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CITY SWISS CLUB.

Meeting, Tuesday, October 29th 1957.



H. KNOLL.
President, City Swiss Club.

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, October 29th, at the Dorchester Hotel, the headquarters of the Club.

Mr. H. Knoll, Vice-President, was in the Chair, and there were over 50 members present.

After an excellent dinner, the Chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing so many members present, and extended a welcome to Monsieur J. J. de Tribolet, 1st Counsellor of Embassy, Dr. René Faessler, Commercial Counsellor of Embassy, and Colonel Th. Mosimann, Military and Air Attaché at the Swiss Embassy; as the last-named was attending a Meeting of the Club for the first time, the Chairman gave him a special word of welcome.

In opening the Meeting, and after the minutes of the previous assembly had been read by the Hon. Secretary, the Chairman announced that there were one resignation and two admissions, all of which were accepted.

Owing to the much lamented death of the late President, Mr. Ch. Gysin, changes in the committee were found necessary, and to preside over the elections Mr. Louis Chapuis, Hon. Vice-President of the Club, was asked to occupy the Chair *pro tem*.

Previous to putting before the Meeting the proposals as to the new members, and changes of offices held in the former committee, the Chairman *pro tem* briefly reviewed the work of the Club in recent years, and its achievements in different spheres. He recalled the splendid Centenary Celebration which took place last year at the Dorchester Hotel, and which was attended by nearly 500 members and guests.

"The City Swiss Club", he said, "occupies today a much-honoured position in the life of the Colony, this position we will strive to maintain". (Applause).

The voting then took place and Mr. H. Knoll, Joint Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation, was unanimously elected as President. Mr. X. Speckert, who formerly held the post of Hon. Treasurer, was elected as Vice-President. His former office will be taken over by a newcomer, Dr. P. Bohny.

Mr. H. Knoll, on resuming the Chair, was heartily congratulated on his election to the Presidency, by Mr. Chapuis, who wished him a successful term of office.

The new President thanked the members for their mark of confidence, paying a compliment to the Chairman *pro tem* for the efficient way in which he had conducted the elections, and extending to him, on behalf of the members, heartiest congratulations on his approaching 80th birthday (long applause), expressed the hope that he would remain amongst us for many more years to come.

Mr. Knoll also mentioned that a member present, in the person of Mr. A. C. Baume, had just attained 50 years of membership of the Club, and proposed — according to tradition — that he should be elected an Honorary Member. He was elected with acclamation. Mr. Baume, noticeably touched, thanked the Meeting for having honoured him thus.

The official part of the Meeting then came to a close and a most congenial second part followed during which a number of members related some funny stories. Mr. Carlo Chapuis recalled some events in the history of the Club which took place some 40 years ago, and made a strong appeal for supporting the "Swiss Observer", the official organ of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain, which, he said, "has well served the Colony in the past".

This very successful and enjoyable evening, which in many evoked happy memories of the past, came to a close at about 10 p.m. and proved to be a good augury for the future of the

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