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## NEWS OF THE COLONY

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

A GAY SOCIAL with the "TARANAKI LAENDLER-KAPELLE" in conjunction with the PRESENTATION OF MEDALS to our successful sportsmen will take place in the EUREKA HALL on SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER at 8 p.m. Excellent supper! Admission \$2.50

*Please note:* There will be no Children's Christmas Party this year.

— R.E.W.

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### Obituary

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that the Embassy announces the death in Auckland on 18th October, 1973, of Mr Ernst Merz, who was a foundation member of the Swiss Community in New Zealand.

Mr Merz was born in Zofingen in 1895 and as a young man emigrated first to the Philippines and then, in 1925, to New Zealand, where he established an importing business known as the Exclusive Textiles and Trading Company Limited.

Over many years, as correspondent for the Swiss representation in New Zealand, he gave generously of both his time and knowledge to collaborate in matters pertaining to the colony and to trade. For some long time he was, in addition, the capable Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society in New Zealand Inc. It was, therefore, a fitting gesture that in 1966, the Swiss Government appointed him Honorary Swiss Consular Agent in Auckland, in recognition of his valuable services.

Although Mr Merz was of a retiring nature, he obviously won many friends, especially in the business community, where he was, no doubt, held in high esteem.

Despite the fact that Mr Merz so thoroughly assimilated the way of life of his adopted country, he nevertheless remained a true and loyal compatriot of our homeland.

Mr Merz is survived by his wife and daughter, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.