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Presidents of Swiss Societies in Great Britain



HENRY DE TORRENTÉ.

Envoyé Extraordinaire et Plenipotentiaire de la Confédération Helvétique près de la Cour de St. James.

Président d'Honneur, of a number of Swiss Societies in Great Britain.



ANTON BON.

President : Swiss Benevolent Society.

Elected President of Society in 1940. President City Swiss Club 1943-1946. Member of 1st of August Committee. Governor Gordon Stoun School, Elgin (Scotland). Arrived in this country in 1936. Profession : Hotelier.



P. A. MOEHR.

President : City Swiss Club.

Entered Committee in 1942 as Librarian. Hon. Secretary : 1943-1948. President : 1948. Arrived in London in 1920. Mr. Moehr is a Director of the Acme Transport Co., Ltd., in London.



E. STEINER.

Chairman : Swiss Economic Council.

Since inception of the erstwhile Council for the Study of Swiss Problems, now known under the above name, its Chairman. Vice-President : City Swiss Club (1946-49) Trustee : Swiss Mercantile Society.

Entered firm of Messrs. Volkart Bros., Winterthur, in 1895, transferred to London Office 1896, Bombay Office in 1897 and Madras Office in 1910. Returned to London Branch as Manager in 1914. Retired from his post in 1946.



DR. H. W. EGLI.

President: Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

Elected President in January, 1947. Editor: "Swiss Observer," 1928/29. Took the initiative for the formation of an Assembly of Presidents of Swiss Societies in Great Britain, and when constituted was elected Chairman. Has also taken initiative for founding a Swiss Social Centre (the realisation of this project is still pending). First came to England as a student in 1919, returned in 1924, as correspondent of "Der Bund" Berne, at present Chief Foreign Correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung."

Dr. Egli took over the presidency of the "Nouvelle Société Helvétique" in 1947 in order to save this Society from self-extinction, with the support of many others of like mind.



MRS. C. BERTI.

President: Ladies Section, Unione Ticinese.

Served on Committee for 9 years as Vice-President, since 1949, President.

Mrs. Berti is showing a keen interest in the "youngsters" of the Swiss Colony, who find in her an always willing adviser.



C. BERTI.

President: Unione Ticinese.

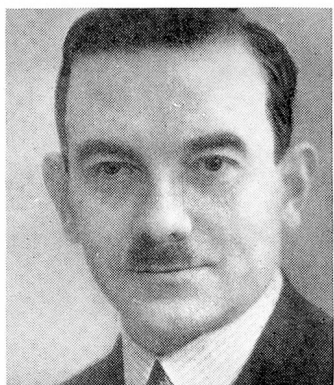
Elected President in 1947, Member of U.T. for 38 years, served on the Committee for 28 years. Member of Committee "Swiss Home," Vice-Chairman "Swiss Catholics" in London. Restaurateur. Arrived in this country in 1902.



W. MEIER.

President: Swiss Mercantile Society.

Entered Society in 1928. Elected in 1930 a member of the Education Department Committee of which he became Chairman in 1935. President of the Society in 1947. Hon. Secretary of Assembly of Presidents of Swiss Societies in Great Britain. Since 1928 in this country. Mr. Meier is Manager of a Metal Merchants firm in London.



R. DE CINTRA.

President: 1st of August Committee.

Member of City Swiss Club since 1913. Held office of Hon. Treasurer for many years. President City Swiss Club: 1922, 1947 and 1948, Steward Swiss Benevolent Society. President "Cercle Genevois," Hon. Treasurer, Swiss Economic Council. Arrived in this country in 1912. Mr. de Cintra is Chairman and Managing Director of the firm of Messrs. Dimier Brothers & Co., Ltd., London.



CH. L. CHAPUIS.

President: "Fête Suisse" Committee.

For over 30 years prime mover of the "Comité de la Fête Suisse"; held posts of Hon. Treasurer and of later years President. Joined City Swiss Club in 1911 and was President in 1930. Honorary Member Swiss Mercantile Society, which Society he joined in 1908, was President of the Entertainment Committee of the S.M.S. for 11 years, Member of the Council for 15 years and is still on the Advisory Board of the Employment Dept. Arrived in this country in 1891, at the age of ten, and is a Director of Messrs. H. Comoy & Co., Ltd., Pipe Manufacturers. It is worth recording that Ch. L. Chapuis was awarded the "British Red Cross" War Medal after the 1st World War 1914-1918.



F. G. SOMMER.

President: Swiss Male Choir.

Elected President in 1940. President of Swiss Y.M.C.A. 1928-30. Vice-President and latterly President of the Foyer Suisse, 1924-1949. Vice-President 1st of August Committee 1947-1949. Member of the Consistoire of the Swiss Church, 1938-49. Came to this country in 1916.

