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NEWS FROM THE COLONY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Economic Council was held on Tuesday, 15th of September, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. Mr. M. Wiesendanger was in the Chair and there were twenty-five members present.

After the reading of the minutes by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Zimmermann, the Chairman submitted his report concerning the activities of the Council for the last twelve months, and Mr. de Cintra, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts. Both reports were accepted.

According to the rules four committee members were retiring, namely Messrs. J. J. Boos, R. Keller, H. Knoll and W. A. Wyler, all were re-elected. Messrs. O. Rohn and X. Speckert were unanimously elected members of the committee.

Mr. J. J. Boos acted during the elections as Chairman *pro tem*. He thanked the Chairman, Mr. M. Wiesendanger, and the members of the committee for the services they had rendered. The following former members of the committee were re-elected with acclamation:— Chairman, Mr. M. Wiesendanger, Vice-Chairmen, Ch. J. Fer and Mr. C. Voegeli, Hon. Secretary, Jules Zimmermann, Hon. Treasurer, R. de Cintra.

Mr. Wiesendanger, on resuming the Chair, thanked the members for the confidence they had shown in him by electing him again to office as Chairman. He referred at some length to the approaching "Swiss Fortnight", and gave a resumé of the work so far achieved. He extended the appreciation of the Council especially to the staff and the ladies of the Swiss Embassy for their most helpful collaboration, and mentioned the tremendous work rendered by Director A. J. Staehelin, and Deputy Director Dr. John Brunner of the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade (OSEC).

Dr. E. M. Bircher and Dr. H. Müller, of the Swiss Embassy, who attended the meeting at the special invitation of the Chairman, gave particulars regarding the various items on the programme during the "Swiss Fortnight".

The Meeting terminated at 7 p.m., and was followed by a dinner which was attended by the Swiss Ambassador, Dr. Armin Daeniker, and Dr. R. Faessler, Economic Counsellor.

The guest of honour was Mr. J. H. Pinder, a member of the Editorial Staff of "The Economist", who gave a most interesting talk on "New developments of the Free Trade Area", which was much appreciated and duly acknowledged by the Chairman.
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