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UNIONE TICINESE.

Tea-Dance.

The Tea-Dance of the Unione Ticinese, which was held on the 10th of this month, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, was attended by over 600 people.

The recent great loss which the Society had sustained in the person of its President, and leader of the "Corale", cast a cloud over the proceedings.

The question had arisen, whether this function should be cancelled, but as arrangements had already reached an advanced stage, practically all the tickets having been sold, the Committee, in agreement with the family De Maria, decided to carry on.

Mr. P. Jacomelli, Vice-President of the Unione Ticinese, was in the Chair, and during the evening paid a warm tribute to the late President. He also welcomed M. and Mme. G. Lepori, who represented the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté and Mr. A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer".

He was followed by Monsieur Lepori, who in Italian, also referred to the passing away of Mr. Peter De Maria, saying that not only the Unione Ticinese, but the Swiss Colony as a whole experienced a heavy loss. As on former occasions, the speaker dealt with recent events which had taken place in the canton of Ticino.

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PERSONAL.

We are extending heartiest congratulations to Mr. E. Burgazzi on his appointment, — as from January 1st, 1954, — of Traffic Manager of Swiss Air Transport Co. Ltd., 126, Regent Street, W.1.

Mr. Burgazzi joined the Swissair Head Office in Zurich in 1948, after having been for many years abroad. He was two years in Antwerp, three years in Belgrade, six years in Zagreb, and one year each in Paris and Rome. Mr. Burgazzi temporarily occupied the post of Chancellor at the Swiss Consulate at Zagreb, and was in charge of the Consulate from 1945-1946, during the final stage of the Yugoslav revolution.

After only one year's stay at the Head Office in Zurich, he was transferred to Swissair's London office.

We are wishing him every success in his new sphere of activity.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Jakob Häusermann-Dietschi, which occurred on the 17th January, in Lenzburg (Switzerland) where he lived in retirement, at the age of 82.

The deceased was for many years a resident in this country, and was a well-known member of the Swiss colony.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away on January 9th of Mr. François R. Imhoff, proprietor of Tinto Hotel, Symington, beloved husband of Mary Clark Thompson.

We tender deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chapuis, of "Fircroft", St. Andrews Close, Woodside Avenue, N.12, and Mr. and Mrs. Ch. L. Chapuis, of 24, Queen Court, Queen Square, W.C.1, on the death of their brother, Mr. Emile Chapuis, which occurred on January 20th, 1954, at Nice (France) at the age of 79.

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