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SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**Annual General Meeting.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Rifle Association was held at the Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7, on Friday, March 28th, 1952, thirty-five members being present.

The President, Mr. Alfred Schmid, in his report mentioned, that the membership at the end of the financial year, numbered forty-five. Eighteen new members were enrolled during the past year. He related that 3,050 rounds of ammunition were fired and, that although some good results were recorded, there was plenty of room for improvement. He voiced his pleasure, that the Society has amongst its members a fair number of young men.

Mr. F. Magnin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, presented his accounts, which were considered satisfactory and were accepted.

The election of the Committee for the new period resulted in the following being nominated for a new term of office:—*President*: Alfred Schmid, *Vice-President*: J. C. Wetter, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*: F. Magnin. *Range Officers*: W. Fischer, P. Odermatt, Captain E. Specker, E. Brullhard. *Auditor*: F. Suter.

The Meeting was followed by an excellent dinner, during which the President extended a hearty welcome to the two guests of the Society, namely: Mr. H. Bähler, Vice-Consul who unfortunately is leaving London shortly, having been transferred to a post on the Gold Coast, wishing him the best of luck in his new sphere of activity, and to Mr. A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer".

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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

2nd April, 1952.

The Editor,
The Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest "Negative vote by the Swiss People" by Mr. Pierre Beguin, and on comparing it with the Table which you show on the front page of your issue of Friday, March 28th, I noticed, with regret, that he did not draw attention to the fact that the votes in favour of the Government Bill were given by the Cantons of Bern, Lucerne, Schwyz, Grisons, Ticino, Vaud, Valais, all of which have a significant tourist industry, while the adverse votes were given by the Cantons to whom it has little or no appeal.

It may be a good thing that "the people" reject regulations and interventions by the State. We certainly feel that way here but it is also tragic to realise that in a Democracy the ill-informed majority can over-ride the more knowledgeable minority and that self interest is still more important than the good of one's fellow citizens.

Yours sincerely,
Chas. LEHMANN.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. K. Ratti, 177, Royal College Street, Camden Town, N.W.1, desires to express her sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their letters of kind sympathy and floral tributes sent during her recent bereavement.

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