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Official News:

The Ambassador of Switzerland, H. Bruggmann, Pretoria, The Consul General, F. Adams, Johannesburg, the Consul F. Altenburger, Cape Town, and all their staff members wish the readers of the "Swiss Review" a happy and prosperous New Year".

Some more information from the diplomatic side: Dr. Marcus Kaiser has been appointed First Secretary at the Swiss Embassy in Pretoria, coming from Teheran we welcome Dr. Kaiser, replacing Dr. Bodenmueller who returns to Berne. A pleasant surprise on page 9 of this issue: Osvaldo Casoni, ex Vice-Consul Jhb., and very active Secretary of the Pro Ticino is also a great Soccer Player back home, he even made it into a "Swiss Government Team"!

Do you have a Last Will/TESTAMENT?? Prudent people plan their affairs. A prudent person ensures that his affairs are properly regulated both during his lifetime and thereafter.

If you have not yet made a Will you should seriously consider doing so. South African law is different from Swiss law and Swiss citizens generally do not appreciate how important it is to have a Will while they are resident in South Africa.

Swiss Consular officials in South Africa often have the utmost difficulty in assisting the relatives of Swiss citizens who have passed away in South Africa without leaving a Will.

In South Africa, when a person dies, all his assets including personal belongings, household effects, vehicles, investments and income due cannot be dealt with in any way until an Executor is appointed. If

there is no Will appointing an Executor, there are lengthy delays. Documents must be signed by the relatives in Switzerland who have to travel to a South African Consular Office for this purpose. Only after a meeting has been held some time thereafter will the Master of the Supreme Court appoint an Executor and only then can the assets be dealt with and transferred to the relatives. If you would like further details, speak to your legal adviser, if necessary, your nearest Swiss Consulate can also get you in touch with a lawyer.

As the official delegate for Cape Town Joe Giezendanner took part himself at the Congress for the Swiss Abroad 1980 in Lugano, we have pleasure in reproducing his personal report:

The Congress of the Swiss Abroad was a great success. About 600 people from all parts of the world participated and enjoyed the perfect weather in the Ticino. The grand opening took place at the Municipio in Piazza Riforma with a Military Band and the address by the Sindaco of Lugano.

The main theme discussed was the fate of the Swiss Schools abroad, concerning mostly Italy and Latin America. It was also decided to abandon the magazine ECHO for financial reasons, which is a great pity, but we hope that the Swiss Review can be enlarged and replace to some extent the monthly ECHO.

Highlights were the speech of Federal Councillor Willy Ritzard and the Saturday night party at the ultra modern Kongresshaus, situated behind the old Kursaal. The Hall was jammed with

dancers who mingled with the Folkloristic Groups.

Sunday saw many at the eucumenical Service at the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli and then the whole company went in 2 Boats to Morcote, where we crammed the entire piazza for the customary Risotto in torrid sunshine. After the return to Lugano at about 5p.m. they all went their own way to the different corners of the world with happy memories of another beautiful and memorable day in their old fatherland.

And remember the next congress will be held in Solothurn to coincide with the 500 years Eidgenossenschaft of that canton.

Please note the closing dates for the material to be sent to PO Box 3364 Jhb for the next issues of the Swiss Review.

1/81 - 10 February / 2/81 - 10 May.

Clubs and Societies are asked to send us their yearly programmes, bulletins and circulars to keep us informed of dates of coming events, etc.

Thankyou.

*Chers Lecteurs,
Dear Readers,*

Just a few words for our friends from Graubunden/Grisons, in Romantsch actually in Ladin: Schi gusta il prum d'avuost nu fuss que un di sco fat a posta per tour part a nossas activitats, e quattras mantegner nos idioms cha quaists nu vegnen inuondats tuotafat, e eu speresch da's vezzar a nossas prosmas radunanzas. Noch eine Meldung von Interesse fuer die Raetoramanen, der Neue Sekretaer der Lia Rumantscha/Ligia Romantscha mit Sitz in Chur heisst Bernard Cathomas. A propos Schweizer Schulen im Ausland, bitte den Artikel auf Seite 19 beachten, es ist noch zu bemerken, dass die einzige solche Schule in Afrika, namlich in Accra, Ghana, im Jahre 1966 gegrundet wurde und heute 136 Schueler mit 5 Lehrkraefte aufweist.

