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The speaker showed several scenes of Tokyo, which is the biggest and most populous capital in the world. In the centre of this vast city stands the historic palace of which Mr. Roch also showed some very good pictures. At the same time he told the famous story of the forty-seven Samurai which reveals, so poignantly, the Japanese character. He also put on a recording, of court music which goes back to the ninth century. It is a martial dance, slow and rhythmical. This dance demands great precision on the part of the warrior who performs it, but with this precision the Japanese know how to unite an astonishing agility.

To end his talk, Mr. Roch, as a true Swiss, took his audience to the summit of Fujiyama (the Japanese call it Fujisan). This sacred mountain is a volcano of approximately 4,000 m. (12,391 ft.). The ascent is made in summer, when the snow has melted, but it is dangerous to venture on this mountain after the month of August, on account of typhoons. It is possible to reach the foot of Fujiyama by car, at a height of about 800m. In order to avoid the intense heat, one may climb the lower slopes at night, and complete the ascent next day at sunrise.

After his talk, Mr. Roch showed some of the crockery which the Japanese use for their meals. He gave some explanations of the type of food which they eat and the method of eating with chopsticks. Finally, the speaker displayed the ordinary garment worn by the Japanese, called Yukata. This is made of cotton and resembles a kimono, the latter, however, being made of silk. Melle. Rentz, the daughter of the President of the Society, put on this Yukata and showed how charming a westerner can look in an authentic Japanese dress.

Jo. B.

SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON

This year's annual general meeting took place on Sunday, 1st May, in the Cathedral School Hall, Great Peter Street, S.W.1. After opening prayers, and a welcome extended by the Chairman, Mr. Boos, the annual reports were given. The Chairman informed the gathering that the first year of our new Chaplain, the Rev. Joseph Scherer, had proved no easy task for him, but he had, in spite of all difficulties, fulfilled his duties admirably. There is a pressing need for a second priest in the colony, and negotiations with Swiss authorities are continually going on. Mr. Boos then mentioned the death of Colonel Anton Bon, in early December in Basle, who until his retirement in 1952 was the first president of the Committee, and a silent tribute was paid. The Chaplain in his report gave an account of his activities during the past year, especially concerning the Alpenrosen Youth Club. He said that every Sunday, after Evening Service, entertainments, talks, and dances were held in which large numbers of young Swiss took part. In the Summer months excursions were arranged — to places of historical interest, such as Windsor Castle, St. Albans, Cambridge — as well as country walks. All new arrivals whose addresses we are able to discover receive our printed leaflet with attached reply card and club programme, and it is satisfactory to state that cards are continually flowing in. Unfortunately, the visiting of our permanently resident Swiss had to be neglected for the time being, but the Chaplain hopes that this can soon be rectified with the arrival of a second chaplain. Finally Fr. Scherer thanked His Eminence

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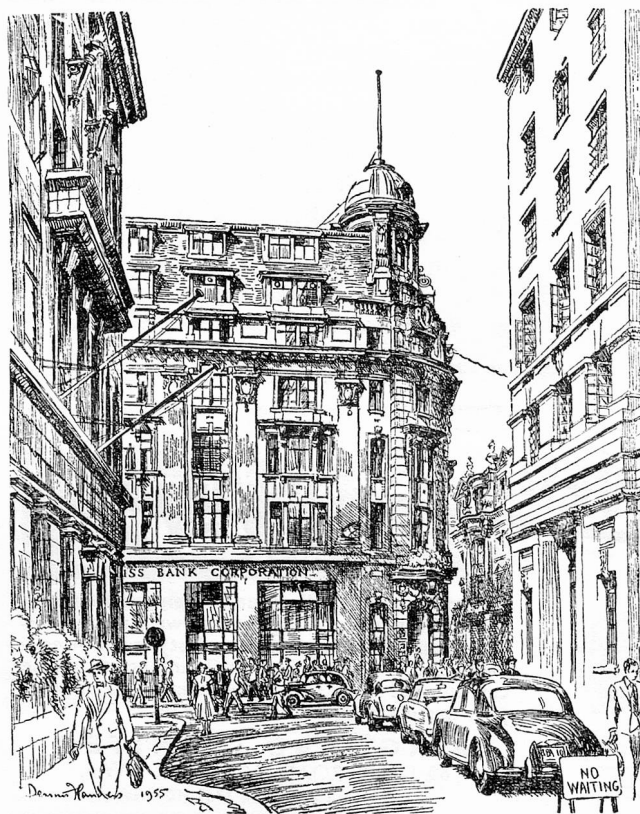
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the Cardinal, the Cathedral authorities, His Excellency the Swiss Ambassador and his collaborators at the Embassy, and the Swiss Catholic Committee, for all the invaluable help and co-operation they had given.

