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that they too may be able to be among us, when we are celebrating. The setting up of local committees, entrusted with the task of drawing up lists of such isolated compatriots, probably would be well advised. And lastly, as regards those isolated Swiss in New Zealand, who cannot be reached by extending our hospitality, in the last resort, can set up a "Committee of one or two" to celebrate the forthcoming great event of our country. Everyone very likely has access to a good radio, connecting them with the official celebrations in Switzerland and New Zealand, so that after all no-one should feel completely isolated from the celebrations.

SPECIAL SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS FROM SWITZERLAND.

<u>Friday, the First of August.</u>	<u>N.Z. Time</u>
Preliminary broadcast (popular music)	7.45 p.m.
Chronic of the month	8.00 p.m.
Ringling of the bells	8.20 p.m.
Celebration broadcast	8.25 p.m.

<u>Sunday, the Third of August.</u>	
Preliminary broadcast (popular music)	7.45 p.m.
Celebration on the Ruetli	8.00 p.m.
Ringling of the bells	8.15 p.m.
Celebrations at Schwyz, including the speeches of three Federal Councillors	8.20 p.m.
Taking of the Oath on the Ruetli	8.50 p.m.
Swiss Psalm	9.20 p.m.

It is pointed out that it should be possible to hear both of these broadcasts in the Far East transmission at 1.45 a.m. of August the first and the third. Advice regarding the meter bands will follow.

SPECIAL NEW ZEALAND CELEBRATION BROADCAST
OVER 2YA WELLINGTON.

The Director of Publicity and the Director of Broadcasting at Wellington have been very kind in offering (tentatively and conditionally) a Special Celebration Broadcast lasting probably 30 minutes some times in the evening of August the second. The Swiss communities of New Zealand are deeply grateful for this token of sympathy and appreciation for our homeland. Time and items of the program will be made known in the July issue of "Helvetia".

Dr. Walter Schmid, Swiss Consul.

Wellington, June 16, 1941.

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650 YEARS OF SWISS CONFEDERATION.

On the evening of the 21st of February the Swiss Federal Councillor Philipp Etter spoke over the Swiss National Link-up about the program for the 1941 Celebrations of the 650th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation. He first referred to the fanfare for the Celebrations which had just been sounded over the radio for the first time and then announced the details of the program of the Celebrations. He spoke in order to tell all the Swiss people in what spirit the Government wished them to approach these Celebrations, which mark the completion of 650 years of federal unity. He said: