

December 2, 1967

On December 2, 1967 the Swiss - American Society of Pittsburgh held a dinner-dance at Cranberry Hall.

Following the dinner, President Harry Jacob welcomed members and guests. Remarks from René Nigg and Trudy Kuenzi on membership were given. Frank Fischer gave a Treasurer's report.

The meeting was turned over to Paul Debrunner chairman of the Nominating Committee and the following newly elected officers were presented:

Harry Jacob, President  
Arthur Rudolf, Vice President

Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary

Frank Fischer, Treasurer

Florence Cypse, Membership Secretary

Board of Directors, John Fankhauser Jr.

2 year term - Marcel Bouvier

Auditors, Robert Leuenberger

Arthur Burzi

Heinz Gousser, René Nigg and Walter Heer remain as Directors for 1 year. A tombala was held during the dance.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Kuenzi  
Secretary

NOVEMBER 15, 1967

Robert Morris Jr. College  
c/o Mr. Charles Cubelic  
610 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Dear Mr. Cubelic:

The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh wishes to thank Robert Morris Jr. College and you for permitting us to use your building and room to show our movies.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. S. Kuenzi  
Secretary

November 15, 1967

Embassy of Switzerland  
2900 Cathedral Avenue N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20008

Gentlemen:

The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh wish to thank you for the use of your films from Switzerland. We had a turnout of approximately 100 members and friends.

The films are being returned to you under separate cover this week.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. A. Kuenzi

October 30, 1967

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by President Harry Jacob at the home of Trudy Kuenzi.

Roll call was taken with the following being present:

Harry Jacob, Rainer Vogt, Trudy Kuenzi, Florence Cappe, Frank Fischer, Bob Leuenberger, Walter Heer, Werner Schneider, Heinz Gonser and René Nigg.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported the bank balance of \$2290.17 as of the July 27, 1967 bank statement. The balance on hand was \$2,357.17 to date.

Membership was discussed and a new life member was received James McCracken.

The Nominating Committee met at the home of the President and presented the following Ballot which will be sent to all our members to act upon.

President - Harry Jacob

Vice President - Arthur Rudolf

Secretary - Trudy Kuenzi

Treasurer - Frank Fischer

Membership Sec. - Florence Cappe

Directors - 2 yrs. - Vote for 2 - John Fankhauser Jr.  
John W. Schwab  
Richard Smithhammer  
Rainer Vogt  
Hans Reinmann

Auditors - Vote for 2 - Walter Krummich  
Andrew Burgi  
Robert Leuenberger

We will have a free movie on November 12, 1967 at Robert Morris Jr. College from 3-5 P.M.. We will have a student movie projector Operator for a nominal fee. The movies are titled: "Schon War Die Jugendzeit" and "Expo Vision".

There will be an Annual Dinner held December 2, 1967 at Cranberry Hall. It was voted to have a prime rib of Beef Dinner. Cocktails, program and Tombola are being planned.

Florence Cappe made a motion to have Frank Fischer Chairman of the cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The motion was seconded and carried. Heinz Gonser is in charge of the Tombola. Harry Jacob will get invitations printed.

A letter from Mrs. Schubert was read and filed. It pertains to a Christmas play. The Secretary will answer her letter and send an application for membership.

The Constitution changes were discussed and the By-Laws and Constitution were adopted as read. The By-Laws and Constitution will be printed and distributed among the members.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Trudy Kuenzi*  
Secretary

September 9, 1967

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by President Harry Jacob at the home of Bob Leuenberger.

The minutes were read and approved.

Roll call of members present was as follows: Harry Jacob, Rainer Vogt, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fisher, Florence Cappe, Heinz Gonser, Bob Leuenberger, Leo Marxer and Werner Schneider.

The purpose of this meeting was to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws.

The articles under the Constitution are listed as follows: I - Name, Article II - Purpose and Article III - Administration.

The articles under the By-Laws are listed as follows: Article I - Membership, Article II - Administration, Article III - Meeting, Article IV - Dues and Article V - Dissolution.

The treasurer requested the books to be audited.

A list was picked to set up a Nominating Committee. The President will contact members to form a Nominating Committee.

The November 12th movie event was discussed. Johnny Garneaus does not suit our purpose and we will cancel same. Florence Cappe will look into obtaining the Tammy Hall for the movie.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*

Secretary



August 23, 1967

Embassy of Switzerland  
2900 Cathedral Avenue N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20008

Attn: Lukas F. Burckhardt, Cultural Counselor

Gentlemen:

At the beginning of this year we requested the use of some of your films and had to cancel due to the Ambassador's visit.

The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh would like to reserve the following films for any Sunday available in October:

EXPO-VISION  
ATTENTION AVALANCHE  
SCHOEN WAR DIE JUGENDZEIT

The films can be sent to : Mrs. E. Kuenzi, Secretary  
207 Churchill Road  
Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145

Please advise us if they are available.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. Kuenzi  
Secretary



**EASY**  
Eagle-A TYPE-ERASE ONION SKIN, White, Cockle Finish, Substance 9  
25% Cotton Fiber



Enclose please find one (\$1.00) dollar for copies equivalent  
to same of your newspaper to pass to officers of our society.  
Please send them to the following address:

Mrs. Ernest Kuenzi, Secretary  
207 Churchhill Road  
Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Copy of same letter was sent to Swiss Echo also.

August 15, 1967

Swiss Publishing Co.  
1 Union Square West  
Room 410  
New York 3, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please publish the following article in your newspaper:

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH  
FETES SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Sunday July 30, 1967, at 2:00 P.M. the members and friends of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh gathered together to celebrate Swiss Independence Day with a basket picnic at the Swiss Stone Farm in Freeport, Pennsylvania, the home of Swiss Consul Rene Nigg.

The scenery was similar to what you would find in Switzerland. The mountains covered by the green trees surrounding the area and the small lake on the farm with people gathering together in a friendly atmosphere was quite inspiring. There were games for young and old followed by a short program of welcoming guests by President Harry Jacob and Counsul Rene Nigg read a message from the President of the Federal Counsul. We also had the pleasure to have Mr. Eugene Koller from Lucerne, Switzerland in our midst, who was passing through Pittsburgh on a business trip bring greetings to the group. In a few words he tried to give us a true picture of Switzerland as it is today.

The Traditional August 1st bonfire was held to bring us together and make it the end of a perfect day.

- c. Music - hire an accordian player
- d. Ladies Room facilities need changed.
- e. Trash Barrels placed in various spots in the grove area
- f. Placement of Swiss Flag
- g. Bonfire - designate time on invitation.

There will be a by-laws committee meeting held Saturday, Sept. 13th at Bob Leuenbergers home.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Secretary was designated to write an article for the two Swiss papers on the picnic. Also, write and find out about the availability of the Swiss films we desire and check facilities at Johnny Garneaus for a get together.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*  
Secretary

August 14, 1967

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by President Harry Jacob at his home. Members

present were: Harry Jacob, President  
Rainer Vogt, Vice President  
Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary  
Frank Fisher, Treasurer  
  
Walter Heer  
Leo Marxer  
Bob Leuenberger  
Heinz Gonser  
Rene Nigg  
Werner Schneider

The purpose of this meeting was to settle the expenses of the July 30th picnic.

The Membership list was checked on who attended. Approximately 60 names from the membership appeared in our check list.

Bills were turned in from the picnic and paid by the Treasurer. The treasurer reported the expenses were \$135.93 and \$95.90 was taken in, leaving a loss of \$40.03. The treasurer also requested an audit of his books.

Rene Nigg commented that all went well at the picnic on the whole. The following suggestions for next year were discussed:

- a. Map changed on invitation
- b. Weather change has to be more definite in case of rain and postponement.

