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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday, 30 April 1979, at HAGANS. Nominations for the Committee and any special business must be given to the Secretary in writing by the proposer with the consent of the nominee, not less than ten days before the A.G.M. (until 20.4.79). All Financial Members shall be entitled to vote.

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The poster collection is entitled: DIE SCHONSTEN SCHWEIZER POSTER 1978, and combines posters of a commercial and non-commercial nature.

The book collection is entitled: DIE SCHONSTEN SCHWEIZER BUCHER 1978, and contains a big variety, from children books to an edition of the fourteen century Catalanian World Atlas, valued at approximately \$800.00. All books on display are valued between \$3-4000.00!!!!

This could be quite an interesting opportunity to see the aspect of Switzerland which you normally cannot see in this country.

You can visit the exhibition on **Saturday, 7 April, 1979 from 9.00am to 5.00pm** in Block K (entrance Knighton Road, Gate 2), Groundfloor, Room G.09 (Tearoom), OR in the University Library from **Monday, 9 April, 1979, to Friday, 13 April, 1979, from 9.00am to 10.00pm.**

Please remember the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 22 April, 1979, at 8.00pm, at the Eureka Hall. The Meeting will be open for suggestions, new ideas and questions. So, come along and let the Committee know what your wishes and intentions are. As usual, supper will be served, refreshments will be available also.

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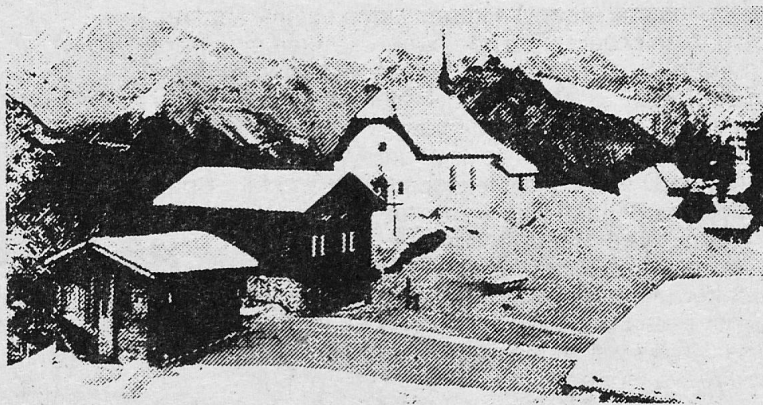
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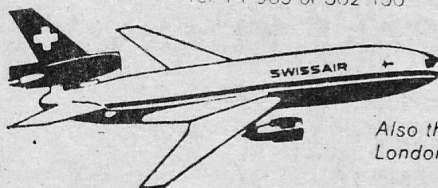
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Wedding Bells for Herbert and Willetta

On Saturday, 24 February, 1979, at 4.00pm a very happy occasion took place at St. Theresa's Church in Tauranga. Herbert, a well known member of the Hamilton Swiss Club, not only to us but also to many other members of the Swiss community northwards and southwards, married Miss Willetta Smit. The wedding ceremony in the lovely chapel near the sea shore, celebrated by Father Dolphyn, was very impressive. After the wedding sermon and the congratulations from the many friends and guests, the newly wed couple drove away in a Gig. The guests followed then to the Willow Park Motel Hotel where the reception took place. It was a really mixed guest list, with Dutchies, Kiwis and Swissies present. But there was no problem in getting united all these different "tongues", because everybody was enjoying the wedding breakfast thoroughly until the early hours of the morning. So did Herbert and Willetta!

Again: Our best and heartiest congratulations to you both and all the best for the future, Mr and Mrs Staheli jun!!!

OTAGO SWISS OUTING

Twenty-eight Swiss and friends journeyed to Busk-land's Crossing (near Waikouaiti) for a summer outing. Although no programme had been arranged members enjoyed games, swimming, hill climbing and general laziness. Fishing and boating could also have been enjoyed but there were no takers.

We were very pleased to welcome Walter and Dorli Bohn from Dunback and especially Mr and Mrs Bohn (Senior) from Zurich who were staying with Walter and Dorli on a three-month holiday.

We were also pleased to make acquaintance of John Kradolfer (Junior) aged 10 months, a bonny lad.

We have heard on the grapevine that another two Swiss Juniors will be making their appearances shortly. Good news indeed.

B.L.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Annual General Meeting on the 7th April 1979.

Club evening: 21st April 1979, at the Club House, for transport, please ring 788-872.

SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 3rd June 1979 at Stratford

Motions: Must be in the hands of the President of the Swiss Society not later than the 30th April 1979 so that they can be published in the May issue of the Helvetia. Forms for proxy voting will be included in the May issue also.

