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NEWS FROM THE COLONY.



H. OSWALD

President, Swiss Economic Council.

As will be seen in another part of this paper, Mr. H. Oswald has been elected President of the Swiss Economic Council, on the occasion of the General Meeting, which took place on Tuesday, April 29th, 1952, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

The newly appointed President was born on the 23rd of September, 1902, in Aadorf (Ct. Thurgau) where his father (and earlier his grandfather) acted as a notary and judge.

He received his primary and secondary schooling in his native town and thereafter completed a three years course at the Technical College, Winterthur, and in addition received two years practical shop training at the works of Brown, Boveri & Co., Ltd., at Baden.

In 1923, Mr. Oswald matriculated and entered the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, where he obtained, in July 1927, the degree as an engineer. (Thesis: Hydro-Electric Power Stations with special reference to the economic utilisation of hydraulic energy.)

During the four years of study at the University, he did his military service, and obtained the rank of Lieutenant in an engineering unit. In this period he joined the "Akademische Maschinen Ingenieur Verein", Zurich, of which he became its President for one year.

After a previous visit to London (1927), Mr. Oswald entered in 1928 the British Brown-Boveri Limited, London, as a contract engineer, which concern he left in 1932 to take up the position of factory representative and resident engineer in India for the Swiss Brown, Boveri Company. During his *séjour* in India he was able to assist the establishment of the firm of Brown, Boveri, as steam and electrical power plant engineers and contractors to industrial and public utility undertakings and *inter alia* was responsible for the layout and contract of the entire power station of the Pallivasal hydro-electric project in Travancore State.

Upon being appointed General Manager of British Brown-Boveri Limited, Mr. Oswald returned to London in Spring, 1937 and subsequently was offered a seat on the Board. On the retirement of his predecessor, Mr.

A. C. Eborall, he became Managing-Director of British Brown-Boveri Limited in 1947 (which company is the British subsidiary of the Swiss Brown, Boveri company).

In 1938, Mr. Oswald was elected an Associate Member of the I.E.E. and was admitted a full Member in the year 1943.

He joined the City Swiss Club in 1940 of which he is, at present, a Member of the Committee, and served on the Committee of the Swiss Economic Council since 1943.

Mr. Oswald married in 1938, and has a daughter and two boys, ages 10, 9 and 7 years respectively.

In congratulating him on his election to the Presidency of the Swiss Economic Council we wish him a successful year of office in his responsible position, for the benefit of the Council in particular and for the Swiss Colony in general. ST.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

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