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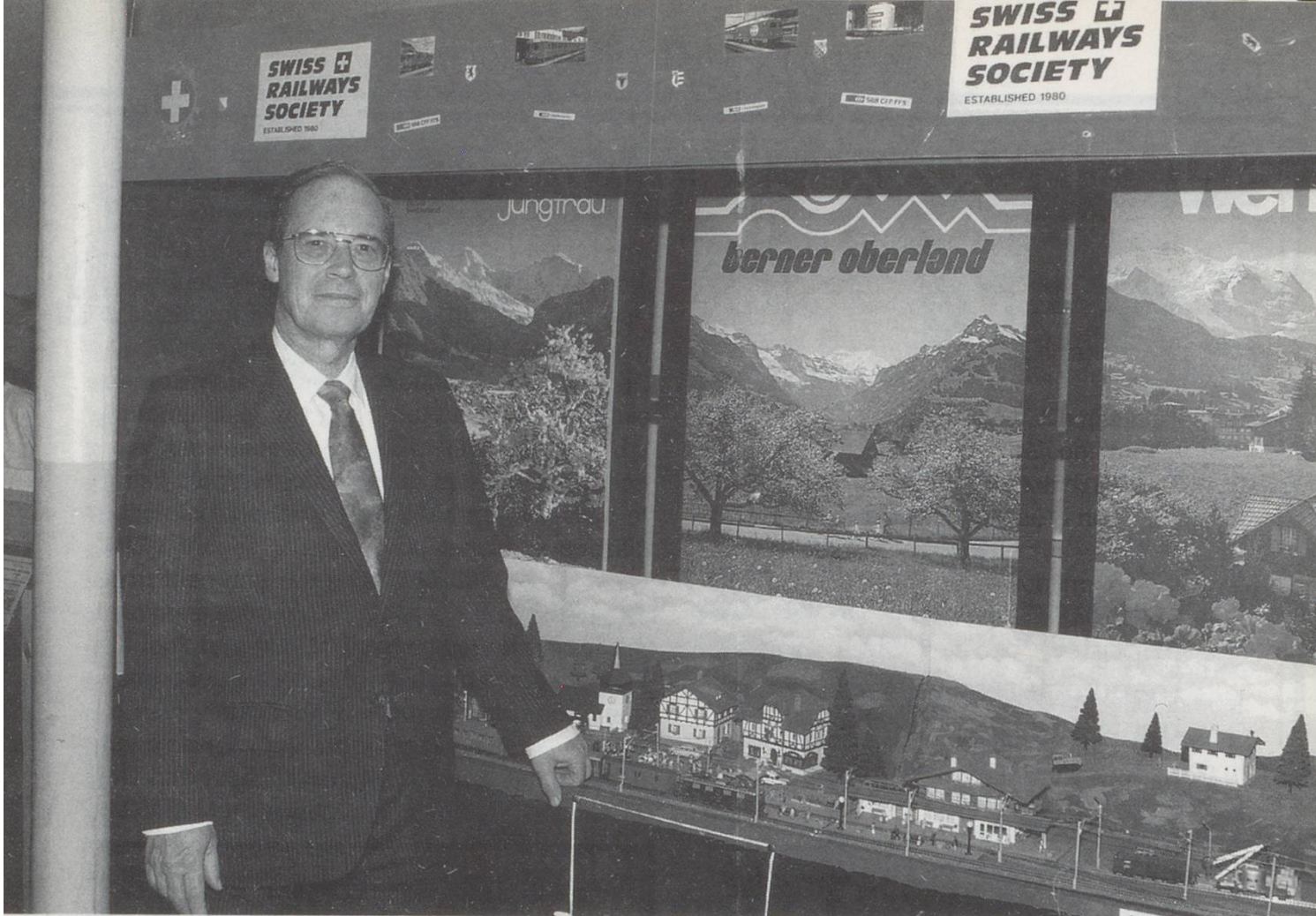
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Above: The Swiss Consul General, Ernst Keller in front Peter Dransfield's layout at Mirfield.

Photo: Clifford Spivey

Mirfield Exhibition 95

by Peter Dransfield

On Saturday the 9th December, 1995 the Society was represented at what is becoming recognised as a mainly Continental Exhibition in Mirfield, West Yorkshire. It is a Charity event for the Firemen's Benevolent Fund and is now held annually in December in the Fire Station and adjoining Sunday School. During the week previous, it had been snowing and on the day of the exhibition the surrounding hillside was snow covered and the weather was cold and crisp. At 10 a.m. the Exhibition was opened by the Consul General of Switzerland, Ernst Keller accompanied by his wife, who had earlier been met by local Civic dignitaries and a display by the Working Bernese Dog Society, which brought a touch of Alpine Magic to the area. Herr Keller himself said that the scene reminded him of his home country of Switzerland. The exhibition consisted of layouts of Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Austria, and Czech and Slovak railways, together with our own Society publicity stand and a visit of a display of cheeses from Switzerland. Many of

our members visited the show during the day and two local members, Clifford Spivey and Richard Butterfield assisted with manning layouts. Our Vice-President, Alan Pike OBE, Secretary, Peter Dransfield and Sales Officer, Tom Sheard were in attendance for the whole day. It is understood that the SRS will be asked formally to organise this charity event in December 1996 when it would be good to have a larger selection of Swiss models on show, so watch the Swiss Express for details.

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