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NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique took place at the Regent Centre Hotel near the Post Office Tower, a new and most pleasant venue. The President, Mrs. Mariann Meier, was unable to be in the chair, since she was in Switzerland nursing her dying father. A member of the Council, Mr. B. Simon, took her place very efficiently. The satisfactory accounts were approved

as was the annual report which showed how very active the Society had again been in the past year. The Council was re-elected with the exception of the Vice-President Mr. R. Baumann, who had resigned for business reasons. The Hon. Auditors were re-elected, and the Chairman thanked them, the Council and officers for their services.

After the reception, the 75 members and friends sat down to dinner. The Ambassador was unfortunately not well enough to attend, but Mr. Simon had

pleasure in welcoming Madame Thalmann who read a message of appreciation from her husband. The Chairman welcomed the guests in a humorous address and read a letter from the President. Her efforts to organise the event successfully in parts from Switzerland, were highly appreciated and her absence much regretted.

Altogether it was a most successful function and a very enjoyable evening.

G.R.

A TICINESE BREAKFAST RECEPTION

The Swiss National Tourist Office in London organised a reception for some 200 representatives of Press and travel agencies at the Swiss Centre in London. This unusual party took place between 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. on 5th April. The chefs, pâtissiers and bakers of the Swiss Centre Restaurants prepared ample and excellent breakfast which was much appreciated by British and Swiss alike. The hosts were six personalities from the Canton of Ticine, headed by Dr. Marco Solari, Director of the Ticinese Tourist Association. He was accompanied by the Deputy-Director, Mr. Virgilio Bianchi (Bellinzona); the Manager of the Locarno Tourist Office, Mr. Luigi Bonalumi; Miss Anita Pfister, in charge of the Bellinzona

Tourist Office; the President of the Tourist Office Ceresio, Melide, Mr. Mario Bernasconi; and Miss Adolphine Weber, in charge of the Tourist Office Bamberogne, Vira.

This reception offered the members of the delegation an excellent opportunity of introducing the Ticine, its beauties and attractions.

Amongst the guests were Federal Councillor Rudolf Gnaegi who was in London for the European Conference of Ministers of Sport, and the Swiss Ambassador in London, Dr. Ernesto Thalmann. They enjoyed meeting their compatriots from the Ticine and above all the many British friends of Switzerland. M.M.

BRIGELS — A SWISS FAMILY HOLIDAY VILLAGE

Situated at an altitude of 4,265 ft. above sea level on a broad sun terrace in the Vorderrhein Valley of Canton Graubünden is the family holiday village of Brigels. It can be reached from Chur by road or by the Rhaetian Railway to Tavanasa and from there by postcoach.

The old part of the village is officially protected as an ancient monument. Since the opening of the ski fields on the Péz Artgas up to an altitude of 7,933, the area has also become attractive for more experienced skiers. Two cross-country trails and a ski-roaming route pass through countryside of great charm.

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