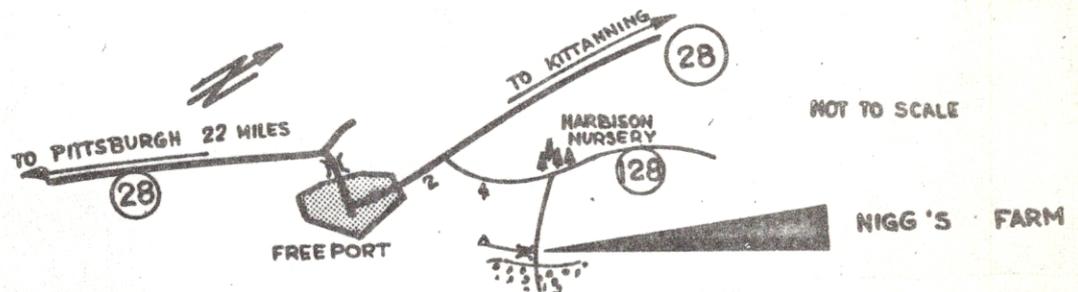
SWISS - AMERICAN SOCIETY

PITTSBURGH, P A.

It gives us great pleasure to invite all the Swiss and the many friends of Switzerland to the traditional August 1st Picnic. Again, we will have tens of acres of beautiful wooded farmland in the green hills of the Allegheny Valley all for ourselves. Swiss Consul Nigg has offered his Freeport farm for what we hope will be a lively, fun-filled family meeting. And speaking of family--bring all your children along and come early. Lots of games are scheduled for the youngsters (and some for the older!).

Let's all celebrate our Homeland's Birthday together!

HOW TO GET THERE:



DATE and TIME TO REMEMBER:

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1967

From 2 p.m. till we put the Bonfire out  
(or as long as the Beer lasts).  
The Picnic is on--RAIN or SHINE!

FOOD:

Bring your own Picnic basket with the goodies you like best. A charcoal firepit is at your disposal for Wiener roasts.

BEVERAGE:

FREE Beer (If you don't care for plastic cups, be sure to pack your personal cup or glass.)  
Soft Drinks  
Coffee  
Ice Cream

BRING:

Folding chairs and folding tables, if you have some, might add to your personal comfort; so would an old blanket.

WHAT TO WEAR?

Casual Clothes--(or your Swiss Costume, even if it only consists of a Sennechaepf!)

GAMES:

Games will be organized for young and old.  
Prizes . . .

TELEPHONE CONTACT:

Harry Jacob - 781-1375  
Rene Nigg - 295-4437

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*

Secretary

Marxer, Heinz Gonsler and Werner Schnieder

The order of business was to plan for the August 1st picnic to

be held at Rene Nigg's farm July 30, 1967 beginning at 2:00 P.M.

Several members are going to Rene Nigg's farm to look at the outfit

for the picnic.

Discussion took place whether to have a basket picnic or catered

The Secretary presented last year's picnic which included a basket

picnic was more favorable. The decision was made after some discuss-

ion that this would be a basket picnic. Beer, pop, ice cream and

coffee would be served at the picnic.

A motion was discussed and this would help pay the picnic's expense

It was also discussed whether non members pay \$1.00 if they go to the

picnic or not. A vote was taken and the majority voted to drop the

dollar fee for non members attending picnic.

President Harry Jacob designated the following members to

be in charge as follows: Frank Fisher - coffee, ice cream and

Bob Leunberger - beer and pop

Invitations - Harry Jacob and Trudy Kuenzi

Werner Schnieder - first of August letter

Rainer Vogt - Loud Speaker System and Music

Beer - Trudy Kuenzi and her mother

Prices for Lambada - Florence Gonsler

July 14, 1967

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order at the home of Werner Schneider by President Harry Jacob.

Minutes were read and approved. Members present were as follows:

Harry Jacob, Rainer Vogt, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fisher,

Florence Cappe, Walter Heer, Hans Reinman, Bob Leuenberger, Leo

Marxer, Heinz Gonser and Werner Schneider

The order of business was to plan for the August 1st picnic to be held at Rene Nigg's Farm July 30, 1967 beginning at 2:00 P.M.

Several members are going to Rene Nigg's Farm to look at the outlay for the picnic.

Discussion took place whether to have a basket picnic or catered. The Secretary presented last year's slips which indicated a basket picnic was more favorable. The decision was made after some discussion that this would be a basket picnic. Beer, pop, ice cream and coffee would be served at the picnic.

A Raffle was discussed and this would help pay the picnic expense. It was also discussed whether non members pay \$1.00 if they go to the picnic or not. A vote was taken and the majority voted to drop the dollar fee for non members attending picnic.

President Harry Jacob designated the following members to be in charge as follows: Frank Fisher - Coffee, ice cream etc.

Bob Leuenberger - Beer and Pop

Invitations - Harry Jacob and Trudy Kuenzi

Werner Schneider - First of August Badges

Rainer Vogt - Loud Speaker System and Music

Games - Trudy Kuenzi and Leo Marxer

Prizes for Tombala - Florence Cappe

Rene Nigg and Harry Jacob thanked all for their help on the Ambassador's Reception and Banquet which was a great success.

A meeting was set for June 10th, 1967 at Florence Cappe's to finish with the By-Laws and Constitution. Cards will be sent.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:50 P.M.

This was followed by a lunch and tape recording of the entire program held at the Swiss Ambassador's Banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary

May 4, 1967

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by President Harry Jacob at the home of Delly and Walter Heer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Roll call of members present was as follows: Harry Jacob, Rainer Vogt, Trudy Kuenzi, Florence Cappe, Heinz Gonser, Rene Nigg, Delly and Walter Heer and Bob Leuenberger.

Correspondence was read from Ambassador Schnyder, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Weilenmann, Penn Sheraton. Also the report of <sup>his trip from</sup> the Ambassador to Switzerland Felix Schnyder was translated and read by Rene Nigg. Rene Nigg thanked the Society on behalf of his wife and himself for paying his reservations for the reception and dinner for

the Ambassador. A letter was also read from New York wanting a Swiss boy to be an errand and office boy in the Consul office \$370 per month. A letter and order blank was read for ordering the First of August Badges. It was discussed and a motion made by Walter Heer to order 125 badges. Rainer Vogt second the motion and it was carried.

It was discussed to keep members who were delinquent in past dues and paid \$2.00 for this year since our by-laws are not in effect.

Received a list to send membership applications to non members attending reception and dinner of the Swiss Ambassador. President Harry Jacob will take care of this matter.

The first of August Picnic was discussed and July 30, 1967 is the date set for same. The President thanked Rene Nigg for the use of his farm, an ideal place to hold the picnic.

rooms at the University of Pittsburgh, a tea at Carnegie Institute of Technology and was concluded with a family dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Rene Nigg near Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Many thanks to President Harry Jacob, his Committee and Toastmaster Meekmans for a memorable event.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary

MAY 11, 1967

Editor  
SWISS ECHO  
26 Alpenstrasse  
3000 Bern, Switzerland

Dear Sir:

Please publish the following news item in your next issue of the SWISS ECHO:

On Sunday, April 23, 1967, the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh were host to a reception and banquet at the Penn Sheraton Hotel in honor of the Ambassador from Switzerland to the United States Felix Schnyder and his wife. Consul General Hans Lacher of the United States in New York, his wife and Mr. Werner Wahl Consul of New York also accompanied the Ambassador. Other honored guests included Mr. Rene Nigg, Consul of Pittsburgh District, his wife and Mr. Fred O. Henzli retired Consular Agent.

There were 175 guests and members present. Mrs. Florence Cappe assisted Mr. Nigg as official hostess in the receiving line. Also sharing the head table were Mr. Harry Jacob, President and his wife, Mrs. Florence Cappe and Mr. Joachim Beekmans, Toastmaster.

Dr. Markus Barth delivered the invocation in "Schweizer Deutsch". Dinner was served followed by the program which was introduced by Toastmaster Beekmans. Mr. & Mrs. Ozzie DePaul daughter of Mr. Fred O. Henzle and his son-in-law presented vocal and violin selections appropriate for the occasion. Mr. DePaul is a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Harry Jacob, President welcomed guests and members and presented the honored guests with a copy of a historical Review of the Swiss people in the Pittsburgh Area. Mr. Fred O. Henzle soon to be 93 years old delivered his address, followed by Consul Rene Nigg and Consul General Hans Lacher. To make the evening complete Ambassador Felix Schnyder impressed everyone with his message on Swiss neutrality, statistics on imports, exports, banking and economics in general.

