, yet they have one strong link in common. Neither has a single English member, yet both clubs make a point of speaking English among themselves on club evenings, resisting the temptation (most of the time) of dropping into their native tongue. It is true that Neuchatel have three non-Swiss members - Mrs. Christen, who is Scots, and Mr & Mrs Lindstrom who are American, and have retired to this charming city. Last year fortune smiled and there were some young Canadians as well, but they departed for their own country. But nationality doesn't matter: this is a club that is happy and contented to be able to fulfil its aim of promoting English and English culture, and would be in the seventh heaven if it could enlarge its circle of members.

Congress 1974 at Interlaken



Without Words

Congress 1974 at Interlaken



Lucerne Club (some of them). left L. Kaufmann president
Herr Borter and Mr Wraight

«The twins» (Hartmanns) ASC Basle



Mr and Mrs Martinez and Dr Humbert (Lausanne)



Auf Wiedersehen, Au revoir, Federation!

*Message from Mr Everett,
Representative of the British Council*

May I avail myself of your channels to address myself to a larger number than those attending this year's Congress, where my wife and I were once more honoured and delighted to be among the guests of the Federation. We greatly enjoyed the scrumptious, sumptuous menu and the imposing programme of speeches and awards, and express our appreciation to all who arranged this triumphal closing scene to the Congress.

The Congress has always impressed me as a remarkable annual performance, not to say, ritual, and a wonderful demonstration of inter-Club and Anglo-Swiss solidarity. I appreciate and admire the huge amount of meticulous preparation it involves and congratulate Miss Bienz and all those responsible for the organisation (not forgetting the Hon. Treasurer's thankless task after the event).

I regret very much that this was my last attendance at Congress *ex officio*, though I like to think that we may look in one year later on as mere tourists. We have made many good friends through the Federation, with whom I sincerely hope we shall not lose touch.

I have had frequent occasion in the past to voice my appreciation of the Federation's work, which the British Council has been glad to assist in some small measure, and I shall not fail to commend it to Mr and Mrs Hugh Ashmore, who take over from us in September, on my retirement from the British Council.

The Federation has always struck me as in some measure symbolic of the Swiss Confederation, and after I leave, my thoughts of Switzerland will often turn to the Federation. I hope that the number of Clubs will grow and come (again?) to exceed the number of Cantons and half-Cantons, and I send them all and your 'long-suffering President' our best wishes for the future.

November 23, Hotel Bären, Orpund

The English Players present:

Red Spy at Night

A Comedy in one Act



This is a group of potential actresses and actors from the EC Bienne who have become slightly bored with everyday life and have decided to do something about it. We think the performance holds promise and should really keep you amused. If you are in doubt come along for yourselves. There will be a social evening to follow, accompanied by the music of our club's disc jockey. Come along, for only a small entrance fee you can have a jolly good evening's entertainment. — Ken Woodcock

English Club Bienné

Hail the New Year, the many good resolutions made and the success of all the Clubs of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs.

English-speaking Club Geneva

After shocking weather—dark clouds and heavy rain falls—the sky almost cleared for our Guy Fawkes Celebrations, which was held on November 7th at the 'Platéau de Frontenex'. A lot of members turned up for this event. The festivities were held in a greenhouse, thanks to the kindness of one of our members, Mr Max Brandt, who allowed us to spend the evening on his premises.

We found plenty of chairs, benches and tables and quickly make a makeshift but adequate seating arrangement. We found that flower-pots-empty, of course—turned upside down, make excellent candlesticks.

Each member had brought food and drinks with him, and we enjoyed a super candlelight supper to the strains of soft music. After each of us has had his fill, we went outside to burn our 'Guy', warm up round an enormous bonfire, and let off our fireworks.

Geneva Bay looked splendid by night and the view, the warmth of the fire and the party mood set us all going on a sing-song. We went back to the greenhouse as the flames died down and continued the evening by dancing. A very happy and jolly firework night!

Here I am again with another report, a bit on the short side perhaps, but then time has also been short. Looking back to November I will try to make a few comments on the play put on by the 'English Players' in Orpund. As a fellow actor it is very hard to make an unbiased critic but judging by the laughter it seemed to go down very well. Good or bad, let me take this opportunity to thank all those who gave up their time and energy to make it possible and especially those of the audience turned up in large numbers.

'A Botanist at Large' was the title of a talk with slides given to us by Mr Howard Green of Basle. It was a great pity that so few came along to this informative talk. Some of the slides were very good indeed and gave us some idea of the problems to be overcome in the growing of crops.

Scrabble and Skating followed this and made a good break before the Children's Christmas Party. This was very well attended and very noisy, as Father Christmas will tell you, but only once a year. Thank goodness!

The parents took their turn a week later at the 'Bären' in Orpund. The meal was good without being satisfying, the room is ideal in size but draughty. To put all this in a better light was Hugo, our pianist and Mr Koch as MC. Our thanks to both of them.

Happy New Year!

Ken Woodcock

Members of the English-Speaking Club Geneva at their Guy Fawkes Celebrations (bottom row, with glass, their president, Mr Phillippe Reverdin).



1975

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 15th 1975.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Interlaken,
Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux,
Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil and Winterthur.

Congress venue - Rigi-Kaltbad.

Anglo-Swiss News:

The magazine had greatly appealed to members.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on October 25th 1975.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Biel, Chur, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil and British
Council, Zurich.

Mr. N.H. Ashmore, British Council Representative, and
Mrs. Ashmore invited the delegates for lunch in their
beautiful home.

Congress on Rigi-Kaltbad was very much favoured and
considered for future congresses. 130 persons from 7 clubs
attended.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. Patrick Grier, Councillor of the British Embassy,
(in the absence of Mr. John Wraight, British Ambassador)
Mr. N.H. Ashmore, British Council Representative, and
Mrs. Ashmore
Mr. & Mrs. John Jenoure, P.H.

Council Officers:

Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of the President and the
whole Committee, except for the Lecture Organiser.

Mrs. Martinet wished to resign after 12 months.

All members were thanked for their great work in the past
year.

New Lecture Organiser: Mrs. Norma Stephenson.

New Member:

English-Speaking Club, Baden/Brugg had applied and was
accepted.



Mrs Joyce Adams



Mrs Caroline Bourget



Kenneth Forrester

ASC Montreux

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ASC MONTREUX

I am always so full of admiration for all you other Clubs who send in a report of Club activities so regularly - we are hopeless backsliders in Montreux and should by rights be covered with shame and confusion and sack-cloth and ashes! Club life continues quietly and busily with our evening meetings, fondues and the occasional excursion. We have just been to visit the Serres de la Commune de Montreux. We all admire the beautiful planting of the gardens along the Quais with the lovely seasonal planting and bedding - well, this is where it all originates. I came home full of envy and did big things in my own green-house next day!

We hope to see lots of you from Lausanne, Geneva and Neuchatel for our outing to Sonloup to pick narcissus and picnic. The last few years the weather has been kind to us, as Ascension Day is too early in the year to be sure of fine weather.

We have recently lost two of our old Club members: Miss Joy White was our Club Secretary since 1945. She was one of the backbones of our Club. The other death is that of Mr Stibbs who was for very many years a member and was for some time President.

J.A.

Congress 75

A new venue in a new hotel. A lot of new faces, plus most of the old ones.

This year's Congress was at the Hostellerie Rigi at Rigi-Kaltbad - a really lovely place with not one single square room in it. The weather was excessively hot and humid, which meant also that we couldn't admire the view because of the haze, but it didn't rain! The skies fell at 5 pm on Sunday by which time most of us were on our way home.

Just under 130 people came from 6 or 7 clubs, so we packed the Hostellerie and had a considerable overflow in the Bellevue just down the road. All the facilities for sports were there except Skittles. There was only 1 tennis court though and 4 competing teams, so we had to abandon the singles matches. The minigolf course I didn't inspect, but I was told that a certain experience in mountaineering was a distinct advantage, especially in retrieving lost balls.

On to the dinner and Ball, for which everyone must have worked up an appetite. The service was less than perfect. The main course was ages coming - and then the meat wasn't cooked properly. Someone must have given the chef a rocket as the banquet the following day was a great improvement - in fact superb!

For the Ball we had a new M.C. - Mr Jonathan Lüssi, who did his best to mix everyone up and ensure that we all had a good time - and we certainly did. Our old friend, Mr Egli provided the music on his Hammond - together with a colleague on Drums. He seems to be able to play anything, and provides the right level of noise for an occasion of this sort. (You can chat to your partner in comfort, plus a good rhythm).

The swimming competition is traditionally held on Sunday morning, presumably to wake us all up. This time we had 6 teams, which had to be split into 2 heats, as the pool wasn't all that big. The noise and splashing, needless to say was deafening.

For the Banquet we'd invited the British Council Representative, Mr Hugh Ashmore and his wife, and



Top - Mrs D Schaller
Mr and Mrs D Stephenson

Centre - Lucerne Club

Bottom - Lausanne Club

as the Ambassador, Mr Wraight, was unable to attend, we had Mr Patrick Grier, Councillor instead. Apologies for non-attendance came from Mr and Mrs Allanson, our Patron: from Mr and Mrs Paul Sailer of St. Gall, who have broken their attendance record, and from Miss Buchelé of Neuchatel.

Towards the end of the excellent meal, Mr Stephenson, our President, rose to welcome the guests, and to point out that we had not visited the Rigi since 1948, before the old hotel was burnt down.

We were not so much lucky with the weather, he went on to say, as grateful to Miss Bienz for her efforts - he surmised that she must be a witch and have gone to great lengths to propitiate the rain god with offerings involving toads and the horn of a unicorn, which he swears he saw her packing in her case.

Mr Grier, in his reply, after referring to his upbringing, which was partially in Switzerland, spoke of Britain's problems today, and how, as Britain is what the Aussies call a 'self-knocking nation', more emphasis is placed on what goes wrong than on what is actually achieved.

As the Ashmores had to leave at this point, Mr Stephenson had to invite Mr Grier, instead of Mrs Ashmore, to present the prizes. He cited as precedent the Archbishop who gave the school prizes when he was a boy, and also gave the school a whole day's holiday. It was a pity, Mr Stephenson said, that it was beyond Mr Grier's powers to do the same for us.

An aperitif of white wine and cassis, served in the garden before lunch, was offered us by Mr Flückiger as representative of the Swiss Credit Bank - to whom we are very grateful.

To finish with, we would like to thank all those who helped to organise this event - the people who arranged the sports event, Mr Reg. Burnell, the Treasurer, Mr Stephenson, whose hand guides all, Mr Jonathan Lüssi, MC, but most of all Miss Maisie Bienz.

Organising Congress at a new hotel which isn't used to us is always a headache, as they're never sure how things should be arranged, but Miss Bienz puts a lot of work into preparing everything, spends hours on the telephone and remembers every little detail. If Congress is a success, it is her personal triumph. We are indeed lucky to have someone who can and will devote so much time to organising this, our biggest event of the year. AG

ANNUAL CONGRESS 1975

Sports Competitions
Winning teams and holders of Cups

Shooting

Team ASC Soleure
King Mr M Weyeneth, SMS Biennne
Queen Mrs I Studer, ASC Soleure

Darts

Team ASC Lucerne
King Mr T Mortier, ASC Lucerne
Queen Mrs R Koella, ASC Basle

Swimming

EC Biennne Tennis
ASC Basle Table Tennis
ASC Basle

Minigolf

Team SMS Biennne
King Mr S Lavicka ASC Basle
Queen Miss Hedi Antenen SMS Biennne
(Tie) Miss Liska Antenen SMS Biennne
Skittles - No competition

Cup for Organising Congress:

Miss Maisie Bienz, Federation



Winner of Tabletennis
and MC - Jonathan Lüssi

OBITUARY

John Jenoure

Older members of the Federation will be sad indeed to learn of the death of Mr. John Jenoure in Bienne at the age of 62. In the fifties John was one of the most prominent members of the Federation. He was for many years Vice-President to the late Mr. Thornton and on Mr. Thornton's death he himself took over the Presidency, which he held until 1964. With these offices he coupled that of Lecture Organiser. On retirement from office he was made a President of Honour. These bare facts of his career leave out what is most important, and that is John's heart-warming personality and his gift for friendship. In his day every Federation occasion benefited not only from his skill as an organiser but also from the bonhomie which he invariably infused into every gathering he attended. All of us who knew him will cherish the memory of a good and much-valued friend. To his widow and his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

1976

Council Meeting held in Langenthal on March 27th 1976.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, Fribourg, Geneva, Interlaken,
Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure,
Wattwil and Winterthur.

Sir John Wraight, British Ambassador, had been knighted in
the New Year's Honour List. Sir John was retiring and
leaving Switzerland before congress.

Congress venue: Gstaad.

Anglo-Swiss News:

Mr. Paul Lüssi announced that the printing of the magazine
would no longer be possible owing to personal difficultirs.

English Club, Langenthal, announced its 25th anniversary
in autumn 1976.

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on October 30th 1976.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, Chur, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure,
Watwil and Winterthur.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Richard Le Fanu of the Cultural Section of the British
Embassy, Berne, and Mrs. Fanu.

Mr. Stephenson announced the sudden death of
Mr. John Jenoure, President of Honour, at the age of 62 years.
He was Vice-President for 9 years, Lecture Organiser and
President of the Federation for 3 years up to 1964.
Members of the Council and of the Bienne Clubs attended the
funeral in Bienne. The Federation had remitted a donation to
the Institution "Terre des Hommes" in memory of
Mr. John Jenoure.

Congress at Gstaad was a very successful gathering and attended
by 130 people.

Guests at the banquet:

The new British Ambassador, Mr. A.K.Rothnie CMG, and
Mrs. Rothnie

Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Allanson, our Swiss Patron

Mr. M.H.Ashmore, now the Cultural Attaché to the British Embass:
This was Mr. Rothnie's first public appearance here, and he fel
duly honoured.

The Ambassador spoke about the state of Britain, he was very
optimistic, especially in view of the discovery of the North
Sea Oil. It is obvious that Mr. Rothnie, who is Scot, will get
on very well in Switzerland.

Council Officers:

The President, Mr. Stephenson, and the Committee were re-
elected with acclamation, no changes.

The English Club, Bienne, announced another play ready,
called: "The Master Key".

The English Circle, Interlaken, was again dissolved.

ESC Baden/Brugg

Congress 1976 will be held at the Palace Hotel Gstaad. There will be all the usual sports - tennis, table tennis, shooting, darts, clock gold, swimming and skittling. There will be dinner, dancing till three, overnight accommodation with bath, breakfast, banquet lunch, and use of the hotel swimming pool and all this, ladies and gentlemen, for only Sfr. 125.- per person. The date is 19/20th June. And if you don't want to come because you don't know anybody, don't forget Congress is designed to make it easy for you to get to know somebody. Be sure to apply to your Club President in good time: Miss Bienz has to have all the applications from him by June 5th.

The Anglo-Swiss News. Mr. Paul Lüssi, who has been editing and printing the ASN for the last eighteen months, has had to give it up owing to unavoidable circumstances. It is once more being edited by Mrs. Green, to whom all contributions should be sent, and printed by Gfeller and Weisskopf in Basel, in the new format, at the old price.

The English Club of Langenthal, our kind hosts for this meeting, are celebrating their 25th birthday on September 17th with a big Interclub Party.



Paul Lüssi, President

David Stone, Vice President

Margaret Weinmann, Secretary

Tony Hancox, Public Relations Officer.

Gail Panizza, Membership Secretary

APRIL DAWN

The English Club of Bienne's drama group, the "English Players" have been taking their second production on tour this spring. It is an hour long comedy, entitled "April Dawn" and is based on the different attitudes between the housewife from North England and the one from the south. So far they have played to their own club (who turned out in great numbers and brought all their friends along), to the ASC Basle (where Mr. Lang at the Kinder-theater spent a lot of time making a superb set out of two pots of paint and half the Greens' furniture), to the ASC Soleure, and have an invitation to go to Zurich - not to the Fitzroy Club, or the British Circle, but to the Sri Lanka Club.

Mrs. Sylvia Jakob as Mrs. Kathy Kemp has a demanding part to play : she is on stage the whole time, and makes a very convincing portrait of a house-proud Lancashire housewife who is living in Southern England. The combination of her expression and tone of voice at times were too good to be true ("Keep your fingers crossed." "....I'd cross my eyes if I thought it'd do any good".) Her acting at times is so good you don't notice it. Mrs. Julia Müller portrays a London girl, Caroline Markby, who is Kathy's next door neighbour. Caroline is a



Mr. and Mrs. Markby - a misdirected kiss

good time gal, and an absolute scream from the top of her back combed hair to the toes of her outrageous red shoes. I found her extremely funny, but I believe some people found her cockney accent difficult to follow, although she spoke very deliberately. There's no doubt that she's a gifted actress. Mr. Ken Woodcock as Harold Markby, and Mr. Steve Williams as Stanley Kemp had less chance to shine : Mr. Woodcock gave a beautifully restrained performance of a sickeningly sober husband

bent on improving himself and ingratiating himself with Mrs. Kemp : while Mr. Williams though portraying a normally quiet and accommodating character, was perhaps a little too quiet to be entirely successful : one felt he hadn't the solidity for the part. Mrs. Nina Koch as Mrs. Prescott, the mother of "April Dawn" (who incidentally is a film star) gave a lovely performance of an organising woman, good tweed suit, brogues, stride and all. Miss Maxine Funnell as the woman reporter (who



Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Kemp and Mr. Kemp - he has good reason to look fed up !



Backstage - Tony Dutton, Nina Koch, and Friedl Hochstädt, the Producer.

should have come at the beginning as she was one of the first to appear in the play) played the part nicely but was not really brash enough. Backstage were Mr. Tony Dutton and Mr. Werner Koch. Mrs. Friedl Hochstädt was the producer, and did a beautiful job: when you consider that she doesn't even speak English well, it's a marvel. But the theatre is in her blood, and with her knowledge, experience and instinct, she lends this amateur group a touch of professionalism which goes a long way to earning its well deserved success.

A.P.



The new Ambassador

Mr. A.K. Rothnie, CMG, has been designated as the new British Ambassador to Switzerland in succession to Sir John Wraight.

Mr. Rothnie was born in 1920 at Worksop, Nottinghamshire, and educated at Montrose Academy and St Andrews University. After serving in the Royal Navy from 1939 to 1945, he joined the Foreign Service as a Third Secretary in the Northern Department. Since then he has served overseas at Vienna, Bangkok, Madrid, Kuwait, Baghdad, Moscow and Chicago as well as home appointments at the Foreign Office. In June 1972 he was appointed Ambassador at Jeddah.

Mr. Rothnie has kindly consented to be Patron to the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. We wish him a very pleasant stay in Switzerland.

Congress

Palace Hotel Gstaad 19-20 June 1976

One hundred and thirty people from Anglo-Swiss Clubs all over Switzerland gathered together in this beautiful spot for what proved to be a really enjoyable and sunny weekend. It was particularly nice to see people from clubs who are not usually represented - Locarno and Lugano, Montreux, Winterthur and Langenthal. All the usual sports were played - tennis (on the famous courts), table tennis (in spite of the breeze), darts, shooting and clock-golf on the lawn, all of which required a certain ingenuity to set up, skittling on a superb alley in the village, and swimming in the lovely 50 m. out-door pool.

