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### NEWS OF THE COLONY.



V. BERTI
President
"SCHWEIZERBUND" (SWISS CLUB).

Last month, on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), Mr V. Berti was elected President, and we have much pleasure in introducing him to our readers.

Mr. Berti was born in London in 1917, of Swiss parents. The family Berti, who hail from the canton of Ticino, are well known in the Swiss Colony, and Mr. V. Berti's father, Mr. C. Berti, was for many years President of the Unione Ticinese, whilst his mother had been President of the ladies' section of the Unione Ticinese until its amalgamation in 1955.

The new President was educated at the St. Aloysius College, Highgate, and started his business career in the catering trade with his father. This occupation, however, did not appeal to him particularly, and he took up clerical work with a Film Distributing Company.

After having received his discharge from the British army in 1941, for reasons of health, he was engaged on the clerical side of aircraft production.

At the end of the last war he took up a position with a large textile firm in their costing department, and finally joined, in 1948, the Swiss Bank Corporation, with which Bank he is at present.

Mr. V. Berti is a very active member of the Unione Ticinese. In 1942 he was elected a member of the committee, acting for three years as Assistant Secretary, after which he took over from his father the post of Hon. Treasurer, which the former had held for seventeen years.

We wish Mr. Berti a successful and pleasant year office.

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