Concluding the program Toastmaster Beekmans presented Mrs. Schnyder with the centerpiece of red and white carnations depicting the Swiss flag followed by Swiss Folk Music by Fred and Hans Ryman. The next morning the Ambassador was received by the Press followed by a visit to Mayor Barr's Office and several industries.

At a luncheon at the Duquesne Club, Ambassador Schnyder spoke before a group of leading business men and industrialists in the Pittsburgh area. The Ladies were hosted by Mrs. Ben Moreell at her home on Woodland Road. 25 women guests attended the luncheon.

Ambassador Schnyder appeared on TV and radio. He and his party were later joined together to continue their tour of the nationality

## PITTSBURGH HONORS SWISS AMBASSADOR

The room was ornate with its already regal decor. A huge centerpiece of red and white carnations depicting the Swiss Flag adorned the head table flanked by two large candleabra bearing stately red and white candles. Individual tables wearing centerpieces complementary to the head table. This was the setting which met the eye as one entered the Salle on Sunday April 23rd, 1967 when the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh hosted a reception and banquet honoring Ambassador Felix Schnyder and Mrs. Schnyder. The Soiree took place in the Terrace Room of the Penn Sheraton Hotel.

Accompanying the Ambassador and his wife were Consul General Hans Lacher and Mrs. Lacher and Consul Werner Wahl of New York. Other honor guests included Mr. Rene Nigg, Consul for the Pittsburgh District and Mrs. Nigg and Mr. Fred O. Henzi, retired Consular agent.

A milestone was achieved when this long awaited goal became a reality for this was the first visit of an Ambassador in one hundred fifty years when the first Swiss settled in Pittsburgh.

The reception in the Foyer preceded the banquet and found 175 guests and members exchanging greetings over cocktails as they awaited the arrival of the dignitaries with much enthusiasm.

Mrs. Florence Gerber Cappe assisted Mr. Nigg as official hostess and as the receiving line formed she introduced each member and after 175 hand shakes and warm remarks I am sure our honor guests welcomed escort to their head table. Also sharing the head table was Mr. Harry Jacob, President, and Mrs. Jacob, Mrs. Florence Cappe and Mr. Joachim Beekmans, Toastmaster.

Dr. Markus Barth delivered the Invocation in "Schweizer Deutsch" and following the dinner a delightful program. Opening the program Toastmaster Beekmans introduced Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie DePaul, Concert artists who rendered vocal and violin selections of utmost delight to everyone. Their contribution to this event would well be called the "Dessert Extra-ordinaire". It is worthy to interject here that Mrs. DePaul is the daughter of Mr. Henzi and her husband is violinist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. After his address of Welcome President Harry Jacob presented the honor guests an artistic and autographed copy of a Historical Review of the Swiss of Pittsburgh. An extra treat awaited the guests when Mr. Fred O. Henzi who belies his 93 years of age delivered a message with his usual air of complacency. Truly a remarkable gentleman. Consul Rene Nigg pleased the guests with his appropriate address followed with a few well chosen words by Consul General Hans Lacher. To use the vernacular, the icing was put on the cake when our respected Ambassador Felix Schnyder brought forth his inspiring message touching on Swiss neutrality, statistics on imports, exports, banking and economics in general and spoke in the average laymens english which was pleasant to digest.

Concluding the formal part of the program Toastmaster Beekmans presented Mrs. Schnyder with the centerpiece and the evening terminated with Swiss Folk Music by Fred and Hans Eymann.

A salute to President Harry Jacob, his staff and Toastmaster Beekmans for a superb evening-one long to be remembered.

Submitted by Florence Gerber Cappe



April 8, 1967

Swiss Publishing Co.  
1 Union Square West  
Room 410  
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please publish the news item contained herein in your next issue of the American Swiss Gazette. An enclosing 0.25 to cover the cost of mailing a copy of the Gazette containing the item to me.

Yours very truly,

Florence Gerber Cappe

Publicity Chmn.

ITEM:

On Sunday April 23rd, 1967 the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh will host a reception at the Penn Sheraton Hotel in honor of his Excellency the Ambassador of Switzerland to the United States Felix Schnyder and Madame Schnyder and Consul General Hans Lacher and Mrs. Lacher on their first official visit to Pittsburgh.

The reception will be at half past six o'clock with dinner served at half past seven o'clock in the Terrace Room with a Program to follow.

The committee in charge is very busily engaged in working closely with Mr. Rene Nigg, Consul of Switzerland for the Pittsburgh district and other Pittsburgh dignitaries to make the visit of our distinguished guests a pleasant one.

The Hotel as well as the Press and Television medium are also co-operating to their fullest extent and with their assistance this will surely be a Red Letter day for Pittsburgh and the Swiss American Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Gerber Cappe  
Publicity Chmn.

A motion was made by Leo Marxer that all the people that attend the dinner and are not members of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh be sent an invitation to join. Heinz Gonser second the motion and it was carried.

THIS A letter was read in regards to an ad for the German Song Fest year. Frank Fisher made a motion to place an ad for \$15 in the 46th National Song Festival Souvenir Program. Walter Heer second the motion and it was carried.

Rene Nigg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*

Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary

April 7, 1967

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by President Harry Jacob at his home.

The minutes were read and approved. Members present as follows: Harry Jacob, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fisher, Florence Cappe, Heinz Gonser, Walter Heer, Leo Marxer, Rene Nigg, Werner Schneider and Mr. Beekman, guest. The reception and banquet in honor of the Swiss Ambassador to the United States was discussed, as follows:

Mr. Beekman will supply the Swiss Flag.

Swissair will furnish flowers for the head table including 1 head piece and 2 side pieces. Also 7 corsages for the Ladies and 14 white carnations for the men. Florence Cappe said she will donate red and white carnations for centerpieces. Rene Nigg made a motion that we are grateful to Florence Cappe for donating flower centerpieces. Leo Marxer second the motion and it was carried.

It was discussed to have a stand up lectern behind the table. We will have an invocation. Rene Nigg will contact Dr. Bart to take care of this. The program from receiving line to dinner through entertainment was outlined.

Delly Heer and Trudy Kuenzi will take care of checking reservations. It was discussed to invite the Swiss exchange students.

Rene Nigg made a motion that the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh will pay the dinner expense for Swiss exchange students who may attend and the entertainers. Leo Marxer second the motion and it was carried.

Heinz Gonser made a motion to buy 2 bottles of wine for each table and the necessary wine for the head table at the expense of the Society. Leo Marxer second the motion and it was carried.

March 2, 1967

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. on March 2, 1967 in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Werner Schneider. Board present were Harry Jacob, Rainer Vogt, Frank Fischer, Florence Cappe, Leo Marxer, Werner Schneider, Walter Heer, René Nigg, Heinz Gonser and non Board member Joachim Beekman. The business of this meeting is to plan the visit to Pittsburgh of the Swiss Ambassador to the U.S.A. Felix Schnyder and his party on April 23, 1967. Mr. Walter Heer with his committee, Frank Fischer and Leo Marxer gave a report of the places contacted to have this reception and it was agreed to hold this affair at either the Penn Sheraton or Hilton Hotels. The decision to be made by Walter Heer on Saturday, March 4, 1967. After studying all the different menus the main course of chicken was decided upon in order to keep down the cost per ticket. It was decided to start the reception at 6:30 P.M. with dinner served at 7:30 P.M. During the reception cocktails will be available for those that desire to purchase them.

The next items discussed were the cost of each dinner ticket. After much discussion and figuring a price of \$7.50 per person was set. In order to make this price as low as possible a possibility of this affair not paying its own way exists so a motion made by Florence Cappe, seconded by Frank Fischer, that the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh would support this affair for anything over the cost incurred.

The publicity, invitations and reception committee consisting of Florence Cappe, Rainer Vogt, Heinz Gonser and Joachim Beekman will work on the invitations this coming week and a meeting held on March 9th, 1967 to finalize everything so that it can be printed.

The entertainment was discussed but nothing settled at this meeting until a few contacts are made. Walter Krumich and W. Schneider will serve on this committee.

