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CAMERATA BERN

On October 18th, to New Zealand and Swiss audiences alike, the recognised high quality products of Switzerland were yet again demonstrated, this time in the field of applied art.

Hamilton was one of the favoured cities included in the itinerary of the world concert tour of the "Camerata Bern". This string chamber orchestra, consisting of twelve players — although domiciled in various Swiss cities — all have the distinction of having been the most gifted students at Max Rostal's master classes at the Conservatorium of Bern. No wonder then, that they bewitch concertgoers the world over with their absolutely impeccable playing and musicianship.

Some private local Swiss saw to it that their compatriots found a welcome in their hotel rooms in the form of flowers and Swiss magazines, and after the concert they entertained them to a substantial hot meal at Mr and Mrs Fluhler's "Swiss Chalet" restaurant. Chamber music society committee members and some other Swiss and New Zealand friends interested in music, kept the musicians company with a glass of sherry, coffee and delicious snacks.

The players of the "Camerata Bern" were unanimously touched by the warmhearted welcome in Hamilton.

INTENDING GROUP TRAVELLERS FOR 1968

Would all intending travellers for next year (1968) who have not yet contacted me, please do so.

I would like to finalise my list before Christmas in order to co-ordinate the wishes of all concerned.

Arnold Biland.

CONGRATULATIONS !

The Swiss community of New Zealand is delighted that Brian Muller, of Taranaki, was selected to join the exclusive ranks of the "All Blacks", who are at present having such a successful tour of Britain and France.

—The Press Committee

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NEWS from the Embassy:

The Committee of the Solidarity Fund for the Swiss living abroad has now decided that each new member of the Fund shall receive, free of charge, the monthly publication for the Swiss abroad, "Echo," during one half year. This concession may be an additional incentive for all those who would like to take up membership with the Solidarity Fund in the near future.