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SOCIETY AND SOCIAL SCENE

A prominent Swiss honoured in Manchester

A RECEPTION in honour of Dr. Rudolf Ernst Keller, professor of German language and medieval German literature at the University of Manchester since 1960, was held recently at the Goethe-Institut in Manchester.

Marking Dr Keller's retirement at the end of last year, the reception was given by the director of the Goethe-Institut Manchester, Mr Waldo Maass, in conjunction with the Modern Languages Association (Association of Teachers of German) and the German Department of the university.

Appreciation for Dr Keller's collaboration was expressed by Mr Maass, Mr David Blamires, the new head of the German Department of Manchester University, and Mr Donal Watson, Chief Inspector, Education Authorities, Bolton, for the Modern Languages Association.

Among the guests were Mr C. Glauser, the Swiss Consul General in Manchester, and Dr V.

von Arnim, the Federal German Consul General in Liverpool.

Professor Keller, a citizen of Winterthur, was educated at the Kantonsschule Winterthur and at the University of Zurich where he obtained his title of Dr Phil.

From 1944 to 1946 he taught at the Kantonsschule Winterthur, came to this country in 1946 and was assistant lecturer at Manchester University until 1949 and lecturer in German at the Royal Holloway College, University of London, from 1949 to 1952.

He returned to Manchester University in 1952, first as a senior lecturer (1952-1959), reader in German (1959-1960),

Henry Simon Professor of German Language (1961-1982), Dean of the Faculty of Arts (1968-1970), and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1976-1979).

In 1981 Professor Keller was presented with the Goethe-Institut Gold Medal.

In addition to many articles published in learned periodicals, his publications include "Die Ellipse in der neuenglischen Sprache als semantisch-syntaktisches Problem", 1944; "Die Sprachen der Welt", 1955 (trans. Bodmer: The Loom of Language); "German Dialects, Phonology and Morphology with Selected Texts", 1961; "The German Language", 1978.

THE annual general meeting of the Unione Ticinese took place at Valchera's Restaurant in Richmond on March 6. Thirty members attended.

A review of last year's activities showed once again how popular and well attended the society's gathering are.

This year's social programme will be finalised by the newly elected committee during its first meeting on April 21, but it is expected to be of a very similar nature.

The outgoing members of the committee were re-elected unanimously with the most welcome addition of Miss Valeria Ossola.

The 1983/84 officers are: President, L. Bozzini; vice-presidents, Mrs A. Diviani and G. Broggin; hon. secretary, D.F.A. Poggia; assistant secretary, Miss G. DeMaria; treasurer, N. Morganti;

collector, G. Pedretti; committee, Mrs A. Allegranza, F. Allegranza, Mrs C. Barber-Zamboni, V. Berti, G. Diviani, P. Jacomelli, A. Neukomm, Miss V. Ossola, Miss S. Scarabel; auditors, B. Cima, P. Diviani, Mrs E. Poggia; trustees, V. Berti, L. Bozzini, J. De Maria.

Thirteen new members joined during the past year, and profits from social functions and donations helped to maintain a modest financial result.

A major achievement by the committee was the publication in Italian and in English of the "Statuto", which was ratified by last year's AGM.

Swiss Observer readers wishing to join the Unione Ticinese, are welcome to do so by writing to the hon secretary, D.F.A. Poggia, 150 Lonsdale Drive North, Enfield EN2 7ND.

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THE Swiss Rifle Association has announced the appointment of its new treasurer following the move to Crans of the former secretary/treasurer, Mr Brian Kett.

The new treasurer is Mr Josef Tresch of Paradiso, Eriswell Road, Burwood Park, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Unione Ticinese reviews the year