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Christmas Message from the Embassy

My dear Compatriots,

In a world faced with difficult, often tragic, problems, or in certain places even torn by armed conflicts, involving sometimes New Zealand forces, we have enjoyed here, like our compatriots in Switzerland, a remarkable prosperity and tranquillity. I am proud to see that these blessings have not weakened the dynamism of our community in this country. I am confident that the Swiss in New Zealand will continue to face with their traditional fortitude the personal difficulties and problems which, alas, remain and arise even when the general situation of the country is satisfactory, and that they will maintain their spirit of goodwill and humanity towards their less fortunate fellows.

Throughout 1965, our authorities in Switzerland have pursued their endeavours to better the position of our compatriots living outside Switzerland, by means of the new Constitutional Article on the rights of the Swiss abroad, and it is fitting that a well deserved tribute be paid to them for their sustained effort in this respect.

Particularly would I also like to take this opportunity to say how much I admire the praiseworthy work so ably carried out by the present and past Presidents and Members of the Committees of the Swiss Society of New Zealand and of our Swiss Clubs here.

At the dawn of the New Year I want to extend to you the warm wishes of my wife and myself for 1966. All the members of your Embassy in Wellington send you their friendliest greetings and express with me the sincere hope that the New Year will hold for each and every one of you happiness and prosperity.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jean-Pierre Weber
Charge d'Affaires