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AND EUROPE OF TODAY

The Delegates of the European Union, Swiss Movement for the Unification of Europe, met in Zofingen. After a public meeting in the Town Hall which was under the Chairmanship of the City Mayor, Mr Lerch, the former national and Government Councillor, Heinrich Schnyder made a speech entitled "Economic considerations for the Unification of Europe". He explained the aspects under which Switzerland should look for co-operation in the economic field in the new European Federation. The President of the Movement, Dr. H. Bauer, spoke about Switzerland and the European Council of Strassburg. Lively discussions took place and Switzerland's situation was examined in a critical manner. The discussion resulted in the acceptance of the following resolution:-

"The Delegates of the European Union, Swiss Movement for the Unification of Europe, stressed that the future of Switzerland depended largely on the development of Europe. They welcome with satisfaction the beginning of a closer relationship of all European peoples of which the European Council of Strassburg is the first expression.

They are sure that through active collaboration Switzerland can give a positive contribution to the recuperation of Europe and at the same time protect its own historically based special position.

They recognise that the Statute of the European Council, of which all authority regarding military questions are excluded and which does not have any diminishing of sovereignty of its member states, does not prevent participation of Switzerland in as much as its tradition is concerned. The Assembly unanimously decided to notify the Federal Council first to explain to the Federal Chamber, as well as to the Public, the importance and the effect of the Statute of the Council of Strassburg on Switzerland, Secondly, to send a permanent official observatory Delegation to meetings of the European Council in Strassburg, thirdly, to consider in which way Switzerland can immediately take part in the work of the European Council, and fourthly to prepare early accession of Switzerland to the European Council".

SCHAFFHOUSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASE OF SWISS COMMUNITY IN WELLINGTON

We have pleasure in advising of the following new arrivals from Switzerland :-

Walter Brunner, from Stetten,
Gerhard Brunner, from Stetten,
Robert Weilenmann, from Wiedendangen,
Fridolin Wehrli, from Winistorf. whose residence in Switzerland also was Schaffhouse.

These men have taken up residence in Wellington.

Another new arrival who, for the time being has taken up residence in Hamilton, is Mr Peter Jutzi, from Muri, near Bern.

The Staff of the Consulate extend to all members

HEARTTEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY XMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.