Mr. Joachim Beekman was asked to M.C. this program and he accepted.

The next meeting of the entire board will be held on April 7, 1967 to finalize all plans.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Harry Jacob, President  
Acting Secretary

## Film "Attention, avalanche"

A Film (16 mm) edited by the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research has become available at the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington D.C. for presentation within organisations with specific interest in avalanches.

It shows the principles of avalanche formation, the operation of the Swiss warning system and gives some hints for the correct behaviour of skiers in avalanche danger. Some pictures of artificially released avalanches are included as well as some scenes of fine skiing. Although insight is given into methods of snow measurement and processes of snow transformation, the film as a whole is rather popular than scientific. It is rated to be suitable for presentation within smaller groups interested in snow craft, patrol organisations, ski clubs etc.

The original sound track is in German language. A translation into English is delivered in written form so that a speaker may insert the necessary comments.

### Specifications of film

Coloured Film - 16 mm - 24 fr/sec with light sound track (German language + music)

- one perforation
- Length 470 m (1500 ft)
- Duration: 45 minutes, English comment (written)
- Date of production: 1960-65
- Location: Swiss Alps, mainly Davos and surroundings
- Editor and Owner of Original and copyrights: Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research Weissfluhjoch/Davos (Switzerland)
- Camera: Victor Wyss
- Owner of copy: Embassy of Switzerland, Washington D.C.

### Conditions for presentation

Organisations with specific interest in avalanches (skiing, snow craft, avalanche control, rescue work) will receive the copy on application free of charge for a restricted time according to a booking order.

In order to allow a wide circulation, the users are kindly requested to keep the copy in good shape (use only clean projectors) and to return it in due time. As a normal procedure the film should be sent back to the Embassy of

Embassy of Switzerland  
2900 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008

January 26, 1967

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Mrs E. Kuenzi, Secretary  
207 Churchill Rd.,  
Turtle Creek, Pa., 15145

Gentlemen:

The film "Schoen war die Jugendzeit"  
is reserved for your organization

- from April 1st to April 20th, 1967
- is unfortunately not available on one of the proposed dates. Open dates are:

After using the film, please ship it to:

- Embassy of Switzerland  
2900 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008
- Instructions will follow

so as to arrive no later than:

PS The other films are not available  
before May 1967 (Expo-Vision)  
and October 1967 (Attention Avalanche),  
sorry.

Sincerely yours,  
Embassy of Switzerland

*Lukas F. Burckhardt*  
Lukas F. Burckhardt  
Cultural Counselor.

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group.

The August First Picnic was tentatively slated for Sunday, July 30, 1967 at Rene Nigg's Farm.

An affair for March or April to be held at Titonia Hall - including dinner and a movie is being looked into.

Charles Erb made a motion that in the future only members in good standing will receive flowers in case of death. It was seconded by Frank Fisher and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*

Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary

January 21, 1967

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by President Harry Jacob at his home.

The following members were present: Harry Jacob, Rainer Vogt, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fisher, Werner Schneider, Walter Krummick, Delly and Walter Heer, Charles Erb, Robert Leuenberger and Heinz Gonser

The minutes were read. Charles Erb made a motion to accept the minutes of Nov. 19, 1966, seconded by Werner Schneider. Motion carried

Frank Fisher reported a balance of \$2,257.46. He gave a report of our November 19th social affair which will leave us with a balance of approximately \$21.00 less than stated above.

It was discussed to have forms made for the payment of dues for 1967. The Secretary will make up the forms and send them to the Membership Secretary to be sent out.

A Fondue Party was discussed and will be held February 4th for the Dancers and Committee members only of the 1966 Folk Festival.

The By-laws were discussed and we will hold a meeting February 17 at Trudy Kuenzi's home to get them in order for the printer. Harry Jacob, Rainer Vogt, Walter Heer, Chuck Erb, Florence Cappe, Frank Fisher, Rene Nigg and Trudy Kuenzi are on the By-laws Committee.

The plans for entertainment for the coming year was discussed. The affair for the Swiss Ambassador this Spring was discussed. Letters were read that Rene Nigg sent to the Council General and to the Ambassador and their respective replies were read. They will be available about the end of May or the beginning of June. A definite date has to be settled before invitations can be made and sent out. It was agreed all should take names and addresses of Swiss in the area who may be interested in this affair and also to possibly join our

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

January 11, 1967

Dear

There will be a meeting of the Executive Board of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh at the home of President, Harry Jacob, 5415 McCandless Avenue, on Saturday, January 21, 1967, at 8:30 P.M.

We hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

*Trudy Kuenzi*

Trudy Kuenzi  
Secretary

bekommen. Ich lasse Ihnen anbei die Photokopie eines Artikels aus "The Pittsburgh Press" vom 24. April 1967 zugehen, welche das, was ich im wesentlichen sagen wollte, recht zutreffend wiedergibt (Beilage 3).

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Kopien dieses Berichts gehen mit den gleichen Beilagen orientierungshalber an die Handelsabteilung des EVD und Herrn Dr. Gelzer.

Genehmigen Sie, Herr Minister, die Versicherung meiner vorzüglichen Hochachtung.

DER SCHWEIZERISCHE BOTSCHAFTER:

F. SCHNYDER

Beilagen erwähnt

und unterstützt werden können, heute besondere Aufmerksamkeit verdient.

6. In allen unseren Kontakten, bei den Behörden wie in Kreisen der Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft, begegneten wir, wie offenbar überall in Amerika, einem starken Mass an freundlichem Interesse für die Schweiz.

7. Pittsburgh ist eines der bedeutendsten Zentren der amerikanischen Wirtschaft. Das totale Kapital der Wirtschaften mit Hauptsitz in Pittsburgh (Gulf Oil, US-Steel, Alcoa, Westinghouse, Heinz etc.) ist grösser als das in allen andern Städten der USA, mit Ausnahme von New York. Die Beziehungen der Geschäftswelt in Pittsburgh mit der Schweiz sind zum Teil lebendig und substantiell. Wir fanden hier auch beträchtliches Interesse für die Ideen eines liberalen und freien Welt Handels, denen offenbar hier nur die Stahlindustrie widerspricht.

Meine Ansprache in Duquesne Club wurde von den anwesenden ca. 60 Persönlichkeiten des Pittsburgher Wirtschaftslebens mit grossem Interesse aufgenommen und führte zu einer lebhaften Diskussion, in welcher die amerikanische Anerkennung für unsere leistungsfähige Wirtschaft, unsere gesunde Wirtschaftspolitik und namentlich auch für die verantwortungsbewusste Haltung unserer Arbeiterschaft zum Ausdruck kam. Gelegentliche offizielle schweizerische Kontakte mit den Kreisen der amerikanischen Grossindustrie in Pittsburgh sind von Interesse unseres Landes aus gesehen sicher fruchtbar und nötig.

8. Auch der kurze Besuch in zwei Hochschulen von Pittsburgh war nützlich und aufschlussreich. Es ist offensichtlich, dass die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet der Wissenschaft an Intensität und Bedeutung stark gewinnt und die ganze Aufmerksamkeit der interessierten schweizerischen Kreise verdient. Für die Geltung der Schweiz sind die Leistungen unserer Wissenschaftler, auch der jüngern "post-graduate-students", in Amerika von beträchtlicher Bedeutung. In der "University of Pittsburgh" wurde auch mit beträchtlichem Interesse und mit Befriedigung auf das in Allschwil (Baselland) organisierte "Study Year Abroad 1967-8 in Basel", "sponsored by the Regional Council for International Education", hingewiesen.

