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ESE DANCE, Dorchester Hotel — Harry  
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ganti, 10 Newport Buildings, Shaftesbury  
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Wednesday 13th. Swiss Mercantile Society  
monthly meeting.

MUSICAL EVENTS: On Tuesdays 7th and  
14th April, GEZA ANDA will be the solo-  
ists of concerts given at the Royal Festival  
Hall, 8 p.m.

### SCHWEIZERBUND

On 6th March, the Annual General Meet-  
ing of the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) took  
place at the Glendower Hotel, attended by 16  
members. The Club, which despite the lack of  
premises of its own remains active with a Stand-  
ing Committee, had 44 paid-up members at the  
end of 1969. Mr. V. Berti, President, was in the  
chair, and he was re-elected together with his  
fellow officers (Mr. L. S. R. Asch, Hon.  
Treasurer, and Mr. J. Schmid, Hon. Secretary).  
After all business was settled, the Club's mem-  
bers and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner.

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## THE SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Swiss Rifle Association held  
its Annual General Meeting as usual at  
the Glendower Hotel. Unfortunately,  
only 12 out of 83 members were present  
and the Committee regretted the absence  
of such prominent members as Lucien  
Jobin and Bernard Jaeggi. Letters of  
apologies were received from the ab-  
sentees, many of whom were abroad.

Mr. J. C. Wetter, the retiring Presi-  
dent, greeted his guest of honour,  
Colonel Von Frisching, the Military  
Attaché at the Embassy, and made it  
known that I had been appointed as the  
Association's new Press reporter, in  
succession to Mr. J. Schmid.

The minutes of last year's AGM  
were read by Mr. Charles Abegglen, the  
Honorary Secretary, and approved.  
Mr. Wetter asked Mr. Peter Fischer to  
read out the President's Survey for  
1969. The brilliant results at the shoot-  
ing festival at Thun and the 6th Radio  
World Shoot were among the main  
events reported. The Association had  
met eight times and shot 5,620 rounds  
of ammunition against 3,360 in 1968.  
It had welcomed 16 new members and  
lost 12, 8 of them having left England,  
2 having resigned and 2 passed away.  
The balance-sheet was examined and  
showed a very satisfactory financial  
situation.

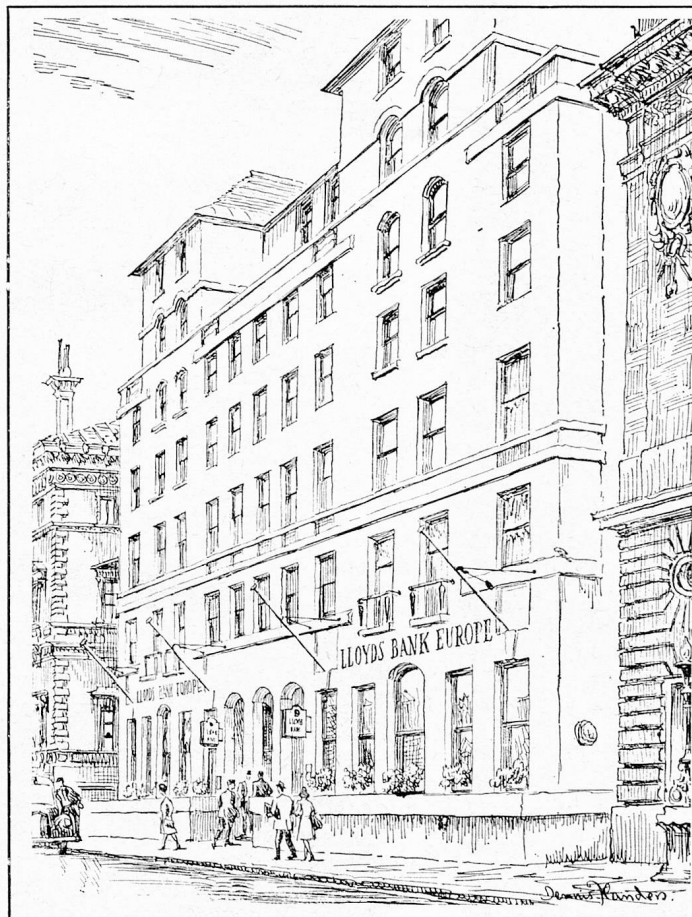
Mr. Wetter then announced his de-  
finite resignation from the presidency  
of the Association, thanked the mem-  
bers for their past support and an-  
nounced that Mr. Marcel Bucherer

would be ready to succeed him. Mr.  
Oscar Grob, who acted as interim chair-  
man, thanked him for all he had done  
for the Association and motioned his  
election as Honorary Past President.  
This was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Bucherer thanked the mem-  
bers present for their vote of confidence  
and outlined the programme for this  
year. He unfolded the new Feldschiessen  
target and expressed the hope that a  
match with the .22 rifle could be organ-  
ised between the Swiss Rifle Associa-  
tion and the Kensington Rifle and  
Pistol Club this season. There were un-  
fortunately too few members present to  
pass any decision about this.

Mr. F. Magnin suggested that Mr.  
Alfred Schmid who, at a lively 84, is  
the doyen of the Association, be elec-  
ted "second Vice-President" (next in  
rank after Mr. Peter Fischer, who re-  
mains Vice-President). Mr. Schmid  
wasn't showing much enthusiasm for  
this new honour and Mr. Wetter sug-  
gested that, by investing Mr. Schmid  
with this new and queer title, we would  
be creating an unnecessary precedent.  
He turned down the idea and got the  
approval of the meeting.

Mr. Schmid had brought the menu  
of the 7th Annual Meeting of the Asso-  
ciation, which took place in 1930, and  
we could all appreciate that its fantas-  
tic list of courses compared rather well  
with present AGM menus. He also  
showed us the booklet of the Swiss  
Rifle Association's rules. This booklet,  
now out of print, used to be given to all  
new members. Mr. Schmid also raised  
the problem of the Association's pub-



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