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CONSEIL ECONOMIQUE SUISSE.

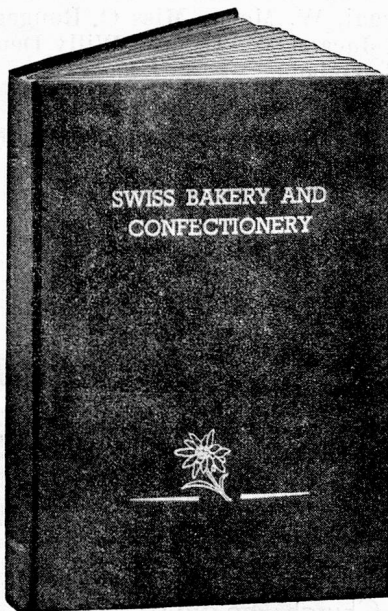
Comme la presse l'a annoncé, une délégation économique suisse est arrivée à Londres lundi soir en vue de la préparation d'un accord commercial avec la Grande Bretagne, celui en cours se terminant au mois de mars.

Le Conseil Economique Suisse de Londres a déjà, dans le passé pu apporter à nos négociateurs un concours pratique qui a été apprécié et les différentes commissions de ce Conseil ont soumis des rapports en vue des négociations à venir. Une prise de contact a eu lieu mercredi dernier entre les Membres de la Délégation et une Commission spéciale du Conseil Economique au cours de laquelle la situation économique actuelle et l'état des affaires ont été étudiés. Un dîner intime a ensuite été offert au Dorchester sous la Présidence de M. E. Steiner. M. Henri de Torrenté, Ministre de Suisse avait bien voulu accepter d'y participer ainsi que MM. Schaffner, H. Bühler, R. Pfenninger, E. Frey, C. Böni, V. Umbricht et R. Baehler, Membres de la Délégation.

Ce contact étroit entre nos négociateurs et ceux qui en Grande Bretagne défendent les intérêts de l'industrie et du commerce de notre Pays, est un fait réjouissant et leur confiance mutuelle est appréciée par les uns et les autres. Elle est d'autant plus nécessaire aujourd'hui en face des difficultés que l'exportation suisse aura à surmonter et qui semblent malheureusement plus grandes que jamais au lendemain de la dévaluation.

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"PUSS IN THE POT."

Amongst my Presscuttings I have come across the following, which appeared in the "Scottish Daily Mail" of the 26th of December, 1949:

CATS MEAT

"I have just returned from Switzerland, that perfect little country where food is abundant and the people would be delightful if only they didn't eat their cats!

I was told that they are good to eat if the flesh is soaked in wine for three days."

London.

Lola Mulcaster.

Well, well, well! This is news to me, and it must have come as a great shock to millions of cat lovers in this country. If this is true, I could never look a cat straight in the face again. How does this allegation compare with a book, which was recently written by a well-known Scottish author about my country, entitled: "The Most Civilised People in Europe."

That my countrymen, across the sea, could sink so low, as to put an inoffensive little pussy into the stewing pot is most distressing to me, who, strange to say, am a lover of cats.

True enough, a certain canton of Switzerland has the reputation of "stretching" cats, whether this is true or simply a fairy tale, I have never been able to find out. They might "stretch" them a little, to make them look longer, but to eat them, never!

Miss (or Mrs.) Lola Mulcaster of London, who finds the Swiss people so "delightful if only", must have had her leg pulled, has she not perhaps mixed it up with "Hasenbraten" (roast hare) which is usually soaked in wine?

Knowing my countrymen to be thrifty, I can hardly imagine, that they would waste a bottle or two of wine, which is nowadays, even in Switzerland, not too cheap, on a mere cat.

To set my mind at peace, and to arrest the alarm, which this statement must have caused amongst the cat fraternity all over the four corners of the globe, I must humbly beg Miss (or Mrs.) Lola Mulcaster, to substantiate her statement, and if she is not able to do so, to vindicate my country from this terrible and barbaric accusation.

If, however, she can satisfy me, that her allegations are true and not merely frivolous, and based on concrete facts, I promise her faithfully, that I will at once start a nation wide campaign to stop this disgusting practice and wholesale murder; I owe this to the memory of my little "Winky" (3 times a proud mother of 6) who passed away some time ago, in the prime of her life, deeply mourned by

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FUSELI EXHIBITION.

At the New Burlington Galleries, Old Burlington Street.

An Exhibition has been arranged by the Arts Council of Great Britain in co-operation with Pro Helvetia of Drawings and Paintings of the Swiss painter Fuseli.

The exhibition will be open to the Public from January 27th until February 25, 1950, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission 1/-.