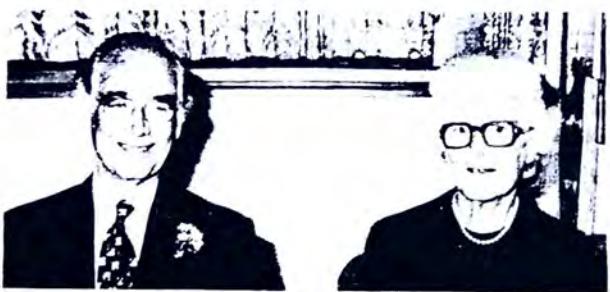
Dinner on Saturday evening was, on the whole, a superb meal, well and quickly served (as one would expect from this class of hotel!). It was unfortunate that we could not all be accommodated in one room : the T-shaped area at our disposal was less than satisfactory, particularly as the band was situated at one of the extremities, and the dance floor exceptionally small, in this country of small dance floors. While one must grant that the hotel three-piece band, which played and sang a large selection of English and American tunes just for us till 2 a.m. was a joy to listen and dance

to, they left poor Mr. Koch, our MC, very little scope for organizing the outrageous and funny games that he usually has up his sleeve, and we therefore lacked the opportunity of mixing with people from other clubs in our accustomed manner.

Our Sunday banquet was enhanced by the presence of Mr. A.K. Rothnie, CMG, who is the new British Ambassador in Berne, and his wife; and Mr. Ashmore, now the Cultural Attaché to the British Embassy. Mr. Rothnie had arrived in Switzerland only four days previously, so we were especially pleased to have him with us.

Mr. Stephenson, our President, made his customary entertaining speech while we were digesting our lunch. After welcoming our guests, he referred to the good relations there have always been between our two countries, and suggested that, as nobody wants either currency as the pound is too low and the Swiss franc too high, a merger might settle everything very nicely. There are, of course, certain formal difficulties! Mr. Stephenson then went on to liken our Congress to a Roman Circus, for which four elements were essential: - dignitaries, good athletes, pretty ladies, and borrowed money. We certainly have the first three he said, but we are one English institution which has a very sound financial basis. He considered that the heralds were perhaps the ones who played the essential part in the organisation of a circus: but the lady who organises our Congresses never blows her own trumpet, so Mr. Stephenson would do it for her - Miss Maisie Bienz. She annually undertakes the labours of Hercules to ensure that Congress runs smoothly.





It's nice to see our friends
from the Ticino



Miss Buchelé of Neuchatel
with ASC Winterthur.



A rare visitor - Mr. Basil
Cooke, with Miss Maisie Bienz

EC LANGENTHAL

Langenthal English Club celebrated its 25th Birthday with a bang this year on September 17th at the Schloss Thunstetten. Every year recently they've been celebrating New Year down in the cellars there, and as it's such a super place they decided to do the thing in style and have the Rittersaal and two additional rooms on the ground floor for a really big birthday party. All the clubs in Northern Switzerland were invited to come along and join in the fun : over eighty people from six different clubs arrived in their best dresses and most party mood to be welcomed at the door by Mr. Peter Imhof, who was distributing roses to all the ladies to show his affection for them. A glass or two of punch as an aperitif, and then on to a spectacular buffet dinner. Miss Lotti Kaufmann's superb Swedish buffets which she's in the habit of providing when we're invited down to Lucerne for an Interclub Meeting are hard to equal, but Langenthal managed to do it, by courtesy of the Coop in Berne. We didn't have to wait for drinks either - self-service was the order of the day, on the assumption that

we were all honest. Afterwards we could gorge ourselves on scrumptious cake provided by those talented cooks, the ladies of the EC Langenthal, accompanied by apparently unlimited quantities of coffee.

Mr. Kurt Eberli, who was President of the Club for many years before handing over to Mr. Imhof, told us in a short speech how the club came to be formed. Exactly twenty-five years ago three young men from Langenthal were invited to a Christmas party at the Anglo-Swiss Club in St. Gallen, and enjoyed themselves so much that they decided they must form their own club. The present "Generation" is the third since the beginning, and is a young-hearted group with a great tradition for self-help.

Dancing continued till 4 am to the sound of a three-man band, a Ländler Kapelle with a difference - they had a penchant for jazz as well as the usual dance music.

Many thanks are due to the Committee who organised this party but particularly to Mrs. Imhof, on whose shoulders fell the brunt of the organisation the final week before the event. It was especially nice to see so many prospective members from Baden-Brugg, who decided there and then to join the club. And all those others who decided in the end not to come - you sure missed some party !



Look at all these happy people
enjoying Langenthal's 25th
Birthday Party! Below: Mr.
Peter Imhof, the President



ASC CHUR

20th Birthday Party



Mr. Smith and Mrs. Woerz cutting the birthday cake.

On October 8th at the Hotel Sterne, over fifty members and guests sat down to a celebration dinner to mark the 20th birthday of the Anglo-Swiss Club Chur. As special guests there were Mr. Richard LeFanu, Cultural Attaché to the British Embassy, and Mr. Patrick Smith and his wife. This was an evening to remember : not only was there a really good party atmosphere, and some amusing "happenings", but also each guest had a special glass to drink out of, which he could then take home with him as a permanent souvenir. The dinner itself was punctuated with various events: Mrs. Jörimann had written a short history of the club, tracing its development for the benefit of those who didn't know it: Mr. Smith enthralled us with a first-class account of the time when he was in Egypt, which was not without its more serious moments or its funny ones either: and towards the end of the evening a hilarious sketch

was performed, with two of the more talented actresses in the club as Granny and grand-daughter.

From Mrs. Jörimann's Club History : "...here in Chur we were only a handful of women, housewives mostly with Swiss husbands. We used to meet as often as possible in the homes of one or the other. About this time, in 1955, a small but very energetic Scotsman arrived on the scene : Mr. Scott, with his Swiss wife.

.....In October 1956 the following people met in Mr. Scott's home for tea and plum cake : Mrs. Buol, Mrs. Montigel, Mrs. Jörimann, Miss Hofmeister, Mrs. Giger (deceased) Dr. Jossi, Mr. Binder and Mr. & Mrs. Scott. And so the club was born! ... Mr. Scott arranged our opening meeting to be held in the Rathaus Saal December 1956 - a talk on the Gold Coast by a dear retired official, Mr. Wellman. 60 people turned up and most of them decided to become members. This evening was a great success so we decided to have as many lectures as possible. Now we know they always go down well with people from this area, so are glad we stuck to this decision.

In 1960 Mr. Scott left Chur and Mrs. Buol then took over as President, and Mrs. Montigel as VP. As you all know Mrs. Buol to our regret resigned last year, handing over to Mrs. Woerz. It would take too long to tell how much Mrs. Buol has done for the club but we are very grateful. Actually in all these years there has been little change in the Committee except for the treasurer.

...I must not forget to mention that when the club was founded many were pessimistic, betting that we would not survive more than two to five years but suffice to say that these bets were cashed on the appropriate dates in champagne at the Hotel Lukmanier. That's no longer there but the club is!..."

1977

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 26th 1977.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil and Winterthur.

Congress venue: Interlaken.

Silver Jubilee Celebrations:

A suggestion had been made to arrange a photo competition
of pictures of Great Britain. It was agreed not to organise
anything as celebrations would take place in many big towns.

Council Meeting held in Neuchâtel on October 29th 1977.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Soleure and Wattwil.

Congress at Interlaken attracted a lot of people, most
enjoyable.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. A.K. Rothnie, CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Rothnie
Mr. & Mrs. Gaschen, Representative of the Municipality of
Interlaken.

Mr. Gaschen referred to the particular favour Interlaken had
always enjoyed with British tourists since the eighteenth
century. He presented a souvenir to Mr. Rothnie and to
Mr. Stephenson and further remitted to the Ambassador the
"Golden Key of Interlaken".

Council Officers:

Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of the President and
afterwards of the Committee, as all officers were willing to
carry on, with warmest thanks for the work done in the year
gone by.

Interclub Meeting at Lucerne:

Miss L. Kaufmann, President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, had once
again arranged a successful gathering at the Hotel Rütli.

English Club, Fribourg, had been liquidated.

Silver Jubilee Issue



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
wearing the Imperial State Crown.

Editorial

Bombarded as I am by beautifully written, interesting and topical articles on every aspect of the Silver Jubilee, and lacking both space to reprint in entirety any of these intelligent masterpieces and the originality to write one myself, I have decided that the best and most appropriate thing I can offer you is a synopsis of the activities being prepared to celebrate the Jubilee in this country.

Basle : May 12 - The British Circle are performing "A Right Royal Revue"

June 12 - Church Service in the Leonhardskirche.

June 17 - the Zürich Comedy Club will perform "The Hollow Crown" in the Stadttheater, Kleine Bühne.

Films on the Royal Family will be shown at the British Consulate in June. The Anglo-Swiss Club, British Circle and Swiss-British Society will combine for a Ball at the Hilton on June 25.

Geneva : 4 June - Royal British Legion Luncheon at Restaurant Vieux Voix

8 June - Thanksgiving Service in Cathedral of St Pierre, at 18.30

11 June - Reception for the British and Commonwealth Communities from 17.30 to 20.00 in the Restaurant Parc des Eaux Vives.

Lausanne : 5 June - Thanksgiving Service at 18.30 at Christ Church, avenue d'Ouchy, Lausanne

18 June - British Residents Association Luncheon, 11.30 for 12.30 at the Lausanne Palace Hotel.

Montreux : 7 June - Thanksgiving Service at 10.30 at St. John's Church, Territet-Silver Jubilee Luncheon for the British and Commonwealth Communities, at 12.45 at the Hotel Suisse et Majestic.

Ouchy : 7 June - Reception for members of the British and Commonwealth Communities at 17.00, at the Beau Rivage Hotel, Ouchy, with showings of film "Monarchy - British Way".

Bern : 5 June - Thanksgiving Service in St. Ursula's Church, Kirchenfeld at 10.30 (arranged by the Swiss-British Society.)

Zurich : 24 April - Gala Opening of Fashion Show Presentation "Jubilee 1977" by the American Fashion College of Switzerland in Lucerne, at Hotel International Zurich. (In conjunction with British Travel Association). (24, 25, 26 April).

25 May - London Symphony Orchestra Concert, Tonhalle. (In association with the Zurich June Festival).

31 May/1 June - Birmingham Repertory Company's performance of "Measure for Measure" by William Shakespeare at Theatre 11, Thurgauerstrasse 7, Zurich Oerlikon.

5 June - Black Dyke Mills Band, Volkshaus Zurich (prior to Silver Jubilee at Albert Hall London)

8/9/10 June - "The Hollow Crown" performance by the Comedy Club of Zurich at Kirchgemeindehaus, Neu-münster, Seefeldstrasse 91

11 June - Silver Jubilee Ball, Dolder Grand Hotel, sponsored by the British Club, British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce, Swiss-British Society, British Businessmen's Luncheon Club and Comedy Club of Zurich.

12 June - Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church, Zurich
25 June - Family Day organized by the Intercommunity School, Zumikon : Fancy Dress Parade, Children's Sports events, Barbecue, Side-shows.

Lucerne : 6 May - 7 May - Fashion Show held at Hotel Schweizerhof, Lucerne.

Winterthur : 23 May - Evening with films to commemorate the Silver Jubilee, organized by the Anglo-Swiss Club, Winterthur.
(1. Portrait of the Queen
2. Trooping the Colour
3. Opening of Parliament)
at Restaurant "Casino".

Ticino : 11 March - Silver Jubilee dinner party sponsored by Big Ben Club of Lugano and Anglo-Swiss Club of Locarno (attended by HE the British Ambassador and HM Consul-General).

14 May - Silver Jubilee Lunch organised by British Residents Association, Ticino section.

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Interclub Meeting Lucerne March 19th 1977

Miss Kaufmann, with her
most long-standing
member.



After a break of nearly two years, Miss Lotti Kaufmann once again invited neighbouring clubs to one of her fantastic Interclub Meetings, at the Hotel Rütli. As usual, it turned into a gastronomic orgy : the Swedish Buffet at the Rütli is always a feast for the eyes and the palate alike. A special highlight (though it's not really fair to pick out any one thing) was the dessert - a choice of fruit salad, sorbet or Schwarzwaldertorte - or any combination of all three. Those

who could face the thought of anything as substantial as cake after that buffet I admire : I personally found the sorbet just perfect, absolutely swimming in champagne.....

Mrs. Brenda Rüttimann was our Mistress of Ceremonies, with some new jokes to make us laugh (no elephant jokes this time, they've all been told), and some new games to shake our meal down. Oh yes, she told that one about the businessman who wanted to celebrate his birthday - but no, maybe she'll want to tell that one another time. One game involved asking selected couples - separately - various questions, not too intimate, of course, and this raised quite a lot of laughs. The fun lasted until about 2 am : Wolfgang Krischek provided taped music, as usual of a very high quality and just right for dancing : the only thing he didn't have was a Charleston! I bet he remedies that next time.

It was particularly nice to see Günther Neumann, who will be getting married to Lotti on May 28th. We wish them all the very best both on the day and in their future life together, and look forward to seeing them both at Congress.



CONGRESS 1977



Left:

Mrs. Rothnie presenting the Minigolf Queen Cup to Mrs. J. Humbert of ASC Lausanne.

The Hotel Victoria-Jungfrau in Interlaken is a favourite haunt of ours, and we were glad to be back there again this year on June 4/5th. The weather held and was beautiful on Saturday at least, thus allowing us to play our sports. This year for the first time we introduced various limitations on the sports, in order to avoid crowds all turning up at once, and one must say they worked very well. Admittedly there were a few grumbles from the table tennis teams who weren't permitted to enter for anything else, but then one doesn't really expect the table tennis to be over in half an hour ! The beautiful, indoor swimming pool was also well patronised, particularly by the four children present.

After a very good dinner, Mr. Koch, MC, organised the rest of the evening's jollities for us. As well as a few time-honoured favourites which always go down well, he introduced a few new games which had

us in stitches. Mr. Egli and friend, on Hammond organ and drums, provided excellent dance music.

On Sunday we were pleased to have with us for the banquet Mr. A.K. Rothnie, British Ambassador, and his wife ; and Mr. Gaschen who represented the Municipality of Interlaken, and his wife. Our other Patron, Mr. Allanson, was unable to come, but we did have with us for the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Sailer from St. Gallen, who attended regularly for many years, but who have been unable to be with us the last few years. Mr. Stephenson's speech was as always a masterpiece of entertainment : he considered, on the auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Silver Jubilee of her famous namesake, Elizabeth I. Apparently nothing happened : but of course, he said, we have to look behind the facts. Silver Jubilee year was 1583 : in 1584 Sir Walter Raleigh set sail and brought back tobacco, and as his



Monarch was not pleased he set sail again the following year and brought back the potato - both highly significant. Councillor Gaschen, replying, referred to the particular favour Interlaken has always enjoyed with British tourists since the eighteenth century. He then presented a souvenir to both Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Rothnie, and ended by presenting Mr. Rothnie ceremoniously with the Golden Key of Interlaken. Mrs. Rothnie then very graciously consented to give away the prizes for the previous day's sports.

Grateful thanks are due to all those who helped to make this Congress such a success - Mr. Burnell, who wrestles with the accounts ; Mr. Koch, who as MC puts a lot of energy into making a lot of fun ; all the sports organizers : and especially to Miss Bienz, who does her level best to make sure everything runs smoothly.

The next generation.
Top: Claire and Denis Martinet.
Right: Mrs. Anitra Green with Christopher and Frances.
(Printed by special request)

Sports Competitions

(winning teams and holders of cups)

Shooting

Team SMS Biel 183 points

King Mr. W. Flückiger, ASC Soleure, 48

Queen Mrs. J. Martinet, ASC Lausanne, 45

Darts

Team SMS Biel 1025

King Mr. R. Delay, EC Biel 375

Queen Miss Hedi Antenen, SMS Biel 300

Swimming

Team SMS Biel

Tennis

Team ASC Soleure

Table Tennis

Team ASC Basel

Skittles

Team EC Biel 34156

King Mr. M. Weyeneth, SMS Biel 9854

Queen Miss Liska Antenen, SMS Biel 7764

Minigolf

Team SMS Biel 349

King SMS Biel, Mr. R. Jörq, 56

Queen Mrs. J. Humbert, ASC Lausanne, 63

Cup for Organising Congress

Miss Maisie Bienz, Federation





C O N G R E S S !

Above: Mr. Werner Koch,
MC, being inundated with
socks during one of his
party games.

Silver Jubilee Ball at the Basle
Hilton

This was held on June 25th in the Salle des Nations. Well over 200 people were present, from the British Circle, the Anglo-Swiss Club and the Swiss-British Society. A super, mammoth, mouth-watering, hot and cold "Buurebu*fet", with everything you could think of, was the menu, and there was dancing afterwards to the Medium Terzett in the Ballroom, and to the New Orleans Hot Lips Jazz Orchestra by the swimming pool. To cool off, there was the patio outside, an extra bar to buy drinks - and of course the swimming pool itself : several brave souls took advantage of it. This memorable evening was a real occasion and a tremendous success.



ASC SOLEURE

On an evening in March we turned up in force to see a delightful film called the "Loons Necklace" which Mr. "Bill" Wilhelm had borrowed from the Canadian Embassy. It told us, in a particularly striking way, the Indian legend of how the Loon (a bird), acquired its distinctive plumage.

Our next meeting was at the Blumenstein Museum. It is a little off the beaten tourist track and came as a revelation to several of us who have lived in Solothurn for years, yet were ignorant of its whereabouts. Being careful not to disturb the beautiful curtains, which are so fragile that they are likely to crumble at the touch, we admired the rich furnishings of the days of long ago. A large relief model of old Solothurn was particularly intriguing.

After Easter, Peter and Sue Albrecht from Bern and Australia delighted their audience with their singing of old English folk songs.

Accompanying themselves on guitars they showed what a talented couple they are. After the sing-song there were grilled sausages and wine to wet one's whistle.

At the end of April, one of our newer members, Mr. Mike Inhelder, gave us a first-class talk on the building of a 10 ft diameter shield-driven tunnel, part of Solothurn's sewer system. His wonderful slides and graphic description of working conditions made me feel positively claustrophobic. Imagine being unable to leave the tunnel at will! Before doing so one had to sit in a pressure chamber for an hour or so, ghastly thought! The close proximity of the Aare was the main reason for the extreme difficulty of the whole operation but after seven years of work the job was eventually completed. I have a shoe-box full of stamps and I've been sorting through them in the hopes of finding an elevenpenny brown.

This is the result of a fascinating talk given by Mr. Werner Koch, president of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Biel. He showed us lots of slides of stamps in his collection starting with the Penny Black, and continuing through to issues of the present day. We learnt all about perforations and water marks and graphite and phosphorous strips and were amazed to hear that these strips on the back of stamps are used as an aid in sorting letters.

Once more Mrs. Annelise Arnold organized the May Dance for us.



Held, as last year, at the Sternen, Kriegstetten, we were happy to welcome members from the S.M.S. Biel, Mrs. Anitra Green from Basle, and visitors from as far away as India and Australia. I gather that the cold buffet was exceptionally good and reasonable.

After a week of rain the day of the Trout Barbecue dawned bright and clear. Once again Mrs. Bell and Mr. Wilhelm arranged everything and all we had to do was turn up and eat the results of their labours. Following an initial difficulty with the fire, during which time we sampled the wines, the cooking proceeded according to plan and the fish were excellent.

Our last meeting of the summer (wot! raining again!) was a Fox Hunt ably organised by Mr. Paul Friedli. With castles as the theme we started off at Schloss Bleichenberg and ended up at Landshut, Utzenstorf, with stops at Buchegg and Jegenstorf in between. At one post we had to write the word castle in as many languages as possible.

Here Mr. and Mrs. Kallay and Mrs. Bell excelled themselves and came up with at least 10 translations ranging from Russian to Afrikaans. Afterwards we repaired to the Bäre there to partake of the famed apple tart. (The secret is the paper thin pastry !) Mr. and Mrs. Peter Straumann were declared the winners. For their prize they received a booklet on Buchegg castle. Thank you Mr. Friedli and all those who manned the posts. It was great fun. Maid of Kent.

BRITISH CIRCLE BASLE

"A Right Royal Revue"



Britannia, bemoaning her state.

Two lively off-shoots of the British Circle, the Flowing Bowl, which is a men's choir, and the Semi Circle, a drama club, combined to produce this light-hearted look at Silver Jubilee year. A lot of the text was written by the players themselves.

