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"SCHWEIZERBUND" (SWISS CLUB).

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) was held on Saturday, February 22nd, at 74 Charlotte Street, W.1.

Mr. F. Delaloye was in the Chair, and there were about 50 members present.

After the Minutes had been read by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Schneeberger, the President gave a short *résumé* of the state of affairs, and the activities of the Club during the last twelve months. He referred to the unsatisfactory financial position, which is partly due to the fact that no new arrivals are being registered, and that, he said, "is a common complaint shared by all Swiss Societies in this country".

The Club's Auditor then explained the various accounts and the balance sheet in detail, which closed with a considerable deficit. After some discussion the accounts were accepted.

At last year's General Meeting, Mr. F. Delaloye had intimated that he would not seek re-election as President at the end of his term of office, and, as he had not since changed his mind, a new President had to be elected.

Mr. W. Meier was asked to take the Chair *pro tem*. Before the elections were proceeded with, Mr. Delaloye expressed thanks to his former colleagues on the committee for their loyal support and collaboration, singling out Mr. H. Caluori, Vice-President, and Mrs. M. Schneeberger, Hon. Secretary.

On taking the Chair *pro tem*, Mr. Meier thanked the outgoing President and the members of the committee for the services they had rendered. Whilst some of the former members of the committee declared themselves willing to serve again, no nomination for a new President was at hand. Various suggestions were made, but none of those mentioned — who were present — was willing to come forward.

To end the deadlock, Mr. Meier proposed a short interruption of the Meeting while some efforts were made to find a solution. When the Meeting resumed he declared that Mr. V. Berti was willing to be nominated as President, and he was consequently unanimously elected.

The committee for 1958/1959 now consists of the following: President: Mr. V. Berti; Vice-President: Mr. Hausler; Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. Schneeberger; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. Schneeberger; Members: Messrs. Bayliss, Bonomo, Bravo, Delaloye, De Lara, Klotz, Naef, Nash and Turner.

On taking the Chair, Mr. V. Berti thanked the President *pro tem* for the efficient manner in which he had presided during the elections, and voiced his appreciation for having been elected as President.

Close of the Meeting, 6 p.m.

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ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT.

On Thursday, 17th April, the 83rd "Fête Suisse" will be held at Central Hall, Westminster, and we wish to direct the attention of our readers to this event in good time, so as to enable them to earmark it in their diaries.

As on former occasions, this year again, we shall have visitors from Switzerland, but local talent will also appear on the programme.

Principal performers will be the "Bürgermusik" of Lucerne. This band, under the conductorship of Dr. Winkler, enjoys a great reputation at home; they will be accompanied by the "Jodlerklub Pilatus", also of Lucerne. We understand that this choir has some particularly fine soloists. There will be "Alphorn" blowers and Flag throwers, all in all about eighty performers.

Mlle. Hazel Schmid, who made such a brilliant *début* at last year's 1st of August celebration, will specially travel from Paris to take part in the programme.

The "Corale" of the Unione Ticinese — so well-known in the Colony — will bring a "whiff from the South", the Swiss Male Choir, the children from the Sunday School, the "Jeunesse de l'Eglise", and Mr. and Master Gandon will complete the programme.

Further particulars will appear in later issues.


We are glad to say that additional rooms have been booked for the catering; thus the former overcrowding will be eliminated.

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