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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The first Monthly Meeting of the Society in the new year was held at Swiss House on Wednesday, January 14th.

In opening the proceedings, the President, Mr. W. Meier, extended a cordial welcome to the members and friends present, amongst whom were Mr. and Mrs Marfurth, who were recently married in Switzerland and to whom the President expressed best wishes on behalf of the Society.

There were four resignations from members who had recently returned to Switzerland, including Messrs. S. Bollag and J. Trachsel, both of whom had been very active members and staunch supporters of the S.M.S. for a large number of years. In recognition of their services and in order to maintain relations with these two valued members, who are joining their local Sections, the meeting unanimously decided to elect them Corresponding Members.

In reporting on the activities of the College, Mr. O. Roethlisberger, Chairman of the Education Committee, stated that the spring term was attended by 126 students and that a similar number had already enrolled for the summer term. Ways and means were being studied to accommodate an additional 20 students for the next term, whereby the present accommodation at Swiss House will be fully taxed.

The Evening Classes have also started and there is an ever increasing demand for lessons, particularly from young ladies who are coming over to take up domestic employment.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that a new library has been started, which will be brought up-to-date by the latest commercial text books published by the S.K.V., which the Central Secretariat is kindly donating. It is hoped that members will make full use of this facility.

Following the meeting, Mr. G. R. C. Kitchin, a member of the Teaching Staff, gave a most interesting talk on his wartime experiences in the Green Caps. This service, owing to its very nature, security control and military intelligence, was comparatively little known to the general public, but, nevertheless, of vital importance.

Mr. Kitchin, without giving away any secrets, related a number of very exciting incidents in connection with his work of counter-espionage. He had many thrilling stories to tell, how would-be saboteurs and spies were caught in a net which was far more difficult to pierce than the Iron Curtain.

As an experienced linguist, Mr. Kitchin was admirably fitted for the task and he also proved himself an excellent raconteur who found a very appreciative audience. By means of various examples, he demonstrated the almost uncanny efficiency of the British Intelligence Service with its world-wide ramifications.

Mr. Kitchin's address was greatly enjoyed by all present and he was accorded a cordial ovation at the conclusion of his interesting account.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, on Wednesday, February 11th, and will be preceded by a supper at 6.30 p.m.

A Children's Fancy Dress Party has been arranged by the Ladies' Group for Saturday afternoon, February 28th. Prizes will be awarded for the most original costumes and fuller particulars will be announced in due course.

W.B.

OLYMPIC GAMES IN GREAT BRITAIN. How the General Public should Apply for Tickets.

The general public can now make application for tickets for the Olympic Games. (July 29th—August 14th, 1948.)

Application should first be made for an INFORMATION SHEET which gives the programme of events, sessions and admission prices together with an official application form to:

Olympic Box Office,
Empire Stadium,
Wembley,
Middlesex.

This should be completed and returned to the Box Office.

No Money should be sent at this stage.

Season tickets are not being issued but complete series tickets are obtainable to enable attendance at every session of any particular sport.

Applications will be dealt with in strict rotation, but priority will be given to series bookings until February 29th, after which allotments for individual sessions will be considered.

It will not be possible to acknowledge applications and some time must elapse before notification can be made as to whether applications have been successful in full or in part.

Successful applicants will receive a notification indicating the tickets allotted to them and stating the amount of money due.

Remittances should then be sent to the Box Office without delay.

It is not anticipated that tickets will be released until May or June.

Prices of tickets for most events range from two shillings to two guineas, the highest priced sessional ticket being three guineas for the boxing finals at Wembley on Friday, August 13th.

Full information can also be obtained at the usual ticket and travel agencies.

P.S.—As the National Olympic Committees abroad have had their allocation of tickets, for their general public as well as their own members, this notification does not apply to residents in foreign or overseas countries.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Members are informed that the next **Monthly Meeting** will take place, **Tuesday, 10th February**, at the **Dorchester Hotel, London, W.1**, at **6.30 p.m.**, dinner starting at 7 p.m.

The Rt. Hon. R. A. BUTLER will be the guest of the Club and will address the Meeting.

Will Members wishing to attend kindly inform the Manager, Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, not later than February 7th, 1948.

THE COMMITTEE.