On the night of May 12th, the hall at the Spalenkasino was absolutely packed with expectant people. And they were not disappointed : the Revue was a resounding success from start to finish. Who will forget the opening sketch of the Queen, disguised in dark glasses meeting her people, on this occasion a Cockney woman full of confidences, clangers and unconscious humour ? This was a stunning curtain raiser

and a good indication of the quality of things to come. We saw Christopher Robin - "They're Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace - says Alice" : we saw Britannia : we heard two City gents insisting that the English are best, and a policeman bemoaning the fact that 'is lot is not an 'appy one. We had an English Schnitzelbangg ; a recital of poems from Brooke, Chaucer, and others ; and of course a lot of really homesick-making songs from the Flowing Bowl ably led by Brian Stone. Up till now they have concentrated on singing in unison : this time they broke out into three-part-harmony with an excellent rendering of "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Cwm Rhondda". Dennis Brownbill on the piano provided a very good backing throughout, in rather cramped conditions backstage ! Congratulations to everyone who helped to make this such a good revue.



"The Boys of the Old Brigade"

1978

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 18th 1978.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil and Winterthur.
Congress venue - Rigi-Kaltbad.

Constitution and Rules:

Mr. Imhof, English Club, Langenthal, proposed that the
Constitution and Rules printed in 1932 should be given
to a lawyer to revise. Mr. Koch asked that a copy of
them be sent to every club president with the next Agenda.

Council Meeting held in Bienne on October 28th 1978.
Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil
and Winterthur.

Congress on Rigi-Kaltbad was attended by 70 persons only,
the bad weather weeks before had put off many from
coming.

Guest at the banquet:

Mr. Grier, first Councillor of the Embassy, Berne,
(in the absence of the British Ambassador on leave in
England).

Mr. Leo Durscher, Basle, a former Treasurer of the
Federation for many years, died suddenly end of
September. He was also a Committee member of the Anglo-
Swiss Club, Basle, in earlier years.

Council Officers:

All were willing to carry on, at least for a year.
Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of the President and the
Committee with great thanks for their work.

Club Anniversaries:

The oldest Club in Switzerland, the English Club, Bienne,
celebrated its 70th birthday and the Anglo-Swiss Club,
Soleure, was 40 years old.



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EC BIENNE - 70th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Did you know that the English Club of Bienne is the oldest Anglo-Swiss Club in Switzerland? No? Well, now you know, and to celebrate their three score and ten, they invited all the clubs they could think of to help celebrate on September 23rd in the Hotel Elite. People came from Basle: from Lucerne: from Solothurn: from Wattwil: from Neuchatel: from the SMS club in Biinne, who turned out in full force: and, needless to say, there was a terrific response from the English Club itself.

After a free aperitif of white wine (which started the ball rolling right away), and a huge dinner which started with hors d'oeuvres and ended with an enormous portion of ice cream (I'm ashamed to say I can't remember what came in between, but it was good), the festivities started in earnest. Mr. Dennis Stephenson, as President of the Federation, presented a Visitors' Book for Lecturers, so that the club should always have a record of their best lecture evenings. Then Werner Koch, who has been running the club for many years and put a lot into organising this fabulous party (as well as many others like it) was

given, by the English Club, a set of stamp albums for his collection - and his wife Nina a flower arrangement, so she shouldn't feel that her contribution goes unnoticed. This was accompanied by a hilarious poem to commemorate the event. Last but definitely not least, the SMS English Club of Biinne, the "other" club, presented a large and beautiful Waadtländer Krug, and more flowers for Nina, with the comment that SMS won so many of the cups at Congress each year that they'd like to give a cup to EC as a present to commemorate their 70th anniversary. Werner had been trying to do some research on the origins of the Club, but these are practically lost in the mists of time, especially as so many of the old members have gone. By this time the top table was littered with paper and the assembly was ready to dance, which they did with a will till the wee small hours, under the guidance of Tony Dutton and to the music of Mr. Egli and his colleague on Hammond organ and drums.

This was a thoroughly good party, in case I haven't made that clear already: and, Werner, we're already looking forward to your 75th anniversary celebrations.

1979

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 24th 1979.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil,
Winterthur.

Congress 1979 venue: Gstaad.

Constitution and Rules:

Every Club President to receive a final draft of the Rules
before the autumn meeting in 1979.

Mr. Stephenson reminded us of his decision made at last year's
autumn meeting to resign in October 1979.

Dr. Honold, Vice-President, did not wish to stand as
President because he was too busy.

Mr. Stephenson asked for proposals for a Vice-President,
Mrs. Martinet proposed Mr. Werner Koch.

Mr. Koch agreed to accept. Mr. Koch was elected Vice-President
with a view to succeeding Mr. Stephenson as President in
autumn 1979.

Council Meeting held in Basle on October 27th 1979.

Present: Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Chur, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil,
Winterthur.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Gilmartin, the new British Consul in Basle,
also our old friends,

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Martinet from Lausanne, former Treasurer,
Mrs. P. Honold and Mrs. R. Burnell.

Congress at Gstaad: a rainy congress, it rained on Saturday
and Sunday, but it did not spoil the lovely atmosphere in the
luxury Hotel.

Guest at the banquet:

the First Councillor of the Embassy,
(in the absence of Mr. & Mrs. Rothnie, British Ambassador)

Resignations of the Council Officers:

Mr. D.Q. Stephenson (P) and Dr. P. Honold (V-P) resigned.

Mr. Werner Koch was elected as President, and

Mrs. J. Martinet was elected as Vice-President.

Miss M. Bienz (S) and Mrs. N. Stephenson (L.-Org.) agreed to
remain for one more year, Mr. Burnell, (T), accepted re-election.

The new Council Committee for 1980 was:

President	Mr. W.R. Koch
Vice-President	Mrs. J. Martinet, MBE
Secretary	Miss M. Bienz
Treasurer	Mr. R.V. Burnell
Lecture Organiser	Mrs. N. Stephenson.

During luncheon a presentation of a Neuchâtel Clock was made to
Mr. Stephenson, he was also appointed President of Honour.
Dr. Honold received a Dialect Atlas of England.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Soleure: gift to Vietnamese Refugees.

For the fourth time the Club organized a "Rice and Curry"
evening for about 50 members and guests. With the help of Club
members, Mr. & Mrs. Adhiketty, prepared a series of fine Sri Lanka
dishes. The surplus of the evening of Fr. 340.-- was given to a
group of six Vietnamese refugees in Soleure.



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60 YEARS

OF THE

FEDERATION

1980

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 29th 1980.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Wattwil and
Winterthur.

We heard with regret that our Swiss Patron,
Mr. C.A. Allanson, Bienne, passed away early in March.
On behalf of the Federation and of the English Club Bienne,
a message of condolence was sent to Mrs. Allanson by
Mr. Koch.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. A.K. Rothnie CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Rothnie.
They paid their last visit to us before their return to
England early summer. During his after lunch speech
Mr. Rothnie invited Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Koch with their
wives, as representatives of the Federation of Anglo-
Swiss Clubs, to a reception given to Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II in the British Embassy in May 1980.

Congress venue - Bürgenstock.

Associate Members' Fee:

By a majority vote the fee had been increased to
Fr. 50.-- p.a.

Federation News-sheet:

Mrs. G. Lang, Editress, was thanked for her efforts made
to produce a trial copy, the News-sheet to appear quarterly.

Council Meeting held in Lausanne on October 25th 1980.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, Winterthur and Fribourg.

Congress on the Bürgenstock was very successful, 138 persons
came and enjoyed a wonderful congress in perfect weather.
The Ticino Clubs were very well represented.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. G.R. Lee, first Councillor to the British Embassy,
and Mrs. Lee,
(the new British Ambassador had not yet arrived).

Resignations - new Council Officers:

Miss Maisie Bienz resigned after 16 years as Secretary and
Mrs. Norma Stephenson resigned after 5 years as Lecture
Organiser.

The Council Committee for 1981:

President	Mr. W.R. Koch
Vice-President	Mrs. J. Martinet
Secretary	Mrs. S. Jakob
Treasurer	Mr. R.V. Burnell
Lecture Org.	Mrs. B. Rüttimann
Editress A.S.N.	Mrs. G. Lang
President of Honour	Mr.D.Q. Stephenson.

New Rules and Constitution:

Mr. Stephenson had arranged for their printing, every Club
president to receive a copy with the Minutes of this meeting.



Sur le tarmac de Kloten,
Sa Majesté est accueillie
par Georges-André
Chevallaz, président de
la Confédération

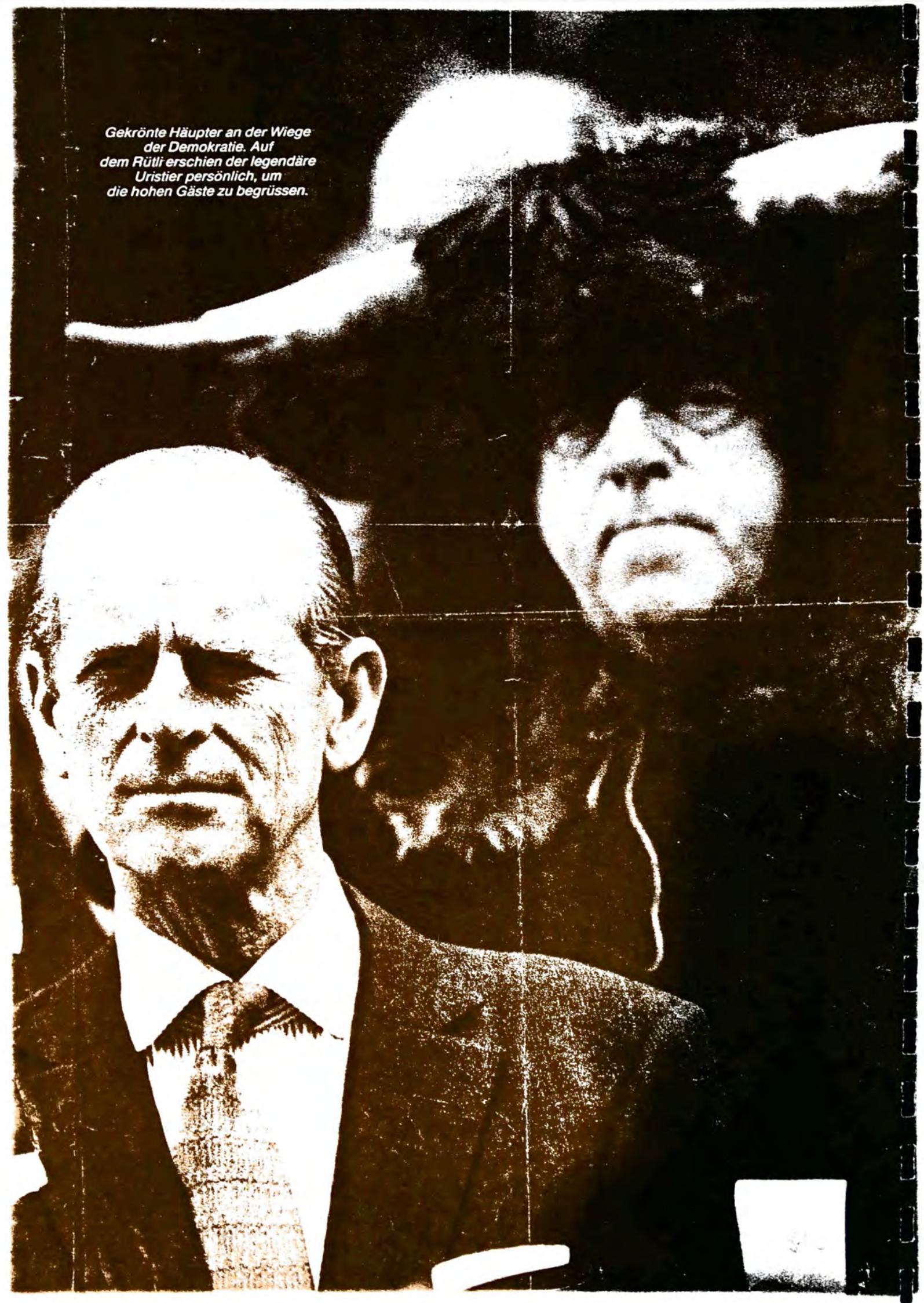


instant de liberté: Sa Majesté peut se rapprocher de son époux, Philip, duc d'Edimbourg



moment historique: au Grütli, l'hommage de la Reine aux Trois Suisses des origines

*Gekrönte Häupter an der Wiege
der Demokratie. Auf
dem Rütti erschien der legendäre
Uristier persönlich, um
die hohen Gäste zu begrüssen.*





Während fünf Tagen war
die Schweiz eine
Monarchie. Am besten.

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Thoughts on being presentable by Mrs. Nina Koch, EC Bienné

To be presented to the Queen is a great honour, but not such an exalting event as one might expect - I will try to explain.

At 10 p.m. on the 1st of May, Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson, Werner and I were invited to represent the Federation at a reception given by her Majesty at the residence of the British Ambassador. When we arrived we were ushered into a large room full of tall, old and loudly chattering people. Champagne, and other drinks were passed round on silver trays and while we waited for something to happen a bagpipe band played stirring music on the lawn outside.

The Queen appeared, smaller than most, and heavily jewelled, and stood with the British Ambassador and some of her aides in a line against the long side of the room. The babble died away and in true British fashion we formed a queue. Nobody knew what to say or do, so it was a case of "Follow the leader". A lady in front of us came from the Basle Opera Co., she floated into a curtsey like a swan, leaving me slightly at a disadvantage. Our names were relayed to the Queen and I did a bob of knees and neck, muttering something like "Good evening your Majesty". She touched my gloved hand with her gloved hand and with a faint smile replied something I didn't catch. Then I was promptly moved along the line before I had time to realize what had happened. For Werner I think the impression was somewhat similar.

Later in the evening the Queen moved among us, talking to chosen people and looking relaxed. We managed to have a longish chat with the Duke of Edinburgh who has a dry wit which puts everyone at ease. Finally more drinks; even noisier chatter and at midnight the Queen and her entourage left. We followed soon after, feeling high, not from the drinks but from having enjoyed a fascinating and, for us, unique experience.

1981

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 21st 1981.
Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and
Winterthur.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. C.S.R. Giffard CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Giffard.
Mr. Koch thanked Mr. Giffard for the co-operation the
Federation had received from the British Embassy.
Mr. Giffard thanked for the hospitality and invited the
delegates to his home after the meeting.

Congress venue: Gstaad .

New Club in Fribourg.

The inaugural meeting of the new Anglo-Swiss Club was a
great success, approx. 100 persons were present.

Mr. & Mrs. Koch came with some members from Biel, also
members from the Club in Lausanne were present.

Resignations:

English Conversation Club, Rorschach,
(the first English Club, Rorschach, became a member in 1943),
English Club, Wattwil, joined in 1967.

Autumn meeting.

Dr. Bedenig, Soleure, invited the delegates to Soleure, the
town celebrating the 500th anniversary of its accession to
the Confederation.

Council Meeting held in Soleure on October 31st 1981.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and
Zurich.

The aperitives were offered by the town of Soleure.

Each member received a souvenir glass, a gift of the Anglo-
Swiss Club, Soleure, to commemorate the meeting.

A sight-seeing tour of Soleure was arranged by a local guide
of the town.

Congress at Gstaad: a happy and successful gathering,
120 representatives came from all over Switzerland

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. C.S.R. Giffard CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Giffard.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle.

The 70th Anniversary began with a tram ride on the oldest tram
complete with driver and conductor in contemporary uniform.

Guests: Mr. W.R. Koch, President of the Federation, Mrs. Koch,
Miss Doerr of the British Consulate, Zurich, Rev.T.Roberts,
Chaplain of the Anglican Church, Basle, and members of the
Biel and Geneva Clubs, also a lady from Winterthur, Miss Roth

Council Officers:

The President, Mr. Koch, was re-elected and then the Committee
en bloc with many thanks for their work.

New Members:

The Swiss British Societies in Berne and Zurich had applied
and were accepted.



Congress 1981 at Gstaad

1982

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 27th 1982.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Soleure,
St Gall and Zurich.

The President announced the death of Mr. A.C. Martinet,
Lausanne, ex-treasurer of the Federation for many years
and former President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne.
Mr. Martinet died end of 1981.

Further we heard of the death of Miss M. Schneider,
Neuchâtel, former secretary of the Anglo-Swiss Club,
Neuchâtel, for a number of years.
One minute silence was observed.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. George Lee, First Counsellor of the British Embassy,
and Mrs. Lee. They very kindly invited the delegates
to their home for cocktails after the meeting.

Congress venue : Interlaken.
(50th anniversary of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs).

New Member:

The new Club in St Gall, the Anglo-Swiss Circle.

1983

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 19th 1983.
Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
Soleure, St Gall and Zurich.

Guests at the luncheon:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones CMG, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

Congress venue - Vitznau.

Clubs Anniversaries in 1983:

75th English Club, Bienne
50th Big Ben Club, Lugano
45th SMS English Club, Bienne
20th English Speaking Club, Geneva.

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on October 29th 1983.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Chur,
Lucerne, Locarno, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure,
Winterthur and Zurich.

The aperitives before the luncheon were offered by the
Club of Lucerne. After the meeting a tour through the
old parts of Lucerne was arranged by Mrs. Lotti Neumann,
hon. President of the Club.

Congress at Vitznau attracted 90 people. The weather was
really perfect. The highlight on Sunday was the magnificent
and beautifully decorated Hors d'Oeuvres buffet.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones CMG, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

Diamond Jubilee Party of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne:

A champagne aperitif, a Gala Buffet with a model of London's
Tower Bridge made of butter etc. 100 members and guests
enjoyed the delightful, warm and friendly atmosphere.

Guests of honour:

Mr. John Powell-Jones, British Ambassador,
Mr. Neil Smith, British Consul General,
Mr. Kurt Illi, Director of the Lucerne Tourist Board,
Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, and their wives.

Delegates came from the Clubs of Basle, Bienne, Chur, Geneva,
Langenthal, Locarno, Lugano, Montreux, St Gall and Zurich.

Mr. Cl. Blättler, hon. President of the Club, and member since
1926 received a special welcome.

A joint outing arranged by E.C. Langenthal with A.S.C. Lucerne
to Swissair, Zurich Airport, included a tour by bus of the
airfield and through various technical departments.

The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne, invited the members of the
English Club, Langenthal, to a visit of "Schloss Heidegg"
above the Lake of Baldegg. 70 members from both Clubs
visited the many rooms of the 11th-12th century Castle.

1984

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 24th 1984.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and
Winterthur.

Mr. Koch announced the death of Miss Claire Buchelé,
President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Neuchâtel, for many
years. Miss Buchelé died at the end of 1983.
A minute silence was observed.

Congress venue - Grindewald , a new resort.

Council Meeting held in Bienne on October 27th 1984.

Present: Mr. W.R. Koch (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Langenthal, Lausanne. Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel and Soleure.

The Congress at Grindelwald was attended by 75 people.
The weather was glorious. The excellent food, the beautiful
scenery helped to make it a successful week-end.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones CMG, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

We were delighted to hear from the British Ambassador that
Her Majesty the Queen had approved the awarding of an
Honorary Membership (of the Order) of the British Empire
to Mr. Werner Koch, President of the Federation.

The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne, organised on Ascension Day
an outing to the Grandson Castle, well known for its English
connections. Members from the Geneva and Montreux joined
them. A visit to a horse museum close by was also included.

Resignations of Council Officers:

Mr. Koch, President, Mrs. Jakob, Secretary and Mrs. Rüttimann,
Lecture organiser resigned.

In his speech Mr. Koch said, he had tried to federate new clubs
with some success. He thanked all the members of the Committee.
Mrs. Martinet, Vice-President, praised Mr. Koch's work during
his five years as President.

