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## Wellington Swiss Club

On Sunday 6th November, 9.30 a.m., we start to play tennis again at Hataitai Park and we will continue throughout the summer months. Everybody is welcome.

Basketball will be played one evening during the week, we still have to decide about this.

## News from the Embassy

FEDERAL Councillor Dr W. Spuehler, Chief of the Federal Political Department, has agreed to a proposal of our Embassy in Wellington to open an Honorary Consular Agency in Auckland and to appoint Mr Ernst Merz as Honorary Consular Agent and delegate in Auckland of our Embassy.

Our Charge d'Affaires, Dr J.-P. Weber, has now sent to Mr Merz the letter appointing him to this post and the recognition by the New Zealand authorities.

Mr Merz, whose commune of origin is Leimbach, Canton of Aargau, and who settled in New Zealand in 1925, has over the years displayed a great activity in favour of our community, as co-founder and secretary of the then Swiss Benevolent Society and as honorary de facto correspondent in Auckland of the Consulate, later on Consulate-General (now Embassy) in Wellington. His new responsibility is a well-deserved tribute and we extend to him our very best wishes in his new functions.

## ===== News from Switzerland =====

### WORLD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS WILL HOLIDAY IN APPENZELL

Appenzell: Enthusiasm for the World Championship football match in England extended even to Appenzellerland, the two demi-cantons of Appenzell-Inner-Rhoden and Appenzell-Outer-Rhoden in Northeastern Switzerland. Using the Northeast Swiss Tourist Association and the Swiss Football Federation as go-betweens, the enterprising owner of the largest hotel in the town of Appenzell has invited the entire British team, the 1966 World Champions, to spend a winter holiday in the attractive village at the foot of the Saentis. The reply was surprisingly fast in coming—and it was positive. But the Secretary of the British Football Association asked that the generous host be patient until June or July of next year, since the team, hurrying from one match to another, has no chance to think about vacations during the busy winter season.