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CITY SWISS CLUB. Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club, one of the last of the many annual meetings recently held, took place on Tuesday, April 27th, 1954, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, and was preceded by dinner.

The Easter holiday feeling still seemed to be prevailing in the Swiss Colony, and only about 50 members attended the Club's principal Meeting of the year.

Mr. R. Pfenninger was in the Chair, and in opening the proceedings, extended a hearty welcome to Monsieur E. Bernath, 1st Counsellor of Legation, thanking him for the continued interest he is taking in the affairs of the City Swiss Club.

The President informed the Meeting of the passing away of Mr. F. H. Rohr, a very old member of the Society, and asked the company to pay its usual tribute.

Two new members were elected, and there were two resignations.

Mr. Pfenninger then passed in review some of the activities of the Club during the last twelve months. "The various social functions held" he said, "proves that the City Swiss Club is far from a dormant concern". He said that it was gratifying to note, that the spirit of friendship and congeniality amongst the members remains on a high level.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. X. Speckert then presented the accounts, which made very pleasant reading. Whilst some of our Swiss Societies close their accounts with a balance "on the wrong side", the City Swiss Club is in the happy position of showing a substantial cash balance.

After a short discussion, during which it was

proposed, that a part of this balance should be earmarked for the centenary festivities, which will take place in two years time, the accounts were accepted with thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for looking so well after the Exchequer of the Club.

The accounts, separately kept, of the "Club House Fund" show a balance of £5,065.14.4 (April 1953: £4,887.4.8). These too were accepted and so was the auditor's statement read out by Mr. R. Weist, who was thanked for his audit.

The elections for the new Committee for 1954/55 then took place under the Presidency *pro tem* of Mr. C. Seinet, a former President of the Club.

Mr. Seinet, on behalf of the members present, thanked the outgoing committee for the services so well rendered, congratulating especially the late President for the humorous and congenial way in which he had conducted the Meetings.

He voiced his pleasure, that on various occasions the Ladies have been invited to take part at some of the social functions, and hoped that this new feature, so much appreciated by the Ladies, would be kept up in the future.

Mr. Seinet then announced that the following members had been duly elected: President: R. Pfenninger, Vice-President: Robert J. Keller, Hon. Secretary: Chas. Gysin, Hon. Treasurer: X. Speckert, Assistant Secretary: Henry Oswald, Assistant Treasurer: G. A. Ronus, Librarian: L. A. Chapuis (New), for Mr. Wustiner, who has left for Switzerland.



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Auditors: M. Gedet, T. von Speyr (new, replacing Mr. R. Weist, who has relinquished his office).

Trustees of the Club House Fund: R. de Cintra, E. Luterbacher, and C. Mayr (new) instead of W. R. Gamper who had wished to be replaced.

Press Reporter: A. Stauffer.

On resuming the Chair, Mr. R. Pfenninger thanked Mr. Seinet for having conducted the meeting during the elections, and the members for the confidence they had shown to him and his colleagues in entrusting to them the affairs of the Club for a further term of office.

The following donations were then proposed and accepted:

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| French Hospital | ... | ... | ... | £25 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | (special grant) | | |
| Swiss Sports | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Swiss Benevolent Society | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 10 | 0 |

The Committee further proposed, that the Headquarters of the Club should be in future the "Dorchester Hotel", instead, as hitherto "Brown's Hotel", this was unanimously accepted.

Mr. L. Chapuis, a former President, complimented Mr. Ronus, Managing-Director of the Dorchester Hotel for the way he has made the members of the Club feel at home, and his ever ready collaboration in all social functions, to which Mr. Ronus suitably replied, passing on due and part credit to his predecessor Mr. Anton Bon.

Close of the Meeting, 10.15 p.m.

Press Reporter.

"SWITZERLAND IN PERSPECTIVE".

An N.S.H. Talk.

In the author of a new book about our country and the Swiss people, George Soloveytchik, shortly to be published under the above title by the Oxford University Press, the N.S.H. has found an unusually interesting and provocative lecturer for its next Open Meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. With a shrewd eye for essentials of life and politics this most unconventional observer has gathered a wealth of first-hand impressions and knowledge of our country and our people, from the highest to the fairly low. As a result he has many flattering things to say about us, but also not a few critical observations to make. We may or we may not agree with all of them, but we are certainly in for a highly stimulating and amusing evening with him, his fearless judgement and penetrating intelligence are happily paired with an equally rich sense of humour.

Mr. Soloveytchik is a regular lecturer at Prof. Rappard's Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales at Geneva, and at the Handelshochschule of St. Gall. He has also been heard often on the Swiss Radio, Studio Zürich, and will shortly deliver some lectures at the E.T.H. Admission to the lecture is free of charge. All Swiss and friends of Switzerland are welcome.

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