Mrs. J. Martinet MBE became the first lady President

Mr. E.W. Pooley was elected Vice-President

Mrs. C. Vuillé became Secretary

Mr. R.V. Burnell was re-elected Treasurer

Mrs. A. Green was elected Lecture Organiser

Mrs. G. Lang became Editress.

Mr. W.R. Koch was appointed President of Honour.

Saas Fee and the English-Swiss Friendship:

75 years ago a few English people in the Swiss Alpine Club
founded the "Association of British Members of the Swiss
Alpine Club ABMSAC. The Britannia Hut was donated by these
English in 1912, but hardly anyone knew it, because there was
no plaque on the hut. In August the ABMSAC celebrated its
75th anniversary, a bronze plaque was uncovered, a procession
and festival took place in Saas Fee and climbers dressed in
early 20th century clothes climbed up towards the Allalinhorn.

CONGRESS 1984

The weekend of the 16/17th June at the Grand Hotel Regina in Grindelwald was a very pleasant one for the 75 people who were there. The glorious weather, the beautiful scenery and the good food helped to make it a successful weekend. The one-man orchestra, provided free of charge by the Hotel Regina, was excellent and made a very nice party atmosphere on the Saturday evening.

The winners of the sporting events were:

DARTS:	Team - EC Biennne
	Queen - Miss S. Koch
	King - D. Guy
SHOOTING:	Team - EC Biennne
	Queen - Miss S. Koch
	King - J. Arnold
TENNIS:	SMS Biennne (for the 4th time)
CLOCK GOLF:	Team - ASC Lausanne and EC Biennne
	Queen - Anitra Green
	King - Reginald Burnell
SWIMMING:	EC Biennne
SKITTLING:	Team - EC Biennne
	Queen - Miss S. Koch
	King - W.R. Koch

The highlight was the announcement made by the British Ambassador at the Sunday Banquet to the effect that Her Majesty the Queen had approved the awarding of an Honorary Membership (of the Order) of the British Empire to Mr. Werner Koch.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !!!

1985

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 16th 1985.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Berne, Biel, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
Soleure and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. J.E. Powell-Jones, British Ambassador, and
Mrs. Powell-Jones.

Congress venue - Chexbres above Lausanne.

British Club, Zurich, celebrates its Golden Jubilee Party
in June.

Miss Maisie Bienz was elected hon. Historian/Archivist
by Mrs. Martinet and unanimously elected, a new post in
the Federation.

Council Meeting held at Chexbres on October 26th 1985.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Basle, Biel, Chur, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel and Soleure.

Congress at Chexbres was not so well attended, 70 persons
came.

Guests at the banquet:

Miss Savil of the British Embassy, Berne, and the new
Principal of SMS, London, Mr. & Mrs. McClafferty.

Mr. Werner Koch celebrated his 25th consecutive congress !

Constitution and Rules:

Mrs. Martinet asked that the statutes drawn up in 1979 be
changed, the clause "non-political and non-sectarian" had
been omitted.

With great regret Mrs. Martinet announced the death of
Mr. R.V. Burnell, Treasurer of the Federation for many years.
He died in his beloved country, England, while on holiday.
A one-minute silence was observed.

Mrs. Martinet and other members of the Federation, members
of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle, of which Mr. Burnell was a
Honorary President, after 10 years as President and 12 years
as Vice-President, friends of the British Colony and British
Rail, of which he was the manager, attended the funeral at
Duggingen near Basle.

Council Officers:

Mr. Pooley, Vice-President, proposed the re-election of
Mrs. Martinet, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. M. Pavel, President of the E.C. Langenthal, was proposed
and seconded as new Treasurer.

Mrs. J. Adams, Montreux, took over from Mrs. G.Lang, who
wished to resign as Editress.

Ascension Day outing of Zone I:

Members of the Lausanne Club, Geneva and Montreux went to
Yverdon-les-Bains in "rain-coat" weather. They visited the
Château d'Yverdon and museum. A room is devoted to Pestalozzi
who ran his first school in the castle. There is a large
collection of costumes, bronze sword set etc. worth seeing.

Obituary : Reg Burnell 1920 - 1985

On a warm sunny October day, Reg Burnell, the late Treasurer of the Federation, and President of Honour of the Basel Club, was laid to his final rest, October 14th 1985.

The shock of his sudden death from a heart attack while he was on holiday in England, reached us two weeks earlier; his body was returned to Switzerland by way of the European Railway network which he served, knew and loved so well. Over 100 people met in Dussingen, where his son Richard lives, to pay a final tribute to him, taking part in a moving service led by the Rev. T. Roberts, in the graveyard and church set deep among the cliffs and woods of the Swiss Jura.

Born a Guernseyman, Reg lived through the war in German-occupied Guernsey, and came to Switzerland in 1948 to work for and help set up the Swiss office of British Railways in Basel. He became senior Vice-President of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Basel in 1949, and its President in 1962; resigning this office ten years later, he became President of Honour. Since the 1970's he had been Treasurer of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs until his untimely death. As deputy manager, he retired from British Railways in 1982.

The Club and the Federation mourn a colleague and friend, a more than competent organiser, a calm easy-going but thorough and willing associate, both in his job and in his 'spare-time' activities.

We of the Basel Committee shall miss the barbecues in his allotment garden, which he kept so neat and flourishing, his steady well-considered advice and the summer walks he organised - the last one as recently as 8th August, over the hills above Dussingen. That is in no way ironic, but simply fitting. Farewell Reg; we will all miss you. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his widow, son and daughter.



1986

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 15th 1986.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Chur, Fribourg,
Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Kocarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and St Gall.

The British Ambassador, Mr. John R. Rich, invited the
delegates for aperitives in the British Ambassador's
Residence. The luncheon was taken at the Grauer Hotel,
Berne, the British Ambassador and Sir Edmund and
Lady Grove were our guests.

Congress venue - Brunnen.

New Clubs:

Anglo-Swiss Club, Geneva, and
English Speaking Group, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
were proposed and accepted.

Council Meeting held in Zurich on October 18th 1986.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Basle, Berne, Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal,
Lausanne, Lucerne, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel,
St Gall and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. & Mrs. Le Breton of the Consulate General, Zurich.

Congress at Brunnen was well attended, 120 people came,
a delightful spot.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. & Mrs. Le Breton, British Consul General, Zurich,
representing the British Ambassador, Mr. John Rich, also
Mr. & Mrs. Hilton of Swiss Mercantile Society, London.

Inaugural Dinner of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Geneva:
56 people attended, speakers were: a British lawyer,
a Swiss lawyer, the President of the Federation,
Mrs. J. Martinet, and the British Consul General, Geneva.

Ascension Day outing of Zone II:

50-odd Baslers, Bielers and Solothurners went from Wangen-
a.d.Aare to Inwilersee, a happy gathering and a glorious day.

1987

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 21st 1987.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall and Zurich.

Mrs. Martinet announced the passing away of Mrs. Ruth Sailer,
Vice-President of the A.S.C., St.Gall. Mrs. Sailer took a
keen interest in the Federation.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. John R. Rich CMG, British Ambassador and Mrs. Rich.
Congress venue - Fürigen a/Bürgenstock.

Council Meeting held in Baden on October 24th 1987.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, Chur, Geneva, Langenthal,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure,
St Gall, Winterthur and Zurich, also Mr. P. Le Breton,
British Consul in Zurich.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. P. Le Breton, British Consul, Zurich.

Congress on Fürigen was not much favoured, rooms below the
usual standard, but a surplus was made , much appreciated
by our Treasurer, Mr. Pavel.

Mrs. A. Hostettler announced the death of Dr.P. Honold,
Vice-President of the Federation for 15 years and Lecture
Organiser for a longer period. Dr. Honold took a keen interest
in the Federation, he was also President of the A.S.C.,
Soleure, in earlier years. Former Council Members of the
Federation and Members of the A.S.C., Soleure attended the
funeral at the Cathedral of Soleure.

Council Officers:

Mrs. Martinet referred to the work done in the Committee
and thanked each member. The President also stressed the need
for new clubs.

Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of Mrs. Martinet as President,
and proposed the election of the committee en bloc except for
Mr. Pooley, Vice-President, who wished to resign.

As new Vice-President, Mr. D.H.Green, Basle, was elected by a
majority vote.

After the meeting we all enjoyed an interesting City Tour
through the old parts of Baden, arranged by Mr. Dury, Baden.

1988

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 5th 1988.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Biel, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. John R. Rich CMG, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Rich.

Congress venue - Brunnen.

Clubs Anniversaries in 1988:

80th English Club, Biel
60th Anglo-Swiss Club, Winterthur
50th Anglo-Swiss Club, Neuchâtel
50th Anglo-Swiss Club, Soleure
25th English Speaking Club, Geneva.
30th Big Ben Club, Lugano .

Council Meeting held in Basle on October 22nd 1988.

Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Chur,
Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall and Zurich.

Congress at Brunnen was very well attended over 110 persons
came. The weather was lovely, what delicious food,
a great success, happy people.

New Club:

Mrs. Martinet welcomed three members of the Neuchâtel Club
International, the Club had applied and was accepted.

Mrs. Rüttimann announced the celebration of the 65th
anniversary of the A.S.C. Lucerne, a combined Birthday/
Christmas Party.

Council Officers:

Mrs. Martinet reported on the year gone by and thanked
the Committee for the hard work.

Mr. Koch proposed the re-election of Mrs. Martinet as
President and of the other members of the Council en bloc
- for one more year - except of Mrs. Adams, Montreux, who
wished to resign as Editor.

Mr. Ph. Reverdin, Geneva, offered to do the work as
Editor, he was elected with thanks.

NO issue of Anglo-Swiss Newsletters in 1987 and 1988.

Mr. Bryon Stone, Chairman of the British Circle, Basle,
organised a lovely tour through many old parts of Basle,
some places were even unknown to Swiss members.
Thank you Mr. Stone.

1989

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 11th 1989.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Chur,
Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Christopher Long, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Long.

Congress venue - Saanen near Gstaad.

Council Meeting held in Lausanne on October 21st 1989.
Present: Mrs. J. Martinet (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Fribourg,
Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano,
Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall and Zurich -
37 delegates from 20 Clubs !

Anglo-Swiss Club, Lausanne, 60th anniversary, thus a
celebration lunch combined with this meeting had been
arranged.

Guests at the luncheon:

Mr. J.R. Paterson, Consul General, Geneva

Mr. Philip Cole, Cultural Attaché of the British Embassy,
Berne, and Mrs. Cole.

Mr. Gustave Chaudet, founder member of the A.S.C. Lausanne.

Congress at Saanen did not come up to our expectation.
The interest in our Federation was lacking, the service
in the hotel was far from being first-class.

Resignations - new Council Officers:

Mrs. Martinet, President, gave her end-up year report
before resigning after 5 years in office. She pointed out
the importance of encouraging new clubs to join the
Federation. The President also thanked every committee
member for the hard and efficient work done.

Mr. Green, Vice-President, thanked Mrs. Martinet for her
work done during 5 years in office and presented her with
a handsome Pewter and flowers, also Mrs. Vuillé, Secretary,
received a token and some flowers.

The new Committee:

President	Mrs. B. Rüttimann
Vice-President	Mrs. L. Meschini
Secretary	Mrs. M. Allenspach
Treasurer	Mr. M. Pavel
Lect. Organiser	Mrs. A. Green
Editor	Mr. M. Welling.

Anglo-Swiss Circle, St Gall:

About 15 members went for a week-end to Lugano, visited the
exhibition at Villa Favorita, did boat trips and ascended
by railway San Salvatore. They had a really good time.

Club anglo-suisse de L

Les diamants

Les 23 clubs anglo-suisses ne comptent que 20% de sujets de Sa Majesté, ce qui n'empêche pas les quelque 3000 membres de ne parler que la langue de Shakespeare lorsqu'ils se rencontrent. C'est la règle.

Et qui dit règle, dit aussi généralement respect des traditions. C'est pourquoi la section lausannoise vient de célébrer son 60e anniver-

saire — un «diamond jubilee» — en portant deux toasts: l'un à Sa Gracieuse Majesté la reine d'Angleterre, l'autre au non moins gracieux président de la Confédération, Jean-Pascal Delamuraz. Ainsi, pas de jaloux, l'honneur est sauf!

La journée de fête a commencé très sérieusement par l'assemblée générale de la Fédération des clubs an-

gio-suisses: à cette occasion, une nouvelle présidente centrale a été élue en la personne de Brenda Ruttimann. Celle-ci remplace de fait la dynamique Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts, membre de l'Ordre de l'Empire britannique, qui a offert cinq ans de bons et loyaux services à la tête de cette fédération, et qui reste tout de même présidente de la section lausannoise.



Brenda Ruttimann, présidente de la Fédération des clubs anglo-suisses, James R. Paterson, consul général de la Grande-Bretagne. Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts MBE, ancienne présidente de la fédération, Guy Martinet-Roberts.



Sonia Cole, James R. Paterson, consul général de Grande-Bretagne, Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts MBE, Phil Cole, 2e secrétaire presse auprès de l'ambassade britannique.

ausanne

sont éternels

Après la partie statutaire, les sujets de Sa Majesté Elisabeth II, ceux de Guillaume Tell, et tous les autres, ont pu enfin passer aux choses sérieuses: «the» menu — nettement plus gaulois que britannique, il faut le souligner.

Ont honoré cette agape de leur présence: James R. Patterson, consul général de Grande-Bretagne à Genève,

qui représentait l'ambassadeur de Sa Majesté à Berne, Phil Cole, second secrétaire à l'ambassade britannique, et l'un des membres fondateurs de la section lausannoise, le docteur en droit Gustave Chaudet, de Blonay, accompagné de son épouse.

Fondée en 1929 par un groupe d'étudiants suisses qui revenaient dans leur «bonne ville» de Lausanne,

la section locale se réunit chaque semaine au foyer de Saint-François. Pour les membres de tous âges et de tous milieux, le club offre l'occasion de pratiquer l'anglais, au travers de diverses activités, telles que conférences, soirées créatives, etc.

Tel est le phare — «the lighthouse», dirait Virginia Woolf — des amoureux de la langue de Shakespeare.



Claudine et Gustave Chaudet (membre fondateur du club de Lausanne), Maisie Blenz, (archiviste de la Fédération des clubs anglo-suisses).



L'anglo-suisse club de Lausanne autour de sa présidente (assise au milieu), Jacqueline Martinet-Roberts MBE.

ercredi 25 octobre 1989

24 heures

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RÉGION LAUSANNOIS



June Barley, Denis Sandiford, Henri-Albert Girard, «Kiki» Girard.
Photos Jane Way



Howard Green, (prés. Bâle), Anitra Green, Ann Hostettler (Soleure), Marion Allenspach (Lucerne).



Debout: Michael Wellington, Brenda Girardbille, Simone Perrenoud, Edward Nassar. Assis: Jacqueline Schupbach, Denise Redman, Joy Humbert (vice-présidente Lausanne), Denis Helfer.



Mina et Werner Koch (Blenne), Sylvia Jakob (Bienne).



**Gustave Chaudet
founder member of
Lausanne Anglo-Swiss Club
who attended and addressed
the Club's Sixtieth
Anniversary Luncheon**

1990

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 10th 1990.
Present: Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Biel/Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno,
Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure and Zurich.

Guest at luncheon:

Mr. Colin Bright, Counsellor of the British Embassy, Berne,
representing the British Ambassador, who was unable to come.

Congress venue - Locarno.

Anglo-Swiss News:

Mr. Dury, Baden, thanked Mr. Welling, Editor, for the new
look of the ASN.

Council Meeting held in Lucerne on October 20th 1990.

Present: Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel/Bienne, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva,
Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux,
Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall, Winterthur and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Franz Kurzmeyer, Mayor of Lucerne, and Mrs. Kurzmeyer,
Miss Gill Remington, British Embassy, and
Mr. Richard Scherrer, Pres. of the A.S.C. Lucerne -
Bournemouth Twinning Association.

Congress at Locarno -after 30 years- was a wonderful week-
end. The dinner and banquet at the Grand Hotel were
exquisite, the service first-class, 120 persons attended.
Souvenirs from the Ticino and chocolates beside the plates
of each person. A boat trip to "Isolé di Brissago" on Saturday,
aperitives at the "Castello di Locarno" on Sunday.

Guests at the banquet:

Mr. Colin Bright, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission,
and Mrs. Bright

Avv. V. Mariotti, representative of the Municipality of Locarno
Sir John Eccles, former Nobel Prize Winner for Physiology.

Mrs. Rüttimann extended warmest thanks to Mrs. L. Meschini and
Mrs. T. Fantoni for the tremendous work they had done to make
the weekend at Locarno such a big success.

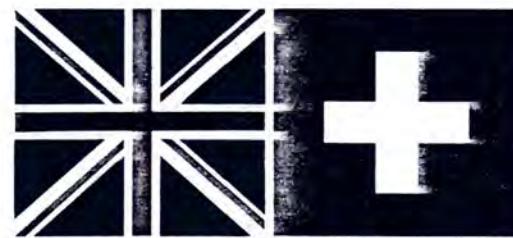
Council Officers:

Mrs. Rüttimann expressed her appreciation to the Vice-President
Secretary, Treasurer, Lecture Organiser and Editor for all
their work in perfect co-operation.

The President and the Committee agreed to stand for re-election
except Mrs. Green. A present and a posy of flowers were handed
over to her in appreciation of her 8 years as Lecture
Organiser. Mrs. A. Hostettler took over the vacant post.

The International Club, Neuchâtel, had tendered its
resignation.

We heard that Mr. Hans Bauer, founder member of the
Anglo-Swiss Club, Locarno, died in July 1990.



Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs

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GRAND HOTEL - LOCARNO



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PROGRAMME

Saturday 9th. June

For those taking part in the Boat-Trip, please be at the «Imbarcadero» - the landing stage of Locarno - by not later than 13.35 - to collect your ticket.

For those who wish to enjoy the Games, please consult the notice Board in the hall at the Grand Hotel.

19.00 APERITIVES - on the Terrace

19.30 - 01.00 a.m. DINNER-DANCE
in the Ball-Room
to the music of Mr. De Lusi and his Friends

Sunday 10th. June

For the Remainder of the Sports - Swimming, Tennis, etc.
please consult the notice Board in the hall.

11.00 At the «Castello di Locarno»
Aperitives kindly offered by the Municipal
Authorities of Locarno

13.00 GRAND HOTEL - LUNCHEON
with as Guests of Honour:
Mr. Colin Bright, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission,
and Mrs. Bright
Avv. V. Mariotti, representant of the Municipio Locarno

The A.S.C. Locarno welcomes you and wishes you a very happy and carefree week-end



Convegno degli Anglo-Swiss Clubs

La scorsa fine settimana al Grand Hotel Locarno si è svolto un convegno della Federazione Anglo-Swiss Clubs. La manifestazione è stata contraddistinta nella mattinata di domenica da un ricevimento al Castello dei Visconti, a cui hanno partecipato 120 persone. Sono fra gli altri intervenuti con le loro consorti il Premio Nobel per la medicina e fisiologia Sir John Eccles, cittadino onorario di Tenero-Contra, e Colin Bright, in rappresentanza dell'ambasciatore britannico Christopher Long, che non ha potuto presenziare essendo stato richiamato a Berna sabato. In rappresentanza delle autorità comunali, un breve saluto è stato pronunciato dal municipale avv. Vittorio Mariotti. Il convegno si è svolto in Ticino per la prima volta in 30 anni ed è stato impeccabilmente organizzato dall'Anglo-Swiss club cittadino, presieduto da Linette Meschini, vice-presidente a livello nazionale. La Federazione degli Anglo-Swiss Clubs, presieduta da Brenda Rüttiman, si occupa della promozione dei buoni rapporti d'amicizia e culturali tra la Svizzera e le nazioni del Commonwealth. Nella foto (di Nicola Pedrazzini) un momento della manifestazione, con il saluto dell'avvocato Vittorio Mariotti. A destra il Premio Nobel Sir John Eccles.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Locarno

HANS BAUER

Founder member 1986
Committee member 1990

Hans Bauer suffered a massive stroke in May and died on 24 July. On 30 July, he was laid to rest beside the Thames at the thirteenth century church of All Saints, Bisham, one mile south of Marlow, attended by family and friends, the latter including your President.

