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The high-spot of the Neuchatel Festival—and it is also the climax of the vineharvesting in Switzerland—is the traditional vineharvesting procession, which will be taking place this year at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd, with its magnificent floats decorated with brightly coloured flowers, with its mobile scenes where fantasy is combined with the grace and charm of the models and dancers, with its many comic groups which cause carnival laughter and gaiety along the whole route, with its numerous orchestras and bands, its dancing couples, its groups of laughing children delighted to be among the 1200 performers in this brilliant parade.

Storks for Switzerland

In November, 1952, Air France transported young swallows over the Geneva-Casablanca air route, the birds being too young to migrate and yet unable to face the cold of winter in Switzerland. This year, Air France has undertaken "Operation Stork" for Switzerland.

In the last twenty years, the annual migration of storks to Switzerland has become extremely scanty. The idea has therefore been conceived of bringing young storks to Switzerland from Algeria, in the hope that the second generation would return to this country the following year after wintering in warmer climes.

An "Air France" Constellation plane has therefore brought 30 storks to Switzerland this summer—the birds being aged 4 to 7 weeks and captured at Mirabeau, in Kabylia. From Geneva Airport, the storks were taken to nests already prepared for each couple at Zurich and Solothurn.

The first phase of Operation Stork has succeeded. Let us hope that these lovely birds will condescend to bring up their families there.

NEW PROCEDURE—RE-ENTRY PERMITS

Any person intending to leave New Zealand and wishing to re-enter should read the following very carefully.

A new procedure has been introduced for procuring a Re-entry Permit. Any person requiring such a Permit should procure a special Application Form from their local Collector of Customs, **complete it and forward it together with their PASSPORT and TWO IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPHS TO:—**

The Secretary of Labour,
Department of Labour and Employment,
P.O. Box 6310, TE ARO,
WELLINGTON.

IT IS ESSENTIAL that such application should be made **WELL IN ADVANCE**, particularly in the case of a person living in a country district where time for mailing has to be taken into consideration.

NOTICE CONCERNING SWISS CALENDARS FOR 1956

To enable our compatriots to procure a pictorial calendar from Switzerland for 1956, the Consulate is prepared to pass a collective order. Applicants are asked to write to the Swiss Consulate, P.O. Box 386, Wellington, C.1, and to remit at the same time the amount in question. The following calendars are offered:—

- (a) THE ALPINE CALENDAR, 1956 (Stehli), price 10/-. Size 11½ in. x 11in., with twelve monthly sheets, each showing a beautiful Swiss scene in natural colour lithography. This calendar is also published in German under the title "Berge und Taler der Schweiz."
- (b) SWITZERLAND, 1956 (Novos), price 10/-. This calendar can also be had in German, "Die Schweiz." It contains 125 sheets of photographic views.

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