9. Unsere Reise war, wie schon aus dem Programm ersichtlich, mit beträchtlicher Publizität verbunden. Ich habe auch bereits einige Presseauschnitte zu sehen

3. Was das Programm im einzelnen anbelangt, kann ich auf die beiliegende Zusammenstellung verweisen (Beilage 2). In Ergänzung zu diesem (reich befrachteten) Fahrplan für den 24. April sei festgehalten, dass der Abend vorher einem Zusammentreffen mit der Schweizerkolonie gewidmet war, während wir den Abend des 24. Aprils in engem Kreis im gepflegten Heim unseres Honorarkonsuls Nigg zubrachten. Am nächsten Morgen sind meine Frau und ich auf dem Luftweg um 9.33 Uhr wieder in Washington eingetroffen.
4. Unser Honorarkonsul René Nigg, unterstützt von seiner charmanten Gattin, widmet der ihm anvertrauten Aufgabe lebhaftes Interesse und verfügt offenbar bei den örtlichen Behörden und bei der Geschäftswelt über gute Beziehungen. Seine ganz besondere Aufmerksamkeit widmet er der Schweizerkolonie. Seine Verbindungen mit dem Generalkonsulat in New York sind lebendig und fruchtbar. Trotzdem ist es offensichtlich, dass wir, wenn wir aus der potentiell sehr wertvollen Einrichtung unserer Honorarvertretungen in Amerika vollen Nutzen ziehen wollen, einen möglichst intensiven persönlichen Kontakt, wie ihn unser Besuch in Pittsburgh darstellen sollte, pflegen müssen.
5. Der Zusammenhalt in der Schweizerkolonie in der Gegend von Pittsburgh ist erfreulich, nicht zuletzt dank den Bemühungen von Honorarkonsul Nigg und seines immer noch sehr regen Vorgängers, des heute 92 Jahre alten ehemaligen Konsularagenten Fred O. Henzi.

Die Landsleute, die in und um Pittsburgh leben, sind zum allergrössten Teil amerikanische Staatsangehörige. Sie zeigen aber trotzdem eine starke Bindung an die alte Heimat. Die Anzahl derjenigen, die noch Schweizerdeutsch sprechen, zum Teil ohne jemals in unserem Land gelebt zu haben, ist höher als in andern Orten, die wir bisher besucht hatten. In der jüngern Vergangenheit haben neue Ankömmlinge, namentlich auch manche erfolgreiche Wissenschaftler aus der Schweiz, neues Leben in die Schweizerkolonie gebracht.

Die Landsleute in Pittsburgh wussten offenbar das Interesse, das ihnen mit unserem Besuch bewiesen werden sollte, zu schätzen. Zum Nachtessen am Abend des 23. April erschienen ungefähr 180 Landsleute (verglichen mit ähnlichen Anlässen kürzlich in Atlanta/Georgia, New Orleans/Louisiana und Houston/Texas, an denen jeweils 50 - 60 Gäste, wovon erst noch ein viel grösserer Anteil von amerikanischen Freunden!).

Auch in Pittsburgh war aber festzustellen, dass man schweizerischerseits der Frage, wie unsere Kolonien in Zukunft in ihrem Interesse für unser Land ermutigt

Kopie für Herrn René Nigg, Schweizerischer Konsul in Pittsburgh, z.K.  
und mit herzlichstem Dank.



*Mr. und Mrs. Nigg*  
*F. Nigg*

28. April 1967 X

An die Abteilung für  
Verwaltungsangelegenheiten des  
Eidg. Politischen Departements  
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Herr Minister,

Mit Ihrem Telegramm Nr. 88 vom 21.2.1967 haben Sie für Generalkonsul und Frau Dr. Hans Lacher, meine Frau und mich eine Dienstreise nach Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), vorgesehen auf 23./24. d.M., bewilligt, eine Ermächtigung, die Sie in der Folge noch auf Konsul Wahl aus New York ausdehnt haben.

Diese Dienstreise hat sich als sehr lohnend erwiesen, und ich beehre mich, Ihnen darüber im folgenden kurz Bericht zu erstatten. Vorausschicken möchte ich noch, dass Herr Wahl, der am Abendessen mit der Schweizerkolonie am 23. d.M. und am Mittagessen des "World Affair Council of Pittsburgh" im Duquesne Club am folgenden Tag teilnahm, im übrigen, wie vorgesehen, seine eigenen - kommerziellen - Kontakte gepflegt hat. Das Schweizerische Generalkonsulat wird Ihnen darüber allenfalls direkt Bericht geben. X

1. Mein Abstecher nach Pittsburgh war der erste Besuch eines schweizerischen diplomatischen Vertreters aus Washington in dieser Stadt, eine angesichts der Bedeutung von Pittsburgh und der dortigen Schweizerkolonie überraschende, jedenfalls zufallsbedingte Tatsache. X
  2. Ueber den allgemeinen Rahmen und Zweck unseres Besuchs in Pittsburgh orientiert die beiliegende Aufzeichnung, die wir für die Information der Presse vorbereitet hatten (Beilage 1).
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## The Swiss in Western Pennsylvania

(An Historical Review)

In the earliest annals of the history of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, we find the names of Swiss-Americans who played important roles, even in the periods preceding the American Revolutionary War. First of all, there is the name of Col. Henry Bouquet, a native of Rolle, Switzerland. After the death of General Forbes, Col. Bouquet was placed in command of all posts and forts from Philadelphia--over Carlisle, Bedford, Fort Pitt, Lake Erie, etc. For seven years these garrisons formed the farthestmost outposts of civilization.

In the Spring of 1763, eighteen Indian tribes set out to simultaneously attack all these forts and to destroy their garrisons with fire and tomahawk. Nine forts were conquered and most of their garrisons massacred. The victory-drunk Indians now prepared for the final attack of Fort Pitt, but Col. Bouquet met them with his army in Westmoreland County, and in that memorable battle of Bushy Run on August 6, 1763, won a decisive victory over the Indians, thus saving the white settlers of Western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley.

At the same time as Col. Bouquet, several other Swiss played important parts in the fight against the Indians, men such as Fred Haldiman, commander of a battalion of 1,000 men, and a Swiss officer by the name of Equyer, who won recognition as a heroic defender of Fort Pitt.

Another Swiss-American, Albert Gallatin, from Geneva, Switzerland, today ranks with the greatest men of his time and stands first among those of foreign birth, in point of service, in the political life of our country in

its formation period. Beautiful old Friendship Hill, his home at New Geneva, near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, speaks eloquently of this man who formed a strong tie between two liberty-loving republics. His wanderings from place to place after the revolution brought Gallatin first to Virginia; then to the domain of William Penn in Western Pennsylvania, where he settled in 1786. In 1789, he built Friendship Hill, which today is a national shrine. In 1794, he founded New Geneva and two years later established the first glass factory west of the Alleghenies.

Entering upon his political career, he stood out as a member of the convention which revised the State Constitution in 1789. In 1801, President Jefferson called him to his Cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury, and due to his ability as a financier, he was retained in that office throughout the administration of President Madison. Later he served as Minister to France, as Envoy Extraordinary to London, and as head of the peace mission to Russia.

In the nineteenth century, there was considerable immigration from Switzerland and many of these settled in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. As for Pittsburgh, Henry Rickenbach, without reservation, can well be called the founder of Allegheny's Dutchtown. A native of Switzerland, he made his first appearance in Allegheny in 1808 and purchased a large parcel of land on which he built a substantial cabin. Today this site is known as River Avenue and Voegtly Street.

Three years later, he returned to Switzerland for his wife and three children and while there he began extolling the advantages that awaited immigrants in the young city which, he assured them, had a great future. His talks were fruitful and Nicholas Voegtly and his family migrated with him to the New World. Through these two families, a large number of others migrated

and settled in Allegheny near the Rickenbachs and Voegtlys. This location is today known as "Dutchtown"--then called "Schweizer Quartier" or "Swiss Quarter". The new arrivals built homes and soon spread to the hillsides of Spring Hill and Troy Hill where many farmed. Others worked in the mills in Pittsburgh and when the packing houses, tanneries, and soap factories opened in Allegheny they joined the army of workers in these plants. Edward Fenderich, a native Swiss, was one of the first pharmacists in Pittsburgh.

These new families eventually organized their own societies and became quite interested and active in the affairs of the young city and petitioned Allegheny officials for permission to take charge of the Phoenix Fire Engine.

