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CHEAP HOLIDAYS IN SWITZERLAND

Some time ago a lady reader made the suggestion that I should write on the various possibilities of spending a cheap holiday in Switzerland. There were many elderly people with little means in the Colony and they would benefit from such information.

I will now report briefly on one possibility. There are of course dozens more, and I shall write on them when more information comes into my hands.

An interesting offer is the "Hotel Plan" packaged holiday. Hotel Plan is an international tourist organisation belonging to Migros. It has offices in England and organises trips to Switzerland and to other inviting places, such as the islands of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. Packaged holidays to Switzerland comprise a return plane journey from Gatwick Airport to Zurich, the return railway ticket to the elected resort, two weeks stay in a comfortable hotel and five excursion coupons. These coupons offer cheap journeys on the Swiss Federal Railways and this means that the journey to visit relatives in some other part of the country can be made a relatively little expense. There are off-season, mid-season and high-season holidays. The first are necessarily cheaper than the other two. I have only made enquiries into the off-season possibilities of Hotel Plan and have learnt that a package holiday will be organised in May and two others in

IN MEMORIAM

LEHNER ROBERT, F.H.C.I., F.C.F.A. St. Gall 1892. Zurich, Goring-by-Sea. 22nd April 1967 In special remembrance of his great sincerity, gay and happy personality. Deeply missed, Tonée.

September. The months in between are considered as in-season or precluding holidays. The resorts to which one can go are Wengen, Interlaken, Beckenried, Lugano, Davos and Lungern. Off and high season prices for two-week holidays to these resorts are: Wengen £75-£88, Interlaken £63-76, Beckenried £69-£76, Lugano £64-£69, Davos £59-£69 and Lungern £55-£75. Not every hotel is exactly of the same standard. I have been told privately that the Lugano hotel is particularly good. There are also some variations in costs depending, for example, on whether the room at the hotel has a balcony or not. The London agency that takes care of Hotel Plan is Ingham Travel, 26 Old Bond Street, W.1. Tel: 01 629 9885. They will have pleasure in sending you a brochure with all the appropriate information. There may even still be time for a trip to the Alps in May.

CITY SWISS CLUB

One of the most fascinating after-dinner talks, it has ever been my good fortune to hear, was given at the March meeting of the City Swiss Club by Dr. T. F. Gaskell, Scientific Adviser to the Information Department of the British Petroleum Company. The lecturer was no newcomer to the Club whose members he greatly entertained a year ago with a talk on the North Sea Gas prospects. With a rare combination of a profound mastery of the subject matter with humour and wit he delighted his hosts with the happy discovery that even the most serious theme can be presented most entertainingly to a lay audience.

This time Dr. Gaskell chose a subject of a wider general interest for his talk to the CSC—no less serious in content and thought provoking, yet once again interspersed with humorous similes and anecdotes that kept his audience in stitches. In the European Conservation Year it seemed most appropriate for a scientist to speak on "Pollution" in its many forms and alarming aspects for our own and future generations. Naturally he dealt in particular with the pollution of the air from the petrol fumes of lorries and cars, the pollution of the seas and rivers by oil from boats and the noise nuisance from aircraft engines, as well as with the growing problems of refuse disposal. Without in any way minimising the dangers and seriousness of these darker aspects of technical progress Dr. Gaskell confidently argued that the problems created by scientists can also be solved by them as they had proved time and time again. It was invariably only a question of time and money which latter would always be forthcoming when the situation became urgent enough. What a pity that a talk of this high quality did not attract a larger attendance of members of the CSC!

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