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A DINNER

The "Swiss Observer" of 13th October 1961 carried an article, "A sad day for the Schweizerbund". At the Extraordinary General Meeting of 21st September last year the Club had to decide after 82 years of existence and 76 years of activities at 74 Charlotte Street to give up the premises there. The members decided, however, at a later meeting not to liquidate the Club. A new venue had to be found and luckily the Schmid Family at the Glendower Hotel welcomed the Schweizerbund.

On Friday, 26th October, some thirty members met for a dinner and get-together. It was an informal gathering with old and young members mixing happily. The "Bernersplatte" and the good Swiss wine did much for the enjoyment, and the President, Mr. V. Berti, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Schmid, of the Swiss National Tourist Office, are to be congratulated on organising such a party every few months. Mr. Berti welcomed Consul Tosio and Vice-Consul Burgunder with their wives and a handsome number of members of the Consular Section of the Embassy, whose continued interest in the Club was much appreciated.

ESCALADE

Le Cercle genevois organise un dîner d'Escalade qui aura lieu à l'hôtel Montana (67 Gloucester Road, S.W.7) le 11 décembre 1962 à 6.30 pour 7.00 p.m.

L'Ambassadeur de Suisse et Mme Daeniker nous honoreront de leur présence à cette occasion.

Tous les Genevois et Genevoises établis ou de passage en Grande-Bretagne sont cordialement invités à se joindre à nous pour ce dîner, qui sera suivi de la cérémonie traditionnelle. Tenue de Ville

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

When the price of Christmas cards became almost prohibitive after the war, the Editor and Publishers of the "Swiss Observer" introduced a new feature. In the Christmas number a collective greeting was published which enabled subscribers to wish their friends the compliments of the season at small cost. At the same time it was a means of additional financial support to the paper.

Following this practice, we propose to publish such greetings again in our Christmas issue of 14th December and hope it will meet with success.

Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address of our office not later than Friday, 23rd November 1962, together with remittance for £1.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday 7 to 11 p.m. — The Swiss Catholic Youth Club — Social at Westminster Cathedral School, 48 Great Peter Street, S.W.1.

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Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

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Every Thursday from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — meets at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3. All Ticinese welcome. The "Corale" rehearses from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Every 1st Wednesday at 7 p.m. — Swiss Social Meeting at 2 Sussex Place, Widcombe, Bath.

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Every 1st Wednesday in the month — Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres — meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, at 7 p.m.

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Saturday, 10th November — Swiss Club Manchester — Annual Banquet and Ball.

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Tuesday, 13th November — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Open Meeting with Dr. E. Froelich, President of the Solidarity Fund of the Swiss Abroad, at Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3, at 7.45 p.m.

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Wednesday, 14th November — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting followed by Film Show, at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, at 7 p.m.

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Friday, 16th November 1962 — City Swiss Club — Annual Banquet and Ball — Dorchester Hotel (Ballroom), 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

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Friday, 30th November — Swiss Rifle Association — Annual Dinner at Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7, at 6.30 for 7.30 p.m.

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Wednesday, 5th December — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting followed by Swiss Film Show and Social Evening at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, at 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, 11th December — Dîner d'Escalade — Montana Hotel, S.W.7 — 6.30 for 7 p.m. (See previous column.)

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Wednesday, 12th December 1962 — City Swiss Club — Christmas Dinner — Dorchester Hotel (Orchid Suite), at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

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Saturday, 26th January 1963 — Swiss Mercantile Society — Annual Dinner and Dance at the Dorchester Hotel, W.1.