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I must withdraw my statement made in the February issue of Helvetia about Mr Adams appointment as Swiss Ambassador of South Africa and Rhodesia. He is going to be Consul General of South Africa.

W.R.

Rifle Shooter friends of Swiss Society
At last it's on again, the big one for us all,

50 Federal Shooting Festival 7. 22. July 1979 Luzern

Mentioned in Helvetia Dec. 78 issue: Rifle Masters obtained several prospectus, e.g. on shooting itself incl. booking forms on shooting times and competition choices, as well as information on festivals!

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Now - Please Personal Note!

Die Anmeldung Zum Eröffnungsschiessen erfolgt durch jeden einzelnen Schützen selbst durch Vorauszahlung des Doppels von Fr. 60.- bis 30. April 1979 auf Postcheckkonto: 60-1100 Eidg. Schützenfest Luzern mit Vermerk: 300 m. & der 50m fuer Pistolen.

A VERSATILE EDITING DESK

Here is a Swiss novelty made to measure for the professional journalist: a fully self-contained tele-editing device for writing, storing and transmitting texts. The idea appears to be totally original both from the point of view of design and of function. A micro-computer with magnetic cassettes, videoscreen and mini-printer, the "Scrib" weighs only 8.5 kg and comes in the form of a simple portable typewriter. Powered by battery of the mains, it can be used anywhere, while at the same time offering an unusual number of possibilities. The journalist can carry out any corrections he wishes, make any number of alterations on half a newspaper page of closely written text, keep a permanent check on the number of characters typed. The copy always remains clean and neat. The videoscreen can be split into two parts to allow the drafting of a second version with the original text still on the screen. Once the final version has been made, it is stored on a mini-cassette and can be transmitted via the normal telephone system. Speed of transmission: 1,800 characters/second. (SODT)

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RECYCLING OF WASTE MATERIALS: THE INGENIOUS IDEA OF A SWISS SCIENTIST

Waste is a problem of great concern to a large number of industrialised countries today. In this connection it is interesting to note that, at the 7th International Inventions Exhibition in Geneva, a Swiss searcher presented to the public a particularly original novelty: recycled objects made from old fire hoses. These objects consist mainly of bags, belts and various semi-finished products. According to the inventor's estimates, several thousand miles of old fire hose are thrown out in Switzerland each year and added to the volume of ordinary waste. The basic material, jute, is however easily recycled. The inventor is trying to export part of his products, either in the finished state or in the form of manufacturing licences. (SODT)

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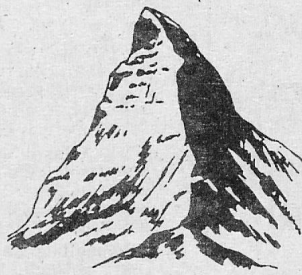
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SPORTS IN SWITZERLAND

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Athletics:

Kein Problem für Markus Ryffel: Weider Goldmedaille

An den 10. Hallen-Europameisterschaften in Wien verteidigte der Schweizer Markus Ryffel über 3000 Meter seinen vor einem Jahr in Mailand errungenen Titel souverän und gewann seine zweite EM-Goldmedaille mit deutlichem Vorsprung. Rolf Gysin wurde Sechster über 800 m, der Hochspringer Roland Dalhäuser mit 2.18 m Zehnter. Zu den wenigen internationalen Spitzenresultaten der stimmunglosen Titelkämpfe gehörten Ryffels 7:44.5, die zwei europäischen Hallenrekorde durch den Sprinter Woronin über 60 m (6.57 sek. egalisiert) und die 5.58 m des Stabhochspringers Kozakiewicz, beides Athleten aus Polen.

3000 m: 1. Markus Ryffel (Sz) 7:44.5; 2. Christoph Herle (BRD) 7:45.5; 3. Alexander Fedotkin (SU) 7:45.5; 4. Andreas Basig (DDR) 7:45.6; 5. Nick Rose (Gb) 7:46.7; 6. Dietmar Millionig (Oe) 7:47.5.

Ice Hockey:

Vor der Feier eine Niederlage für Bern - Auch wenn alle acht A-Mannschaften in der Schlussrunde nichts mehr anderes als Prestige auf dem Spiel stand, kam es in Bern und Arosa noch zu recht umstrittenen Kämpfen, und in drei Stadien - in Bern, Lausanne und Arosa - konnte ein respektabler Publikumsaufmarsch registriert werden.

