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the Swiss, with their characteristic dignity, reminded them that the Swiss had no intention of surrendering their sovereign rights, and took orders from nobody in Switzerland.

What is the object of the continued Russian attack on Switzerland as pro-Fascist? The *National Zeitung*, of Basle, recently published an interesting article in which they summarised the following characteristics of a Fascist state: the single-party system, the suppression of all opposition and criticism of the Government, the complete control of the press and radio, the existence of a secret police and the subordination of the judiciary to the executive. The article concluded by inviting the Russians to decide for themselves which of these characteristics of a Fascist state were to be found in (a) Russia, or (b) Switzerland.

This central core of Europe, this democratic state with its high standard of living, lies across the Russian lines of communication to the West, and is therefore a constant source of irritation to all Fascists, red, brown or black. Switzerland has the distinction of having provoked the bitter hatred of both Hitler and Stalin.

British prestige stands high to-day. In 1939 the Swiss were horrified by the fact that the Opposition voted against conscription and many Swiss believed that we were doomed. The fact that we did not surrender in 1940 made a profound impression. Mr. Churchill's prestige is immense. So is Field-Marshal Montgomery's. The Swiss were enchanted by the contrast between the victorious "Monty" in a sweater and flannel bags and the defeated Rommel in full regimentals and orders. That kind of contrast delights the Swiss.

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CITY SWISS CLUB. Monthly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, October 2nd at Brown's Hotel, and was preceded by the customary dinner. Eighty-five members were present.

Mr. A. Bon, who was in the Chair, informed the members that the committee had decided to devote this meeting to the administrative business of the Club and invited them to bring forward suggestions or proposals with regard to the future of the Club.

Mr. Renou voiced his opinion that the younger members of the Swiss Colony in London should be given a chance to take an active part in the Club, and invited the committee to study this question; various members took part in the ensuing discussion, and the committee promised to encourage the younger generation. Unfortunately the former are rather limited in numbers owing to the conditions which restricted immigration during the last six years of the war.

A lengthy discussion then followed concerning the finding of new premises for the City Swiss Club, and making use of the Funds which had been earmarked for these purposes. The committee was invited to make proposals at a later date, in connection with this matter.

It was also decided that, should conditions allow it, Ladies should be invited to some of the lectures held at the Monthly Meetings of the Club.

Mr. Ch. Chapuis, a former President of the City Swiss Club, drew the attention of the members to the fact, that the "Swiss Observer," the official organ of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain, is shortly celebrating the 25th anniversary of its existence. He paid a warm tribute to Mr. P. F. Boehringer, the founder and publisher of the paper, as well as to its former editors, Dr. Latt, Dr. Lang, Dr. Egli and Mr. Stauffer and other collaborators, expressing the wish that this deserving venture should receive the whole-hearted support of the Colony. Mr. Chapuis mentioned that Mr. Stauffer, editor of the paper from 1929 - 1939, and a member of the committee of the City Swiss Club for the last twelve years, will shortly take up his duties with the paper again. Mr. O. Boehringer, on behalf of his father who was unable to attend the meeting, thanked Mr. Chapuis for his complimentary remarks, and the members for their kind approval of what was said.

Five new members were admitted, no resignation came to hand.

The President informed the meeting that Sir Arthur Morgan, Kt. will address the Club, on Monday, November 5th at the Dorchester Hotel, on "The British Empire and European Economic Federation," and that Mr. Geoffrey Crowther, Editor of the "Economist" has promised to be present.

Close of the Meeting 9.15 p.m.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

We hope to go to press again on November 30th, 1945, and take this opportunity of thanking the following Subscribers for their enlarged subscription:—

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