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Dear Compatriots,

My wife and I arrived in New Zealand in the middle of June. As Charge d'Affaires of Switzerland I am replacing Mr. Adams who has left Wellington for a new posting.

As some of you might remember, I have already lived in New Zealand before. I have never forgotten the kindness which Swiss and New Zealand Citizens alike have shown to me during those years and I am therefore quite sure that our stay in this country will be a happy one.

It will always be my earnest endeavour to maintain the friendly and cordial relations existing between the Swiss Colony and this Embassy. Please feel free to approach my colleagues or me if you think we might be able to assist you in solving a problem for which the Embassy is competent. I can assure you that we shall always do everything in our power to be helpful and that you can always count on our good will.

My wife and I hope to meet you personally in a not too distant future and send you, in the meantime, our best greetings.

With kindest regards.

Walter Soilberger

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Times however have changed. The immense boom of world-tourism has opened to our compatriots abroad as well new possibilities and ever-improved conditions. On the other hand the needs and desires of our guests also evolved as the years went by. These changes in supply and demand caused a gradually diminishing use of our institution these last few years; most of our houses remained closed during the greater part of the year. As a result the yearly operating account was each time negative; in this context it may be mentioned that the 'Home' for the Swiss abroad is a private undertaking which has received no financial support, either official or semi-official during all these years!

The situation at hand compels us to close the 'Home' as of September 30, 1979. Considering the special character of this institution and the 23 years of its existence, it was a very difficult decision for us to take. In the hope that you will understand, we wish to thank you for your loyalty and we sincerely hope that you will be able to continue in the future to cultivate your contacts with the old country.

With our best regards
The 'Home' Committee

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Auckland Swiss Club.

SHOOTING BALL 1979.

Please note that the Shooting Ball scheduled to be held October 27th has been cancelled due to the delay in receiving the medals from Switzerland. The medals will be presented on Sunday 16th December at the Swiss Club farm in Kaukapapa.

The Family Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 2nd December 1979 at the Farm, Kaukapakapa. Santa will be there with lots of surprises for the children.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENT.

Invitation: (to all children and, of course, their Mums and Dads)

This year's Christmas Party is for the children. So, come along and see what's happening. We promise you there will be plenty of entertainment. We also arranged something special that will be shown on stage. What is it? That's a secret, you have to come and see for yourselves! And hopefully, Father Christmas will pay us a visit also.

Place: Eureka Hall

Date: Sunday 9 December, 1979

Time: 1.00 p.m.

Admission: FREE.

Refreshments will be available but we should like to ask all Mums to bring along a plate with some 'goodies' on it.

Please Note. Members only will be admitted.

You may think this note comes too early, but as the saying goes: it is never too soon! Therefore the Committee of the Hamilton Swiss Club would like to ask you a special favour. At our Picnic 'Schwingen' is always the big attraction of the day for old and young. For the participants, those young, strong men, it means hard work and, of course, fun as well. And all hard work should be rewarded. Therefore we would like to ask you if you would be willing to bring along an item which could be given as a prize to the 'Schwingers'. (Money would be gratefully appreciated also, so the Committee could buy the prizes). In previous years the prizes were always donated by the Committee Members themselves. To give you ample time to think about this proposal, the Committee decided to ask you still in the 'Old Year' for your help. We would be grateful if you would ring Mrs I. Fischer, 64-042 Hamilton, until Friday 8th February 1980, the latest to let her know what your intentions are. If you have a gift, please don't send it just bring it along on the day of the Picnic. If you prefer to send money, please send your contribution to Mr I. Fischer, 18 Nevada Road, Hamilton. We thank you in anticipation for your co-operation.

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TARANAKI SCHWINGEN CLUB

The Taranaki Schwingen Club is going to start Schwingen Practice every first Sunday of the month. The first practice will be held on the first Sunday in November at the Swiss Club Grounds, Kaponga, starting at 12.30p.m. Anyone who would like to spectate or learn to wrestle is most welcome to come along.

E.J. Kiser,
Secretary

NEWS OF THE COLONY

Auckland Swiss Club Chilbitanz.

On Saturday 8th September the Auckland Swiss Club was able to invite its Members and friends to a CHILBITANZ, at the Edendale School Hall. We had great pleasure in introducing to you the TIPLER Landler Trio from Taranaki. Father and daughter Tipler come all the way from Taranaki and Wayne and his friends from Rotorua. It was the first time they played here in Auckland. About 90 people attended the evening. A CHILBI usually has stalls with lots of goodies and entertainment. Mrs Wuethrich and Mrs Tout must have spent hours baking these beautiful Lebkuchenherze and all the other sweets, which they presented at the Sweet Stall. In fact all the Committee Members contributed their help to the stalls. Many thanks to everybody. Shooting and Darts Competitions invited just about everybody present to a trial. The lucky wheel was going a few times to win a giant and big Lebkuchen. 'Heisse' Bratwurst and Savelats were offered on an other stall. The Barman was kept rather busy with selling drinks. The Landlertrio invited to lots of dancing to traditional Swiss Folklore Music.

