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BIRTHDAYS

The following subscribers will be celebrating their birthdays during the next few weeks: Mr. W. Pellet will be 83 on 19th and Mrs. R. Weber 81 on 21st November. Mrs. H. W. Egli (the artist Miss Selma Vas Dias) will have hers on the 23rd of the month, the same day as Mr. E. Schaerer who will be 77. Mrs. W. Renz will celebrate her birthday on 3rd December, and Mr. H. H. Baumann will be 83 on 6th. Mr. H. Suter will be 82 on 10th and Mr. M. Ehrsam on 14th of December. Last, but not least, Mrs. Emily Delaloye will be 83 on 15th December.

COMMITTEE OF SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON

Encouraged by the result of our last year's Christmas Draw the Committee has decided to hold one again this year instead of having a bazaar. The Drawing of the prizes will take place on Thursday, 10th December, 1970. The object of the Draw is to give added financial support to our Chaplain, the Reverend Father Paul Bossard in his efforts to look after the several thousand young Swiss temporarily in this country for studies, training or domestic work.

Our Chaplain is doing his best in helping them to pass their leisure hours by running the SWISS CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB. This club holds socials every Sunday evening at the Westminster Ball Room, 30 Strutton Ground, S.W.1, arranges sightseeing tours to places of interest in London, excursions to the English countryside,

Cambridge, Somerset and South Wales, Isle of Wight, Canterbury, Salisbury and Stonehenge and a Caravan Holiday in Ireland. These functions are arranged jointly with our friends from the Protestant Swiss Church and are regularly attended and enjoyed by a large number of our young Swiss.

May I ask you kindly to consider helping our work by sending either a donation or a gift in kind for our Christmas Draw.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

O. Grob, Chairman.

Donations to Mr. O. Grob, 60 Seafield Road, London, N.11 1AS. Gifts in kind (latest date 9th December, 1970) to: St. Ann's Presbytery, Abbey Orchard Street, London, S.W.1.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

With Christmas approaching, the SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY and the SWISS CHURCHES IN LONDON appeal to their friends in the Swiss Colony for help and support in the preparation of Gift Parcels for those of our compatriots who, even in this affluent day and age, hardly manage to live on their incomes and certainly lack the means for any extra cheer.

We shall be very grateful to receive donations or gifts of new clothing, tinned food, processed cheese, biscuits, chocolate, etc.

Gifts in kind should be sent to the Swiss Benevolent Society, if possible not later than 7th December, 1970 and cash donations or cheques and postal

orders may be sent to the following addresses:

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, 31 Conway Street, London, W1P 5HL. The Rev. A. NICOD, 7 Park View Road, London, N.3. The Rev. M. DIETLER, 1 Womersley Road, London, N.8. The Rev. P. BOSSARD, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, London, S.W.1.

We are looking forward to your orders for Christmas Greetings in our December issue. Please send name and address and £2.

THE SWISS ECONOMIC COUNCIL DINNER

The Swiss Economic Council has arranged a series of Dinners which will be held during the forthcoming months. The first of these dinners took place at the Dorchester on October 1st and was honoured by Monsieur René Keller. The evening's speaker was Mr. J. L. Gilliéron, President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce in France. His theme was the Common Market and France's attitude towards British entry. Mr. Gilliéron was fairly optimistic about the chances of a successful British application. One of his main points was that the agricultural difficulties entailed by British participation had been over-emphasised and could be resolved. Psychological problems, he believed, would be much more difficult to overcome, although he had noted a tremendous improvement on both sides of the Channel in this re-

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spect. Without being a European idealist and sharing a typically Swiss reserve on this matter, Mr. Gilliéron acknowledged the economic advantages of a large, homogenous and rationalised European market.

**NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ
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Important Date for the London Group

It has become a tradition that the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad in Berne send a delegate to annual meet-

ings of top organisations in Swiss Communities abroad. This year, one of the most distinguished members of the Executive Committee of the Commission of the Swiss Abroad, Mr. Philippe Garraux, a Bernese lawyer, was to honour the London Swiss with his visit. For various reasons, his visit last May was postponed to November. Unfortunately he has now been ordered to attend a military staff course. But we have been lucky in getting Miss Andrée Weitzel, Chief of Women's Auxiliary Services and President of the Nouvelle

Société Helvétique in Berne. Please make a note of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique's *Open Meeting* on Thursday, 19th November. As usual, it will be held at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9/11 Belsize Grove, N.W.3, and all Swiss and their friends are welcome to attend. Time: 7.45 p.m. Miss Weitzel will give an address on "La Femme Suisse et la Défense Nationale". The evening should prove to be an interesting occasion.

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