We then learned with deep regret that, owing to their departure from London, Mr. J. J. Boos, Chairman, and Dr. R. E. Amstad, Hon. Treasurer, wished to resign their respective offices. The meeting elected, unanimously, Mr. O. Grob, *Chairman*, Mr. E. Bonvin, *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. E. Frey, *Hon. Treasurer*, Mr. R. E. Gut, *Committee Member*.

With one exception all the retiring members of the Committee had offered themselves for re-election, and were duly elected. The final composition of the Committee for 1960 is as follows:—

Chaplain: The Reverend Joseph Scherer; *Chairman*: Mr. O. Grob; *Vice-Chairman*: Mr. E. Bonvin; *Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. E. Frey; *Hon. Secretary*: Mr. C. Gallo; *Members*: Misses C. Affentranger, L. Bonetti, Mrs. O. Grob, Mrs. F. McKenna, Messrs. C. Berti, J. J. Boos, E. Cottet, F. De Maria, E. Eha, Dr. F. Faessler, R. E. Gut, P. Jacomelli, J. Jordan, E. Kaeufeler.

Mr. Grob's first act as Chairman was to pay a warm tribute to Mr. Boos, who had been the first Secretary of the Committee, and its Chairman for the past eight years. He said he would try to maintain the high standard set for him by Mr. Boos and his predecessors, and thanked him sincerely on behalf of the Committee with a "Vergelt's Gott", for all the work he had done. He also expressed the Committee's thanks for the services rendered by Dr. R. E. Amstad for the past two years. Finally Fr. Scherer thanked Mr. Boos, for his part, and the meeting was closed. It was followed by the Easter Service at St. Ann's, and a social gathering afterwards in the school hall.

C.G.G.

32nd PRESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY

The 32nd Presidents' Assembly was held on Wednesday, 4th May 1960, at the Swiss Embassy.

Mr. M. Wiesendanger was in the Chair, and H.E. the Swiss Ambassador attended the Meeting. In opening the proceedings, the Chairman tendered apologies for the inconvenience caused by the last-minute change of the date of the Meeting.

Arising from the Minutes of the 31st Assembly the Meeting was still faced with the problems, raised in the report presented by Monsieur F. Ansermoz at that Meeting, on the question of the "Rejuvenation of the Swiss Colony". As this is still a matter of vital concern, it was decided to set up a small committee charged with the duty of examining the problem in greater detail, with a view to making practical recom-

mendations aimed at achieving a substantial measure of improvement. The following gentlemen were elected for this purpose: Messrs. F. Ansermoz, O. Grob, P. Jacomelli, V. Berti and J. P. Christen.

The problem of the 1st of August and Swiss Sports were examined after Messrs. F. Streit and Mr. R. de Cintra had each reported respectively for his committee. The problems were fundamentally alike in each case, and it was stressed that the lack of working support from the Societies in the Colony was the cause of many of the difficulties. Arrangements for this year's 1st of August were in hand and a meeting would shortly be called. Concerning the Swiss Sports it was recommended that a Meeting be called in the autumn with a view to settling arrangements to hold the Swiss Sports once more in 1961. Some feeling was also evident that the 1st of August and Fête Suisse should be amalgamated.

The following officers were elected for 1960/61: *Chairman*, E. Kuebler (Swiss Relief Society, Manchester), *Vice-Chairman*, V. Berti ("Schweizerbund"), *Secretary*, Dr. X. Speckert (City Swiss Club).

V.B.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J.J. Boos wishes to inform his friends that he has moved to Hove (Sussex), where his address will be 16 Eaton Gardens (Tel. Hove 30705). His business address will now be Millns Electrical Co. Ltd., Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex (Tel. Burgess Hill 2052).

SWISSAIR INCREASES FLIGHTS TO MIDDLE EAST AND FAR EAST

From 22nd May Swissair is introducing a third flight weekly to the Far East, SR 504, leaving Europe on Sundays and terminating in Tokyo. It will also call at Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok and Hong Kong. In the opposite direction, the new flight, SR 505, will leave Tokyo for Europe on Wednesdays. From 27th May the present flight SR 502 will terminate in Hong Kong, with government approval being awaited for its extension to Tokyo.

Swissair will then serve Karachi and Bangkok on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, Bombay on Tuesdays and Fridays, Calcutta on Sundays, Manila on Tuesdays and Tokyo on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Other increases in Swissair's long haul services include a second flight weekly to Teheran, SR 372, on Saturdays, from 21st May, and a third weekly flight, SR 334, to Tel Aviv on Mondays from 18th July. The increase in the Tel Aviv services coincides with the introduction of Caravelle jets on this route. Schedules will be re-timed so that flights will arrive in Tel Aviv at 21.30 or 23.00 hours.

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