Mr. Sommer is Incorporated Company Accountant and Corporate Secretary of Messrs. A. Wander, Ltd., in London.



R. DUPRAZ.

President: Swiss Sports Committee.

Mr. Dupraz was elected in 1912, a Member of the General Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society. Hon. Treasurer from 1914-1924, President from 1924-1938, was nominated Honorary Vice-President for services rendered. Arrived in this country in 1905, and holds a leading position in the firm of Dimier Brothers & Co., Ltd., London.

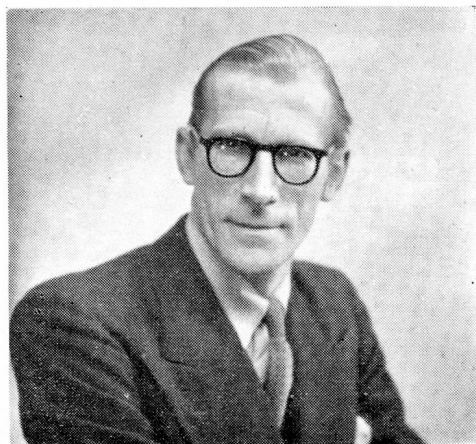


DR. J. A. SCHEDLER.

President: Swiss Club, Manchester.

Member of the Committee of the Society since 1929. Held posts of Treasurer, Vice-President and President. President and Trustee of Swiss Relief Society, Manchester. Arrived in this country in 1916. Technical Manager of The Clayton Aniline Co., Ltd., Manchester.

Dr. Schedler is a son of the late Swiss Consul in Manchester, Dr. A. Schedler, who held his post for many years with great distinction.



A. L. GANDON.

President: Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres.

Joined Society in 1936, and was elected President in 1948. Became leader of the Swiss Accordion Group in 1937. Arrived in this country in 1930, and is a Director and General Manager of "ASPEC" (London) Ltd. (Precision Engineers).

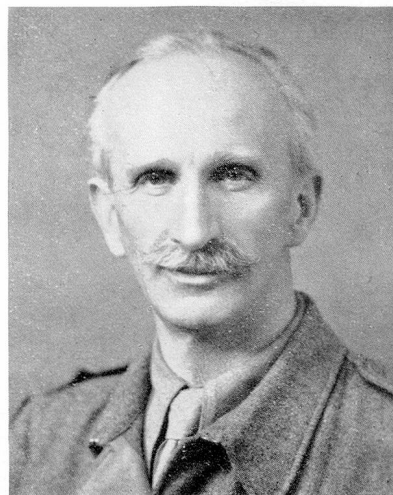
Mr. Gandon is also a Member of the 1st of August Committee and the "Fête Suisse" Committee.



A. RENOÜ.

President: Confrérie Vaudoise.

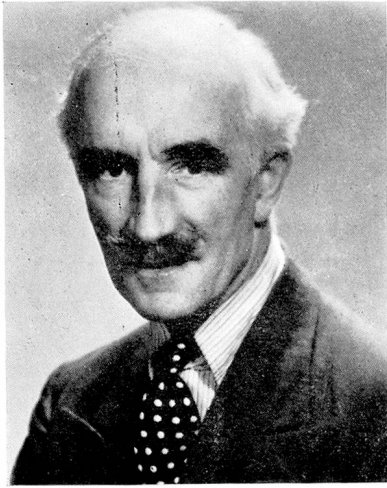
Founder of the Confrérie Vaudoise. Hon. Secretary: Swiss Economic Council since its foundation. Commissioner and Delegate of the Swiss Boy Scout Association to the International and British Headquarters in Great Britain. Member of the 1st of August Committee. Vice-President: "Fête Suisse" Committee. Came to England in 1920. Managing-Director and owner of Messrs. Buser & Co., Ltd., importers of Swiss knitted goods. Presided over Dinner in honour of General Guisan, on June 2nd, 1948, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.



PROFESSOR JEAN INEBNIT, L-ès L. O.A.

President: Swiss Club, Leeds.

Member of the Bradford and Leeds Swiss Clubs, Co-founder and President of the Yorkshire Swiss Club since 1948. Hon. Member, Swiss Club, Manchester. In this country since 1920. Senior lecturer at Leeds University.



W. PELLET.

President: Swiss Orchestral Society.

President since its inception (1905). Arrived in this country in 1905. Mr. Pellet is accountant of Messrs. Record Watches Ltd., concessionaires of the Record Watch Co., S.A., in Tramelan.

Mr. Pellet has for many years worked together with Mr. E. P. Dick, Conductor of the Swiss Orchestral Society, in bringing this Society to its present high level.

