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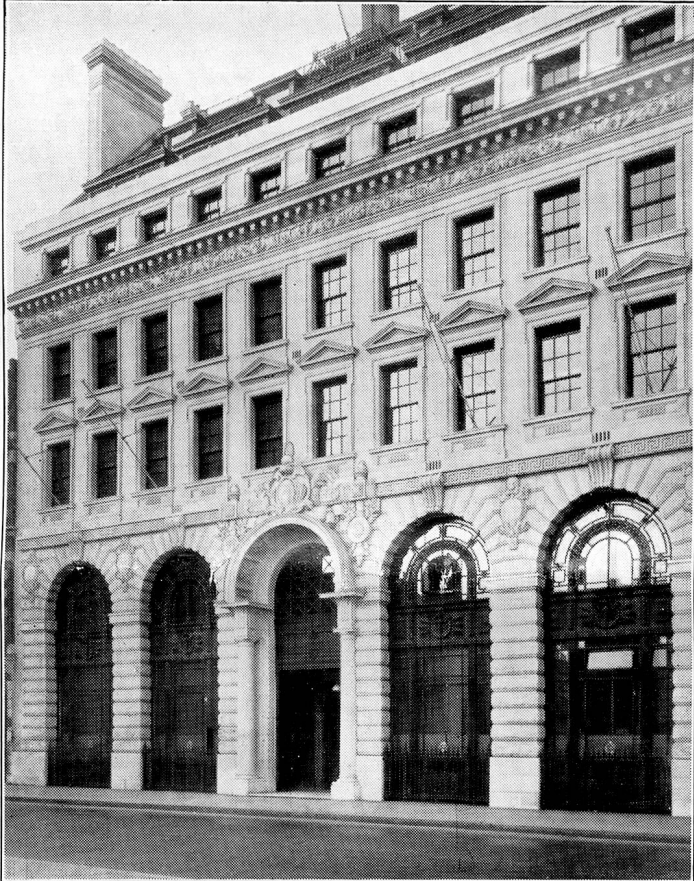


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SOIREE MUSICALE.

The Swiss Minister and Madame H. de Torrenté gave a *Soirée Musicale* on Wednesday evening May 5th, at the Goldsmiths Hall, Foster Lane, E.C.2.

The artists which took part in the programme were Edwin Fischer (pianist), Mlle. Marie-Madeleine Tschachtli, and members of the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

There were present members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Government, members of Parliament, the Lord Mayor of London, prominent personalities in all walks of life, and a number of members of the Swiss Colony.

RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON SOCIAL INSURANCE.

On April 28th the ratifications of a Convention on social insurance between Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were exchanged at the Foreign Office.

The Convention will enter into force on the 1st of June 1954.

Any questions relating to the Convention should be directed to M. F. Ansermoz at the Swiss Legation. It will come into force in June, 1954, after the administrative agreement which is to regulate its application has been signed.

NEWS FROM THE LEGATION.

The Swiss Minister, and Madame Henry de Torrenté gave a cocktail party at the Legation, on Friday, April 30th, to meet the members of the "La Chanson de Lausanne", and "La Musique du Folly".

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, May 28th, 1954.

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PRIERE POUR MON PAYS. Texte et Musique de Frank Guibat.

SEIGNEUR Tu m'as donné la plus belle des terres,
 Des rives de ce lac aux sommets de ces monts.
 J'ai poussé mes chevaux dans les larges scillons
 Et mon verger fleurit dans sa claire lumière.

J'ai bâti ma demeure auprès de la vieille église,
 Et ma vigne mûrit autour de ma maison
 Sans les roides parchets enclos de pierres grises
 Où l'ombre du clocher mesure les saisons.

Chaque an revient le temps où la moisson semée
 Renaissant à l'azur accomplit Tes promesses.
 Je glorifierai Ton oeuvre et Ta sagesse
 Pour ce que Tu m'accordes année après année.
 Répands sur mon Pays Ta grâce et Ton amour
 Qu'il vive dans la Paix des travaux et des jours
 Eternellement.