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COMMITTEE OF SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
18th May, 1979**

In the Chapel of the Swiss Catholic Mission the members of the Committee came together for the Annual General Meeting. After a short prayer the Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Schneebeli, spoke of the great loss to the committee with the tragic death of our Chairman, Frank DeMaria and read out the Obituary from the *Swiss Observer* (November, 1978). After the accounts had been examined and approved the Chaplain, Fr. Paul Bossard, gave a detailed report of his activities:

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OBITUARIES

YORKSHIRE SWISS CLUB LOSES PRESIDENT

It is with great regret that we have to inform you of the tragic loss of our President *Otto Christian Schreibke* who died completely unexpected on the 13th July on the way to work, he was 58.

He served the Yorkshire Swiss Club as President for the past three years and was re-elected at the A.G.M. in April for a further term of office.

His sudden death came as a great shock to his widow and four children and indeed to all of us who were associated with him and we extend our greatest sympathy to his family.

Otto Christian Schreibke was born in Lucerne on the 24th January 1921, he got married in 1949 and came to England in the autumn of the same year where he and his wife settled down.

In September 1963 Otto C. Schreibke joined the maintenance

staff of the Swiss Chemical firm SANDOZ in Horsforth nr. Leeds where he was trained as a fitter and worked there to the time of his death.

It is with great regret that we report the death, on 26th July, at the age of 82, of Mr. **Edouard Zwicky**, of 9 Chesterfield Lodge, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill, London N21.

Born in 1897 at Mollis, in Canton Glaris, Edouard Zwicky carried out a commercial apprenticeship and began his working life with a firm of coal merchants. In 1920, he decided to go to England expecting to find better opportunities. There, he worked for a number of banks, starting with the Credit Lyonnais. When he retired in 1962, he was with the statistical department of a City Bank called OBS.

Quite early during his life-long stay in Britain, Mr. Zwicky took an active interest in the life of the Colony. He became a member of the Consistoire of the Swiss Church during the days of Pastor Hoffmann-de Visme, and was a member of this body for thirty-five years. He met his wife, Juliette Rochat, at the Swiss Church where they were married on the National Day of Thanksgiving of 1922. Owing to his wife's Genevese origins, Edouard Zwicky was a member of the French-speaking parish where he is still remembered by many people for his kindness and cheerfulness. Mr. Zwicky was also involved with other Swiss institutions in London, among them the Swiss Mercantile Society.

He was a fine photographer, and was blessed with an alert mind until the stroke which paralysed his right side and dimmed his consciousness three months before the one that eventually carried him away.

During the last years of his life, he suffered from a glaucoma which prevented him from reading. But it was a tribute to his spirits that this deficiency never deprived him of his kindness and interest in other people.

To his widow, and to her son Jean-Jacques and family, we extend our most sincere condolences.

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IN MEMORIAM

We heard with great regret of the sudden death of **Mr. L. S. R. Ash**, on 12th August (a full obituary will appear in our next issue) and of the death of **Mr. Max G. Ehrsam**, 10th August, at the age of 82 and **Mrs. Phyllis Gisiger** on 19th June.

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences to the families of the deceased.



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