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SWISS MOUNTAIN CURE AID FOR BRITISH CHILDREN.

We are informed, that the committee of the Swiss Economic Council in London was approached some time ago by the "Schweizerisches Arbeiter Hilfswerk," to know whether they would be prepared to help in a scheme which would allow a certain number of poor British children suffering from asthma and pre-tuberculosis tendencies to go to Switzerland for a stay of 5-6 months. It appears that a gentleman from Basle who came to England was struck by the number of young children suffering from asthma and he rightaway gave a sum to the S.A.H. suggesting that some sort of an appeal should be made to help these poor children.

Late National-Councillor, Heinrich Schnyder, who, at the time, was Chairman of the Swiss Furniture Fund, was approached and agreed, once again, to form a committee for that purpose. M. Charles Veillon, in Lausanne, was willing to take over the Presidency in French-speaking Switzerland and the appeal was launched. The "Schweizerisches Arbeiter Hilfswerk" very kindly offered the use of their extremely nice "Kinderheim" in Malix, near Chur; it is a fine Chalet with all conveniences where usually 35-40 children are enjoying a rest.

The first contingent of children will be chosen by the London County Council, whose Chief Medical Officer, Sir Allen Daley, recently received the Chairman, Miss Leutenegger, who represents the S.A.H. as well as Mr. A. Renou, Hon. Secretary of the Swiss Economic Council. We are told, that Sir Allen Daley expressed his appreciation for this Swiss gesture which, once again, comes from all walks of life and is a sure token of the affection of the Swiss people for the British.

Some twelve children have left Northolt on Tuesday, the 10th of October for Zurich and Malix. Swissair has made a wonderful gesture in allowing free passage for these children, a help which is highly appreciated by the British as well as by the Swiss, thus enabling these children to reach our homeland without difficulties. They will stay in Malix for some 5-6 months and it is hoped that they will return to this country completely cured.

Children from other parts of England will follow when further funds will be made available. Those children suffering with tuberculosis tendencies will go to Leysin or Montana. Dr. Rollier of Leysin, has kindly joined the committee and will, no doubt, be of great help.

Should Swiss in England find this action a good one, they can greatly help by asking their friends to subscribe to this fund in Switzerland. Appeal leaflets will be at their disposal.

The Swiss Economic Council has felt that it is a great privilege for them to help and support this humanitarian scheme, and all information can be obtained from its Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Renou, at 14, St. George Street, Hanover Square, W.1. (Tel. Mayfair 5977.)