Resultate und Ranglisten

Meisterschaft Nationalliga A: Bern - Langnau 3:4 (0:1, 3:2, 0:1) Arosa - Biel 5:3 (4:1, 0:2, 1:0) Lausanne - La Chaux-de-Fonds 2:6 (0:2, 1:2, 1:2) Kloten - Sierre 5:3 (2:0, 2:0, 1:3)

1. Bern	28	17	6	5	136	85	40
2. Biel	28	16	3	9	136	102	35
3. Langnau	28	16	2	10	115	107	34
4. Kloten	28	14	2	12	131	106	30
5. Lausanne	28	11	3	14	113	137	25
6. Arosa	28	10	4	14	100	114	24
7. La Ch.-de-Fonds	28	11	2	15	102	121	24
8. Sierre	28	5	2	21	85	148	12

Basketball:

«Was jetzt kommt, ist ein zusätzliches Geschenk» Nach den Siegen über Ungarn und Frankreich spielen die Schweizer Handballer bei der B-WM in Spanien in der Zwischenrunde heute abend, 26. Febr., gegen Bulgarien und am 28. Febr., gegen Schweden. Ungarn qualifizierte sich mit einem hohen Sieg gegen Frankreich ebenfalls für die Zwischenrunde, Frankreich, Norwegen und Österreich steigen ins C-Turnier ab.

Die Gruppenklassemente. Gruppe A (Madrid): 1. Schweden 2/4 (36:32) 2. Bulgarien 2/2 (33:31) 3. Norwegen 2/0 (32:38) Gruppe B (Alicante): 1. Schweiz 2/4 (36:33) 2. Ungarn 2/2 (48:33) 3. Frankreich 2/0 (30:48) Gruppe C (Saragossa): 1. Spanien 2/4 (42:25) 2. Holland 2/1 (32:27) 3. Österreich 2/1 (29:41) Gruppe D (Sevilla): 1. Tschechoslowakei 2/3 (35:27) 2. Island 2/2 (33:33) 3. Israel 2/1

NEWS FROM THE EMBASSY

1. Loss of Swiss Nationality:

We would like to draw attention - especially to parents and unmarried Swiss women - to Article 9 of the Federal Law about the Acquisition and Loss of Swiss Nationality of 29th September, 1952 which states (freely translated):

'A Swiss woman loses her Swiss nationality when marrying a foreigner if, through the marriage she acquires the citizenship of her husband or if, at the time of the marriage she possesses the same already, unless, prior to the marriage, she makes a declaration stating that she wished to retain her Swiss nationality. The declaration must be made in writing to the Swiss representation.' (Embassy)

Example: A Swiss woman born in New Zealand, who is also a New Zealand citizen by birth, and who marries a New Zealander, loses her Swiss nationality, unless, prior to the marriage, she signs the above mentioned declaration. Special forms for this purpose are available at the Embassy. The Declaration is free of charge. However, if a Swiss woman acquires the New Zealand citizenship after marriage, she does not lose her Swiss nationality.

2. Please always notify the Embassy of the following:

- Change of address or phone number
- Final departure from New Zealand (or the Islands)
- Births, marriage, divorce, deaths, etc.
- Acquisition or loss of an additional nationality

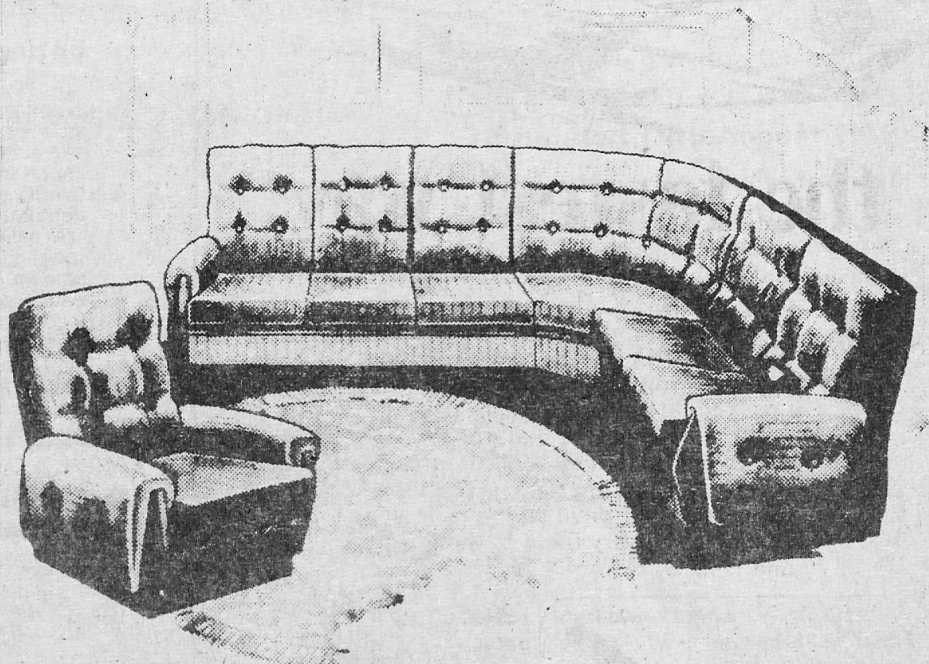
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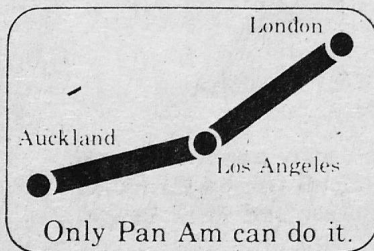
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Hauptrunde, Gruppe 1: 1. Schweiz 1/2 (19:17) 2. Schweden 1/2 (16:15) 3. Bulgarien 1/0 (15:16) 4. Ungarn 1/0 (17:19) - **Gruppe 2,** 1. Spanien 1/2 (19:14) 2. Tschechoslowake und Island je 1/1 (12:12) 4. Holland (14:19).