Von der Heimat gesprochen, es findet dieses Jahr, Ende Juni in Burgdorf wieder das Eidg. Jodlerfest statt, der Swiss Male

Choir Johannesburg wird nicht als Chor teilnehmen jedoch eine Delegation wird in Burgdorf anwesend sein, und Schlachtenbummler sind willkommen, Details ueber einen Treffpunkt werden noch bekanntgegeben.

Perhaps it might be of interest to the readers that there are Broadcasts in German and French of the South African Radio RSA to Europe everyday and the Frequencies and times are as follows: GMT 12 00h to 13 00h on 15 220, 21 535 and 25 790 kHz in French GMT 18 00h to 19 00h on 25 790 and 21 535 kHz in German.

So good listening - should you on the other hand like to listen to Radio Beroemuenster resp. Schwarzenburg, then the Schweizer Radio International, CH 3000 Bern 15 Switzerland would send you a detailed programme with pleasure.

We welcome quite a few new advertisers this month and we are sure they will receive the support of the many thousand of readers of the Swiss Review. Stopover

or holidaying in the Northern Transvaal, then the Clouds End Hotel in Louis Trichardt is your place. Swiss Hospitality, professional photographs to be taken, call on Chris Gertsch in Pretoria. Catering and Restaurants, The Alpine for take-aways or Alta & Irma which specialise in private functions, weddings, etc. Need a hairdo; Salon Chez Sonja, Slimming & Beauty Clinic on the East Rand. Desirée & Paul. Airconditioning problems - Heat & Cool Comfort is your firm, and for your hobby Stamp Collecting, contact R. Morgenegg of Inter-Stamp. There is still space also for your name - please send us your entry. Und bis zum naechsten Mal, erste Ausgabe 1981 sagen wir.

Totsiens!

Your Editor



CAPE TOWN

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The Club Bulletin of the Swiss Social and Sports Club Cape Town is becoming a "Newspaper" in itself. Well presented and full of interesting articles, it is certainly reason enough to join the Club and be informed on what's happening.

A look back at 1980 - The year closed with some great happenings. First of all the Gruempeltturnier organised by the Soccer Club and then also the Ticinese evening. And of course there is the Rifle Club who in November and December was very active with the Zwicky Becher, the Kannenstick and Schieberstick.

Some Results: League - Shooting:

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| 1. | PRC C | 8 Points |
| 2. | Swiss Rifle Club | 6 Points |
| 3. | PRC D | 4 Points |
| 4. | Tygerberg | 2 Points |

Sau-Schiessen:

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| 1. | W. Offner | 56 Points |
| 2. | A. Schweizer | 55 Points |
| 3. | A. Voegtli | 55 Points |
| 4. | R. Bader | 54 Points |

Some more results this time the **Gruempel**

Soccer Tournament: (Only the winners).

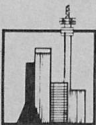
IFA Section	Hellenic
Gents Soccer	Moonrakers
Gents Fancy Dress	Footbolls
Womens Soccer	Naughties
Women Fancy Dress	Witches

Congratulations to Rene Hasler who was named IFA Sportsman of the Year. One of the finest sportsmen who has done so much to keep the spirits up amongst the players of the Swiss Soccer Club. And then there is always the **Swiss Tennis Club** for the Sportsmen and women. Just come along on a weekend to our Club grounds at Stephan Way, Greenpoint.

And now something more in the "Hobby-line" picked up by our member of long standing Joe Giezendanner.

Linksverkehr in Der Schweiz!!

Seit wann wurde der eingefuehrt? Anschienend mit der Eroeffnung des Gotthard Tunnels? Denn wenn Sie die letzte Sondermarke zu diesem Anlass betrachten (die 80 Rp. Gotthard Tunnel), so sehen Sie dass der Pfeil links hinauf fuehrt und wiederum links hinunter. Eigenartig dass dieser Fehler von keiner Kommission entdeckt wurde und allen Kontrollen entgieng, bis ein Briefmarkensammler es entdeckte. War wohl des Künstler kein Autofahrer?



