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In the first half the Dutch found their feet much sooner, showed good teamwork but lamentable shooting. After twenty minutes play, Smit, the inside-left and about the best Dutch forward on the field scored, for Holland to lead by one goal to nil. This cut of the whip stimulated the Swiss eleven to great efforts. A great dribble by Amado, beating three, four opponents and finally the Dutch goalkeeper made the score level at one all, in the 27th minute. Immediately afterwards Trello has the misfortune to see a cannonshot of his headed out by Caldenhove, the Dutch left-back, the goalkeeper being hopelessly beaten. Switzerland now has the better of the argument. They build up some glorious goal chances, but the final effort either narrowly misses the Dutch goal or is efficiently dealt with by the young Dijkstra, Dutch custodian.

After the interval the fortunes fluctuate; now the Dutch, now the Swiss are pressing. All in vain. The nearer the final whistle approaches the more lively becomes the game. Gradually the Swiss manage to get on top. Attack after attack rolls on the Dutch sanctuary, only to be repulsed. The halves feed the red forwards beautifully; Trello schemes as of old; the wings, Bickel and especially Aeby serve some lovely centres. But nothing tangible will accrue. The minutes pass. Must we be content with a draw, possibly lose the game undeservedly by a score of Holland in some sudden break-away? Then Amado, whose inclusion had found a number of critics, flung combination to the winds, relied once more on his delightful body-swerve and ball-control to carry him past all opposition and placed the ball in the top-left corner of the net. In the last minute Switzerland has taken the lead and won the match.

Well done, the Reds! Keep it up!

Team: Schlegel (Young Fellows); Minelli (Grasshoppers), Stelzer (Lausanne); Springer, Vernati (both Grasshoppers), Bichsel (Lausanne); Bickel (Grasshoppers), Amado (Lugano) ,P. Aebi (Grenchen), Trello and G. Aeby (Servette).

Referee: Baert (Belgium).

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"L'ARMEE SUISSE."

Swiss Minister's Guests at Presentation of Film.

A private presentation of the film "L'Armée Suisse" took place by invitation of the Swiss Minister at the Monseigneur Theatre, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, May 10th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Invitations were sent to members of the Government, the War Office, Air Ministry and both Houses of Parliament, to representatives of the Press and others.

The Military and Air Attachés of the Embassies and Legations were also invited to see the film.

Amongst the large and distinguished gathering were:

M.P.'s and Members of the Government.

Mr. Vyvyan Adams, Lt.-Commander P. G. Agnew, Col. J. Sandeman Allen, Mr. W. W. Astor, Col. J. Baldwin-Webb, Mr. R. E. B. Beaumont, Mr. Robert Bernays, Mr. W. W. Boulton, Sir William Brass, Captain Malcolm Bullock, Lord Burghley, Miss Thelma Cazalet, Capt. Victor Cazalet, Col. Ralph S. Clarke, Lt.-Col. Windsor Clive, Sir Thomas Cook, Mr. Duff Cooper, Mr. W. Craven-Ellis, Sir Henry Croft, Sir J. Smedley Crocke, Mr. Anthony Crossley, Mr. John S. Dodd, Mr. Patrick Donner, Col. Rt. Hon. Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, Captain T. L. Dugdale, Mr. Charles Emmott, Mr. P. V. Emrys-Evans, Captain Arthur Evans, Sir Arthur Gridley, Sir Edward Grigg, Lt.-Col. H. Guest, Mr. G. H. Hall, Sir Patrick Hannon, Colonel A. P. Heneage, Mr. George Hicks, Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Sir Alfred Knox, Mr. P. C. Loftus, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Captain P. D. Macdonald, Lt.-Col. J. R. J. Macnamara, Sir William Max-Muller, Field Marshal Lord Milne, Mr. Harold Mitchell, Col. Nathan, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, Lt.-Colonel A. J. Muirhead, Mr. Noel-Baker, Lt.Colonel Terence Nugent, Mr. Gerald Palmer, Mr. John Parker, Sir John Power, Mr. John Rathbone, Major Ralph Rayner, Captain E. H. Robinson Colonel L. Ropner, Colonel Sir E. A. Ruggles-Brise, Sir Horace Rumbold, Mr. E. W. Salt, Sir Arthur Salter, Sir Walter Smiles, General Spears, Mr. J. Henderson Stewart, Lord Strabolgi, Colonel E. L. Strutt,, Mr. Charles S. Taylor, Captain Waterhouse, Mr. T. William, Rear-Admiral Sir Basil Brooke, General Sir Ian Hamilton, The Earl Howe, Captain Lewis, Major John Lugard, Colonel McGrath, Mr. Hamilton Lamplugh.