The most Anglo-Swiss of our members, Hans' affection for England was never better demonstrated than when he proposed the vote of thanks to Churchill's former bodyguard at a meeting at the Hotel d'Angleterre. We learned of his admiration for Churchill, his knowledge of the life of the great man, and that he had visited the grave at Bladon. A widower, Hans had planned to re-marry in September. He was elected to the Committee at this year's AGM, and we were greatly looking forward to his participation, but unfortunately he was able to attend only one meeting.

His death represents the passing of one of our most valued members, and the Club will be poorer without him.

1991

Council Meeting held in Berne on March 9th 1991.

Present: Mrs.B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Berne, Biel, La Chaux-de-Fonds,
Chur, Fribourg, Langenthal, Lausanne, Locarno, Lucerne,
Lugano, Montreux, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall,
Mr. Lüssi, Wattwil and Zurich.

Guests at luncheon:

Mr. Phil Cole, Information Officer, British Embassy,
and Mrs. Cole.

Anglo-Swiss Weekend (formerly Congress) - Engelberg.

Mr. Lüssi spoke about the introductory meeting and
forthcoming events in the new Club at Wattwil.

Mr. Green gave details of the 80th anniversary celebration
in Basle in October.

A letter of thanks had been received from Clarence House,
London, for the good wishes the Federation had sent to
Queen Mother on her 90th birthday.

Council Meeting held in Soleure on October 26th 1991.

Present: Mrs.B. Rüttimann (P) and Council Officers,
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg, Basle, Biel, Geneva, Langenthal, Lausanne,
Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Neuchâtel, Soleure, St Gall
and Zurich.

Anglo-Swiss Weekend at Engelberg did not attract so many
people, about 80 came from 9 clubs. All the same it was
an enjoyable weekend. The visit to the Monastery was
interesting and much appreciated.

Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle. The 80th anniversary was a great
success: an afternoon tour on a London double decker through
Basle, a gala dinner attended by 90 persons.

Guests: Mr. Michael Smith, H.B. Consul General in Zurich,
and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Brenda Rüttimann, President of the
Federation, presidents and members from clubs in Fribourg,
Neuchâtel, Soleure, British Circle, Basle, the American
Women's Club etc.

Council Officers:

Mrs. Rüttimann, President, and the Committee were thanked for
their great work. The President and the Council were re-elected
unanimously and with a hearty applause.

Jubilee Weekend at Interlaken to be held on June 13th/14th
1992, 60th anniversary of the Federation. Lots of
attractions, rides in horse-drawn carriages - a big event
the planting of a tree on Sunday, the gift of the Federation
to the Swiss Confederation for its 700 anniversary in 1991.
We hope for large delegations from all federated clubs to
make this an unforgettable, happy birthday weekend.

Guests from the British Embassy and the town of Interlaken
will be with us on Sunday.

Let's go with a swing into the next forty years
of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs.

Eine britische Eiche für Interlaken

Anglo-Swiss Clubs jubilieren nächstes Jahr auf dem Bödeli

ae. Die «Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs», der in 24 Vereinen rund 3000 Mitglieder angehören, will im Juni 1992 in Interlaken das 60-Jahr-Jubiläum feiern und als leicht verspätetes Geschenk zum 700. Geburtstag der Eidgenossenschaft im Garten des Grandhotels Beau Rivage eine Eiche pflanzen. Das OV/Echo konnte sich mit der Präsidentin Brenda Rüttimann über das Jubiläum und über die Ziele der Federation unterhalten.

In den Anglo-Swiss Clubs treffen sich Engländerinnen und Engländer, viele von ihnen in der Schweiz verheiratet, sowie Schweizerinnen und Schweizer mit Beziehungen zu Grossbritannien und guten Englischkenntnissen. Ziele sind die Förderung guter Kameradschaft (Fellowship) und kulturerller Beziehungen zwischen den Völkern der Schweiz und des Commonwealth. Klubsprache ist Englisch. Vorträge, Besichtigungen, Essen und Ausflüge stehen auf dem Programm der zweimal monatlich stattfindenden Treffen. Beliebt sind Vortragstourneees britischer Referenten.

Seit zweieinhalb Jahren ist die in Stoke-on-Trent in den Midlands aufgewachsene Brenda Rüttimann Präsidentin der Federation. Vor 26 Jahren ist sie in die Schweiz gekommen, und seit einem Vierteljahrhundert ist sie in verschiedenen Funktionen im Anglo-Swiss Club von Luzern und in der Federation tätig. In Weggis ist sie in einer privaten Hotelfachschule für Ausländer als



Brenda Rüttimann, Präsidentin der «Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs».
(Robert Aemmer)

Fachlehrerin tätig. Der sehr gut schweizerdeutsch sprechenden Brenda Rüttimann gefällt es in der Schweiz, empfindet es jedoch, dass sie manchmal nach so langer Zeit immer noch als «Fremde» angesehen werde.

Die 24 Klubs sind über die ganze Schweiz verteilt; im Berner Oberland gibt es aber keinen Anglo-Swiss Club, der nächste ist in Bern. Brenda Rüttimann würde sich freuen, wenn sich hier ein Club bilden würde. Vielleicht gibt die Jubiläumsfeier Anlass zur Gründung?

Jubiläumsfeier am 13./14. Juni 1992

Die Präsidentin gibt zwei Gründe an, weshalb die 60-Jahr-Feier in Interlaken begangen werden soll. Einmal wurde bereits das 50-Jahr-Jubiläum – damals im Grand Hotel Victoria-Jungfrau – hier gefeiert. Andererseits weil viele Engländer gute Erinnerungen an Interlaken hätten. Interlaken sei immer noch ein wunderschöner Ort. Sie freue sich, hier feiern zu können.

Zwischen 120 und 150 Clubmitglieder würden am Treffen im Grand Hotel Beau Rivage teilnehmen. Am Samstagnachmittag sollen sportliche Wettkämpfe zwischen den einzelnen Klubs stattfinden: Tennis, Minigolf, Dart und Kegeln. Am Abend wird mit einem Nachtessen und Unterhaltung gefeiert. Am Sonntagvormittag schliesslich soll als Geschenk an Interlaken aus Anlass des 700-Jahr-Jubiläums der Eidgenossenschaft im Garten des Hotels eine Eiche gepflanzt und ein Erinnerungsplakette angebracht werden. Bäume seien immer etwas Schönes, und Eichen seien typisch für Grossbritannien, erklärt Brenda Rüttimann. Sie hoffe, dass später viele Engländer hieher kommen würden, um die Eiche zu sehen. Sie rechnet damit, dass an der Jubiläumsfeier der britische Botschafter in Bern und prominente Gäste aus der Schweiz teilnehmen werden.

Der Jubiläumsanlass in Interlaken soll dazu dienen, die britisch-schweizerische Freundschaft zu stärken.

FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS

1932 - 1992

Founder Members:

Mrs. P.	Peter	E.C.	Bienne
Mr. James	Lothian	E.C.C.	Geneva
Mr. HRS.	Sanders	A.S.C.	Lucerne

(1932-35 Notes have not survived).

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1935	Mr. L. Brändli	Mr. HRS. Sanders	Mrs. P. Peter	Mr. J. Lothian
1936	Mr. HRS. Sanders	Mr. AV. Thornton	Mr. CW. Olliver	Mr. L. Reiser
1937	Mr. CW. Olliver	Mr. HRS. Sanders	Mr. L. Hufschmied	"
1938	"	"	Mr. W. Braun	"
1939	Mr. CW. Welman	Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. AV. Thornton	Mr. DE Smith	Mr. G. Wirz
1940	"	Mr. W. Braun Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. CW. Zwez	"	"
1941	"	Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. HO. Müller Mr. CW. Zwez	"	"
1942	"	Prof. DJ. Gillam Dr. E. Haag Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1943	"	Mr. R. Butler Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1944	"	Mr. R. Butler Prof. DJ. Gillam Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1945	"	Mr. R. Butler Mr. R. Meuli Mr. HO. Müller	"	"
1946	"	Mrs. P. Anastasi Mr. O. Leu Mr. R. Meuli	"	"
1947	"	Mrs. P. Anastasi Miss S. Girard Mr. O. Leu	"	"
1948	Mr. AV. Thornton	Mrs. P. Anastasi Miss S. Girard Mr. O. Leu	Mr. A. Dalby	"
1949	"	Mrs. P. Anastasi Miss S. Girard Mr. O. Leu	Mr. DE Smith	"

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1950	Mr. AV. Thornton	Combined <u>Vice-Pres./Zone</u> Mrs. P. Anastasi Mr. WV. Barton Mr. F. Eggstein Mr. J. Jenoure Mr. F. Ruf Mrs. N. Schaefer	Mr. DE Smith	Mr. G. Wirz
1951	"	Mr. WV. Barton Mrs. M. Casella Mr. H. Im Thurn Mr. J. Jenoure Mr. F. Ruf Mrs. N. Schaefer	"	"
1952	"	Mrs. N. Casella Mr. H. Im Thurn Mr. J. Jenoure Mrs. A. Schaefer	" "	Mr. L. Durscher
1953	"	<u>Fed. Vice-Pres.</u> Mr. J. Jenoure	"	"
1954	"	"	Mr. HR Fritscher	"
1955	"	"	"	"
1956	"	"	"	"
1957	"	"	"	Mr. G. Wirz
1958	"	"	"	Mr. AC. Martinet
1959	"	"	"	"
1960	Mr. J. Jenoure	Mr. DQ Stephenson	"	"
1961	"	"	"	"
1962	"	"	"	"
1963	"	"	"	"
1964	Mr. DQ Stephenson	Dr. P. Honold	Miss M. Bienz	"
1965	"	"	" "	"
1966	"	"	"	"
1967	"	"	"	"
1968	"	"	"	"
1969	"	"	"	"

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1970	Mr. DQ Stephenson	Dr. P. Honold	Miss M. Bienz	Mr. AC. Martinet
1971	"	"	"	Mr. RV. Burnell
1972	"	"	"	"
1973	"	"	"	"
1974	"	"	"	"
1975	"	"	" "	"
1976	"	"	"	"
1977	"	"	"	"
1978	"	" "	" "	"
1979	Mr. WR.Koch	Mr. WR Koch $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. Mrs. J Martinet	"	"
1980	"	"	Mrs. S. Jakob	"
1981	"	"	"	"
1982	"	" "	"	"
1983	"	"	"	"
1984	Mrs. J. Martinet	Mr. RW.Pooley	Mrs. C. Vuillé	"
1985	"	"	"	Mr. M. Pavel
1986	"	"	"	"
1987	"	Mr. DH.Green	"	"
1988	"	"	"	"
1989	Mrs. B. Rüttimann	Mrs. L.Meschini	Mrs. M.Allenspach	"
1990	"	" "	"	"
1991	"	"	"	"

Year	Editor	Lecture Fund (in charge)	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1932				
1935				
1936	Mr. CW. Welman	Mr. CW. Olliver		
1937	"	"	Mr. AC. Acton- Burnell B. Pro-Consul, GE	
1938	"	"	"	
1939	"	Mr. HM. Norman	"	
1940	"	"	Mr. LS. Haptie B. Vice-Consul, LU	
1941	"	Mr. CW. Zvez	"	
1942	"	Mr. CW. Welman	"	
1943	"	"	"	
1944	"	"	"	
1945	"	"	first Patrons Sir CL. Norton H.M. Minister Prof. WE. Rappard	
1946	Mr. DE. Smith	"	Mr. Th. M. Snow H.M. Minister	
1947	"	"	"	
1948	Mr. A. Dalby	"	"	first P. H. <u>Mr. CW. Welman</u>
1949	Mr. DQ. Stephenson	Mr. AV. Thornton	"	"

Year	Editor	Lecture Fund (in charge)	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1950	Mr. DQ. Stephenson	Mr. AV. Thornton	Mr. P. Scrivener H.M. Minister	Mr. CW. Welman
1951	"	"	"	"
1952	"	Mr. J. Jenoure	"	"
1953	"	"	Sir P. Scrivener H.M. Ambassador	"
1954	"	"	Mr. L. Lamb H.M. Ambassador	"
1955	"	"	"	"
1956	"	"	"	"
1957	"	"	"	"
1958	"	"	"	"
1959	"	"	Sir W. Montagu- Pollock H.M. Ambassador	"
1960	"	"	Mr. Paul Grey H.M. Ambassador	Mr. AV. Thornton
			Mr. CS. Allanson	
1961	Mr. R. Turnill	"	" "	(Mr. CW. Welman decd).
1962	"	"	" "	Mr. AV. Thornton decd).
1963	"	"	" "	
1964	"	<u>Lect. Organiser</u> Mr. J. Jenoure	Mr. RS. Isaacson H.M. Ambassador	Mr. J. Jenoure
1965	"	"	Mr. CS. Allanson	"
1966	"	"	" "	"
1967	"	"	" "	"
1968	Mrs. A. Green	Dr. P. Honold	" "	"
1969	"	"	Mr. HAF Hohler H.M. Ambassador	"

Year	Editor	Lecture Org.	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1970	Mrs. A. Green	Dr. P. Honold	Mr. ED. Midgley H.M. Ambassador Mr. AS. Allanson	Mr. J. Jenoure
1971	"	"	" "	"
1972	"	"	" "	"
1973	"	"	Mr. JR. Wraight H.M. Ambassador "	"
1974	"	Mrs. J. Martinet	" "	"
1975	"	Mrs. N. Stephenson	" "	"
1976	"	"	Sir JR. Wraight H.M. Ambassador	Mr. J. Jenoure decd.
1977	"	"	Mr. HK. Rothnie H.M. Ambassador	
1978	"	"	"	
1979	"	"	"	Mr. DQ. Stephenson
1980	Mrs. G. Lang	Mrs. H. Rüttimann	Mr. CSR. Cliffard H.M. Ambassador	"
1981	"	"	"	"
1982	"	"	"	"
1983	"	"	"	"
1984	"	Mrs. A. Green	Mr. JE. Powell- Jones H.M. Ambassador	Mr. WR. Koch
1985	Mrs. J. Adams	"	Mr. JR. Rich H.M. Ambassador	" "
1986	"	"	"	" "
1987	"	"	"	" "
1988	Mr. Ph. Reverdin	"	"	" "
1989	Mr. M. Welling	"	Mr. Ch. Long H.M. Ambassador	" "
1990	"	Mrs. A. Hostettler	"	" "
1991	"	"	"	" "

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These pages record the

HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION

from its beginning in 1932 to 1992.

I should like to thank all Council Officers,
Club Presidents and Committees for their efforts
made - often under great difficulties during the
critical period of the war and following years -
to keep the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs alive.

Maisie Bienz

Maisie Bienz
Archivist

Basle, January 1992.



FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOOD
FELLOWSHIP AND CULTURAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF
SWITZERLAND AND THE NATIONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH

FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS

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60 YEARS
OF THE
FEDERATION

Appendix I

1992 - 1995

1992

JUBILEE YEAR -
60th ANNIVERSARY 1932 - 1992.

COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 14th 1992.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P), Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P), since 1989,

Mr. M. Pavel (T), since 1985,

Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.), since 1990,

Mr. M. Welling (Ed. ASN), since 1989,

Miss M. Bienz (Archivist), since 1985,

also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg	ESC	Basle	ASC and BC	Bienne	EC and SMSEC
Fribourg	ASC	La Chaux-de-Fonds	IESC	Langenthal	EC
Lausanne	ASC	Locarno	ASC	Lucerne	ASC
Lugano	Big Ben C	Neuchâtel	ASC	Soleure	ASC
St Gall	ASC	Zurich	BC,		

Mr. D.Q. Stephenson, hon. President.

Absent: Mrs. M. Allenspach (S), since 1989.

35 delegates from 16 Clubs were present.

GUEST AT LUNCHEON:

Mr. Paul Chatt, British Consul in Berne.

After the meeting we were invited for tea at the home of Counsellor Colin Bright and Mrs. Jane Bright.

Mrs. Rüttimann, the president, sounded a sad note from the beginning, the ASC Montreux, a very active club, had ceased functioning owing to lack of support (a federated club since 1943!) Grateful thanks were extended to Mrs. Caroline Bourget, president of the club, for all her efforts made to run the club for so many years. A token of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Bourget.

VENUE OF THE JUBILEE WEEKEND, INTERLAKEN.

Clubs were invited to make special table decorations, to be judged for prizes ; also to bring little flags - Union Jacks, Swiss and local. Mrs. Bourget proposed crackers, which she makes in aid of St John's church in Territet. Mr. Bob Howis of St Gall offered Fr. 50.-- towards the cost. Raffles would be organised.

Mr. Pavel, the treasurer, asked for donations to the tree fund, Fr. 50.-- per club, but private donations would also be welcome.

Saturday afternoon, 4 pm, a tour of Interlaken of one hour in horse-drawn carriages had been organised.

Sunday morning the tree-planting ceremony on the grounds of the Beau Rivage Hotel, Interlaken.

Guests:

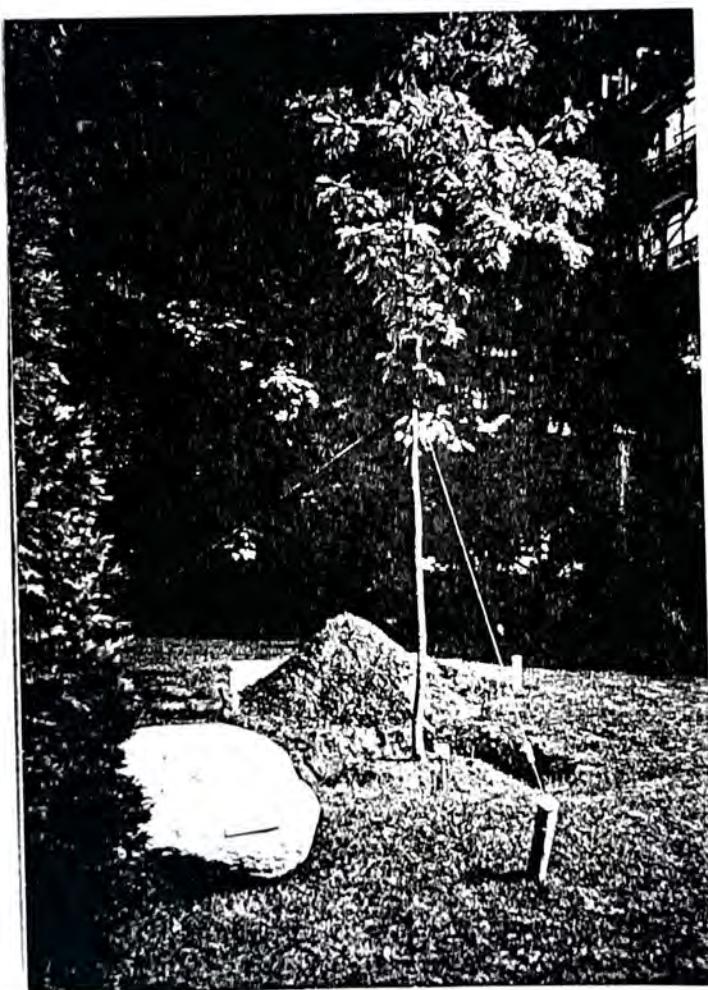
The new British Ambassador in Berne,

Delegates of the Swiss Confederation and the Landamann of the town of Interlaken.



Interlaken ... in 12 horse-drawn carriages

Quercus Robur Oak



This tree was presented by the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs to commemorate its 60th Jubilee and the 700th Jubilee of the Swiss Confederation, and planted on 14th June 1992.

