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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. Morganti, 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 soloists of concerts given at the Royal Festival Hall, 8 p.m.

SCHWEIZERBUND

On 6th March, the Annual General Meeting 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 Standing 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 members 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 absentees, many of whom were abroad.

Mr. J. C. Wetter, the retiring President, 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 shooting 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.

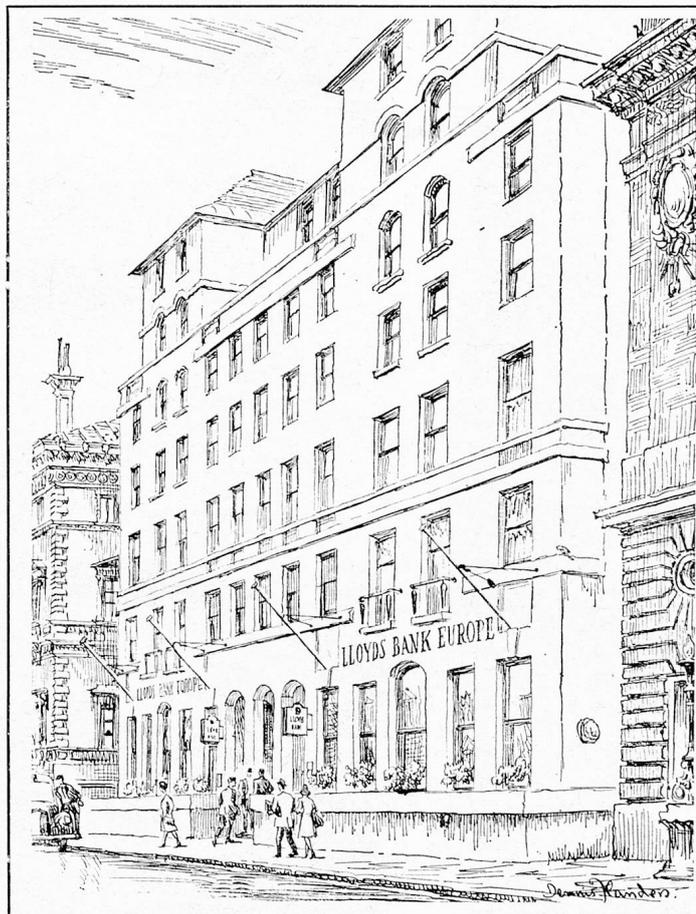
Mr. Wetter then announced his definite resignation from the presidency of the Association, thanked the members for their past support and announced that Mr. Marcel Bucherer

would be ready to succeed him. Mr. Oscar Grob, who acted as interim chairman, 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 members 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 organised between the Swiss Rifle Association and the Kensington Rifle and Pistol Club this season. There were unfortunately 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 elected "second Vice-President" (next in rank after Mr. Peter Fischer, who remains Vice-President). Mr. Schmid wasn't showing much enthusiasm for this new honour and Mr. Wetter suggested 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 Association, which took place in 1930, and we could all appreciate that its fantastic 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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