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anyone should want to make a fuss about him, who in the late nineties was a member of the "Vergnuegungskomitee", and that was all his merits, he thought. All we had to do was to have plenty of patience, and we would reach the same position when our time came. He regaled us with some reminiscences in his best humorous style, in which he was followed by Mr. Carlo Chapuis and Mr. F. Kibiger.

After deciding not to hold meetings in July and August, this pleasant and homely meeting came to a close shortly before 9 o'clock.

E.H.S.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER OF THE SWISS ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Economic Council took place on Thursday, June 16th, 1955, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Mr. H. Oswald was in the Chair, and there were 32 members and guests present. In his opening address the Chairman introduced a new member in the person of Mr. M. Grether.

The minutes were read by Mr. J. Zimmermann, Hon. Secretary, after which the President submitted his report, dealing with the activities of the Council during 1954/55, in which he mentioned the addresses given by Dr. A. Weitnauer, Counsellor of Legation (now at Washington) on "Switzerland and the future of the European Payments Union", and Dr. H. Miesch on "The Anglo-Swiss Convention for the avoidance of double taxation".

In accordance with the rules four committee members were retiring, namely Messrs. H. Oswald, W. Deutsch, P. Moehr and A. Renou.

Mr. F. G. Sommer during the elections acted as President *pro tem*, and all the above named were re-elected. Mr. H. Oswald was also confirmed in his office as Chairman, and Messrs. A. A. Gauthier and C. Voegeli as Vice Presidents.

Mr. R. de Cintra, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts which were accepted.

The Chairman *pro tem* thanked Mr. Oswald, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and the committee for the services they had rendered.

After a short discussion concerning various matters the Chairman closed the meeting, which was followed by a dinner.

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Mr. Oswald extended a hearty welcome to the guests who participated at the dinner, namely Messrs. Dr. Faessler, Dr. E. M. Bircher and P. Thevenaz of the Swiss Legation, and Mr. Coates of the firm Brown Boveri.

After an excellent dinner for which thanks were given from the chair to Mr. G. A. Ronus, Manager of the Dorchester and a member of the Council, a very interesting coloured talking film was shown of the headquarters in Baden of the world wide known concern of Brown Boveri, which employs a staff of 12,000 in Baden alone.

It was this an innovation which was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

Close of the Meeting, 10 o'clock.

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