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Representatives of the Press.

Dr. Egli, M. Jacot de Boinod, M. Gottfried Keller, Dr. Kessler, M. J. Meunessier, M. A. Stauffer, Mr. Kenneth de Courcy, Major E. W. Polson Newman, Commander King-Hall, Mr. James Dawson (Star), Mr. Campbell Dixon (Daily Telegraph), Editors of the Daily Express, Daily Herald, Evening Standard, News Chronicle, and Yorkshire Post.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

The first of the 1939 — 1940 meetings took place at Pagani's Restaurant on Tuesday, 2nd May, and the atmosphere which reigned right through the evening was a very good omen for a most successful year.

The President with his usual vim was one of the early arrivals, full of smiles which soon magnetised the assembly into a meeting where depression was banished. With his great devotion to the Club, he had postponed an important tour abroad so as to be able to fulfil his duty of presiding at the first of these monthly meetings. Whilst the absence of certain committee members was noticeable, the meeting lost none of its lustre thanks to the presence of Mr. de Rham, who represented the Legation. Mr. de Rham is a very good friend of the Club, and one who appreciates a good talk, particularly when it is given by such a magnificent speaker as Mr. Thiery.

One new member, Mr. Chapuisat, was unanimously elected, and it was unfortunate that he was prevented from attending the meeting.

The President made an eloquent appeal in connection with the sending of our little compatriots to Switzerland for a holiday, and the assembly was unanimous in agreeing that the Club should support this patriotic undertaking. Members present unanimously agreed to make a first donation which if required could be followed by a further donation subject to approval at a subsequent meeting.

Members were again reminded that a Committee is being set up to organise a Swiss demonstration on the 1st August; one of the delegates of the City Swiss Club to that Committee expressed the hope that this national fête would be well supported by all members of the colony who happened to be in London on that date. Never has patriotism been more necessary than at the present time while the international situation is so unsettled.

The official part of the meeting was soon over, and it was a real pleasure to see with what harmony all the discussions were conducted, and the unanimity that prevailed on all decisions shows that even if there was not a record attendance, the quantity was definitely made up by quality.

Mr. Maurice Thiery whom the members had already had the pleasure of hearing previously was up to form, if not excelling himself. His well-known wit, his astonishing and pleasing way of recounting stories was keenly appreciated by the audience. Some two hundred members of the Club, however, failed to enjoy this particular treat, and I cannot help feeling that they must be suffering from disappointment or remorse at having missed such an interesting and pleasant talk. Stories from Bocage to Sarah Bernhardt, Tristan Bernard up to Sacha Guitry were not only interesting in their official version but most amusing and certainly made the evening one of the most successful which the Club has had for a long time. Mr. Thiery was cheered to the echo, and there was only one regret that at 10.30 it should already be time to part.

Mr. de Rahm in a few well-chosen words thanked Mr. Thiery for the most fascinating evening he had enabled us to spend and rejoiced in the very friendly atmosphere which is reigning between our French friends in London and the City Swiss Club.

It is hoped that all the unfortunate ones who for some reason or other missed this meeting may remember that it is the aim of the Committee to make these monthly reunions as attractive as possible, and it would be good for the members to remind themselves that when such well-known speakers as Mr. Thiery pay the compliment of a visit to the Club, they should be supported by a large attendance.

Plans are in progress for the June meeting, and the Secretary is anxious to know whether the approximately 200 members who were absent are likely to mend their ways so as to enable him to complete the arrangements.

It would be greatly appreciated if members who have any suggestion to make in connection with the meetings would write the Secretary so that he may take up their ideas with the Committee.

Members will know that it has been the aim of the Committee to have an attendance of about 100 members at each meeting, and there is no reason, in my opinion, why members of the Club should not turn up regularly. I always feel that it is as bad for a member to pay his subscription to a Club and not attend regularly, as it would be for a customer to pay his restaurant bill and walk out without having his food. The great success of the first meeting has no doubt been communicated to many members of the colony, and they will all be welcome at the next meeting which takes place at Pagani's on June 6th.

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