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MODEL OF WINDSOR CASTLE IS BRITISH RESIDENTS' GIFT TO SWISS TOWN.

What is believed to be the first scale model of Windsor Castle ever made will be sent to Switzerland shortly.

The model is a gift and is being paid for entirely by members of the British Club, Zurich, and other British and Commonwealth residents in Switzerland. The British Council made all arrangements, selected a model-maker and obtained facilities for his research from the Lord Chamberlain's office and the Royal Library, Windsor.

On 22nd November it will be presented by H.M. Ambassador in Switzerland, Sir William Montagu-Pollock, to the Swiss Castles Association for display in the museum at Rapperswil.

Rapperswil, which this year celebrates the 500th anniversary of its joining the Swiss Confederation, has a very fine collection of model castles. For the last eight years Rapperswil has been exchanging visits of young people with Leyton, Essex. Last year it sent a fallow deer — named "Goldie", and now in the London Zoo — to the Prince of Wales.

Mr. Michael Lacey, of Woking, Surrey, who was selected to make the model, is an expert with considerable experience in the making of architectural and theatrical models. But the Windsor Castle job, he says, has been by far the most interesting and intricate because so little is known about the Castle's architecture.

Much research was necessary before Mr. Lacey could begin. He made the model at home in his spare time, and it has taken him seven months to plan and build. It is 7 feet long 2 feet 9 inches wide by 14 inches high to a scale of 1:288 (1 inch — 24 feet) and includes the battlements, St. George's Chapel, The Round Tower, The Keep, The State Apartments and the formal gardens.

Mr. Lacey has been invited by the sponsors to fly out to Switzerland and set up his model in Rapperswil's Castle Museum, which itself is in Rapperswil Castle. The British Council has invited Sir Owen Morshead, former Librarian at Windsor Castle, Assistant Keeper of the Royal Archives, to lecture on the castle after the model is presented on 22nd November. The British Council is also giving 25 photographs of the interior of Windsor Castle. These will be displayed on the walls of the room in the museum which has been specially reserved for the model.



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Dr. MARKUS FELDMANN †

The death occurred in Berne, on 3rd November 1958, of Federal Councillor Dr. Markus Feldmann, head of the Federal Police and Justice Department, at the age of 61.

Dr. Feldmann was born on 21st May 1897 in Thun (Ct. Berne). He received his schooling in Thun and Berne, and afterwards studied Law at various Universities. In 1924 he became a member of the editorial staff of the *Neue Berner Zeitung*, and in 1928 he was promoted to editor-in-chief of that paper. Seventeen years later (1945) he was elected a member of the Government of the canton of Berne. Dr. Feldmann sat in Parliament (National Council) from 1935 to 1951, where he represented the Peasants' and Citizens' Party. From 1933 to 1935 he occupied the post of Central President of the Swiss Press Association.

In 1951 Dr. Feldmann was elected a member of the Federal Government in succession to Federal Councillor Edouard von Steiger. He was President of the Swiss Confederation in 1956.

AN'S APPENZELLERLAND!

Kennst du das Land, voll hehrer Pracht,
Von Gott mit Schönheit nur bedacht?
Das Land von tausendfachem Reiz,
Ein Edelstein der schönen Schweiz?
Dort, wo von Bergen rings beschützt,
Der Seealpsee zum Himmel blüzt,
Und wo die Firnen glänzen hell,
Dort liegt das schöne Appenzell.

Wo immer hin dein Auge blickt,
Bist du, o Wand'rer, stets entzückt!
Es packt dich an der Sehnsucht Schmerz,
Und höher schlägt dabei dein Herz.
Die Matten sind so lieblich grün,
Die Berge dich zum Himmel zieh'n,
Und vom Wildkirchli klinget hell
Ein Glöcklein in das Appenzell.

Stehst du auf steilen Felsenhöh'n,
Ein Paradies dann kannst du seh'n!
Der Weissbach stürzt im Wasserfall,
Es donnert laut der Widerhall.
Weit draussen liegt im Sonnenschein
Die grüne Au, die Hütte klein,
Und von der Felswand schallet hell
Ein Jodler durch das Appenzell.

Ein Volk lebt dort, so fromm und gut,
Ein Volk von echtem Schweizerblut.
Nach altem Brauch, mit biederm Sinn,
Zieht es zur Landsgemeinde hin.
Und schwört dort seinem Herrn und Gott
Der Freiheit Treue bis zum Tod,
Wobei die Kirchenglocken hell
Durchklingen dich, o Appenzell!

Behüt' dich Gott, du schönes Land,
Aus dir sei Knechtschaft stets verbannt!
Bewahre deiner Väter Art,
Die Kraft mit hohem Mut gepaart!
Des Schweizerlandes schönste Zier,
Den besten Gruss entbiet' ich dir.
Vom Säntis ruf' ich's laut und hell:
"Gott schütze dich, mein Appenzell!"

R. A. Straub.