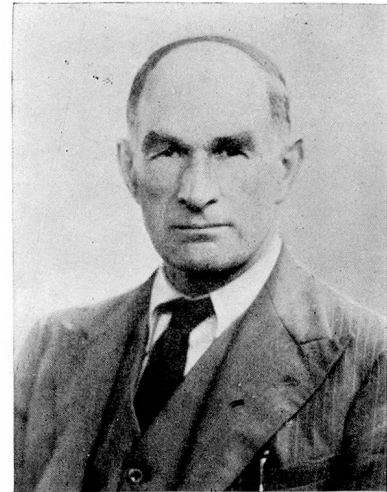


E. SIEGRIST.

President: "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club).

Member since 1942. Came to this country in 1924. Mr. Siegrist is Managing-Director of Messrs. Siegrist Orel Ltd., in London.

Member of the 1st of August and "Fête Suisse" Committees.

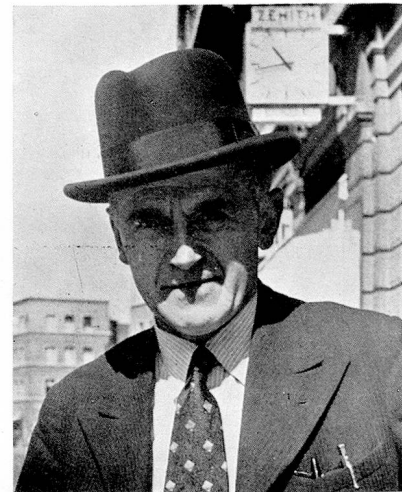


A. BOOG.

President: Union Helvetia.

Entered Society in 1916 and held posts in various Committees. Steward of Union Helvetia Club and President of the Union Helvetia since 1945. Has been in this country for 34 years. Position: Catering trade.

Mr. Boog is also a member of the 1st of August and "Fête Suisse" Committees, and at one time was an enthusiastic Gymnast.



F. STREIT.

President: London Swiss Philatelic Society.

Co-Founder of the Society, and President for the 6th year. Member of Education Committee of the Swiss Mercantile Society (1930-1939). Entered Council of S.M.S. during the war. Arrived in this country in 1921. He is Principal of Department of Barclays Bank Ltd., Chief Foreign Branch, London.

Member of the 1st of August Committee.



MRS. C. BOLLA.

President: The Rutli Club.

Founded the Rutli Club in 1941. Member of the Committee of the Unione Ticinese, Sezione Femmine and 1st of August Committee. Arrived in this country in 1938.

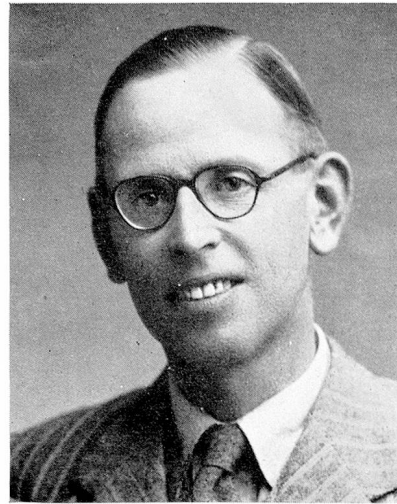
Mrs. Bolla is taking a great interest in the young Swiss arrivals, and together with Mrs. P. Isacco, started the "Swiss Youth Club" which meets at 86, Duke Street, London, W.1. She has also been of great help to the "Fête Suisse" Committee of which she is a member.



W. FISCHER.

President: Swiss Y.M.C.A.

Since 1919 in this country. Signature holder, Swiss Bank Corporation, London.

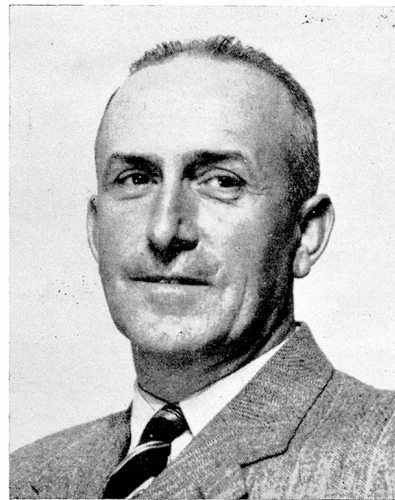


CHARLES F. ILLI.

President: Swiss Club, Bradford.

Arrived in this country in 1921, and is Governing Director of Robert Davenport & Co., Ltd., and Director of Messrs. Charles Illi & Co., Ltd., Bradford.

Mr. Illi has taken, for many years, a keen interest in the welfare of our compatriots living in the provinces.



HANS BERLI.

President: Swiss Club, Balloch.

A founder member of the Club in 1934, and since that date a Committee member. Elected President in 1947. Arrived in this country in 1933. He is foreman dyer with the British Silk Dyeing Co., Ltd., Balloch.