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cilman Peter Durrenmatt, of Basel, who is also Editor in Chief.

In the nearly 600 pages of his book "La Suisse en 365 anniversaires" (published by Editions du Panorama, in Bienne), author George Duplain sets out to prove that, in Switzerland, the anniversary of at least one historic occasion may be celebrated every day of the year.

Two examples: On November 25, 1286, the first authentically documented group of Walsers (immigrants from what is now known as Canton Wallis or Valais) who had come from southern Alpine valleys and wandered northwards, received permission to settle in the Rhine Valley, in what is today known as the Grisons. And on February 27, 1907, in Vienna, there occurred the first meeting between Sigmund Freud and the 32-year-old Zurich psychiatrist Carl Gustav Junge. — The Valais is a region rich in ancient customs and manners.

Adolf Fux, well-known author from the Valais, demonstrates his extensive knowledge of those more in the three tales which the publishing house Gute Schriften, of Bern, has just brought out in a single small volume: "The Silver-Plated Vineyard" (Der versilberte Weinberg), "The Drunken Village" (Das trunkene Dorf) and "The Little Ring of Sandulin" (Das Ringlein von Sandulin).

An easy-to-comprehend survey of Swiss history "from the Ice Age to the Common Market" has been published in English by the Schweizer Spiegel Verlag, Zurich. It is B. Bradfield's "The Making of Switzerland."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Returning from the London Commonwealth Conference, the Hon. Sirimavo Bandanaraike, Prime Minister of Ceylon, stopped over in Switzerland to visit the Swiss National Exposition and the Swiss Hotel Training School in Lausanne. Mrs Bandanaraike then continued on to Zurich where she wished to do some shopping besides renewing earlier contacts with the Swiss National Tourist Office. The Prime Minister, who at the same time is acting Minister of Tourism, was particularly interested in questions of organisation and advertising.

Laugh a little . .

A man gets out of his car at the bowser station, asks for benzine and adds that he has some business to attend to, but would be back again shortly: "Please fill up the car in the meantime."

After a quarter of an hour he returns and asks the attendant: "How much did she take?" "300 gallons." "Are you mad?" "Oh, no, I could have put in more if the windows had been up."

-NEBELSPALTER