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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER OF THE SWISS ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Economic Council took place on Thursday, June 14th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. Oswald. There were 30 members present.

After the reading of the minutes, the Chairman submitted his report concerning the activities of the Council for the last twelve months, which was accepted.

Three members of the Council had resigned on transferring their residence to Switzerland, namely Messrs. R. Pfenninger, A. Gautier and W. R. Gamper. The following were admitted as new members: Dr. P. Bohny, Dr. H. W. Egli, P. Haberstich, X. Speckert, and J. P. Christen.

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

According to the rules four committee members were retiring, namely: Messrs. J. Boos, R. de Cintra, Ch. Fer, and E. A. Grau, all were re-elected.

Mr. W. Deutsch, acted during the election for the new committee as chairman *pro tem*. He thanked the Chairman, Mr. H. Oswald, and the members of the committee for the services they had rendered. He acquainted the Meeting of the resignation of Mr. Oswald from the Chairmanship, voicing the members' appreciation for the work he had rendered to the Council.

The undermentioned committee was unanimously elected: Chairman: G. E. Suter, Vice-Chairmen: Ch. Fer and C. Voegeli, Hon. Secretary: J. Zimmermann, Hon. Treasurer: R. de Cintra, new committee members: H. Knoll, W. Wyler and R. J. Keller.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the holding of an exhibition of Swiss goods in England, the Chairman closed the meeting which was then followed by a dinner.

Mr. G. E. Suter, extended a hearty welcome to the guests who attended the dinner, namely the Swiss Minister, Dr. A. Daeniker, Dr. R. Faessler, Dr. E. M. Bircher and M. P. Thevenaz of the Swiss Legation. The Minister replied to the Chairman's address.

After an excellent dinner for which thanks were rendered from the Chair to Mr. G. A. Ronus, two interesting films were shown by Mr. Ch. Fer, which were greatly appreciated.

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## OBITUARY.

It is with deepest sorrow and regret that the Committee of the Unione Ticinese have to announce the sudden death of their member Linda Berti, née Diviani, who died as a result of a road accident on Tuesday, 29th May, 1956.

Mrs. Berti, widow of the late Ernest Berti, was a member of the Committee of the Ladies Section of the Society for twelve years and for a time she held the position of Secretary. Up to the death of her husband she was always active in every sphere of the Society's interests and with her passing we mourn the loss of a true and faithful friend.

The Funeral took place from 48, Mornington Terrace, the home of her parents, on Wednesday, 6th June, and a Requiem Mass attended by many relatives and friends was said at St. Joseph's Retreat, Highgate, N.19. The Interment took place at St. Pancras, Finchley, in a private grave.

To the members of the Diviani and Berti families, to whom fate has dealt such severe blows within a short space of time we tender our deepest sympathy and on Linda's grave we place the flower of perennial remembrance.

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