JUBILEE WEEKEND
60th ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 13/14th 1992.

BEAU RIVAGE HOTEL, INTERLAKEN:

125 members and friends, including 9 non-residents from 16 Clubs came to celebrate the founding of the Federation.

Mrs. Rüttimann (P), Mrs. Meschini (V-P) and Mrs. Allenspach (S) had come to Interlaken on Friday morning to ensure perfect organisation.

The weather was on our side. Sports were mostly completed by early afternoon. At 4 pm started the one-hour tour of the town, through many areas off the touristic places, with 12 horse-drawn carriages. It was great fun, people waved as we passed them. Dinner was served in a most beautiful dining room of the hotel, an excellent dinner, the service was synchronized, crackers were cracked. We danced to the music of Mr. Heer, our entertainers were Steve Bryant and Barbara.

Lucky Dip, be organised by Miss Perrenoud and her ladies of Neuchâtel, the Bottle Raffle, arranged by Mrs. Foster and Mr. Evans of Lugano and the Weight and Quantity guessing game by Mrs. Meschini all went well. Mrs. Rüttimann's humour and Mrs. Allenspach's singing also added much to the excellent atmosphere. During the evening Mrs. Stephenson went round the tables to judge the table decorations:

First prize went to the English Club, Bienne,
Nina Koch and Sylvia Jakob,
Second prize to the Anglo-Swiss Club, Basle,
Anitra Green, and
Third prize to the Big Ben Club, Lugano,
Pat Foster.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th:

dawned bright and sunny, and the sports were completed. We waited for the arrival of the new British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie, also Mr. Börlin and Mr. Best, diplomatic Assistants of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne and Mr. & Mrs. Jost from the Town Council of Interlaken.

The gift of an Oak Tree, on the occasion of the Federation's 60th Anniversary, to the Swiss Confederation celebrating its 700th Anniversary was to be celebrated. The tree was already planted. Mrs. Rüttimann, the president, extended a hearty welcome to the guests. H.E. the new Ambassador in Berne, in the company of Mrs. David Beattie, thanked Mrs. Rüttimann for the invitation, stressing the importance of friendship and cooperation between our countries. The Ambassador and Mr. Börlin of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne wielded the first spadefulls of earth into the hole of the tree and then it was symbolically watered by our two honorary presidents, Mr. D.Q. Stephenson MBE and Mr. W. Koch MBE. The commemorative plaque was unveiled by the Ambassador and Mr. Börlin, who spoke about the importance of the gift of a tree, especially an oak with its history and mythology down the ages in Europe.

Special thanks were expressed to the daughter of Mrs. Allenspach, Elizabeth, who, as an arboriculturist (Tree expert) had carefully chosen and prepared the tree and everything to do with the planting.



Nos 1 - Mrs. B. Riittimann, the President,
2/3 - H.E. Mr. David Beattie, the Ambassador.



Nos 1 - Mr. Börlin of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne
2 - our honorary Presidents,
 Mr. D.Q. Stephenson MBE and Mr. W. Koch MBE,
3 - H.E. Mr. David Beattie, the Ambassador, and
 Mr. Börlin, S.F.O. in Berne.

JUBILEE WEEKEND
60th ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 13/14th 1992.

SUNDAY:

Aperitifs were served in the garden, followed by an excellent indoor buffet lunch.

The Ambassador, Mr. David Beattie, who had arrived in Switzerland a few weeks before, briefly outlined his previous posting: Moscow, Cyprus, Vienna and Nato, Brussels. He was very much looking forward to his time in Switzerland and showed a keen interest in the Federation programme. He proposed a toast to H.M. the Queen and Mrs. Rüttimann reciprocated with a toast to the President of the Swiss Confederation.

What a surprise it was when Mrs. Rüttimann read a telegram of congratulation to the Federation from H.M. THE QUEEN !

Another surprise this time for our president !

Mr. Jost of the Town Council of Interlaken presented to Mrs. Rüttimann the Golden Key of Interlaken, making our president an honorary citizen of the town.

A former secretary of the Federation, Mr. H.-R. Fritscher, gave us a short review of past Anglo-Swiss Weekends, from 1946 to early 1960.

Mrs. David Beattie kindly presented the winning cups for the various sports.

Mr. Börlin, diplomatic assistant of the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne thanked Mrs. Rüttimann and the Federation for the kind invitation and the friendliness received.

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. RUETTIMANN (P), Mrs. ALLENSPACH (S), Mrs. MESCHINI (V-P) and Mr. PAVEL (T) for their considerable contributions, efforts and patience.

A wonderful and unforgettable JUBILEE WEEKEND for those who were there .



Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) and Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)
checking the arrival list in the hall of the
Beau Rivage Hotel, Interlaken.



Mr. Jost of the Town Council of Interlaken
presenting the Golden Key of Interlaken to
Mrs. B. Rüttimann, the president.

1992

JUBILEE YEAR -
60th ANNIVERSARY 1932 - 1992.

COUNCIL MEETING held in Lugano on October 24th 1992.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)
Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)
Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.) Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),
also the following federated Clubs:
Baden/Brugg ESC Basel ASC and BC Bienne EC
Chur ASC Langenthal EC Lausanne ASC
Locarno ASC Lucerne ASC Lugano Big Ben C.
Neuchâtel ASC Soleure ASC Zurich BC.

Absent: Mr. M. Welling (Ed. ASN).

23 delegates from 13 Clubs were present,
(less than usual, the distance may have been the cause).

GUEST AT LUNCHEON:

Mr. Aldo Crivelli, hon. British Consul in Lugano.
The aperitif was offered by the Big Ben Club, Lugano.

Mrs. Rüttimann, the president, referred to the Jubilee Weekend. She mentioned in particular the positive aspect for the Federation of the contact with the Ambassador, the Swiss Government and the Beau Rivage Hotel. The president expressed thanks to all those who had taken an active part in the money-raising projects:

The Lucky Dip, arranged by the ladies of Neuchâtel, Mrs. Meschini for the Weight and Quantity guessing game, and Mrs. Foster and Mr. Evans for the Bottle Sale. The tour of Interlaken in 12 horse-drawn carriages had been much appreciated.

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mrs. Rüttimann said that the year had gone by so quickly, the highlight had been the JUBILEE WEEKEND. Mr. Dury took the chair when the Committee stood down. He praised Mrs. Rüttimann's capacities in organising Federation affairs, especially the Jubilee Weekend, and mentioned the president's close contact with the Embassy. Mrs. Rüttimann's intimate knowledge of the Hotel trade were also of great advantage to the Federation. Mrs. Rüttimann was re-elected as president with a big round of applause. Back in the chair, Mrs. Rüttimann thanked Mr. Dury for his kind remarks. The president praised each of her Council Officers, especially for their great support in the preparation of the Jubilee Weekend. 'A wonderful Committee', said Mrs. Rüttimann. As all the other officers were standing for election, they were re-elected 'en bloc' with acclamation.

CLUB NEWS:

The INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB, LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS, informed us of a lovely trip across the Lake to explore MORAT.

The ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB OF GENEVA paid a visit to the Suisse Romande Television Studio last spring.

The ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LAUSANNE, arranged an evening through local vineyards, followed by a visit to the ancient winepress at the CHATEAU OF LUREY early October.

60th Anniversary of the English Club - Jubilee Speech

October 8, 1988

Dear Members, Dear Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I give you the biography of our cherished birthday child, whose 60 years we are celebrating.

In fact, our Club was founded exactly 60 years ago, on October 8, 1928, in the Restaurant Steinbock, Winterthur. Its most striking feature is that it was christened three times, but on the whole it remained very much the same.

From 1928 to 1964 it was the English Club Winterthur

from 1964 to 1982 the Anglo-Swiss Club Winterthur and

from 1982 to this day the English-Speaking Club Winterthur.

Here some excerpts from the Statutes:

1928, Article 1

The object of the Club is to enable the members to preserve and extend their knowledge of English by means of conversation, debates, readings, recitation and lectures, and further to foster good fellowship amongst the members by entertainments, excursions, etc.

Article 2

For this purpose, regular meetings are held, and a library is put at the disposal of the members.

1982, Article 1

The object of the Club is to foster fellowship through social activities among those people in and around Winterthur who have as common interest the English language and its associated way of life.

In 1928 there were very few possibilities in Winterthur to learn and practice English, and the Club stepped into the gap.

Miss Bertha Schneider and 24 interested people founded the Club and went into action straight away. There was a meeting on every Monday evening.

1st Monday of the month:

Conversation, games

2nd Monday of the month:

Reading by members out of library books

3rd Monday of the month:

Debates

4th Monday of the month:

Lectures on grammar, literature, conversational English, mainly by Prof. Schwarz of the Handelsschule, who was devoted to the Club and rendered invaluable service for many years.

In Summer, the meetings were replaced by evening walks greatly enjoyed by everybody. Mind, be punctual and meet in adequate clothes. The discipline was hard to keep in the good season of the year.

The first Annual General Meeting took place already in December 1928. The Committee, consisting of 5 members: President (Miss Schneider), Vice-President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary, was quite efficient and had very good ideas. Every member was asked to bring an English book along, the nucleus of the library which should rapidly increase to 205 books already in 1930, not to forget heaps of magazines. It was soon necessary to elect a special librarian. Further it was decided to hold a soiree in the Erlenhof, and a special ladies' committee was elected to the effect. Later on, the soiree: were changed into balls and took place in the Wartmann. Often the members came in fancy dresses according to a special motto "A cruise around the World", "Carnival" when one couple was so well disguised that nobody found out who they were before the masks were taken off, "Anbau-schlacht" when all were disguised as vegetables or garden tools. Another time, 4 ladies and gentlemen performed a minuet in costumes and wigs to the sound of a quartet, also formed by members.

Christmas on the other hand was held in a modest way. On the first AGM somebody had brought along a little Christmas tree, and the candles were lit, while another members read a Christmas story. The Club was not rich enough to offer everybody an orange.

Public lectures were organized right from the beginning and met with great interest. Up to 60 listeners were counted. In order to cover the high expenses, an entrance fee of Fr. 0.50 for members and Fr. 1.00 for guests was levied.

In Summer, outings were planned right from the beginning. The first one was quite a headache for the secretary. He wanted to go to the Schauenberg, but this was

criticized from both sides. Some found it too high, others too low, and still others wanted to go swimming instead. "A good thing it rained" was the final comment. Already the next year, things improved. 15 people went to the Schnebelhorn-Kreuzegg-Wattwil, as well as to the Glarner Fronalpstock. Even the Säntis was on the programme, all on foot with an overnight stay half way up. On Sunday the weather got doubtful. Some members who ventured the trip down over the Blauer Schnee, got soaked, whereas the others, who were more prudent, did not get a drop of rain.

Already then, garden parties were delightful. An old English tradition as well.

In 1930 a tennis section was founded. A very good thing indeed. In the Merz-Rieter Gut, near the Barock Hütsli, a court could be hired. Just imagine, every day at 6 a.m., 4 members used to meet and play before going to work. This healthy sport became ever so popular among the members. Tennis lessons were taken. Even tournaments took place both with the Adorf Tennis Club and the Tennis Section of the FC Winterthur. Soon a chairman and a treasurer of this group had to be appointed. Only in 1948 the tennis section had to be closed down, mainly because the court was no longer available. The tennis players were a cheerful crowd. Often they turned up at the AGMs with an accordion so that the younger ones danced till midnight. It was amazing how young Mr. Burkhardt, an elderly member of the Committee, got on these occasions is reported.

Never ending efforts and initiatives are characteristic for the first decade of the Club. A table tennis set, a gramophone with records and a wireless set were bought. All this with membership fees of Fr. 1.- per person and month. Only after a number of years, the fees had to be paid in 2 installments and no longer monthly. Poor treasurers! No wonder that despite great private help, the Club had in 1935 a deficit of Fr. 150.55.

Let me quote some incidents reported by Mr. Kappeler, one of the presidents of the early years. Lectures were always well attended. Soon the hall in the Steinbock got too small, and the Krone was chosen as meeting place, both for the Monday evenings and the lectures. Well known people were already then invited to Winterthur.

Mrs. Mary Hottinger-Macky (well known from her book "Brush up your English") shocked the ladies by her remark "Whenever I enter an overclean Swiss house, I feel like trampling around with my dirty shoes in the temple, in order to make it more homely". Mr. Masterman, a former headmaster of the Swiss Mercantile School in

London, came as well. He too shocked the nicely dressed, well behaved audience by shouting "Hallo boys and girls . . . And you, Kapeler, you silly ass". He seemed to have come in through the wrong door. A lecture on Winston Churchill held just before the war attracted friends of the Nazis as well. They sent letters of protest both to the Committee of the Club and the Management of the Bank where the president worked, because we had infringed on neutrality.

The war years were difficult and most activities stopped. A great exception was a Christmas celebration for British and Polish interned officers and soldiers in 1943.

It was even discussed whether the Club should be closed. With assets of Fr. 900.- and a good reputation in Winterthur, it was deemed that the Club should be carried on. In 1947, the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs was joined, and in 1948 the 20th anniversary was celebrated in big style. The members even took dancing lessons, the husbands and elderly ladies had got out of the habit of dancing.

However, the great event was the Club's 25th anniversary in 1953. A special number of the Anglo-Swiss Times, the paper of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, was issued. It contained a message by our mayor, Dr. Ruegg, an article on the Stiftung Oscar Reinhart by Dr. Lisbeth Staehelin, essentially a great number of contributions by the president, Mrs. Audrie Jappert, as well as by other members.

The next period was characterized by the president, Mr. William Bullock, who joined the Club straight after moving from England to Switzerland and held the post for 15 years. He was English as English can be: tough, witty and always smiling, never at a loss what to do and always finding a way out. He had the right contacts with the English community in Switzerland and intensified the cooperation with the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs. This was made evident by changing the name of the Club into "Anglo-Swiss Club" in 1964. This central organization was helpful with English lecturers, both from English speaking countries and from Switzerland. Mr. Denis Stephenson one of our favourite guests, talked once on "How to become a Genius" which lecture had a very good echo in the Landbote. Mr. Bullock was also a great sportsman. The many mountain trips he organized will never be forgotten either. In his time, the delightful, real English Christmas parties were introduced. Roast turkey and Christmas pudding were a must. Even the custard had to be prepared according to a special recipe which had to be handed over to the chef in due time. Father Christmas

came along every year as well, both with a whip and a brimful sack. Under the auspices of the Club, a Welsh Miners' Choir gave an excellent concert in the Stadthausaal. It was again our most devoted president who took care of the miners while they were in Winterthur. Mr. Bullock's untimely death was a shock to all of us and a hard blow to the Club. An era had come to an end.

In this difficult situation a new and inexperienced Committee carried on. The Club nearly collapsed, and it took a lot of work, efforts and ideas to continue and get new members. People had become rather spoilt mainly due to TV and other perfect performances of all kinds. They wanted mainly to listen and get good entertainment. The Club met with these requirements as well as possible, but with difficulties, also because money was scarce and a good thing has its price. On the eve of lectures the Committee would worry, how many listeners might turn up, especially when the lecturers came a long way. May I mention that twice, a lecturer from the United States spoke to us on American history.

Another memorable evening (with a terribly small audience though) was a one-man show by the English actor, Brian Barnes: "The incredible Mr. Pepys" giving a lively picture of London at the time of the Great Fire.

In 1973 we had a Ceylon Tea Party in the home of our Vice-President. The Consul General of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Mr. Patmarajah, accompanied by his wife and his second secretary, gave a lecture with films on his country. In the interval Ceylon tea and specialties were served. For once we were so many that we had to take folding chairs along.

We had often English films on the programme. Once it was "Oliver Twist" by Dickens. We had informed the English teachers at the Kantonsschule without ever getting an answer. Therefore we were stunned when some 50 pupils of this school turned up. The hall for 20 people which we had booked, was far too small, and it was a blessing that the larger hall next door was free. No wonder the manager of the Volkshaus was displeased.

We regularly attended the plays given by the Comedy Club in Zurich. Once we were invited to a rehearsal which was quite amazing. Nobody was prepared, nothing was ready, and all the same the play "Lady Windermere's Fan" by Oscar Wilde only 10 days later was perfect.

Among the social events, fondue parties were always a success. On one occasion,

we even had representatives from the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs with us. They were so delighted that they invited themselves for the next Christmas party.

Speaking of the Federation, I nearly forgot to mention the Annual Congresses open to members of all Clubs. They are held in beautiful, luxurious hotels, such as the Victoria-Jungfrau in Interlaken, the Palace in Gstaad and include sports competitions of all kinds, a dinner dance on Saturday and a banquet on Sunday. A small crowd from Winterthur was nearly always present, and still is by the way.

All through the 70s we had a very good crowd. By and by, our members contributed a lot to Club life by giving talks, showing slides, organizing outdoor activities. Once we had a talk on collecting stamps. The halls in the Krone being occupied, our crowd of a dozen people was put into a "suite", a large bed-sitting room. It was a very pleasant and also interesting evening, so that we stayed on. At 10 p.m. Mr. Schellenberg came in, followed by a chamber maid. He asked us to be so kind and leave now. Downstairs in the small lobby, the next occupants of our cosy place were already waiting.

In 1982, a new crisis came up. The over-worked Committee resigned, and there was just nobody who was ready to take over, except the treasurer. After a second Annual General Meeting a new Committee could be found. It was decided to change things. The Club was rebaptized into English-Speaking Club. There would be no more lectures by guest speakers, these having become too expensive and involving a lot of work without too good results. The activities of the new Club would be of social character, it was decided. Active members, willing to contribute and take over the responsibilities for the events suggested by them, were wanted. Besides we meet regularly in an informal way for conversation evenings. I am glad to mention that due to great efforts of the Committee and the presidents we have had since then, our Club is doing quite well. Countless activities are on the programme, and even the cultural events have not disappeared altogether. We have very good lectures by our members and have also visited a number of places of interest which are numerous in the Winterthur area.

May I wind up by taking my glass and saying *A TOAST TO THE HOST. LONG LIVE OUR CLUB.*

S. Roth

1993

COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 20th 1993.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)
Mr. M. Pavel (T) Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.)
Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),

also the following federated Clubs:

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Bienne	EC & SMSEC	Geneva	ASC	Langenthal/Zofingen	EC
Locarno	ASC	Lucerne	ASC	Lugano	Big Ben C.
Neuchâtel	ASC	Soleure	ASC	St Gall	ASC
Zurich	BC.				

Absent: Mrs. M. Allenspach (S)

Mr. M. Welling (Ed. ASN), abroad.

28 delegates from 14 Clubs were present.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON FEUSISBERG - A NEW VENUE.

New sports: Crossbow shooting and mountain bikes, but no tennis and golf due to the position of Feusisberg.

Mr. John Beguin of AngloPhone, Geneva, spoke to us about the Company he works with. The firm offers information for English-speaking people who can phone in from all over Switzerland. The aim of the Company is to give correct information rapidly. No information in English was available in Switzerland before their existence.

THE FUTURE OF THE FEDERATION:

Logo with flags to remain, text to include 'English-speaking peoples'. Interzone meetings to be improved.

Club presidents and committees are responsible for their clubs, with backup from the Federation. Choice of lecturers is excellent. Local propaganda to be made in big firms, Information Centres in Towns, also insert 'English Club' with name and address in Telephone books.

Further discussions to follow.

Mr. W. Koch announced the 85th anniversary of the English Club, Bienne, in autumn 1993.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON JUNE 12/13th 1993,
HOTEL PANORAMA, FEUSISBERG:

97 members from 12 Clubs were present.

SATURDAY afternoon : a trip to Einsiedeln to visit the imposing Abbey and Monastery was arranged, about 15 people came.

SUNDAY - GUEST AT THE BANQUET:

Mr. Paul Chatt, British Consul in Berne.

