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question that he considers vital," and another statement by Professor A. Muller-Armack, one of the most deserving builders of the EEC, that "it is an illusion that at some future time a supranational form could so simply be asserted against individual vital national interests" (quoted from a lecture in *Vereiniger Wirtschaftsdienst, Europa*, March 12, 1963).

One asks oneself what contribution can be made to the unification of Europe by the fact, for example, that the Italian output of oranges and of rice is given a privileged position within the EEC, the price-boosting effect of which can no longer be hidden from the consumers of the northern EEC countries. It is impossible to see how the still young friendship between Germany and France is to benefit from the EEC's giving the French farmers any hope of selling their output on the German market at the expense of the German farmers. Should Paris prevail in this matter, thousands of German farmers would make it responsible for the threat to their livelihood. If on the other hand the German farmers succeeded in defeating the measure, the French farmers will be disappointed and embittered.

(To Be Continued)

## NEWS OF THE COLONY

### Auckland Swiss Club

#### OVERSEAS VISITORS

A Swiss party of five of the world's top skiers arrived on the 10th August by B.O.A.C. Comet from Australia at Whenuapai to stay for about seven weeks in New Zealand. Television and the Press were present when the plane touched down, also the organiser of the visit, Mr Collins and several other members of the N.Z. Ski Association.

Members of the team are.—Jos Minch, triple Swiss champion; Willi Favre, winner criterium; Dumeng Giovanoli, second in slalom and down hill race combined, in Italy, and gold cup of Davos; Edi Bruggmann, winner of FIS A giant slalom in Germany; and Stefan Kaelin, Swiss champion 1964 and second best slalom man in Switzerland. The manager of the team is Mr Walter Haensli, a former Swiss team member and ski instructor in North America and New Zealand, and Andreas Hefti is the coach.

Staying only one night in Auckland at private places, the N.Z. Ski Association gave the visiting team a big reception with dinner at the "Sorrento." Louis Mueller, representing the Swiss Community in Auckland, welcomed them with a short speech and thanked the N.Z. Ski Association for the very warm reception extended to our countrymen. He wished them both, the Swiss team and the New Zealanders, very successful competitions on the snowfields in New Zealand. "Ski-Heil!"

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Joe Wildhaber, to their little baby boy Herbert, born on August 21, at the National Women's Hospital. A wee brother to Gabriela and Christine.

Our best wishes for their future.

—H.B.M.

## Taranaki Swiss Social Club

On Monday night, September 4, the Kapuni Hall was packed when the Taranaki Swiss Social Club held a social evening to welcome and honour the International Swiss Ski Team who are touring New Zealand and have spent five days in Taranaki as the guests of the Taranaki Alpine Club.

Also honoured guests were the Charge d'Affaires, Dr and Mrs Weber and Vice-Consul H. Schaeerer. Members of the team were Walter Haensli (manager), Andreas Hefti (coach), Jos Minch, Stefan Kaelin, Edmund Bruggman, Willi Favre, Dumege Geovanoli.

Unfortunately, owing to bad weather and unsuitable snow conditions, racing with the Taranaki ski team had to be postponed. The President, Martin Steiner, after extending a welcome to Dr and Mrs Weber and the ski team, presented to each member a badge of the Taranaki Swiss Club as a small reminder of the visit. Mr Haensli in reply presented to the Swiss Club a pendant Swiss Flag.

The Swiss Club were indebted to the Ski Club for making possible a free night for the team to be with us. An abundance of Swiss were available for dancing. Music was supplied by Mr A. Engelberger, J. Fohn, P. Amstalden, F. Imhoff, Mr Kerrisk, Mr Tipler and son, Mrs Brisco and son and Mrs L. Chamberlain, Mr and Mrs Dudli and Paul Zimmerman obliged with items.

—M.J.S.

## Obituaries

### MR GEORGE MEULI

Mr George Meuli died in Wanganui on July 16. George Meuli was one of the earliest Swiss to arrive in New Zealand in 1891 as a youth of 15. He would have been 88 next October. He was born in Nufenen, Kanton Graubunden, and on arrival started to work as an apprentice for his uncle, the late Nicholas Meuli, a building contractor. After serving his apprenticeship he spent some time in the Raetihi district, later going overseas with the 5th Contingent to South Africa to take part in the Boer War.

He started working on his own, eventually contracting for some big jobs, including the drawing of plans and specifications for the Devon Building in New Plymouth. His wife died in 1936, and he leaves one son and two daughters, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.