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M. WIESENDANGER

Chairman, Swiss Economic Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Economic Council took place on Thursday, 7th July, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. Mr. M. Wiesendanger was in the Chair and there were twenty-six members present.

After the reading of the minutes by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Jules Zimmermann, the Chairman submitted his report concerning the activities of the Council for the last twelve months, in which he especially referred to the 1959 "Swiss Fortnight", which was an outstanding success. The Chairman thanked all those who so ardently worked for this great undertaking, both here and at home. He said that during the financial year of the Council three new members were elected, and three members resigned owing to their departure to Switzerland.

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

In accordance with the rules, four committee members were due to retire, namely Messrs. M. Wiesendanger, C. Voegeli, G. E. Suter, and J. Zimmermann; all were re-elected. Also re-elected were Mr. M. Wiesendanger as Chairman, and Mr. Charles Fer as Vice-Chairman. Mr. O. Rohn is replacing Mr. C. Voegeli, who wished to vacate his office as second Vice-Chairman. Mr. J. Zimmermann and Mr. R. de Cintra were confirmed in their offices as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

On resuming the Chair, Mr. Wiesendanger thanked the members for showing such confidence in him by electing him again to office as Chairman; he also thanked Mr. J. J. Boos for having acted as Chairman *pro tem.* during the elections.

A report by Mr. A. Renou, which he had previously sent to the members of the Council, on "A few thoughts about the future of the Swiss Economic Council", was discussed at some length.

The meeting terminated at 7 p.m. and was followed by a dinner, the guest of honour being Mr. F. E. Figgures, C.M.G., Under-Secretary in the Treasury; other guests were H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, Dr. R. Faessler, Economic Counsellor, Monsieur H. Gallusser, of the Swiss Embassy, and Mr. A. Stauffer, editor of the "Swiss Observer".

After the customary loyal Toasts, Mr. Figgures gave a very interesting talk on "European Free Trade Association", which was followed by an animated discussion.

In closing the proceedings, Mr. Wiesendanger thanked the speaker for his lucid exposé. *ST.*



FRANK ZOGG
80 Years Old

On 31st July, Mr. Frank Zogg, of 58 Hightrees House, Nightingale Lane, S.W.12, will be joining the small band of octogenarians of the Swiss Colony, on which occasion we tender him our sincere congratulations.

Frank Zogg was born on 31st July 1880 at St. Gall, where he received his early schooling, supplemented with a one-year stay at the Institut Clos Rousseau in Cressier to perfect his French. He made his apprenticeship with the "Eidgenössische Bank" in St. Gall, after which he occupied posts of two years each at Bienne and Paris.

In March 1902 Frank Zogg arrived in London, where he took up a position with a stockbrokers' concern, Sperling & Co. With this firm he remained until 1930, when he became agent for Kitcat & Aitken, stockbrokers, a post which he held for the last twenty-eight years (1958) when, owing to an unfortunate accident — a complicated break of the leg — which necessitated long and trying hospital treatment, his business activities came to an end.

In his younger days Frank Zogg was a keen footballer and tennis player, and hardly ever missed a Swiss Sports Meeting. He is a member of the City Swiss Club, which Society made him an honorary member three years ago on his having completed fifty years of membership. At one time he was also a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

The "Jubilar" is a well-known personality in the London Swiss Colony, where he has a large circle of friends. He and his charming wife were frequently seen at social events in the Colony; unfortunately, both having become invalids, their activities in this direction have had to cease.

We trust that less trying circumstances will surround Frank Zogg and his devoted wife for their remaining years. *ST.*