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colleagues on the committee for the support they had so spontaneously given him during his year of office. Mr.O. Grob, who acted as president *pro tem* during the elections, thanked the outgoing committee for the sterling work they had rendered. A hearty vote of thanks to the committee was proposed by Mr. Adolf Schmid. This concluded the Meeting.

The members then adjourned for an excellent dinner, and were joined by H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur Beat von Fischer, to whom the president extended a hearty welcome.

A. Stauffer,
Press Reporter, S.R.A.

"SWISS SECURITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE"

How is Switzerland's security affected by the development of ever more terrible weapons of destruction? How is our home country adapting its defence arrangements and policy to the new and ever changing world situation? These agonising questions, uppermost in our patriotic hearts, will be discussed and answered at the next Open Meeting of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique (details see advert.) by a highly qualified Swiss speaker, Dr. Kurt Gasteyger, Director of Programmes, Institute for Strategic Studies (London). Formerly an official lecturer to the United Nations at Geneva, he has taken up this important post in London at the internationally famed Institute, directing its programs of strategic studies, only a few months ago. Let us give him a rousing welcome in our Colony — assured as we are of a most interesting evening.

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PERSONAL

The City Press carried an announcement on Monday, 12th April, that the Directors of Messrs. Erwin Brecher & Co., Merchant Bankers, have appointed Mr. Hermann Knoll, senior Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation in London for ten years until his recent retirement, as full-time Executive Chairman. We wish Mr. Knoll every success in his new activities.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY AND SWISS CLUB (SCHWEIZERBUND)

The reports of the Dinner of the Anglo-Swiss Society on 5th April and of the A.G.M. and Dinner of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) will appear in the next issue.

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"THE FORTRESS OF PEACE"
Expo Defence Film in London

In the sector "Vigilant Switzerland" at the Swiss National Exhibition last year, a film was shown about Switzerland's defence. This film has now been given a new introduction with a touristic slant, but is otherwise shown in its original form. It will be running for a few weeks as "The Fortress of Peace", together with another film, at the Royalty Cinerama Theatre in Kingsway, London.

THE "SWISS OBSERVER" THIRTY YEARS AGO

The issue of 6th April 1935 carried an extensive illustrated report on "The Achievements of two Jurassiens" Messrs. R. Marchand and L. Jobin. There were over two pages (twice today's size!) of reporting on the Foyer Suisse in Bloomsbury, including five huge photos. An article by Dr. Schindler "England — a Model?" was published in that and subsequent issues, to be followed by readers' opinions.

On 13th April we read that the new Federal Councillor was Mr. H. Obrecht. One and a half pages were dedicated to the Dinner and Ball of the Unione Ticinese at Pagani's under Mr. O. Gambazzi's chairmanship. The Davos Ice Hockey Club had been playing in London several times.

On 20th April we heard that the new President of the City Swiss Club was to be Mr. J. Billeter in succession to Mr. H. Senn. At the A.G.M. of the Gymnastic Society it was decided to revive the ladies section (under the leadership of Miss H. Deloff) and the veterans' group (under Mr. A. Isenschmidt). At that time Mr. J. Christen was President and Mr. H. Knoll leader of the Society. The Swiss Salvation Army Band had visited England, and Sir Arnold Theiler, eminent veterinary surgeon, had received an honorary degree of Dr. of Science in South Africa. There was an article by Dr. Gerhard Schürch (*at present at the head of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad and Chairman of the Commission*) "Auslandschweizer in Gefahr — Ihre Probleme-Unsere Aufgaben".

The last issue of the month carried an interesting report on the lecture by the famous Swiss pilot Walter Mittelholzer, arranged by City Swiss Club, Swiss Mercantile Society and Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

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Thursday, 13th May, at 7.45 p.m., at
Swiss Hostel for Girls,
9/11, Belsize Grove, N.W.3

OPEN MEETING

Talk in English by Dr. KURT GASTEYGER
on
"SWISS SECURITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE"

All Swiss and Friends are Welcome