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ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS OF SWISS SOCIETIES.

The Presidents held their 28th meeting on the 29th of April at the Swiss Embassy. Mr. H. Oswald (Swiss Economic Council) was in the chair. The Swiss Ambassador, who is Honorary President, attended accompanied by Madame Daeniker, who was assisting for the first time at a Presidents meeting as representative of the Swiss Girls' Hostel. Also representing the Embassy were Mr. J. J. de Tribollet, Mr. M. Luy and Mr. J. Huber.

After cocktails kindly offered by M. and Mme. Daeniker the meeting got down to work.

The chief item on the agenda was the Swiss Invalidity Insurance and the Swiss Abroad. Mr. Luy explained the scheme at length. He pointed out that there would not be a discussion but an exchange of opinions with a view to getting first impressions of the members. The scheme would be discussed in detail at the Meeting of Swiss Abroad to be held in Brunnen in June. The general impression was that the scheme would serve no real need to the Swiss in the U.K. in view of the National Health Scheme although it would be welcomed by a small minority not covered by the said scheme. Nevertheless it was agreed that the Scheme should be welcomed, but only on a voluntary basis.

Mr. J. Huber gave news of certain modifications in the Old Age Pensions Scheme and the introduction of a Transitional Pensions Scheme. He also gave information about a change in the dual nationality laws affecting women who had lost their Swiss Nationality by marriage to a foreigner. News of the above will be circularised and published in the "Swiss Observer" in the near future.

Mr. Boos (Swiss Catholics Committee) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Huber, who will soon be leaving London for New York. He had been a great friend to the Colony and we were all sad at his forthcoming departure. In reply Mr. Huber said he and his wife were very sorry to leave London, where they had made so many friends.

SWISS SPORTS COMMITTEE.

At the recent Delegates Meeting the following committee for 1957 to 1958 was elected:— President: R. de Cintra; Vice-President: open; Hon. Secretary: J. M. Bader; Assistant Secretary: Miss L. Meierhofer; Hon. Treasurer: C. Krebs; Assistant Treasurer: R. Chappuis; Members: Messrs. F. V. Bassi, M. Berti, W. Burren, J. Diviani, L. Jobin, H. Keller and W. Meier.

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