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So many big events have happened since the last Swiss Review appeared that we would just like to mention some of them - The big great **Steam Train Trip** to Magaliesburg, with over 270 Swiss taking part - the Guggemusig on the Locomotive - The Maennerchor at Pretoria Station - these are just a few of the highlights of this trip, which we are sure will be repeated in 1981. The **GSNA Aelplerfest** with Gerrie Oppermann as the Schwingerkoenig and Peter Rawyler as the best Hornusser - not to forget Veronica as the great attraction at the Beerfest. The **Randburg Handball Club** Gruempeltturnier, with many winners and good sportsmanship all round.

Curling has finally made its debut and is played regularly at the Horizon Ice Rink, Roodepoort - ring Karl Settler 834-8581 (work) who will be pleased to give you the exact times. The first **Golf Day** held by the Swiss in 1981 will be in the second half of January - contact Max Schmieder at 23-5605.

Of special interest to Club Members is of course the date of the **Annual General Meeting on Friday 27th February, 1981.**

A preliminary programme has been released by the Club for 1981 and some of the Dates will have to be confirmed but here are the main events:

- 31 Jan. Sports Festival - send in your 1 Febr. application now.
- 27 Febr. AGM Annual General Meeting. 27/3 or 4/4 Guggefest, Afro Gugge.
- May/June Handball tourn. - date to come.
- 9 May Swiss Male Choir - Concert & and D/Dance at the Carlton.
- 16 May Schwingers participate at the S.A. Games, Wanderers Club.
- 5 July. GSNA Lotto match.
- 1 Aug. National Day - this year really something special.
- 18 Oct. Ticinesi/Romantsch Festival - Winzerfest.
- 7/8 Nov. Aelplerfest.

The **Swiss Skittling Club** of course also has some interesting events on the programme for the coming year, as it is also there 5th Anniversary. The **Rifle Club** has regular Shoots at least once a month, and there are of course quite a few Swiss **Parachutists** which usually show their skills on the 1. Aug. when the **Swiss Riding Club** performs.

But then the Swiss Community does not only consist of Clubs, and if you have something interesting to tell us, just drop a line and of course somebody who is always very pleased to hear from you is the History of the Swiss - Box 3626 Jhb.



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The Club newsletter will be sent to all members in January 1981, but some of the dates can still be given at this stage. **7 Febr/7March** are the first two dates for

the meetings of the Rifle Club at Hammarsdale.

Mid-March the Annual General Meeting - date and venue to be announced.

2 May Republic Festival Celebrations in Pietermaritzburg, at which the Swiss Community will also take part, and from the latest information the Swiss Male Choir Jhb., will be appearing.

And now to start the new year in a lighter vein. Here is a story from the home country which some might have heard which brings back memories of World War 2.

As is well-known, American 'flying fortresses' were stationed at air bases in England. Almost every night these planes flew to Northern Italy to carry out bombing raids on the industrial centres there. The direct route to their targets took them over Swiss territory. Under the laws of neutrality, we were obliged to forbid the Americans to fly through our airspace. When American planes were spotted, Swiss Anti-Aircraft Defence radioed to them: 'You are over Swiss territory and must leave it immediately.' The Americans radioed back: 'We know it.' The Swiss said: 'If you don't turn back immediately, we'll open fire.' The Americans answered: 'We know it.' The Swiss started firing. Then the Americans radioed: 'You're firing too low.' The Swiss answered: 'We know it.'



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Not much news from this part of the world, except very best wishes to all compatriots for 1981 from the two correspondents in Kimberley and Kroonstad, who will always be pleased to hear from you. And here a message of concern to all readers of the Swiss Review.



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Auch im vergangenen Jahr konnten wir auf einige sehr gut besuchte Vereinsanlässe zurückblicken. Neben den traditionellen Feiern zum Nationaltag und zu Weihnachten haben der Filmabend und das Fondueessen grossen Anklang gefunden. Dank diesen erfreulichen Zeichen eines aktiven Vereinslebens hat der Vorstand an seiner letzten Sitzung bei der Ausarbeitung des Jahresprogramms 1981 versucht, dieses wiederum so attraktiv wie möglich zu gestalten. Einzig unser Dinner Dance musste wegen voraussichtlich ungenügender Beteiligung aus dem Programm gestrichen werden. Als Ersatz hoffen wir, dass sich interessierte Mitglieder dem Dinner Dance des Männerchors Johannesburg anschliessen werden.

