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SWISS BANK CORPORATION STAGGER WORKING HOURS

Following the many appeals for the staggering of working hours in the City, the London Office of the Swiss Bank Corporation have begun an experiment in this direction. As from Monday, 11th July, the majority of the staff begin their duties 15 minutes earlier in the morning and leave correspondingly earlier in the afternoon.

Apart from thus responding to official appeals, the bank hope that the staff will benefit.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, 12th August 1960. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscriptions: E. Frehner, W. Zuber, E. Schaerer, W. A. de Vigier, Paul Lambert, W. Schumacher, H. Andrea, E. Rupp, A. Renou, X. Speckert, A. Kunzler.

REPATRIATION OF SWISS FROM THE CONGO

A Swissair machine has arrived at the Cointrin airport from Brazzaville with seventy-one Swiss nationals, mostly mothers and children. Another Swissair machine landed at Kloten airport, also from Brazzaville, with fifty-six Swiss passengers.

A *communiqué* from the Federal Political Department states that all Swiss in Leopoldville, Stanleyville, Albertville and Inga are safe and well.

1st OF AUGUST CELEBRATION

We remind our readers that the 1st of August Celebration (Swiss National Day) and Gala Dance will be held on Monday, 1st August, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.), at the Wimbledon Town Hall (next door to Wimbledon District Line Station). Tickets at 2/6 obtainable the same evening at the Wimbledon Town Hall box office (children free).

The programme includes choral recitals in English, German and French, and a comedy sketch by Swiss students of the Anglo-Continental School, Bournemouth. Other items are a Swiss sound film, in colour, the appearance of the "Corale" of the Unione Ticinese, yodelling by Maria Dubacher, and community singing.

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NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE (London Group)

On Wednesday, 13th July, the President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, on behalf of the Council, entertained to luncheon at The Dorchester, Monsieur Gerard Bauer, ancien Ministre, President de la Fédération Suisse des Associations de Fabricants d'Horlogerie. Mons. Bauer subsequently addressed a small gathering of compatriots, led by H.E. the Swiss Ambassador and drawn largely from the watchmaking industry, on the very topical subject of "Intégration européenne et l'horlogerie Suisse", and outlined in brilliant manner the steps contemplated by the Swiss Watchmaking Industry in their endeavours to deal with marketing conditions in the common market countries on one hand and world markets in general.

Mons. Bauer's vivid exposé was much applauded by those present and was followed by a general discussion which shed much further light on this very important problem.

It was generally felt that such personal contacts between leading members of the Swiss Industry and the Swiss Colony in London are highly commendable and much appreciated.

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