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CITY SWISS CLUB

The City Swiss Club — one of the oldest Swiss Societies in London — opened its autumn social season with a dinner and film show, on Tuesday, 4th October, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

To this meeting the ladies were bidden, and I am happy to report that they turned up in great numbers. Up to the last moment only about fifty applications reached the Dorchester Hotel, with the result that it was decided to reserve the Park Suite for this evening, instead of the usual Orchid Room, which provides better accommodation. On the very day, however, a glut of applications to be present was received, swelling the number to well over a hundred, which rendered the accommodation far too limited, and the seating, therefore, became somewhat cramped and uncomfortable. It would help the organisers a great deal if, in future, members would send in their applications as early as possible, and so avoid any complaints.

After a very enjoyable dinner, the President, Mr. X. Speckert, proposed the loyal Toasts to H.M. the Queen and "La Suisse". He announced that H.E. the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker were unable to be present owing to their visit to Africa. He welcomed, however, several members of the Embassy, as well as members of the staff of the Shell-Mex Company, who later on showed two films. Mr. Speckert paid a special tribute to the ladies, who, he said, were always most welcome. He acquainted the gathering of the death of two members of the Club, Mr. Ch. Valon (Honorary Member) and Mr. O. Bartholdi, whose memory the company honoured up-standing.

After a short interval the two very interesting films were thrown on the screen, showing the rapid growth of the Shell-Mex group in all parts of the world.

Much enjoyed was a colour and sound film, depicting the progress made by a primitive Italian community in using modern equipment and up-to-date methods. A running commentary by members of the staff of this world-famous concern provided the necessary explanations.

The President warmly complimented the representatives of the Shell-Mex Company for having shown these films, and the audience showed their appreciation by loud applause.

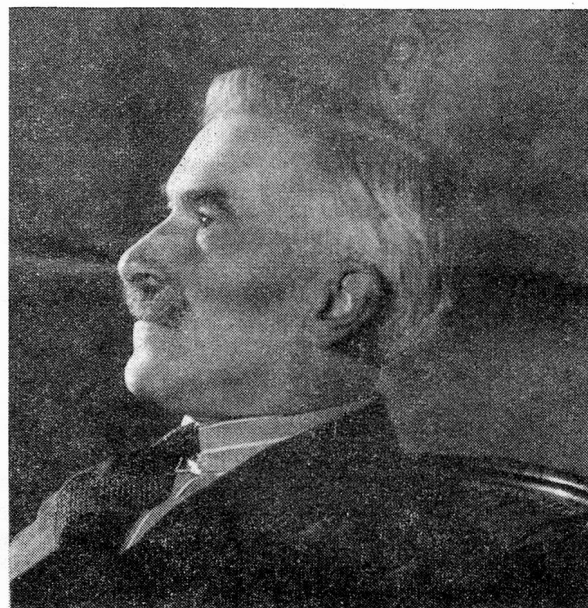
The next social meetings of the Club will be the Annual Banquet and Ball to be held on Friday, 18th November, at the Dorchester Hotel, followed in December (14th) by the usual Christmas Dinner — also at the Dorchester Hotel. Members are invited to note these dates now.

Close of the Meeting at 10.45 p.m.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be published on Friday, 28th October 1960. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscriptions: A. Kiener, J. C. Wetter, J. A. Reiber, E. Zwicky, J. Amman, E. Ribbi, F. Godet, Ad. Schmid, Ch. L. Chapuis, Anonymous, Mrs. L. Moehr, Mrs. L. R. Clements, E. Eha, C. Schorno, E. Rognon, Ch. Illi, O. Lauber.



OTTO BARTHOLDI †

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing away, on 3rd October, of Mr. O. Bartholdi, of 3 Pangbourne Drive, Stanmore, Middlesex, and 4 Charlotte Street, W.1, after a long and courageously borne illness, at the age of 77.

Once again the Colony has lost one of its older members, and his death has caused universal regret, especially amongst the older generation, for the departed — affectionately known as "Otto" — was a lovable man.

His generosity, integrity and good humour made him a delightful companion. He had a heart of gold, and to many of our less fortunate compatriots he was a generous benefactor. There was no pretentiousness in Otto Bartholdi, he was a simple and hardworking man who never sought publicity or asked for any acknowledgment.

The deceased was born in Langnau-Mervil (Ct. Thurgau), and came to this country in 1908. For many years he was connected with the butchery trade. In 1928 he started a business of his own as a butcher and restaurateur. Soon, 4 Charlotte Street became a regular meeting place for a large number of our countrymen — one could almost call it a little corner of our own land.

In 1944 he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who had been such a steadfast and helpful companion to him. He leaves a married son, to whom we express our sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

We would have wished Otto Bartholdi a more easy eventide of his earthly pilgrimage; during the last few years he had been in poor health.

Now our dear friend has come to his journey's end, a journey he could look back on with few regrets, and we, who are left behind, will always keep him in affectionate remembrance as a man who had done his duty to his country, his family and his friends.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE!

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