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MEETING OF THE SWISS CLUB, BALLOCH.

A good number of members accepted the invitation of the Swiss-Club-Balloch to meet Dr. E. Mörgeli, Secretary of the Auslandschweizerwerk of the N.H.G., on February 13th in the Woodbank Hotel, Balloch.

The President Mr. H. Berli, opened the meeting at 7.45 p.m. and, after welcoming and introducing our guest, paid a tribute to the late King George VI, and those present paid the late monarch their respects by rising from their seats.

Mr. Berli then made a presentation of a travelling rug to Mr. W. Heer, in appreciation of his services to the Swiss Club during sixteen years as a member of the committee, which Mr. Heer duly acknowledged.

Dr. Mörgeli then gave us a short lecture on Switzerland and Europe to-day. The lecturer first sketched the political, military and economical position in Europe to-day, then described the official reaction in Switzerland to these trends, and closed by telling us of the development of the political and economical life in our homeland.

After the Chairman had thanked Dr. Mörgeli for his very enlightening address, the discussion was opened and quite a number of questions brought forward which had to be answered.

At 9 o'clock tea was served, which gave the opportunity to meet our guest socially. A discussion developed, both during and after the meal, on problems affecting us Swiss abroad and our homeland on

which Dr. Mörgeli could give us a lot of useful information. It was quite a late hour when the meeting ended and we made our way homeward.

We thank Dr. Mörgeli for visiting his compatriots in the far north and hope he found this personal contact as pleasant and profitable as we have.

F.R.

SWISS CLUB, DUNFERMLINE.

Some 40 Members gathered at Canmore Works Canteen on February 14th, to meet Dr. E. Moergeli, Joint Director of the Secretariat des Suisse à l'Etranger in Bern.

Our President, Mr. Frick, accorded a very special welcome to our guest and expressed the appreciation of the members that Dr. Moergeli had taken the trouble to come as far North to meet his compatriots. All present were eagerly looking forward to receiving first hand information on current affairs in our Homeland. He announced that Dr. Moergeli had kindly offered to give us a lecture that night, entitled:— "Switzerland in Europe to-day."

In a most interesting talk, the speaker conveyed to us Switzerland's position in Europe to-day, politically, commercially and military. For 3 hrs. we had the pleasure of learning from Dr. Moergeli, to-day's trend of our Homeland. His most instructive and pleasant words will long be remembered by us. Lively discussion followed, covering Dual Nationality, Military Tax, etc.

Furthermore, we also had the pleasure of seeing two of the latest films, which Dr. Moergeli had kindly brought with him. They were: "Balloons in the Sky" and "Lueg D'Heimat A". Both of these were most fascinating and were better than anything we had seen before at our Club.

A delicious supper was served afterwards by Mr. Schoenenberger, which we all enjoyed very much.

Before departing, our President thanked Dr. Moergeli on behalf of the Swiss Club, for his visit and the very interesting talk he had given. He also thanked our Honorary Member, Mr. W. O. Bosshardt for his kindness in bringing and operating his projector.

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