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first victim the politician in whom one had come to see a representative of so-called liberalisation, can hardly be classified under the heading of "liberalisation." A movement which, if one recalls the protracted crisis that followed Stalin's death and considers the present constellation in Moscow, is not being determined by one strong man, but by several possible future strong men, may well be generated by power struggles apt to swallow quite a few things in their whirl. That it will weaken the Soviet Union by increasing its internal difficulties would be an incomplete speculation, for no less possible is the risk of turnabouts in Soviet foreign policy to divert the attention from internal difficulties—a risk which calls for much vigilance on the part of the West.

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## **NEWS OF THE COLONY**

### **Auckland Swiss Club**

#### **SWISS FILMS**

Two film Shows were held recently, first "Ueli de Knecht" at the Kosy Theatre in Blockhouse Bay, which was a terrific success and enjoyed by everyone. Even though the film lasted for a full two hours, no one appeared tired. Personally, I could have watched for another hour, it was so entertaining, never a dull moment and full of human factors confronting everyday-life and hidden passions. The story written by Jeramias Gotthelf 100 years ago, still has the same actuality today and I can recommend everyone to go and see it, when it is being screened in their district

The second show, however, was very disappointing and we sincerely hope to get better films in the future

After the second show, "Wuerst and Mutschili" were served, also coffee and cakes and then some beautiful coloured slides were shown by Mr Moulin, who stays temporarily in Auckland, of his travels of the Far East. A real pity that time was running out as his slides were of exceptional quality and very interesting.

—H.B.M.

### **Christchurch Swiss Club**

On Sunday the 8th November, many Swiss from Christchurch attended a small party given by the Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand and his wife, in Warners Hotel, Christchurch.

Mr O. Muller, president of the Swiss Club, introduced the Ambassador and his wife to those who attended. Mr and Mrs Gygax mingled with everyone and chatted. Everything was very friendly.

Supper consisted of cold chicken, steak, sandwiches and toothpick specialties. The evening ended at about 6.45 p.m. —Mrs J. F.