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The result of the election of office-bearers, a proceeding which did not take up much time, is as follows:

K. E. Bischof	President
F. Fluehler	Vice-President
Mrs R. Messmer	Secretary
Mr H. Suter	Treasurer
Mrs L. Sutherland	Beisitzer
Mr B. Fluehler	Beisitzer
Mr E. Matt	Beisitzer (new committee member)

The president then outlined the activities of the coming Club year. By far the greatest—and the most heated—argument arose when the president struck the theme, "Helvetia." Should the Club augment the Club fee and make the "Helvetia" compulsory, as discussed at the annual general meeting of the Swiss Society, or not? There is no doubt, it was a Swiss General Meeting, as Swiss as it could be—with all its pros and cons. The final result was that the Club fee of 8/- per year be raised to £1. The Club will ensure that each member receives the "Helvetia," or, in case of a family, one "Helvetia" for each household.

Supper time arrived all too soon and this gave members an opportunity to meet our new Consul-General. Films which were later screened helped to make this evening not only a memorable, but also an enjoyable one. —K.E.B.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SWISS SOCIETY

will be held on the  
4th JUNE, 1960  
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in the  
PROFESSIONAL CLUB HALL  
12 Kitchener Street  
Auckland City

Agenda: *President's Report.*

*Presentation of the Balance Sheet.*  
*Request from the Auckland Club re*  
*lending of part of the Society's*  
*funds for an Auckland Club*  
*building.*

*Election of Officers.*  
*Confirmation of the various Clubs'*  
*representatives on the Central Com*  
*mittee.*

*Election of the Press Committee.*  
*General.*

Anyone requiring billeting for this occasion please contact F. Kaegi, 23 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, before June 1st.

#### AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

WE WELCOME you all, dear friends of the Swiss Society of New Zealand at the next General Meeting, for which we are favoured to be your hosts. We will do our best to frame the meeting with some good Swiss entertainment and dance.

We wish to call especially on the Swiss members of the Club and the Society in and around Auckland to the unique opportunity of meeting some of their compatriots from Wellington, Taranaki and Waikato Provinces. Special supper.

There will be no other meeting in June.

A SKIING WEEKEND is to be organised by our Club. The Christiania Lodge on Mount Ruapehu is at our disposal for June 11th weekend.

LEADER: Mr Hans Fitzi.

CHARGE: £1/10/- for full board at the Lodge.

SKIING EQUIPMENT: May be hired at the Lodge.

APPLICATIONS: To be sent to Mr H. Fitzi, 1 Greenfield Road, Epsom, who will give you further details and organise transport.

We wish to point out that this opportunity to ski under the leadership of an expert is unique. A second organised meeting is definitely not possible this season.

#### HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

As decided at the Annual Meeting, our Evenings will be held from now on every FIRST SUNDAY in the month.

Our next evening, therefore, will be on June 5th in the Riverlea. Dutch orchestra, Schubling, etc.

#### NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

##### PRODUCTION OF CIGARETTES

In 1959, the production of cigarettes in Switzerland attained the figure of nine thousand eight hundred millions of cigarettes, as against nine thousand five hundred millions in 1958.

##### NEEDED ONLY TO BE THOUGHT OF

A Swiss manufacturer who specialises in garden umbrellas, has just produced a novelty which will be welcome by all those people who love to enjoy the fresh air in the garden, without being roasted by the sun. The invention in question is a large umbrella, which can be turned in all directions, gives complete protection, but does not possess the major inconvenience of having a pole which obstructs one's movements and is always getting in one's way. The "Pendalex," as it is called, is suspended from a bracket which can be moved and regulated, as desired. This new parasol, which is very easily managed, can thus provide shade for an ordinary table set for a meal.

**SWISS COLONIES ABROAD**

At the end of 1958, the Swiss colonies abroad consisted of the following: 160,291 Swiss citizens registered, who did not possess a dual nationality, and 95,317 citizens with a dual nationality.

**CONFIRMATION OF SUCCESS ABROAD**

After a first order for two incinerators for household garbage of a great capacity, which was given in 1957, the town of Hamburg has now given an order to the firm of L. de Roll, Ltd., of Zurich, for three additional furnaces for incinerating garbage.

After operations have been started in 1963, the plant which will contain five furnaces will be able to destroy more than 1000 tons of garbage per day.

**SWISS ARE BIG MEAT-EATERS**

Meat consumption per head of population has again increased in 1959, official statistics disclose. It now comes to 284,034 metric tons and corresponds to 118.6 lbs per head of the Swiss population.

**DR. WANDER LTD. INCREASES CAPITAL**

In order to provide sufficient means for the operation of the concern as well as for the financing of new buildings for the manufacture of their products, the share-holders' meeting of the firm of Dr. A. Wander Ltd., in Berne (which is particularly well-known for its "Ovaltine"), has just decided to increase the present capital of 9.5 million Swiss francs to 15 million francs, this increase being accomplished in two stages.

This increase in capital has been motivated by the development that has taken place in the commercial activity of the firm—thus requiring more floating capital as well as by the investments which have proved necessary for the enlargement of the research departments and manufacturing premises.

**CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES**  
— PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: *All contributions and club notices for the Helvetia MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY BY THE 12th OF EACH MONTH.*

—A.B.

**Check your Address!**

IF your address, as it appears on the Helvetia, is not correct, please fill in this form below and send to the Secretary, Mr. A. Biland, R.D.8, Frankton.

Mrs., Miss, Mr. ....

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**Have You joined the Solidarity Fund?**

If not . . .

please contact the Secretary or Swiss Consulate in Wellington for details.

**CORRESPONDENCE!**

Please address to the Secretary:

**MR. A. BILAND,**

R.D. 8

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**Mr. Hans Oettli, P.O., Whatawhata**

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