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#### DEPARTURES FROM THE SWISS EMBASSY

We are pleased to announce the appointment as Swiss Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Indonesia and Cambodia of Monsieur Jean Revilliod, Counsellor for Cultural Affairs at the Swiss Embassy in London.

Monsieur Revilliod was born at Nyon in 1905, his place of origin being Geneva where he studied law at the University before working abroad for several years. In 1940, he was attached to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, and from 1942 to 1944, he served in the Federal Department of Public Economy. Monsieur Revilliod entered the Political Department in 1944. After a period in the Central Administration, he was posted to Peking in 1954 and later to Hong Kong and Colombo. At the beginning of 1961, he was transferred to London as Counsellor in charge of Press and Cultural Matters.

From the very first, Monsieur Revilliod took an active part in the Swiss Colony, especially in the Nouvelle Société Helvétique where he served on the Council. His many friends in this country regret his departure, but they wish him success in his new sphere of activity.

Monsieur Revilliod gave a farewell reception at the Dorchester Hotel on 22nd June.

Monsieur Hans Gallusser, First Secretary attached to the Economic Section of the Swiss Embassy, will be returning to Berne in July to take up new duties in the Federal Political Department. Monsieur Gallusser studied law and commercial science at the University of Geneva and has held posts in North Africa, Berlin, Lisbon, Baden-Baden and Tel-Aviv. Best wishes accompany him and his family.

#### FIRST OF AUGUST BADGES

At the moment and up to the Swiss National Day on 1st August, the Swiss First of August Badges are on sale. They are specially warmly recommended this year as the proceeds of the sale will be allocated to the Swiss abroad and their institutions. The badge is in the form of a red metal cover marked with the Swiss cross, containing a paper scroll on which four verses of the "Schweizerpsalm", the present National Anthem, are printed in the four national languages.

The badges are sold at meetings of Swiss organisations, at the Swiss Embassy and Consulates, at the Swiss Bank and many other institutions. Price only 2/- each.

#### DO YOU PLAY THE ORGAN?

The German-speaking Community of the Swiss Church in London are looking for an organist for their services at St. Mary Woolnoth Church. Anyone interested should apply to the Rev. M. Dietler, 1 Womersley Road, N.8. Telephone MOU 6018.

#### **OUR NEXT ISSUE**

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 23rd July. We shall be glad to receive reports and articles not later than Wednesday, 14th July. Short news items only can be accepted later.

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