Übersicht über vorausgesehene Anlässe und Aktivitäten für 1981.

Februar	Generalversammlung in einem Lokal des Deutschen Vereins Pretoria
März	Familien-Picknick an einem Sonntag
April	Kegelabend im Schweizerklub Helvetia, Halfway House
Mai	Dinner Dance, Männerchor Jhb. am 9.5.80 im C/Centre.
Juni	Fondue-Abend
Juli	Filmabend mit Schweizerfilmen
August	Nationalfeiertag im Fountains Valley Pretoria.
September	Kegelabend im Half./House
Oktober	Familien-Picknick an einem Sonntag
November	Weihnachtsfeier in der Colombas Church Pretoria.

Über die Festlegung weiterer Anlässe oder Änderungen wird die GV zu bestimmen haben.

Mit Bedauern müssen wir feststellen, dass die Mitgliederzahl unseres Vereins ständig abnimmt. Es sind in den letzten Monaten mehrere Mitglieder in die Schweiz zurückgekehrt. Wir danken Familie Giger an dieser Stelle herzlich für ihren Einsatz im Verein und hoffen, dass sie sich in der alten Heimat wieder gut einleben werden.

Zu all unseren Anlässen sind Gäste und neue Mitglieder jederzeit herzlich willkommen.

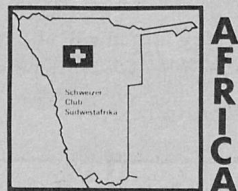
P.S.: ALPENLAGER organisiert von P. Hauser findet am 6/8 März im Fountains Valley Pretoria statt.

This is the Holiday Season in the friendly city and on the coast - so also a well deserved rest for the Swiss Club committee members. But remember on the **last Thursday of every month** we meet again at the Walmer Country Club for a social gathering and a game of Jass.

Give us a ring anytime at the above numbers - even if you are passing our part of the world and would like to get in touch with some fellow Swiss.

And what about some Swiss from the Eastern Cape competing in Schwingen at the S.A. Games in May 1981 in Jhb.? There must be some strong men around! So Manne id Hose?

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Ferienzeit auch in SWA, und das ist auch die Zeit, wo die meisten zum Strand am Atlantischen Ozean ziehen, vorweg nach Swakopmund, Kurz vor der Jahrhundertwende haben an der Mündung des Swakop Flusses sieben Reiter der Schutztruppe drei Huetten aus Wellblech gebaut, das war der Beginn dieses später sehr wichtigen Hafens, Beginn der Eisenbahnlinie nach Windhoek und damit Entwicklung des Hinterlandes.

Bereits in 1910 wurde auch die Ev. Luth. Kirche in Swakopmund gebaut, die heute ein Nationales Denkmal ist.

Eine weitere Sehenswürdigkeit in Swakopmund ist das Woermann Haus, das restauriert wurde, eine imposante Fassade, Innenausstattung mit kunstvollen Holzdecken, und der Turm von dem sich ein weiter Ueberblick ueber den Strand und Stadt Swakopmund bietet.

Dann sollte auch ein Besuch des Museums nicht vergessen werden das einige sehr interessante Begebenheiten aus der Geschichte Suedwests festhaelt.

Sogar ein "Schweizerhaus" gibt es in Swakopmund, und vielleicht wird einer unserer Landsleute die History of the Swiss Box 3626 Johannesburg mit mehr Einzelheiten darueber informieren koennen.

Der Schweizer Klub Suedwestafrika organisiert auch in 1981 wieder einige Anlaesse um vor allem die Geselligkeit zu pflegen, Schiessen ist schon zur Tradition geworden, die Daten erscheinen in der naechsten Ausgabe der Review, oder koennen von der obenerwaehnten Adresse erfragt werden.

P.S.: Nicht vergessen, Guggemusig Johannesburg, AFRO GUGGE, wird am Winkhoeker Karneval dabel sein!!
Ankommen in Windhoek 24 April.