A résumé of the History of the Federation was presented by Miss M. Bienz at the request of the President.

Mr. Chatt kindly presented the cups to the winners of the sports.

A successful weekend, excellent food and good service , in quiet countryside, with panoramic views over the Lake of Zurich, had come to an end.

1993

COUNCIL MEETING held in Zofingen on October 23rd 1993.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)

Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)

Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.) Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),
also the following federated Clubs:

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La Chaux-de-Fonds	IESC	Chur EC	Geneva ASC
Langenthal/Zofingen	EC	Lausanne ASC	Locarno ASC
Lucerne	ASC	Lugano Big Ben C.	Neuchâtel ASC
Soleure	ASC	St Gall ASC	Zurich BC,

Mrs. N. Stephenson.

36 delegates from 17 Clubs were present.

In memory of the Honorary President of the Federation,
Mr. D.Q. Stephenson MBE, who died in June,
2 minutes silence were observed.

Mrs. Rüttimann reported, sadly, another death, the secretary
of the Anglo-Swiss Club of Lausanne, Mrs. Denise Rebman.
Condolences were offered to the Club.

The president informed us of the resignation of Mr. Welling,
Editor of the ASN, as he had been posted back to Britain.
The Federation regretted losing him and thanked him in his
absence for his excellent work. Mrs. Anitra Green agreed to
take over once again.

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mrs. Rüttimann thanked the Committee for their help and
support during the year.

Mr. Green took over as Chairman. He suggested the re-election
of Mrs. Rüttimann with many thanks for her good work. The vote
was accepted unanimously.

Mrs. Rüttimann, back in the chair, thanked the meeting for the
vote. She reminded them that her term of office would come to
an end in a year's time and asked the audience to think of a
possible nomination. All the Committee Members were willing to
carry on, and they were re-elected 'en bloc' with many thanks.

Mr. Stephen Norton announced the 85th anniversary of the
English Club, Bienne. There would be a combined Christmas and
Jubilee Party on Saturday, December 18th, and guests would be
welcome.

After the meeting a guided tour of Zofingen was arranged ;
an originally fortified market town with narrow alleys, but
wide main streets and well-preserved historic buildings.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death
last June of

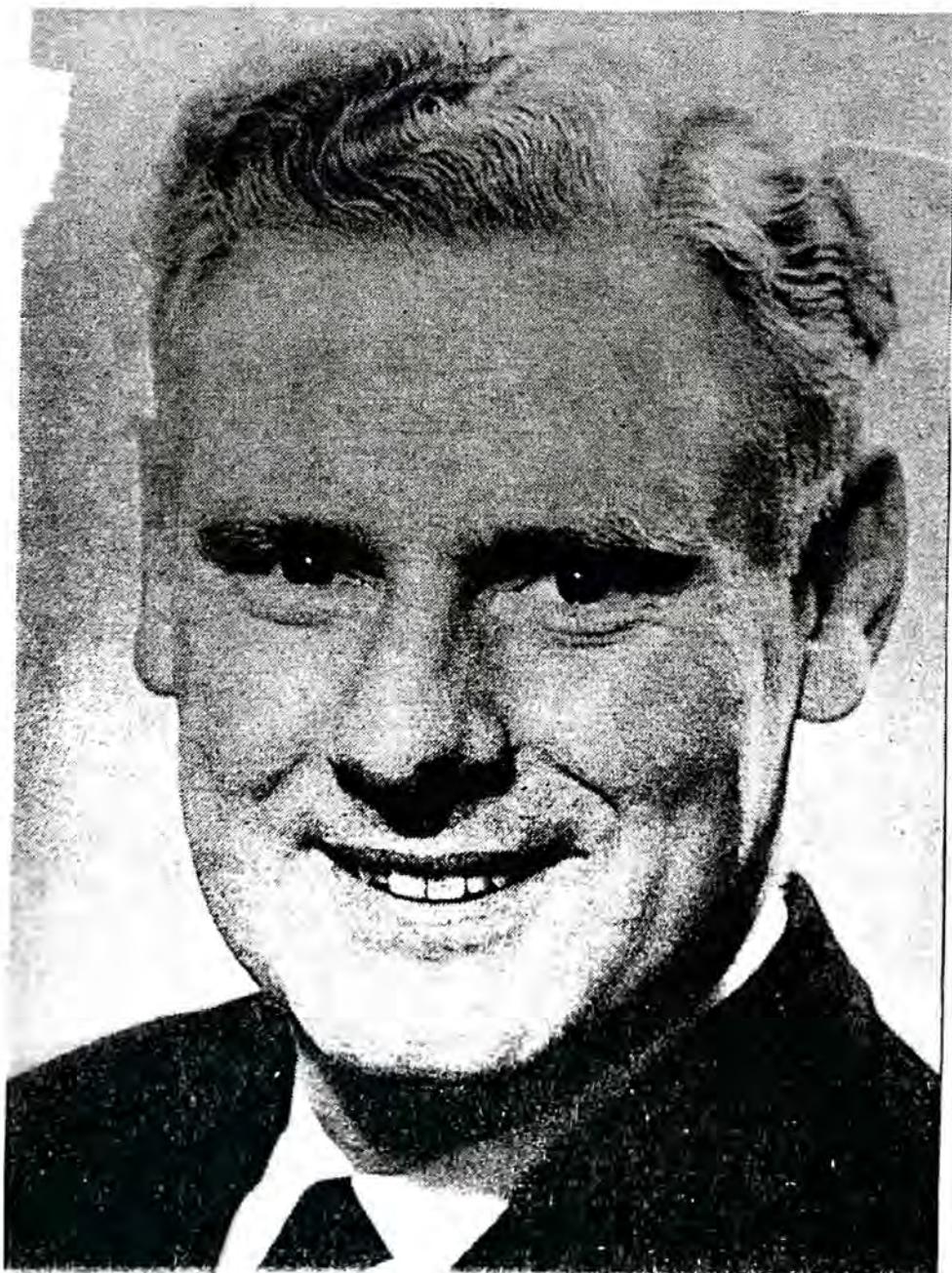
DENNIS Q. STEPHENSON, MBE
Honorary President

Editor of the A.S.Times	1949 - 1961
Vice-President of the A.-S. Federtation	1961 - 1964
President	1964 - 1979.

We shall always remember Dennis Stephenson for his great nature,
his outstanding wisdom in the management of affairs in the
Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and his very much appreciated,
wonderful lectures.

To Mrs. Norma Stephenson and the two sons we extend our heartfelt
sympathy in their great loss.

The memorial service held at St Leonhards-Kirche in Basel on
July 1st 1993 was attended by Mrs. B. Rüttimann, president,
Mrs. M. Allenspach, secretary, Mr. M. Pavel, treasurer,
Miss M. Bienz and other members of the clubs of Biel, Neuchâtel
and Soleure.



ENGLISH CLUB BIENNE - 85th Anniversary Celebration.

Saturday, 18th December 1993 was the date chosen to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding, in 1908, of the English Club, Bienne. This took the form of a dinner and dance, held at the Grande salle de la Loge in Bienne.

To do justice to the occasion, the Club committee suggested that as many members as possible should try to dress in a style appropriate to 1908, or thereabouts. They were gratified to be rewarded by a good proportion of people dressed accordingly, which lent an authentic atmosphere to the evening. This, combined with a gourmet dinner, cooked for us by our first-class chef and club member, Armin Fuchs, a brilliant sketch performed by club members, the sparkling dance music and the elegant surroundings was the stuff from which unforgettable evenings are made.



"RUMBOULE" Christmas Menu 1908

Terrine de légumes accompagné de saumon fumé
Salade de fruits au curry
Vinaigrette de tomates

Roastbeef à l'anglaise
Sauce béarnaise Gratin dauphinois
Carottes étuvées au beurre
Epinards en feuilles à l'italienne

Buffet d'entremets avec
Bread and butter pudding
Custardcreme, Meringues à la crème
Salade of fruits
Icecreme cool and pleasente after all ye other good dyshes.

Café crème

Après minuit: Potage d'orge perlé .

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COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 19th 1994.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)

Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)

Mrs. A. Green (Fd. ASN) Miss M. Bierenz (Archivist),
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Lucerne	ASC	Lugano	Big Ben C.	Neuchâtel	ASC
St Gall	ASC	Toggenburg	EC	Zurich BC	ESC SBS.

Absent: Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.)

37 delegates from 18 Clubs were present.

The English-Speaking Club, Zurich, was represented for the first time and

the Swiss British Society, Zurich, had renewed contact.

Mrs. Rüttimann informed the delegates of her personal contact with Mrs. Caroline Sinclair, Secretary of the British Residents' Association, who welcomed the co-operation between our organisations.

GUEST AT LUNCHEON:

Mr. Ian Knight-Smith, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy, Berne. After lunch Mr. Knight-Smith confirmed that the Anglo-Swiss relations at government level had had an extremely good year. How nice to have our efforts recognised.

THE ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LOCARNO, celebrated its 60th anniversary on March 5th, with Mrs. B. Rüttimann, our president, as guest. Members of the Clubs of Bienne and Lugano were also present.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND , MATTENHOF, INTERLAKEN.

A Raffle with very good prizes would be organised by Mrs. Foster. Mrs. Koch proposed that every Club contribute one important Raffle prize.

Arrangements for the Dennis Stephenson Memorial Trophy are also in hand.

A flyer, prepared by Mrs. Rüttimann, is to serve as a reminder of the Scottish theme evening.

ASCENSION DAY: A Federation outing to Ballenberg above the Lake of Brienz had been arranged. Large delegations from Clubs were expected !

ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LOCARNO -
60th Anniversary Party.

This took place on the 5th March 1994 at the Hotel Muralto, Locarno. 60 Members and friends participated, with Guests coming from Lugano, Zurich and Biel; and the whole Party was most enjoyable. The Club offered the aperitifs and, during that time, we had the "Ticinese" part of our programme, that is to say, a Ticinese Mandolin Group, which played all the well-known Ticinese melodies. The group was warmly applauded. After the aperitifs, we went in to Dinner, and our second surprise was introduced. Before the Dinner started, we were entertained for about 20 minutes, by a well-known concert pianist, Madame Huguette Wachendorf Bolle, who enchanted us with excerpts from Liszt, Chopin and Alkeniez. When the cake was wheeled in, Madame Bolle returned to play some very original arrangements of "Happy Birthday".

As always we had our faithful Mr. de Lusi playing for us during the rest of the evening.

Our four-tiered Birthday Cake was cut, amidst much applause by Brenda Rüttimann, President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, and Linette Meschini, President of the Anglo-Swiss Club, Locarno. Delightful speeches were made and appreciated, and so the Party continued until 1 a.m., when, reluctantly, we waved our Guests and Members farewell. A happy Party and may the A.S.C. Locarno continue for many years to come.

Menu:

Smoked salmon trout with lentil salad

Green celery cream soup with horseradish dumplings

Roast veal larded with fresh vegetables

Rosemary gravy

Gratinated potatoes and leaf spinach

Birthday Cake.



ENGLISH CLUB, TOGGENBURG.

The English Club in Toggenburg was founded in 1991 by Paul Lussi, the only man in the A.-S. Federation ever to have founded two clubs (the other was ESC Baden/Brugg almost 20 years ago; he's now departed for New Zealand). The president elected at that first meeting, on April 26, was Paul himself.

Alison Schwarz was elected president at the third AGM and is still running the club with a good deal of humour. A Lancashire lass, she's been in the country for 25 years and was a founder member; she teaches English when she's not looking after her lovely Toggenburg house and family, including a large dog. Lively and outgoing, with an infectious laugh, she's the ideal person to head this club, which is unusual in Switzerland in drawing its members mainly from a large rural area.

Bernhard Welters, vice-president, could be described as the driving power behind the club. He's Austrian, and came to Switzerland seven years ago after spending eleven years in South Africa. Although a busy man (sales and marketing), who knows how to enjoy life, he finds time to do the half-yearly programme, and a lovely job he makes of it, too. He's full of ideas and prepared to carry them out, and it was he who thought up the club slogan - "WHERE PEOPLE MAKE FRIENDS".

Jenny Dean is the club secretary - just the right sort of person for the job as she's bilingual anyway.

Martin Ash was treasurer at the time of visiting the club, but he intends to resign at the next AGM, when the post is to be taken over by Alison Bellhouse. Yes, a second Alison, and there's a third in this club as well.

Heidi Fischer, as membership secretary, and Rolf Fehr, as extra member, complete the committee.

The club was holding a Darts evening when I went to visit. And it really is true; it's a place where people make friends. It has 63 members, all ages from 21 up, and judging by the success of this evening the membership looks set to rise quite a bit. I think I spoke to everyone in the room, or they spoke to me, and there was a lot of serious darts-playing going on as well, suitably lubricated of course. The room, at the Restaurant Drei Eidgenossen in Ulisbach, was pretty large and not actually cosy enough to generate a pub atmosphere, but it didn't matter a bit.

Although only 25% of the membership is English, everyone uses the language - they probably have to, come to think of it, as they come from all over the place, Austria, Netherlands, America, South Africa, Japan - truly a cosmopolitan atmosphere. They meet twice a month and have a remarkably varied programme; in the last quarter they've had both A.-S. Federation lectures, an Indonesian dinner, a recipe exchange and get-together in a ski hut, a flute concert in a cloister, a charades and pictionary (that's what it says) evening, and a visit to the carol service in St Gallen. And they do more elaborate things like car rallies and days out skiing. Altogether, a flourishing and lively club.



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ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON JUNE 4/5th 1994,
PARK-HOTEL, MATTHENHOF, INTERLAKEN:
94 members from 13 Clubs were present.

SATURDAY afternoon sports only
Scottish theme, name-tags with tartan ribbons.

EVENING: Ladies dresses were beautifully decorated with tartan ribbons, even in the hair, and some people wore kilts; what a lovely sight. Piper Dominique Thommen, major of the City of Basle Caledonia Pipe band, played for us during the aperitif and Chris Harris from Jona, danced for us. Later in the evening Chris instructed Scottish dancing, which was followed by singing some of the old songs ; a wonderful evening.

GUESTS AT THE BANQUET:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie, also Mr. Hans-Rudolf Brunner, representing the Town Council of Matten, and his wife.

Saturday afternoon was rainy, which hindered some sports, but the sun came out on Sunday when the Ambassador arrived. This caused Mrs. Rüttimann to say in her address at the banquet that perhaps we should invite the Ambassador for the whole weekend to be sure of good weather.

Mrs. David Beattie, the Ambassador's wife presented the cups to the winners of the sports.

Mrs. Norma Stephenson presented the Crossbow trophy for the first time in memory of Dennis Stephenson, a 'Basler Rundeli', typical for the region of Basle.

The Hotel, the food and the service did not come up to the usual standard. Nevertheless it was a lovely weekend.

After the Weekend we received the happy news that our president, MRS. BRENDA RUETTIMANN HAD BEEN MADE A MEMBER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST. Mrs. Rüttimann intends to go to London to receive her award. It is gratifying to know that her efforts during her almost 5 years as president of the Federation, her many travels to various Clubs in Switzerland, her lectures, and her work in general to make the Federation better known, have now been officially acknowledged and honoured.

OBITUARY:

Mr. Clemens Blaettler, Lucerne (1903-1994).
The Anglo-Swiss Club, Lucerne, lost their oldest, but still very active, member. Mr. Blaettler joined the club on February 20th 1926 after his return from USA. Two years later he became the president. He was present at the founding of the Federation on Macolin above Biel on June 19th 1932, and attended club evenings and Anglo-Swiss Weekends into his old age.



A-S Weekend, Park Hotel, Matten, Interlaken,
H.E. Mr. David Beattie, the Ambassador, and
Mrs. B. Rüttimann, the president.



The Oak Tree in 1994
Mrs. B. Rüttimann, the president.

1994

COUNCIL MEETING held in Lucerne on October 22nd 1994.

Present:

Mrs. B. Rüttimann (P) Mrs. L. Meschini (V-P)

Mrs. M. Allenspach (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)

Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.) Mrs. A. Green (Ed. ASN)

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Soleure	ASC	St Gall	ASC	Toggenburg EC
Zurich	BC,			

Mrs. N. Stephenson,

Mr. M. Linde, Chairman, British Residents' Association.

31 delegates from 15 Clubs were present.

It was a great satisfaction for Mrs. Rüttimann to be able to welcome Mr. Michael Linde, Chairman of the British Residents' Association of Switzerland. His presence underlined the fact that our two organisations are in no way in competition.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON: Mr. Ian Knight-Smith, Deputy Head of Mission of the British Embassy, Berne, and Mrs. Knight-Smith, and for coffee the Mayor of Lucerne, Mr. Franz Kurzmeyer and Mrs. Kurzmeyer.

Mrs. Rüttimann was saddened that her 5-year term in office was at an end. She had enjoyed her time as president, giving her an opportunity of meeting a great many people and visiting clubs. Five new clubs had joined during her time in office: ECS Schaffhausen, English Social Club of Schaffhausen, ESC Lausanne, ESC Zurich and RSC Berne. All clubs had previously existed, but had not been members of the Federation.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND at the Park Hotel, Matten, Interlaken. The standard of the hotel left much to be desired. We have to bear two items in mind, said the president. If we have low prices then we cannot expect a high standard.

ASCENSION DAY OUTING to the open-air museum at Ballenberg had been disappointing, said Mrs. Rüttimann, although the delegates had agreed at the spring meeting to go there.

12 people turned up: Mrs. B. Rüttimann, Federation president, Mr. J. Askins (P) of ASC, Lucerne, Mrs. I. Askins, Mr. & Mrs. A. Prosser, Mrs. M. Iten, Mr. P. Thomas, Mr. G. Reimann, 3 guests, all from the ASC., Lucerne, and Miss M. Bienz, Basle.

Mrs. Rüttimann said that she was greatly honoured to receive the award of the MBE. Her 20 years on the Club Committee of Lucerne and the 12 years on the Bournemouth-Lucerne Twinning Committee had no doubt been taken into account.

Mrs. Rüttimann thanked all the Committee members for their wonderful support all the time and for working so well together in the interest, and for the well-being, of the Federation.

Mr. M. Pavel thanked Mrs. Rüttimann for her tremendous work for strengthening links with the Embassy, for her many ideas, and for visiting so many clubs all over Switzerland. The Treasurer also mentioned that Mrs. Rüttimann had introduced various raffles, which had brought Fr. 2,588.-- into the Federation account.

RESIGNATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mrs. Rüttimann proposed, as her successor, Mr. Trevor Dury, president of the ESC Baden/Brugg, a faithful supporter of the Federation for many years. Mr. Dury accepted the nomination, proposed by Mrs. P. Zafiropolo of BC Zurich, seconded by Mr. J. Askins of ASC Lucerne. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. L. Meschini proposed Mrs. Pat Foster as her successor. It would be to the advantage to have the Ticino once again well represented at the Council, said Mrs. Meschini. Mr. John Parker of the Big Ben Club, Lugano seconded it, and all were in favour.

Mr. T. Dury, the new president, proposed Mrs. Adèle Kelham, of the Baden/Brugg Club, as the new secretary. She is very efficient with a talent for organisation. The vote was unanimously accepted.

The remaining members - the Treasurer, the Lecture Organiser and the Editor of the Anglo-Swiss News - were re-elected 'en bloc', proposed by Mr. Askins and seconded by Mrs. P. Foster.

THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mr. Trevor	Dury	President
Mrs. Pat	Foster	Vice-President
Mrs. Adèle	Kelham	Secretary
Mr. Mike	Pavel	Treasurer
Mrs. Ann	Hostettler	Lecture Organiser
Mrs. Anitra	Green	Editor of ASN
Miss Maisie	Bienz	Archivist.

Mr. T. Dury, the new president, thanked the Council for the honour and their confidence in him, but added that it would be very difficult to replace such a qualified president as Mrs. B. Rüttimann.