I am sure you all remember our three musicians Max Bachmann, Luis Muller and Charlie Rickenbach. It was so nice to see Max Bachmann taking over Waynes accordion and Luis Muller sitting down at the piano. Since the death of Charlie this has not happened. I am sure by a lot of people memories came back. Thank you very much to both of you, this was very much appreciated. Even the Jodelgruppe went up on the Stage, presenting us with a beautiful Jodelled. We were able to welcome quite a few members from the Hamilton Swiss Club. One of them was Peter Arnold and he sang us a lovely Naturjodel. A few from the Hamilton friends told me, that they had read in the Helvetia, that the Auckland Swiss Club will have the Tipler Trio as guests. That made them decide to come to our Social. Thanks very much for coming, I am sure you enjoyed yourself, and I hope our Members did the same!

M.F.

Christchurch Swiss Club.

Christchurch Swiss Club celebrated the National Day in the Ramada Hotel, Queenstown, and as usual more people turned up than expected. In fact - 70 more people than were anticipated by the caterers. The number of people crammed into the dining room totalled 220!! It appears that the whole of Queenstown was celebrating the Swiss National Day, and the Hotel was suitably decorated in Swiss style for this grand occasion. During the evening there was a polka and a yodelling competition and of course this was won by a Swiss from Bern. The first

prize was a pair of skis, and I was very pleased there was such strong competition from Australia, America and New Zealand in this event. An original Swiss Landler Band - accordians, double bass and drums - kept everyone entertained until the early hours of the morning, and a wonderful night was had by all. Many thanks to all concerned with organizing such a successful celebration.

B.G.

SPORT IN SWITZERLAND

RESULTATE UND RANGLISTEN

Nationalliga A

Chenois - LaChaux-de-Fonds 4:2 (0:2)
Chiasso - Servette 0:0
Lausanne - Basel 0:3 (0:1)
Xamax - Sion 2:1 (0:0)
St. Gallen - Luzern 2:1 (1:0)
Young Boys - Grasshoppers 0:2 (0:0)
Zurich - Lugano 5:1 (2:1)

1. Zurich	8	7	0	1	29:14	14
2. Grasshoppers	8	6	0	2	23: 7	12
3. Servette	8	4	2	2	19: 9	10
4. Basel	8	4	2	2	13: 7	10
5. Sitten	8	4	2	2	12: 8	10
6. Xamax	8	4	0	4	9:13	8
7. Luzern	8	4	0	4	9:14	8
8. St. Gallen	8	2	3	3	12:12	7
9. La Chaux-de-F.	8	2	3	3	10:17	7
10. Chenois	8	2	2	4	13:14	6
11. Young Boys	8	3	0	5	12:18	6
12. Lausanne	8	2	1	5	7:14	5
13. Chiasso	8	0	5	3	8:19	5
14. Lugano	8	1	2	5	9:19	4

Nationalliga B

Frauenfeld - Fribourg 1:1 (1:0)
Grenchen - Vevey 3:2 (2:1)
Kriens - Winterthur 2:1 (2:0)
Nordstern - Bern 7:3 (2:0)
Raron - Aarau 0:3 (0:0)
Wettingen - Biel 0:0
Bellinzona - Baden 4:1 (2:1)

1. Bellinzona	5	4	1	0	11: 3	9
2. Aarau	5	4	0	1	13: 5	8
3. Freiburg	5	3	1	1	10: 3	7
4. Frauenfeld	5	2	3	0	7: 5	7
5. Nordstern	5	2	2	1	12:10	6
5. Bern	5	2	2	1	9:11	6
6. Vevey	5	2	1	2	9: 8	5
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Winterthur	5	1	2	2	4: 5	4
9. Biel	5	0	4	1	3: 5	4
10. Kriens	5	1	2	2	6:11	4
11. Grenchen	5	1	1	3	8:11	3
12. Wettingen	5	0	3	2	3: 7	3
13. Raron	5	1	1	3	3: 8	3
14. Baden	5	0	1	4	6:12	1

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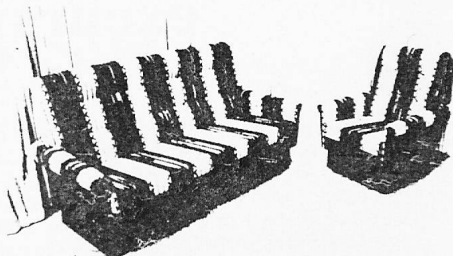
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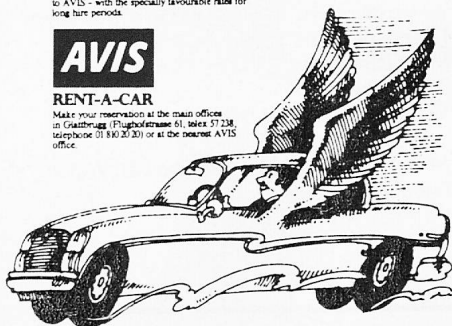
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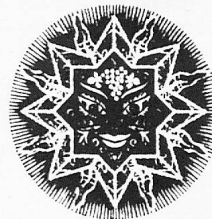
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