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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING.

The Society held its Monthly Meeting at Swiss House on Wednesday, June 12th.

It was with deep regret that the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Boos, announced the untimely death of Mr. J. H. Berger, who had been an Active Member of the S.M.S. since 1925. The members rose to pay a last silent tribute to the departed.

There were two applications for membership, viz. Mr. A. Guichard and Mr. O. Schaub, both of whom had previously been members of Swiss sections.

A brief report on the Delegates' Meeting of the S.K.V. at Davos on May 25th and 26th was given by Mr. J. J. Pfaendler, who was one of the Society's official delegates. The representatives of foreign Sections were given a specially hearty welcome. Mr. Pfaendler brought greetings from many old friends who had at one time or another been in London.

Reporting on educational matters, Mr. W. Meier stated that numerous applications for evening classes had been received but that these were rather mixed as regards subjects and standard. Arrangements were being made by the Education Committee for classes to start as soon as possible.

In view of the austere conditions still prevailing, the meeting decided to arrange a Luncheon and Tea Dance instead of an Annual Banquet as was customary before the war, particularly as a similar function last year proved so great a success. The venue will again be the Dorchester Hotel, and members are asked kindly to note the date, Saturday, November 2nd.

Two members, who had recently been abroad on business missions, then related their experiences. Mr. E. Luterbacher, Sub-Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation, gave an interesting account of his trip to Belgium, where he visited a number of well known towns and industrial centres. He gave members his impressions of the economic and political situation as well as his views on the future outlook of a country which has made a remarkable recovery since its liberation.

Mr. E. A. Hueni, now with OSEC, visited Germany some months ago in an advisory capacity for one of the British Government Departments. He gave a vivid account of a journey few civilians are able to make nowadays and said that the indescribable destruction and the human misery he witnessed, had made a lasting impression on him. Unfortunately, time did not permit for the usual discussion to take place following these talks, but the members showed their appreciation to both speakers with a cordial vote of thanks.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at 7 p.m., after which there will be a short recess, the August meeting having as usual been cancelled.

Table Tennis Match: S.M.S. v. Unione Ticinese.

Following the meeting, a Table Tennis Match was held between the S.M.S. and the Unione Ticinese. This innovation was very popular both with players and spectators. Some of the games were most exciting to watch and earned the applause of an enthusiastic audience. The Unione Ticinese emerged victorious by 13 games to 5. Teams: S.M.S.: A. F. P. de Westen-

holz, M. Heiling, E. Ritzmann, W. Wyss, T. Kimche, W. Burren; Unione Ticinese: E. Berti, V. Berti, C. Valchera, J. Diviani, P. Morosi, C. Berti.

A cup competition, in which it is hoped some other Swiss Societies will join, will be held next winter, full particulars of which will be announced in due course. It was further suggested that a small Committee be formed to make arrangements for socials at Swiss House in which all can participate, such as Whist and Bridge Drives, Chess, etc., and this matter is being pursued by the Committees of both Societies.

W.B.

FURTHER REPATRIATIONS OF SWISS NATIONALS.

Since the last number of the "Swiss Observer" has appeared, further groups of our compatriots have arrived in London, on their way back to our country.

They have been evacuated from Saigon, Bangkok, Java, Celebes, Sumatra and Shanghai.

On their debarcation in Liverpool and Southampton respectively, they were received by Monsieur R. Moradasini, Vice-Consul, and Messrs. Sigrist and Baerlocher from the Swiss Legation in London.

NAMES OF ARRIVALS.

Brunner, Simonetta, Ems; Berger, Jeanne, Berger, Colette, Solothurn; Droesse-Volkart, Lilly & two children; Deodard, Louise, Pont-la-Ville (Fribourg); Duenner Gertrud & Bruno, Winterthur; Erzinger, Norah, Isabel, Schaffhausen; Eggenberger, A., Grabs (St. Gallen); Mr. & Mrs. G. Flach & 3 children, Pfungen; Frey, Max, Mellingen; Giesch, Kathe, Henrietta & 3 children, Masein, Graubunden; Mr. & Mrs. E. Guenther, Schaffhausen; Giezendanger, Elise, Wattwil; Mr. & Mrs. J. Goettin & child, Basel; Katharine Huber, Gadmen; T. Hug née Freudiger, Hug, Ronald, Affeltrangen; Hubacher, Karl, Berne; Mr. & Mrs. K. Kuenzle & child, Ober Buuren (St. Gallen); Lauffer, Karl, Windisch; Mueller, Germaine & Marthe, Wohlen (Berne); Neukaomm, Bertha, Rafz; Nufer-Zublin, Claire & 2 children, Berg (Thurgau); Pfister, Maria & Gerrit, Trachselwald; Mr. & Mrs. Rueber-Garau, J. & child, Taegerwilen, (Thurgau); Rusterholz, Max & Katharine, Zurich; Steiner, Heinrich, Zurich; Schibli, Reinhold, Otelfingen; Schwank, E., Robert, Klara, Anna & Rolf, Landschlacht (Thurgau); Simonin, Ed. & Heinrich, Bémont (Berne); Mr. & Mrs J. Teucher & 2 children, Muellheim (Thurgau); Volkart, Silvia, née Christoffel, Zurich; von Matt, Arnold, Stans; Mr. & Mrs. Vischer, Basel; Waibel, Alfred, Basel; Wyss, L. Kulmerau; Wuest, Hans, Lupfig (Aargau); Zubler, E. Aarau;

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