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# NEWS FROM THE COLONY

## SWISS BANK CORPORATION — LONDON OFFICE Promotions and Retirements

After over forty years' service with the Swiss Bank Corporation in London, Mr. E. Weber officially retired at the end of 1961 from the Managership of the bank's branch in Lower Regent Street. We say "officially retired" for Mr. Weber was still to be seen daily in his office virtually until the end of January. He has been, over the years, a familiar figure in Swiss circles in London, and the vitality which he displayed in his early days in sporting events has never left him throughout his career. His newly promoted successor is Mr. M. Schneebeli, with experience in the bank's offices in Switzerland, New York and the City.

Another well-known figure to retire — Mr. E. Gourbach — joined the London Office in August 1920, where, after a wide experience in securities matters he was a stock dealer. He was a popular figure in the bank, who will be much missed.

Yet another Swiss retiring from duty was Mr. W. Fischer. In the immediate pre-war period he was connected with the very active bullion side of the office's activities (where he is reputed to have once worked throughout the night), but in latter years was concerned with bookkeeping and accounts. Mr. Fischer, ever persevering and patient, has always had a keen interest in welfare work and church activities. He remains President of the Swiss Y.M.C.A.

Also retired are Miss G. Moore, Head of the Information Department and well known in the City, and Mr. G. Haefeli, after forty-one years' service, the greater part of which was spent in the Commercial Credit Department. Mr. M. Luthert retired at the end of January. He actually joined the bank in Switzerland as long ago as 1913, coming to London in 1919, and has been principally concerned with stock business during his particularly long business life.

Additional promotions as from 1st January this year, to the rank of Attorney, were Messrs. C. L. Butler, K. A. Prentice, R. C. Robey and R. Leighton.

### A DEPARTURE

We are sorry to hear that Mr. A. L. Chapuis, of the Consular Service of the Swiss Embassy, and the Honorary Secretary of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique since March 1958, will shortly be leaving London.

Mr. Chapuis has been appointed at the Service for Technical Assistance of the Federal Political Department in Berne, and we wish him the best of luck in his new position.

Miss Alice Gretener, of 49 Putney Hill, S.W.15, will temporarily assume the secretaryship of the N.S.H.

### LUCKY MRS. GROB

During the Annual Dinner and Dance of the S.M.S., a draw took place for a lady's evening bag presented by the society's vice-president, Mr. L. W. Krucker. Mrs. Grob was the lucky winner.

### Annette Weisbrod at the Wigmore Hall

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss Annette Weisbrod, our compatriot and well-known pianist, will give a recital at the Wigmore Hall on the 15th of this month.

The programme will consist of works by Bach, Brahms, Schumann, Hindemith, Ravel and Debussy.

Furthermore, on 27th February, Miss Weisbrod will be the star of the City Swiss Club's "Soirée Familiale" at the Dorchester Hotel, where she will entertain the guests with her virtuosity.

Annette Weisbrod was born of Swiss parents in Blackburn twenty-three years ago. She studied the piano under Adrian Aeschbacher, in Zurich, and Paul Baumgartner, at the College of Music in Basel.

She has played with the Basel and St. Gallen symphony orchestras, and has given recitals in Paris, Munich and Manchester. This will be her second recital at the Wigmore Hall.

She recently participated in the international Busoni Competition at Bozen, where she reached the finals.

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