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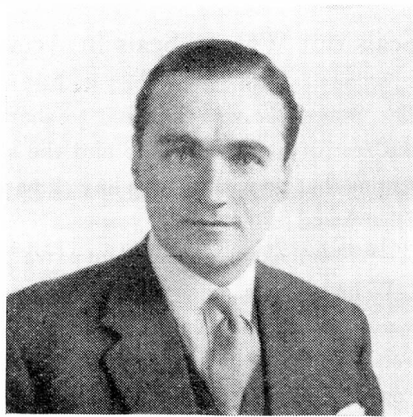
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NEWS FROM THE COLONY



X. SPECKERT
President City Swiss Club

The Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club was held at the Dorchester Hotel on Tuesday, 26th April, and was preceded by dinner. There were about fifty members present, Mr. X. Speckert taking the Chair.

In opening the meeting the President welcomed the members and extended a warm welcome to Messieurs M. Vogelbacher, W. Roch, and H. Gallusser, of the Swiss Embassy. He informed the company of the passing away in Switzerland of General Henri Guisan, commander-in-chief of the Swiss army during the last war, and invited the members present to pay a silent tribute to the distinguished soldier.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. E. Gut, read the minutes of the last meeting. There were seven new members admitted. M. H. Schmid, Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts, which close with a deficit of £149.0.7. After a small rectification the accounts were accepted with thanks to the "keeper of the purse".

The accounts of the Club House Fund were presented by Mr. E. Luterbacher, Honorary Treasurer and Trustee, who mentioned that the total assets amounted to £5,570.0.6 (1958/59 £5,490.5.1.). These accounts, too, were passed with compliments to the Treasurer.

Mr. Speckert then proposed, on behalf of the committee, the election of an Honorary Vice-President. He said that the committee desired to honour Mr. R. de Cintra, twice President of the Club, and Honorary Treasurer for over twenty years, for conspicuous services rendered to the Club. Mr. de Cintra was elected with acclamation. He briefly thanked the members for the honour bestowed on him, an honour which, he said, was greatly appreciated.

The President then gave a résumé of the activities of the Club during the past financial year. He reported that the Club had lost four members through death, amongst them the two Honorary Vice-Presidents, Colonel A. Bon and Mr. Louis Chapuis. He briefly referred to last year's "Swiss Fortnight", which was such an outstanding success. He also mentioned the various social functions, amongst them the outing to the Great Fosters Hotel, the visit to London Air Port, followed by a flight over London, by invitation of the management of "Swissair", the Annual Banquet and Ball at the Dorchester Hotel, the Christmas Dinner,

the card evenings (4), the invitation to the members of the Club by the B.B.C. to attend the Eurovision Song Contest, Grand Prix 1960, at the Royal Festival Hall.

There were five resignations during 1959/60, and seven admissions.

The President, in his report, thanked the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur A. Daeniker, for the continued interest he was taking in the activities of the Club, and his colleagues on the committee for their helpful collaboration. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. G. A. Ronus, manager of the Dorchester Hotel, for the always generous hospitality the Club enjoyed at that establishment.

The election for the new committee, 1960/61, followed under the presidency of Mr. Willy Deutsch, who, on behalf of the members, thanked the outgoing committee for the services they had rendered. All the members, with the exception of Mr. R. E. Maag, who desired to give up his post, were re-elected. They are: President, Mr. X. Speckert; Vice-President, Mr. Th. von Speyr; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. E. Gut; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Schmid; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Jobin; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. G. A. Ronus; Librarian, Mr. J. P. Christen. Mr. A. Stauffer was re-elected as Press Reporter, Messrs. R. de Cintra, E. Luterbacher and C. Mayr as Trustees of the Club House Fund, and Messrs. M. Gédet and M. Merian as auditors.

The re-elected President then resumed the Chair, thanking the President *pro tem* for having so ably conducted the Meeting during the elections.

The Meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

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