As Dutchtown grew, the Swiss as well as Germans of Protestant Evangelical faith saw the need for a church, and in April, 1833, Nicholas Voegtly offered to donate a portion of his ground for a church and parsonage on East Ohio Street near the road leading to Troy Hill. Overjoyed at his generous offer, thirty families met in the Voegtly home and subscribed their names to the organization of a church. A committee, consisting of Nicholas Voegtly and son, Henry Rickenbach and son, Jacob Dellenbach, John Still, and George Hetzel, was appointed to further the work of the organization. In November, 1833, the Voegtly Evangelical Church, a one-story brick structure, was erected at a cost of \$957.00. Reverend C. L. Daubert was installed as pastor. Three years later, a school was built and Phillip Diehl was appointed its first teacher.

In the years which followed, Dutchtown grew and so did Voegtly Church. The church was enlarged and a new school and parsonage was built, and today we find several hundred families, ancestors of the immigrants Henry Rickenbach induced to settle in Allegheny, still worshipping in the 134-year old church he helped found.

Mention must also be made of the many Swiss Dairy Farmers who since the early eighties settled in and around Pittsburgh. First of all came Fridolin Schwitter, a Glarner from Naefels who settled on a large farm on a site which today is known as the Borough of West View. Here he established the largest dairy farm in Western Pennsylvania. His dairy wagons were made by Joseph Sacker and painted by John Froelich and could be seen on all the streets of old Allegheny. Dozens of Swiss dairymen found employment at Schwitters as they migrated to Pittsburgh. In the nineties, with advancing age, Fred Schwitter, as he was later known, sold all but a five-acre tract of land to a real estate company which developed the current thriving town or Borough of West View. On this five-acre tract, Fred Schwitter built a palatial residence which eventually was acquired by the Borough of West View and today serves as the Town Hall or Municipal Building. It bears mentioning here that much of the material used in the construction of Schwitter's home was brought from Switzerland, including the colorful tiles used on the upper part of the home and the Carriage House--always conversation pieces for people passing by.

Immediately adjacent to the landmark is located the hospitable residence of Mrs. Florence Gerber Cappe, the energetic, capable, and devoted organizer of many current Swiss activities. Mrs. Cappe welcomes inquiries with respect to the history of the property around her.

Among the other Swiss dairy farmers of Fred Schwitter's era, we find the names of Habegger, Hunziker, Staub, Marti, Oggier, Kaelin, and Zehnder. Then there was the Appenzeller colony on Glenfield Hill, near Sewickley, with the Koller, Hoerler families and Postmaster Zurcher of Glenfield. All of these no longer exist, however, the "Swiss Farm Dairy" owned by Mr. John Fankhauser and Mr. Ernest Kuenzi located on Churchill Road is currently in operation. Both are native Swiss and many visitors from Switzerland, including official delegations, are always accorded that fine Swiss hospitality.

In the eighteen seventies and eighties, the Swiss colony of Western Pennsylvania had grown to approximately 2,000 families. Several mutual benefit societies were organized, among them the Society of the Sons of Winkelried. The first of the social organizations to be founded was the Helvetia Male Chorus. In 1891 it was this society which took it upon itself to celebrate the 600th Anniversary of the Independence of Switzerland on a grand scale. The principal feature of that festivity was the great historic pageant through the streets of Pittsburgh and Allegheny City. Down Fifth Avenue came the parade headed by the carriage of Mayor Gourley of Pittsburgh and Mayor Weyman of Allegheny City, followed by floats describing the early Swiss history; Swiss warriors on horseback; William Tell and his boy; an allegorical group: Columbia and Helvetia, surrounded by twenty-two young maidens in the various Swiss costumes; a herd of cattle from Fred Schwitter's Dairy Farm, with bells imported from Switzerland, and herdsmen in their Alpine costumes.

Then followed the members of the various Swiss societies with their banners. A picnic at Ross's Grove near Aspinwall concluded this memorable and most successful celebration.

In the early nineties, there was a considerable immigration of Swiss technicians, skilled machinists and watchmakers who settled in and around Pittsburgh. At one time, in the middle nineties, a group of Swiss engineers, all graduates of the Federal Polytechnic Institute in Zurich, were employed at the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company in East Pittsburgh, with Albert Schmid as General Manager, Jules Neher, Assistant Manager, and M. Sigfried as Shop Engineer. Numerous watchmakers were employed at the Pittsburgh Meter Company, an affiliate of Westinghouse. At the present time, hundreds of Swiss families and their descendents are settled on the East Hills of Pittsburgh adjoining the Westinghouse Works, where most of them are employed.

Unfortunately, due to change of times and circumstances, the societies prominent in years gone by, such as the Helvetia Male Chorus, the Swiss Gymnastic Club, and the Helvetia Association have been dissolved. The Helvetia Association, comprised of Swiss chefs, many of whom are employed today in Pittsburgh hotels as well as the H. J. Heinz Company, was the last to dissolve. Our present day outstanding chefs include the names of Frank Fischer, Walter Muntwyler, Theodore Locher, Stephen Vonderach, and Paul Bucher.

In 1956, it was learned that Pittsburgh would be assigned a new Consular Agent, Mr. Rene Nigg, to replace Mr. Fred O. Henzi upon his retirement after a tenure of sixty years. Through the efforts of Mrs. Florence Gerber Cappe and Mr. Werner Schneider, a reception for these two gentlemen was organized. This was the spark needed to light the fire for new life sprouted in the Swiss colony of Pittsburgh.

During the next five years, through the efforts of a small but cooperative group of native Swiss, Swiss Americans, and second generation Swiss Americans, several notable events were held, among them dinner parties and participation in the Pittsburgh Folk Festival. In April, 1960, the reception honoring Dr. H. J. Halbheer, representative of the New Helvetic Society in Berne, Switzerland, was indeed a success.

Then finally, in November, 1962, this same small group met and formed the "Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh" which today has a rapid growth of membership. In January, 1963, the Inaugural Dinner was held at Cranberry Hall with one hundred members attending, and biannual events have followed, including the Birthday Party in May, 1965, honoring Mr. Fred O. Henzi, retired Consular Agent, on his ninetieth birthday.

It is noteworthy to mention that the organization applied for a charter as a non-profit organization, and in November, 1966, at a brief ceremony and after a highly congratulatory speech by The Honorable Judge David Olbum, the charter was granted. Also in this same year, Mr. Rene Nigg was elevated to Consul of Switzerland for the Pittsburgh District.

Those who have held the office of President since the reorganization in 1962 are Mr. Charles Erb, Mr. Walter Heer, and Mr. Harry Jacob, presiding. Under his guidance, plans are being made for a reception to be held on Sunday, April 23, 1967, at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel honoring His Excellency, The Swiss Ambassador to the United States, Felix Schnyder and Mrs. Schnyder, Consul General Hans Lacher and Mrs. Lacher, and Consul Werner Wahl on their first official visit to Pittsburgh.

Contributed by: Fred O. Henzi  
Florence Gerber Cappe



—Post-Gazette Photo by Charles Stuebgen

## Swiss Visitors

Mrs. Felix Schnyder, left, wife of the ambassador from Switzerland to the United States, and Mrs. Hans Lacher, right, wife of the Swiss consul general in New York,

were guests of honor yesterday at a luncheon given by Mrs. Ben Moreell, center, in her home on Woodland Road. The party was held while the Ambassador addressed a World Affairs Council luncheon at the Duquesne Club on Sixth Ave.

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**SIMILARITY OF** citizens of Switzerland and the United States was one of the interesting observations made by Mrs. Felix Schnyder, wife of the Swiss ambassador to the United States, when she was talking with her hostess. Mrs. Ben Moreell, during the luncheon Mrs. Moreell arranged for her and Mrs. Hans Lacher, wife of the Swiss consul general in New York City. "We are so much alike," she said.

Mrs. Schnyder is president-elect of an organization of women in Washington called the International Neighbor Club. The membership includes representatives from the embassies, the Congress and the cabinet. The women meet, minus the usual protocol, and their association is that of "neighbors." They visit places of interest in Washington, D. C., and elsewhere. They are arranging a plane trip to Canada's Expo '67, said Mrs. Schnyder. Of course, they will see Switzerland's exhibit there. Mrs. Lacher and her husband will attend the opening of the Canadian Centennial this weekend.