After the meeting, a tour across the old/new bridge over the Reuss to Lucerne's historic Town Hall and Picasso Exhibition was organised by Mrs. B. Rüttimann.

BRENDA RUETTIMANN IN LONDON TO RECEIVE HER MBE.

In London we stayed at a hotel near Kensington Gardens. The days were filled with meeting friends, shopping and sightseeing. At the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection at Kensington Palace, the alarm went off, and we were hurried out; a professional photographer had touched the frame of a painting!

We enjoyed seeing 'The Mousetrap' and 'The Phantom of the Opera', and we also dined in the candle-lit cellars of a traditional English restaurant on Holborn Viaduct.

DECEMBER 1st 1994 was Brenda Rüttimann's big day, to go to BUCKINGHAM PALACE FOR HER MBE. She was accompanied by her son Tony, her mother and her brother, Gordon. Brenda's relatives and friends in England came to the hotel the night before. Also Mike and Doris Pavel arrived in time from their world tour.

We all met outside Buckingham Palace to see Brenda coming out. While waiting, we looked at the ladies' fashions! The favourite colour was red for coats, costumes and jackets, then blue or green, also some black and white - but what lovely hats! Brenda kept us waiting. The policeman at the gate smiled at our party and let us stand at the open gate.

About a hundred people received distinctions that day. At last Brenda came, looking lovely in a long red jacket and black skirt, with a big black hat with a red flower. Congratulations, cheers, photos - then we went to our coach waiting near the Palace. A toast of champagne in the coach, then off we went to our restaurant near London Bridge. The singing duo, Ian and Jennifer, entertained us with some of their folk songs.

After lunch we visited the Tower of London, where the Head Yeoman Warder, Norman Jackson, an AS Federation lecturer in previous years, received us. We were taken directly to the up-to-date Jewel House and shown round by Brian Darcy, also a former A.-S. Federation lecturer. Afterwards we went for high tea at CLARIDGES.

We met again at 8 pm, all wearing warm clothes. I wondered - will it be a boat trip or an outside performance? Wrong guess - we returned to the Tower to see the Ceremony of the Keys, the traditional locking-up ceremony every night for the last seven hundred years. Norman Jackson met us again, this time in civilian clothing, with his wife. We heard a short review of the history of the Tower. It was night, no noise or laughter, only the sound of the marching of the guards and sentries and their voices: it left a strange impression on us all. Visitors are able to attend the ceremony by special permit, and leave the Tower just after 10 pm through a small door, which is open for inhabitants up to midnight. Back we went to the hotel, stopping for fish and chips on the way, and then another drink or two in the hotel lounge while Ian and Jennifer entertained us once more with their lovely songs.

Thank you, Brenda, for all the arrangements and so many surprises.

Maisie Bienz.



Brenda Rüttimann's MBE-DAY



Head Yeoman Warder, Norman Jackson, and Brenda Rüttimann at the Tower of London

1995

COUNCIL MEETING held in Berne on March 25th 1995.

Present:

Mr. T. Dury (P) Mrs. P. Foster (P-V)

Mrs. A. Kelham (S) Mr. M. Pavel (T)

Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.) Miss M. Bienz (Archivist),
also the following federated Clubs:

Baden/Brugg	ESC	Basle	ASC	Bienne	EC and SMSEC
La Chaux-de-Fonds	IESC	Geneva	ASC	Langenthal/Zofingen	FC
Lausanne	ASC	Lucerne	ASC	Lugano	Big Ben C.
Neuchâtel	ASC	Soleure	ASC	St Gall	ASC
Toggenburg	EC	Winterthur	ESC	Zurich	BC.

Absent: Mrs. A. Green (Ed- ASN).

33 delegates from 16 Clubs were present.

The British Residents' Association had revised the handbook.
Clubs wishing to advertise should contact the secretary,
Mrs. Caroline Sinclair.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON FEUSISBERG - a second time.

Sports: tennis again possible (15 min. by car to the Court).

Mr. Dury, the president, reminded the meeting that the
Weekend means: SOCIAL CONTACT TO BE ENJOYED IN PLEASANT
SURROUNDING AND IN A GOOD HOTEL.

Before lunch Mr. Dury proposed that Mrs. B. Rüttimann MBE
be made an HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION.

Mr. Koch, also an honorary president, seconded it.

The whole meeting accepted it with a big round of applause.

ANGLO-SWISS WEEKEND ON JUNE 10/11th 1995,

HOTEL PANORAMA, FEUSISBERG:

75 members only from 13 Clubs were present.

SATURDAY afternoon a trip to Rapperswil above the Lake of Zurich
was organised, a charming old town with delightful old buildings,
a castle and parish church. Rapperswil has received an award
from the Council of Europe in recognition of its efforts to
preserve its unique heritage. Rapperswil is also called the
Town of Roses on Lake Zurich. About a dozen or more members
came along in spite of the windy and rainy weather.

SUNDAY - GUESTS AT THE BANQUET:

Mr. David Bell, British Consul General, Zurich,

Mrs. Dominique Van Hille.

The trophies were presented by Mr. D. Bell, assisted by
Mrs. Foster. She had also organised another successful raffle.
The cup in memory of Dennis Stephenson was presented by
Mrs. N. Stephenson.

The Table-tennis Cup was again won by Edward Bonifacio, the
grandson of Mrs. L. Meschini, a student and the youngest member
of the ASC Loarno. He has been a member for four years and is a
keen club member.

Resumé of the Weekend: not as popular as 2 years ago, the rooms,
food and service were not of the high standard they were before.



Council Meeting in Berne, 1995.
H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie
with Mr. T. Dury, the president.



Berne, 1995, Mr. M. Pavel, the treasurer and
Mrs. A. Hostettler, the lecture organiser.



Council Meeting, Lucerne, 1994
the departing Committee



Council Meeting, Berne, 1995
Mrs. B. Riittimann, the new honorary President, and
Mr. T. Dury, the president.

20TH ANNIVERSARY - ENGLISH SPEAKING CLUB BADEN-BRUGG

A very appropriately decorated "Schloss Klingnau" created a most pleasant atmosphere for our Club's 20th Anniversary celebration on 13th May, 1995. The President of the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs, Trevor Dury, welcomed over 100 Club Members from 22 Nations, who helped make the evening a memorable one for all concerned.

One of the 39 Foundation Members, Lyall Smith, very ably reminisced on the serious and humorous events and happenings in the Club since its inception.

To represent Switzerland, Dr. Hugo Schumacher, "Grossrat" and former "Stadtammann" of Klingnau, gave an excellently prepared address on the historical connections between the British, American and Swiss.

The British Consul-General from Zürich, David Bell, who had only recently been appointed, told of his work in the Consulate, commended the work of past and present organisers of the Club, and wished the Club success in the future.

Entertainment comprised folk dancing by the Scottish Country Dance Club, under the direction of Eileen Isberg, and songs by some members of the English Carol Choir, conducted by Vicky Atchison. The Choir's highlight was the Statutes of the Club set to the tune of W.H. Havergal's Psalm XXI.

Friendship and fellowship was enjoyed over dinner. A room had been set aside to display photos, videos and the Attendance Books reminding all of the events of the past 20 years.

Alison Goudie
Committee Member



English-Speaking Club Baden-Brugg
20th Anniversary party, 1995.



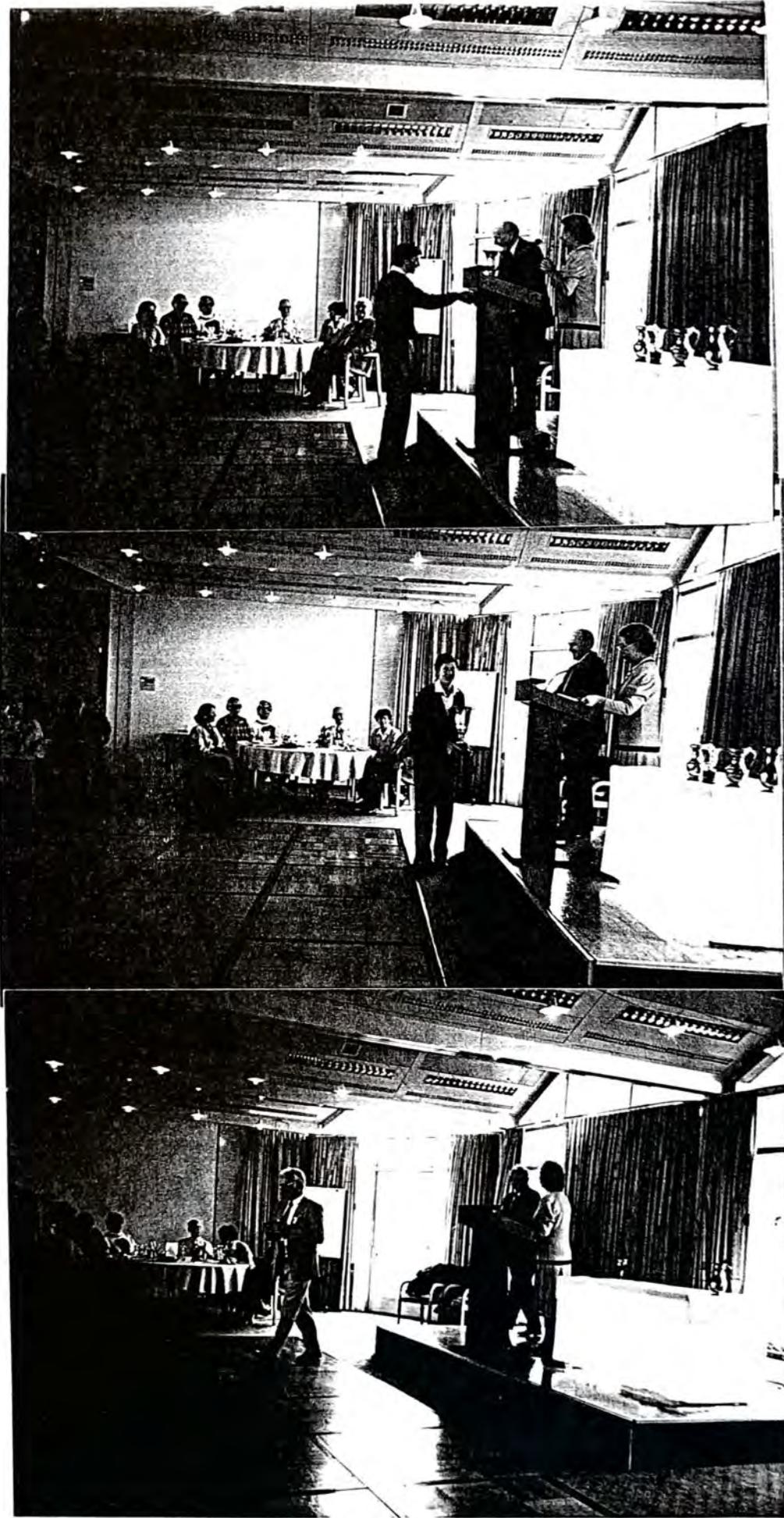
English-Speaking Club Baden-Brugg
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A-S. Weekend 1995 on Feusisberg
outing to Rapperswil



A-S. Weekend 1995 on Feusisberg,
Panorama Hotel.



Nos 1/2 Edward Bonifaccio of the ASC Locarno,
winner of the Table-tennis Cup, 1995
3 Mike Pavel, the treasurer,
winner of the Darts Cup.

10th ANNIVERSARY

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB, LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS.

On Wednesday, 18th September 1985, nine Ladies met for coffee. This was the first activity of what was to become the International English-Speaking Club of La Chaux-de-Fonds. The actual first Meeting and official forming of the committee was held on Wednesday, 20th November 1985.

1995:

We decided to make two different outings.

The first on 18th June was a day at the Lac Noir (Canton of Fribourg). About 30 of us turned up. Some of the members walked whilst others took the Chair-Lift up to the top of the Riggisalp. The rest of us had a casual walk around the lake and visited the waterfall nearby.

Lunch time: We picniced by the lake and later on all met up for tea and coffee before the journey home. Despite the dull and rather wet beginning, it eventually turned out to be a lovely day.

Our second outing, on 21st June, was supper at the 'La Lagune' restaurant by the Neuchâtel lake. Once again, around 30 members turned up and spent an enjoyable evening. Aperitifs were offered by the club.

NEWS from the

ANGLO-SWISS CLUB, LUCERNE.

We have had a wonderful year with excellent meetings where attendance have averaged about 25 people.

The Federation Lectures were always a great success. We sent our thanks to the organiser, Ann Hostettler, for choosing such excellent speakers and topics.

NEWS from the

ENGLISH-SPEAKING CLUB, WINTERTHUR.

Since 1995 - after the Annual Meeting in Berne - contact with the St Gall group and also with the Toggenburg English Club has improved. We have started to combine our programmes and have agreed that for at least 3 events per year, all three clubs should meet. Up till now, we were able to arrange 2 meetings, which were both successful and appreciated by everybody.

INVITATION to the Reception at the British Embassy on the occasion of the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

What a lovely surprise to receive such an invitation. First I bought a suitable dress. When I arrived by taxi at the private residence, I was discretely observed by security men around. At the entrance I was received by the British Consul in Berne, Mr. Paul Chatt. After placing my invitation card on the silver plate I was directed to H.E. the Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie to greet them. (How many hands do they have to shake on such an occasion). Then I moved into one of the big halls with very little furniture just along the walls. A lot of people were standing in groups, tall, old and young, also some men in the uniforms of their countries, chatting loudly. I looked round for a familiar face from the Federation or a federated Club, in order to chat before moving along to greet others.

Drinks and little canapés were offered again and again by a busy staff. From time to time a bagpiper played some well-known tunes from the balcony on the first floor. If the weather is fine then everybody is out on the lovely, big lawn, some 300 to 500 people.

A lovely, unforgettable reception.

Maisie Bienz.

1995 COUNCIL MEETING held in Baden on October 21st 1995.

Present:

Mr. T. Dury	(P)	Mrs. P. Foster	(V-P)		
Mrs. A. Kelham	(S)	Mr. M. Pavel	(T)		
Mrs. A. Green	(Ed. ASN)	Miss M. Bienz	(Archivist), also the following federated Clubs:		
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Langenthal/ZofingenEC		Lausanne	ASC	Lucerne	ASC
Lugano	Big Ben C.	Neuchâtel	ASC	St Gall	ASC
Toggenburg	EC	Winterthur	ESC	Zurich	BC.

Mrs. N. Stephenson

Absent: Mrs. A. Hostettler (L. Org.)

34 delegates from 16 Clubs were present.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON:

H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. David Beattie.
It was a special pleasure to have the Ambassador and
Mrs. David Beattie with us at the autumn meeting and outside
Berne. We do appreciate the Ambassador's keen interest in the
Federation.

Ms. Sue Greutmann (New Roots).

NEW CLUBS:

We heard of the existence of an English Club in Muri/Berne
for about 8 years, of a Club to be founded in Frauenfeld,
and one in Glarus. Also a new Club might be re-formed in
Aarau.

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Mr. Koch in the chair thanked the three parting members:
Mrs. P. Foster, vice-president, Mrs. A. Hostettler, lecture
organiser, and Miss M. Bienz, archivist, for all their work.

Mr. Koch expressed sincere thanks to Mr. T. Dury for his first
year as president and proposed his re-election, this was
accepted unanimously.

Mrs. S. Kernen, from Tasmania, now in St Gall with the ASC,
was proposed and accepted as vice-president.

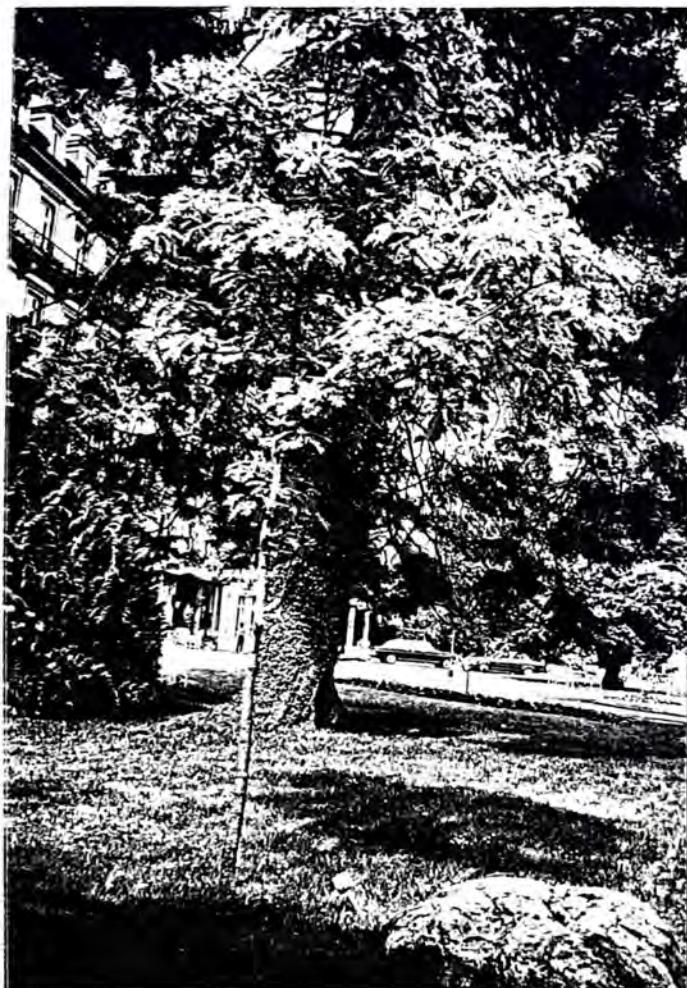
Mrs. A. Kelham, the secretary, was immediately re-elected.
Our treasurer, Mr. M. Pavel, celebrated his 10 years in office,
was congratulated and re-elected. As it was his birthday, the
audience sang 'Happy Birthday' to him.

Mrs. A. Green was also re-elected as editor of the ASN.
Mr. Koch thanked all the Council Officers for their efforts
made in the year gone by.

Miss M. Bienz agreed to make an Appendix to the History Book
1932-1992 for the years 1992-1995. At the luncheon she
received a lovely bouquet of flowers, a token of appreciation.

After the meeting, a guided tour of the Langmatt Museum was
organised to see the wonderful collection of impressionist
paintings and also the special exhibition of the works of
Max Oppenheimer (1885-1954).

Quercus Robur



The Oak Tree, Autumn 1995

FEDERATION OF ANGLO-SWISS CLUBS

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1992	Mrs.B. Rüttimann	Mrs.L. Meschini	Mrs.M. Allenspach	Mr. M. Pavel
1993	"	"	"	"
1994	Mr. T. Dury	Mrs.P. Foster	Mrs.A. Kelham	"
1995	"	Mrs.S. Kernen	"	"

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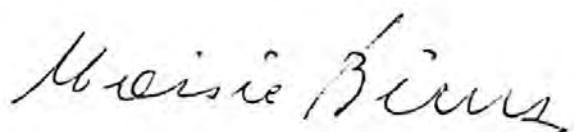
Year	Editor	Lecture Organiser	Patron	Pres. of Honour
1992	Mr. M. Welling	Mrs.A. Hostettler	HE.the Ambassador Mr. D. Beattie	Mr. D.W. Stephenson Mr. W. Koch
1993	Mrs. A.Green	"	"	Mr. D.W. Stephenson, d.c. Mr. W. Koch
1994	"	"	"	Mr. W. Koch
1995	"	-	"	Mr. W. Koch Mrs.B. Rüttimann.

Years 1992 - 1995

In addition to my History Book 1932 to 1992
here are some pages of the years 1992 to 1995.

A big thank-you to all Council Officers for their
endeavours to keep the Federation alive, also to
Club Presidents and Committees to keep their Clubs
going and prospering.

May the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs continue
to grow more and more to a bigger and leading Family.

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Maisie Bienz".

Maisie Bienz
Archivist

Basle, December 1995.