LESOTHO

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Aus dem letzten Bulletin 9/1980 der Freunde von Lesotho entnehmen wir ein paar interessante Neuigkeiten ueber die Taetigkeit vor allem des Schweiz. Aerzte Hilfswerk in diesem Land. Doch vorerst noch eine Meldung aus der Schweiz, wo im Sept./Okt. in der Weyrmuehle in Muri ag eine Ausstellung der Kingdom of Lesotho Handicrafts stattgefunden hat, gezeigt wurden Teppiche, Mohair-Artikel, Toepfereien, und Schmuck.

Spitalerweiterung Ma Mohau, wird Wirklichkeit, Im Sept. ist die Ausfuehrung dieses Bauvorhabens beschlossen worden.

Auch erzaehlen in neun Berichten Schweizerfrauen von Ihren Erlebnissen in Lesotho und neun Schweizer Buben und Maedchen die in Lesotho geboren sind, werden in Bilder vorgestellt, alles in allem eine sehr interessante Publikation.

Interessenten die gerne mehr ueber den Verein der Freunde Lesothos erfahren moechten koennen schreiben an Schnabelweg 58 8832 Wollerau, Schweiz.

We will be pleased to receive any news from Lesotho, either via the above mentioned correspondent, or by contacting us direct. Remember this is your column and you only need to drop us a line. To all compatriots in Lesotho we send the very best wishes for 1981!



SWAZILAND

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First of all we would like to say thank you and good luck to F. Lonfat who for nearly a year was kind enough to represent the interests of the small Swiss Community in Swaziland and also to let us have some news for the Review. Mr. Lonfat has been transferred to London, and we wish him all the success.

Our thanks also go to Mr. Hans Schmid who will act as liaison man for the Swiss in Swaziland, and we look forward to some interesting news.



ZIMBABWE

Message from the Swiss Consul General of Zimbabwe.

Dear Compatriots,
Dear Friends,

1981 is well on the way and I have the pleasure to convey to you on behalf of the Swiss Authorities their sincere wishes. They are aware that you, your relatives and your friends form one of our most representative communities in Black Africa, and they congratulate you.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Presidents of the associations, to members of their Committees as well as to all those who in one way or another work for the good of our community as a whole.

I would at the same time express my thanks to those who, in their letters, either critical or encouraging, have in fact shown the interest they basically feel towards Switzerland.

It is true that the general situation of our country is appreciated by many people and envied by others. The comparative prosperity which we enjoy must not, however, divert our attention from the great uncertainties of international conjuncture as well as from our commitment to solidarity in others' suffering. Human contingencies must remind us that nothing is ever acquired definitively and that constant renewal is essential.

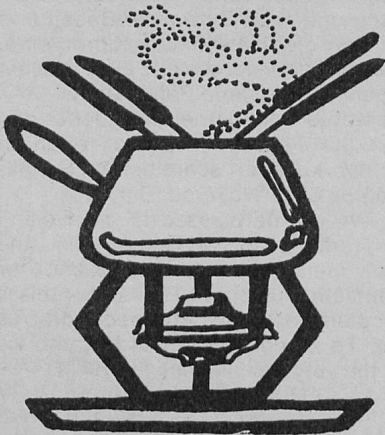
It is in this spirit that I send you my best wishes. May everyone of you, and especially the weakest, the most anxious, the most needy, as well as the young people before whom the future opens, be assured that it is from the bottom of my heart that I wish that 1981 will be a prosperous year in every respect. The Presidents of the Swiss associations, the members of this Representation and myself will devote ourselves to this aim.

Consulate General Salisbury Ph. 70-3997.

A. SIMON.

The committee and the members of the Swiss Club Salisbury join in wishing all the compatriots the very best for 1981. The Club will organise some interesting events i.e. tennis tournament, jassen, soccer matches, so please contact us for details. Programme will be published in the next issue of the Review.

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Just learned with regret of the passing away of Walter Schutz, who has been S.A. and Rhodesian Champion in Trial Racing (Geschicklichkeitfahren) on his Montesa Motorcycle for several times, we express condolences to his relatives.