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# Swiss Group Luncheon Guests

By MARY O'HARA

Mrs. Ben Moreell stood at the head of the stairs in her Woodland Road home yesterday and received 25 women guests for luncheon. The guest of honor was Mrs. Felix Schnyder, wife of the Swiss ambassador to the United States who was paying his first visit here. In fact, it was the first visit of any Swiss ambassador to Pittsburgh.

The hostess in a black Geoffrey Beene dress and gold jewelry, had cautioned her guests to be present before the distinguished visitors because that's the way they do it along embassy row in Washington and Cele Moreell should know.

In addition to Mrs. Schnyder, there were Mrs. Daisy Lacher, wife of the Swiss consul general in New York; Mrs. Rene Nigg, wife of the Swiss consul in this area, and Mrs. Rolf Bungeroth of Fox Chapel, who explained that she was just "plain Swiss," and not official.

Of medium height, slender and blond, Mrs. Schnyder wore a suit of pale blue swiss lace which she had made in Paris. On her head was an off-white satin hat. Mrs. Lacher wore a charcoal, tailored dress, a red straw hat and some basic diamond and gold jewelry that had the American guests making notes about what to do with their tiffany stones.

After a brief cocktail session, the guests, were ushered into the dining room where the table was laid with a lace cloth, gold and white plates and vermeil flatware, crystal glasses and



**ENTERTAINING AT LUNCHEON** yesterday in honor of the wife of the Swiss Ambassador to the United States, was Mrs. Ben Moreell, far left. With her are three of her guests, Mrs. Max Bishop, wife of the former U. S. Ambassador to Thailand, Mrs. Felix Schnyder, wife of the Swiss ambassador, and Mrs. Daisy Lacher, wife of the Swiss Consul General of the U. S. in New York.

arrangements of extravagant daisies and greenery.

The menu consisted of fresh pineapple and strawberries, with a few freshly picked violets on each plate. Nobody said, "Please don't eat the violets," but no one did. They pinned them to their dresses because Mrs. Schnyder said that would bring good luck.

Breast of chick jeannette en gelee, with pate and truffles,

virginia ham, asparagus, rolls, vanilla ice cream awash with creme de menthe and, on the side, coconut cake, comprised the menu. There was a fine chablis to make festive the occasion.

Mrs. Moreell's daughter, Mrs. Jerome Apt Jr., helped her mother with the hostess duties. And her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alan I. W. Frank, whose handsome Irish Setters

loped across the greensward outside the dining room windows, had her mother beside her, Mrs. Allan Sloss.

The Swiss entourage went on to a tour of the nationality rooms at Pitt's Cathedral of Learning, tea at Carnegie Tech, and a quiet family dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Renen Nigg at their farmhouse near Freeport.

# Soiree of Swiss For Ambassador Visit Here Grows

Sunday marks a red letter day for a little known nationality group in Pittsburgh.

The Swiss-American Society will trot out its best bib and tucker for Swiss Ambassador Felix Echnyder and his wife. It is the first time in history the ambassador from Switzerland has been here.

His visit caps an interesting story of a group of native born and second generation Swiss getting together for years with little fanfare. Finally, they decided to incorporate under the leadership of Rene Nigg and Mrs. Florence Gerber Cappe of 600 Perry Highway, West View, in June, 1962.

The society has now about 200 members, Mrs. Cappe said. "We are still a very minority group," she laughed.

Through the efforts of Nigg and the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, the ambassador's visit was arranged. The highlight of the visit will be a formal reception and dinner Sunday night at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel.

Mrs. Cappe said that about 75 people had been expected to attend the reception but the Swiss community is so excited by the visit that 175 reservations have already been made.

The reception will begin at 6:30 p. m.

Although the Swiss of Pittsburgh are a relatively new group under the law, their local heritage goes back to 1808 when the first Swiss immigrant settled in what is now Northside—but for nearly a century was called "Dutchtown" because of the large Swiss population.

Mrs. Cappe pointed out that the name Switzerland conjures up images of watches and cheeses to most non-Swiss.

"But right now Swiss officials are very concerned over the fact that many precision instrument specialists and scientists are being lured to the United States by our industries," she said. That accounts for a relatively high number of native born Swiss youngsters in the Pittsburgh district.

Mrs. Clair (Margaret) Manns of Levittown and William V. Hess of Munnhall; also seven grandchildren. Friends received starting Saturday at 7 p. m. at the **GEORGE J. GREEN FUNERAL HOME**, 3511 Main St. (Homestead Park) Munnhall. Requiem high mass in St. Teresa R. C. Church on Tuesday at 11 a. m.

#### HUNGERMAN (Stubenbort)

Catherine M., at Girard, Ohio, formerly of Bloomfield, on Friday, April 14, 1967, beloved wife of Andrew Hungerman; mother of Catherine Howley, Marie Walla, Alberta Dresmich, Rose Marie Ganzert, Andrew and William Hungerman; sister of Joseph and Florence Stubenbort and Charles Leberman; also survived by 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends received after 12 noon Sunday at the **HENRY C. BOCK FUNERAL HOME**, 1500 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Funeral on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Requiem high mass in St. Catherine Church, Wildwood, at 10 a. m.

#### IRWIN

Andrew, of 8255 Remington Drive, on Thursday, April 13, 1967, husband of the late Clara Fischer; survived by one son, Wallace Irwin; two grandsons and one granddaughter. Friends received at the **E. W. CLARTY FUNERAL HOME**, 1305 Allegheny Ave., N. S. Funeral Monday, April 17, at 1:30 p. m. Friends and members of McKinley F&AM 318 invited. Family requests visitations from 2-4 and 7-10 p. m.

#### KARAUSKAS (Korosky)

On Wednesday, April 12, 1967, of 2215 Sarah St., Victoria Karauskas, wife of the late Anthony Karauskas; mother of Ann Dabulis; also survived by six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister of Mrs. Bertha Strawinskas, Sr. M. Paul O.S.S. and Mrs. Mary Palucus. Funeral from **A. L. WENSOVAS FUNERAL HOME**, 2128 East Carson St. Funeral on Monday, April 17, 1967, at 8 a. m. Requiem high mass at St. Casimir's Church at 9 a. m.

#### KELLY

On Friday, April 14, 1967, Harry Frederick Kelly, husband of Eleanor S. Kelly of 5141 Fifth Ave.; father of Sarah Eleanor (Sally) Kelly; brother of Paul W. and Edith K. Maitack, of Pgh. Friends received at **H. SAMSON INC.**, 537 Neville St., (Oakland Civic Center) Saturday 7-9 p. m. and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p. m. Services and interment private. Please omit flowers.

#### KELSEY

Marion D., of 3508 Cable Place; on Saturday, April 15, 1967; beloved wife of Louis F.; sister of Mrs. L. K. Robinson, Miss A. M. Thompson and George G. Thompson. Friends received at the **JOHN N. ELACHK FUNERAL HOME**, 3447 Dawson St., at Temple. Funeral on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery, McKees Rocks.

#### KIBEL

Mathilda Kibel, on Saturday, April 15, 1967, at Troy, O.; mother of Edward Kibel, Cleveland O.; sister of Thomas VanAsdale. For information call **GILBERT MCINNES, FUNERAL DIRECTOR**, 682-6500.

#### KICKO

On Wednesday, April 12, 1967, Adam, of Johnstown, Pa. Formerly of N. Bessemer, husband of Mary Democha Kicko; father of Mrs. Mary Kohan, Mrs. Margaret Democha, Mrs. Dorothy Berlick, Michael, John, George and Albert Kicko; step-father of Mrs. Mary Evanchock, Mrs. Helen

and 7-9 p. m. Funeral on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Requiem high mass in St. Boniface Church at 10 a. m.

#### LIEB

On Saturday, April 15, 1967, Henry J. (Harry), of 2608 Elgar Rd., Gibsonia, husband of the late Anna C. Lahr; father of Mrs. Marlene Bauer, Harry A., Lester J., Richard R. and Wilbur F. Lieb; brother of Mrs. Marie Mueller and Mrs. Rose Mehnart; also survived by 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends received after 12 noon Sunday at the **HENRY C. BOCK FUNERAL HOME**, 1500 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Funeral on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Requiem high mass in St. Catherine Church, Wildwood, at 10 a. m.

