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MAY

Sunday 3rd, 4.30 to 11 p.m. UNIONE TICIN-
ESE DANCE, Dorchester Hotel — Harry
Vardon's Band — Tickets (inclusive of Tea)
25/- obtainable from Secretary, E. P. Mor-
ganti, 10 Newport Buildings, Shaftesbury
Ave.

Wednesday 13th. Swiss Mercantile Society
monthly meeting.

MUSICAL EVENTS: On Tuesdays 7th and
14th April, GEZA ANDA will be the solo-
ists of concerts given at the Royal Festival
Hall, 8 p.m.

SCHWEIZERBUND

On 6th March, the Annual General Meet-
ing of the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) took
place at the Glendower Hotel, attended by 16
members. The Club, which despite the lack of
premises of its own remains active with a Stand-
ing Committee, had 44 paid-up members at the
end of 1969. Mr. V. Berti, President, was in the
chair, and he was re-elected together with his
fellow officers (Mr. L. S. R. Asch, Hon.
Treasurer, and Mr. J. Schmid, Hon. Secretary).
After all business was settled, the Club's mem-
bers and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner.

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THE SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Swiss Rifle Association held
its Annual General Meeting as usual at
the Glendower Hotel. Unfortunately,
only 12 out of 83 members were present
and the Committee regretted the absence
of such prominent members as Lucien
Jobin and Bernard Jaeggi. Letters of
apologies were received from the ab-
sentees, many of whom were abroad.

Mr. J. C. Wetter, the retiring Presi-
dent, greeted his guest of honour,
Colonel Von Frisching, the Military
Attaché at the Embassy, and made it
known that I had been appointed as the
Association's new Press reporter, in
succession to Mr. J. Schmid.

The minutes of last year's AGM
were read by Mr. Charles Abegglen, the
Honorary Secretary, and approved.
Mr. Wetter asked Mr. Peter Fischer to
read out the President's Survey for
1969. The brilliant results at the shoot-
ing festival at Thun and the 6th Radio
World Shoot were among the main
events reported. The Association had
met eight times and shot 5,620 rounds
of ammunition against 3,360 in 1968.
It had welcomed 16 new members and
lost 12, 8 of them having left England,
2 having resigned and 2 passed away.
The balance-sheet was examined and
showed a very satisfactory financial
situation.

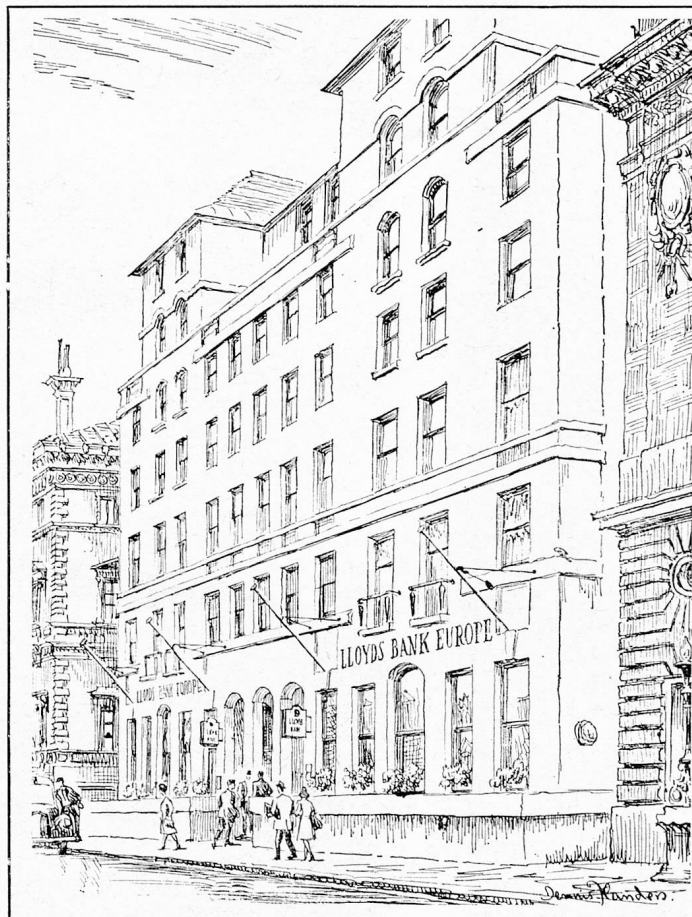
Mr. Wetter then announced his de-
finite resignation from the presidency
of the Association, thanked the mem-
bers for their past support and an-
nounced that Mr. Marcel Bucherer

would be ready to succeed him. Mr.
Oscar Grob, who acted as interim chair-
man, thanked him for all he had done
for the Association and motioned his
election as Honorary Past President.
This was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Bucherer thanked the mem-
bers present for their vote of confidence
and outlined the programme for this
year. He unfolded the new Feldschiessen
target and expressed the hope that a
match with the .22 rifle could be organ-
ised between the Swiss Rifle Associa-
tion and the Kensington Rifle and
Pistol Club this season. There were un-
fortunately too few members present to
pass any decision about this.

Mr. F. Magnin suggested that Mr.
Alfred Schmid who, at a lively 84, is
the doyen of the Association, be elec-
ted "second Vice-President" (next in
rank after Mr. Peter Fischer, who re-
mains Vice-President). Mr. Schmid
wasn't showing much enthusiasm for
this new honour and Mr. Wetter sug-
gested that, by investing Mr. Schmid
with this new and queer title, we would
be creating an unnecessary precedent.
He turned down the idea and got the
approval of the meeting.

Mr. Schmid had brought the menu
of the 7th Annual Meeting of the Asso-
ciation, which took place in 1930, and
we could all appreciate that its fantas-
tic list of courses compared rather well
with present AGM menus. He also
showed us the booklet of the Swiss
Rifle Association's rules. This booklet,
now out of print, used to be given to all
new members. Mr. Schmid also raised
the problem of the Association's pub-



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