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NEWS FROM THE COLONY.



X. SPECKERT
President,
City Swiss Club.

On the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club, which took place on Tuesday, 21st April, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, Mr. X. Speckert was elected President for 1959/1960.

The new President was born in 1919 at Zurich, where both his father and grandfather were Doctors of Medicine. He was educated at the "Freies Gymnasium" Zurich, and after matriculation studied Law at the University of that town, obtaining the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1946.

Mr. Speckert spent the war years in Switzerland, partly studying at the University, and partly serving as an officer in the Horse Artillery. After a short time in practice as a lawyer in Zurich, he came to London, where he was for some time connected with Messrs. Thomson McLintock & Co., Chartered Accountants. He then left for New York, and after two years' banking experience returned to London in 1950, joining the banking concern of J. Henry Schroeder & Co. on a special assignment. Four years later (1954), Mr. Speckert established himself as a consultant of Swiss Law in the Temple.

The President joined the City Swiss Club in 1947, in which Club he has successively held the posts of Librarian, Hon. Treasurer and Vice-President. He is also Vice-President of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

In 1946 Mr. Speckert married an English lady, and has a daughter aged ten and a boy of five. Apart from his legal practice, he runs, with the assistance of his wife, a small farm adjoining Windsor Great Park, where they breed Hereford pedigree cattle.

We wish Mr. Speckert a successful and pleasant year of office.

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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 at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, on Tuesday, 21st April 1959.

Mr. H. Knoll was in the Chair, and there were about sixty members present. In opening the Meeting, the President welcomed the members, especially the two Honorary Members present, Messrs. A. C. Baume and A. Stauffer, expressing his satisfaction at the

numerous attendance, amongst them an appreciable number of old members.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Th. von Speyr, read the minutes of the last Meeting, and Mr. X. Speckert, Vice-President, in the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, presented the accounts, which after a short discussion were accepted, after the auditors had testified to the correctness of the balance sheet. (Whilst the accounts of the previous year closed with a deficit of £58.17.9, this year a small credit balance of £16.5.5 was reported.)

The accounts of the "Club House Fund" were presented by Mr. E. Luterbacher, Trustee and Treasurer, who mentioned that the total assets amounted to £5,490.5.1. These accounts, too, were passed.

Mr. Knoll then gave a short *résumé* of the activities during the last financial year. He reported that the Club has lost no less than seven members through death in the last twelve months, namely Messrs. J. G. Bachmann, A. Widmer, A. Paris, C. J. Bernheim, C. Bonvin, J. Fischer and H. Oswald. He thanked the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur A. Daeniker, for the interest he is taking in the life of the Club, and his colleagues on the committee for their helpful collaboration. One resignation came to hand during 1958/59, and three new members were admitted.

The President also announced that Mr. J. Schad and Mr. Ch. Valon (membres passifs) have been elected Honorary Members of the City Swiss Club for 50 years' membership.

The elections for the new committee followed, under the presidency *pro tem* of Mr. Louis Chapuis, Hon. Vice-President of the Club, who, on behalf of the members, thanked the outgoing committee for the services they had rendered.

After the voting slips were counted, Mr. Chapuis declared that the following were elected: President, X. Speckert; Vice-President, Th. von Speyr; Hon. Secretary, R. E. Gut; Hon. Treasurer, H. Schmid; Assistant Secretary, L. Jobin; Assistant Treasurer, G. A. Ronus; Librarian, R. E. Maag; Press Reporter, A. Stauffer; members of the "Club House Fund", Messrs. de Cintra, E. Luterbacher and C. Mayr.

The new president then took the Chair thanking the President *pro tem* for having so ably conducted the Meeting during the election, and the members for having voted him in the Chair.

Mr. Speckert informed the Meeting that various passages in the rules of the Club would be changed, necessitating two further meetings. It was unanimously decided that the customary Annual Banquet and Ball would take place, as usual at the Dorchester Hotel, in November.

The Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

The Press Reporter.

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