Skiing:

Abfahrtsieg fur Tresch

(Si.) *Walter Tresch*, der in dieser Saison erstmals bei den offiziellen Skiprofessionals fuhr, gewann in Heavenly Valley (Kalifornien) seine erste Abfahrt im Rahmen der Profi-WM. Mit diesem Erfolg sicherte sich der 30jahrige Urner 6750 Dollar und schob sich im Gesamtklassement auf Platz 2 vor.

Das Klassement: 1. Walter Tresch (Sz) 2:31.70 2. Jean-Jaques Bertrand (Fr) 2:31.76 3. Patrice Pellat-Finet (Fr) 2:32.22 4. Franz Weber (Oe) 2:32.40 5. Jim Hunter (Ka) 2:32.42 6. Richie Woodworth (USA) 2:32.45 - Ferner: 9. Hans Hinterseer (Oe) 2:33.84 10. Andre Arnold (Oe) 2:33.87.

Gesamtklassement: 1. Andre Arnold (Oe) 420 Punkte/65 105 Dollar. 2. Walter Tresch (Sz) 260/29 149 3. Hans Hinterseer (Oe) 240/21 924 4. Jim Hunter (Ka) 235/21 641 5. Werner Bleiner (Oe) 180/16 500 6. Manfred Jakobler (Sz) 175/11 209 7. Robert Schuchter (Oe) 160/15 567 8. Josef Odermatt (Sz) 160/12 549

SWISS EXHIBITION IN CHINA

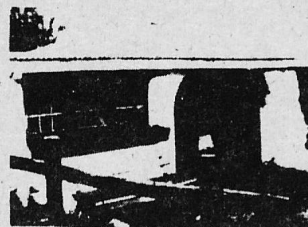
A specialized exhibition put on by the Swiss machine tools industry will be held for the first time in the People's Republic of China from 14th to 26th March. This important branch of the Swiss economy (totalling over 20% of Switzerland's exports to China) made itself widely known at the Swiss Industrial and Technological Exhibition in Peking (1974). The contacts established on this occasion encouraged the Swiss Association of Machinery Manufacturers (Machine Tool Group) to put on another exhibition in China, this time exclusively reserved to machine tools. Thus some 50 Swiss exhibitors will be displaying their latest novelties in Shanghai. The emphasis will be placed on machine tools, accessories, automation units and highly technical measuring instruments. This exhibition, organized by the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade, will cover an area of some 37,000 sq. ft. It will be preceded by a technical symposium. (SODT) (Verein Schweizerischer Maschinen-Industrieller, Kirchweg 4, Postfach, CH-8032 Zurich, Telex 54 924 vsm ch)

PRIVATE INSURANCE IN SWITZERLAND IN 1977

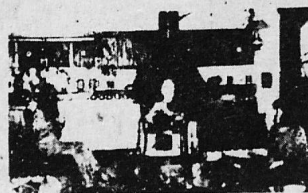
In spite of the slowing up in the economic situation, private insurance companies in Switzerland are thriving. An examination of their activities shows that, even in 1977, this important branch of the Swiss economy was able to maintain its growth on Swiss and foreign markets. Its annual contribution to the balance of revenues is estimated at 400-500 million francs. Overall, Swiss insurers and reinsurers took in 18.5 billion Swiss francs (17.7 in 1976). Of this amount, direct and indirect insurance premiums from abroad can be put at 10.1 billion francs (9.8 in 1976), divided up as follows: accident and damage insurance 3.3 billion francs, life assurance 1.5 billion, reinsurance 5.3 billion. Switzerland thus remains an exporting country in the field of insurance and reinsurance. (SODT)

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