#### LIPSKI

On Friday, April 14, 1967, Joseph, of Gross St., husband of the late Alexandra; survived by one sister, Mrs. Sophie Juchnik. Funeral from the **FRANK C. HARNESKI FUNERAL HOME**, 3201 Dobson St., on Monday, April 17, at 9 a. m. Requiem mass in The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 10 a. m. Visitations 2-4 and 7-10 p. m.

#### LHOTA

April 13, 1967, Rosalie C. Lhota, late of Troy Hill; sister of Helen Frauenpries and two grandchildren. Funeral from the **WILLIAM SIRLIN MORTUARY**, 620 E. Ohio St., on Monday, Requiem high mass at Most Holy Name Church at 9 a. m. St. Ann Society No. 16 and friends invited.

#### MacMILLAN (McMILLAN)

Alma, on Saturday, April 15, 1967, formerly of 506 Jacksonia St., North Side. Friends may call at the **MAURICE L. KNEE MEMORIAL HOME**, Center at South, Wilkensburg. Services on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

#### MAINS

Catherine G., Rt. 10, Apollo on Saturday, April 15, 1967, in her home. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Uplinger, Mrs. Ethel Croft, and Samuel, Philip, George W., Charles and Loy W. Jr. Friends may call at the **ROBERT G. PETERS FUNERAL HOME**, 244 Franklin Ave., Vandergriff, where services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment in Churchill Cemetery.

#### MALT

On Friday, April 14, 1967, at 2 p. m., Nathan Malt, beloved husband of Lilly Schwartz Malt, of 5330 Fern St., Stanton Heights; father of Max Malt, Mrs. Hyman (Shirley) Malinger, both of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Louis Janet Sames of N. Y. City, Mrs. Jack (Rense) Hart of Pitsaoin, Pa.; brother of Lazar Malt, Israel Malt, both of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Samuel Malt of Russia; also seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services at the **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL**, 5509 Centre Ave., on Sunday at 1 p. m. Interment Torah Chaim Cemetery. The family suggests contributions be made to the Heart Fund. Visitations after 7:30 p. m.

#### MCCARTNEY

On Friday, April 14, 1967, Stewart W., of 419 Fairmont Ave., Trafford, Pa., husband of Ethel Mae Judae; brother of Erma McCartney, Mrs. Mary Griffin, and Mrs. Elva Baer. Family will receive friends 1-4 and 7-10 p. m. at the **W. N. DAUGHERTY & SON FUNERAL HOME**, Trafford, Pa. Funeral service Tuesday at 2 p. m.

#### MCCARTHY

On Thursday, April 13, 1967, Robert G., of 112 Welsh Ave., Wilmerding,

#### PUPA

On Friday, April 14, Henry, beloved son of the late Assunta and James Sr.; brother of Robert, William, Edward, Victor and Emma Coffman, Elvira and James Jr. Friends will be received at the **MICHAEL F. DE ROSA MORTUARY**, Paulson Ave. of Winslow St., until Monday at 10 a. m. Solemn requiem high mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 10:15 a. m. Visitation 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 p. m.

#### RANDOUR

On Thursday, April 13, 1967 in Mercy Hospital, Pgh. Leon A., of 321 Third St., McDonald, Pa., beloved husband of Elizabeth McVicker Randour; father of Mrs. Mariorie Frazee, Mrs. Dorothy Phillips and Mrs. Mary Jane McCarty, all of McDonald, Pa.; brother of Mrs. Jeanette Wilson, McDonald, Arthur Silver Springs, Md., Dr. George and William, both of McDonald, Hubert of Penn Hills, Charles of Cape May, N.J.; five grandchildren survive. Friends are being received at the **FRANK J. NATION FUNERAL HOME**, 220 East Lincoln Ave., McDonald, Pa. Requiem mass Monday, April 17 at 10 a. m. in St. Alphonsus R.C. Church, McDonald, Pa.

#### RECTOR

Suddenly, on Friday, April 14, 1967, William J. R., of 409 Glenshaw Ave., Glenshaw, husband of Margaret Engelhardt; father of Mrs. Althea Bieker, of San Francisco, Calif.; also survived by three grandchildren. Friends will be received at the **HENRY C. BOCK FUNERAL HOME**, 1500 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, where services will be held on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. (Visitations with the family 2-4 and 7-10 p. m.)

#### REDER

On Thursday, April 13, 1967, Elizabeth, of 3220 Central Ave., wife of the late Carl M. Reder; sister of Emma Baumgarten, Ray Biernesser and Leo Biernesser. Friends received at the **ALBERT A. NOVAK FUNERAL HOME**, 3313 Brighton Rd. Requiem high mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Monday at 9:30 a. m.

#### RICHARDSON

Suddenly on Thursday, April 13, 1967, Martha Burleigh of 65 Miller St., beloved daughter of William Burleigh Sr., sister of Marian B. Holmes, Menona Roberts, William Jr., Theodore and Henry Burleigh. Friends are being received at the **GEORGE A. WARDEN AND SON FUNERAL HOME**, 1100 North Homewood Ave., service Monday at 1 p. m. in Upland Street Church of God, interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

#### ROLAND

Clara Heidenreich Roland, widow of Joseph, of 2558 California Ave., N. S., on Thursday, April 13, 1967; beloved mother of Mrs. Viola Murphy, Joseph, Howard and Harry and sister of Mrs. Ann Ellinger, Tillie and James D. Heidenreich. Friends may call at the **HOME OF WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN**, 3724 California at Cooper Aves., N. S. Requiem high mass in St. Francis Xavier's Church Monday at 9:30 a. m.

#### ROMANOWSKI

On Thursday, April 13, 1967, Raymond of 46th St., beloved husband of Virginia Pauloski and father of Robert, Donna, and James. Funeral on Monday at 9 a. m. from the **ALBERT F. BOREK FUNERAL HOME**, 249 Main St., Lawrenceville. Solemn requiem mass at 10 a. m. in Holy Family Church. Family visitations 2-4, 7-9 p. m.

**FUNERAL HOME**, 125 Meadow St. Solemn requiem high mass in Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Monday at 9:30 a. m.

#### TAYLOR

On Saturday, April 15, 1967, Mary Fowler, wife of William D. Taylor of R. D. 3, Gibsonia; mother of Mrs. Wilma Gurneck and Mrs. Virginia Kamitsky; also survived by seven grandchildren. Friends received at the **HERBERT R. KING JR. FUNERAL HOME**, Route 3 of Woodlawn Circle, Allison Park, where services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

#### THOMAS

Suddenly at South Side Hospital, on Thursday, April 13, 1967 Florence of Wynn St., Ingram, beloved daughter of Mable McKenzie Thomas, and the late Norris (Jeff) Thomas; sister of Mrs. Janet Havern, Mrs. Claire Sutor, Mrs. Irma Zwick and Glenn Taylor. Friends received at the **MERVIN C. STOVER FUNERAL HOME**, 534 Island Ave., McKees Rocks, 2-4 and 7-10 p. m. Funeral services on Monday at 2 p. m.

#### TOBIAS

On Friday, April 14, 1967, Nathan, beloved husband of Ida Tobias; father of Mrs. Julius (Tarmke) Goltz, William and S. Charles Tobias, both of Denver, Colo.; brother of Mrs. Sam (Minnie) Stone, of L. A., Calif, Morris Tobias, of Pgh.; also six grandchildren. Friends received two hours prior to service at the **BURTON L. HIRSCH CHAPEL**, 2704 Murray Ave., Squirrel Hill (opp. Marrowfield Apts.), where services will be held on Sunday at 11:30 a. m. Interment Beth Abraham Cemetery.

#### TODD

On Friday, April 14, 1967, Bees Lewis, wife of the late George S. Todd; stepmother of Kirkland W. Todd of Nassau, Mrs. Helen Wattles of Cleveland, O., and Robert C. Todd of Pgh. Friends received at **H. SAMSON INC.**, 537 Neville St., (Oakland Civic Center) Saturday 7-9 p. m. Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p. m., where services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

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