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A. MAX ALBRECHT †.

Unrelenting and pitiless death makes great gaps amongst the older members of the Colony. As briefly reported in our last issue, Mr. A. Max Albrecht, of Palmeira Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, passed away on February 8th, 1951.

This sudden departure — he collapsed in his office and died almost instantaneously — came as a great shock not only to his family, but also to his numerous friends and business colleagues. He truly died in harness, as he would have wished, for he possessed a strong sense of duty in the performance of which he never spared himself.

Mr. Albrecht was born on the 21st April, 1884, at Weesen (Ct. St. Gall), he received his schooling at the grammar school in Glarus, the college in Yverdon, and finally at the Pensionat Meneghelli in Tesserete (Ct. Ticino).

At the early age of seventeen he left his native country to come to London, where the foundation of a great and successful career was laid.

In 1906, he joined the well-known firm of Messrs. C. Czarnikow, Ltd., International Sugar Brokers and Produce Merchants, of Mincing Lane, as market correspondent.

Possessed of unbounded energy, high integrity and intelligence, his work soon found the recognition it deserved, and before long, he occupied an important position in the oversea marketing activities of the firm, and he became a familiar figure in the Continental European sugar market.

In the year 1940, Mr. Albrecht was elevated to the Board of Messrs. Czarnikow, and except for the period of restricted trading during the last war and his enforced absence from business last year, due to illness, he maintained an uninterrupted contact with world sugar affairs up to the time of his death. He enjoyed an international reputation for the brilliant way in which he succeeded — even during the most difficult times — in his chosen sphere of activity.

In 1908, Mr. Albrecht married Signorina Martha Meneghelli of Tesserete (Ct. Ticino), sister of the well-known Professor J. Meneghelli, and this union proved to be a very happy one indeed. He was a devoted husband and a loving father to his three children (two daughters and a son). The death of the latter, who was killed during the last war, when serving in the R.A.F. as a bomber pilot officer, was a great shock to him from which he never really recovered.

Owing to his heavy business engagements, he was unable to take an active part in the work of the Colony, but he was for many years, a member of the City Swiss Club, and the Swiss Mercantile Society.

Mr. Albrecht's funeral took place on the 15th of February at the Golders Green crematory and was attended by the members of the family, friends, and a great number of representatives of leading business firms. All those, who came in contact with him, will remember him as a Gentleman in the real sense of the word, and will keep him in affection remembrance. *ST.*

Mrs. CLARA KUNZLE †.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on February 22nd, at her home, 42, Richmond Hill Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, of Mrs. Clara Kunzle, wife of the founder of the firm of C. Kunzle, Ltd., Chocolate and Cake Manufacturers and Restaurateurs, of Birmingham.

Mrs. Kunzle materially assisted Mr. Christian Kunzle in the founding of the business, particularly on the shop side, looking after the first small shop whilst her husband, with two apprentices made the goods.

She was keenly interested and gave her support to all forms of charitable work; of somewhat retiring nature the sweetness and serenity of her disposition endeared her to all who were privileged to come into contact with her.

She showed a keen interest in Mr. Kunzle's Health Scheme at Davos, where she was married in 1903. Mrs. Kunzle had been in poor health for some considerable time.

We extend our most sincere sympathy, to Mr. C. Kunzle and family, in their sad bereavement.

PERSONAL.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Dr. A. R. Lindt, Press Attaché at the Swiss Legation in London, on his appointment as Chairman of the Programme Committee of the Executive Council of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. His election took place on February, 9th, at Lake Success. Dr. Lindt is Swiss Delegate on this Committee, which is composed of delegates from 11 nations, amongst them the five great powers, it is the planning and policy making body of the Children Fund.

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We greatly regret to announce the death of M. Frédéric Golay, which occurred in Geneva on the 19th of February.

M. Golay was born in 1874 at Le Sentier (Ct. Vaud) where he was educated. In 1896, he came to this country, and twelve years later founded the firm of Messrs. Guignard & Golay (Representatives of Swiss Watch Manufacturers) in Holborn. In 1945, M. Golay retired from business, and returned to Switzerland.

The many friends he made during his residence in this country, will deeply regret his passing away. M. Golay, who was a member of the "Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres" for over 50 years, took at one time, a keen interest in the London Swiss Colony. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family in their loss.

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