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ont quelque chose à nous apporter n'hésitent pas et veulent bien accepter, durant leurs voyages à l'étranger, de s'arrêter chez nous pour participer aux délibérations de ces groupes d'études helvétiques, dont le Bureau et nous, Suisses de Paris, espérons l'apparition aux quatre coins du monde.

Puissent les prochaines Journées des Suisses de l'étranger abriter déjà un colloque où les responsables de différents groupes d'études helvétiques trouveraient l'occasion d'échanger les expériences faites durant une année d'activité fructueuse!

N. STOLL.

### THE "SWISS OBSERVER" THIRTY YEARS AGO

The first issue in January 1935 carried the news that Federal Councillor Minger was President of the Confederation for the ensuing year. There was talk of a second Swiss National Park in the Valais, and of the Klosters Ski Club having beaten a combined Oxford and Cambridge team.

A week later, it was announced that the Swiss Minister Monsieur Paravicini had congratulated "The Times" on the occasion of their 150th anniversary.

On 19th January, the news from Switzerland included reports of a military enquiry into the case of Colonel Fonjallaz, Chief of the Swiss Fascists, and later of his claims for damages against L. Nicole of Geneva. One report was on a German attack on Switzerland's right of asylum. There were two special articles, one by George W. Gough, M.A., on "The Gold Standard" (what it was, how it worked and should it be restored?), the other by Prof. William Rappard on "Switzerland's Place in the World".

A folk music concert by Marie and Ernst Frey-Bernhardsgrütter at the Union Helvetia premises had been a great success. The artists had also performed at the Swiss Legation, with Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise present.

The last issue in January informed readers that Federal Councillor Motta had defended Switzerland's claims for war damages at the League of Nations Council. There was an article by Edward E. Long, C.B.E., on "Terrors of the Cresta Run".

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