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POLITICAL NEWS

In conjunction with the recently introduced voting rights for Swiss abroad, the Swiss Embassy in Wellington has kindly sent some interesting new statistics.

According to these statistics, the number of Swiss abroad, as per the end of June 1992, is 491,614 of whom 337,347 or 69% have a double nationality. Of this total 380,429 are over the age of 18 and therefore entitled to vote.

The countries with the largest Swiss communities are:

France	132,837	Persons
Germany	61,312	"
USA	60,203	"
Italy	34,324	"
Canada	29,760	"
Great Britain	21,466	"
Australia	16,039	"
Spain	14,406	"
Argentina	13,651	"
Brazil	11,027	"
Austria	9,853	"

57% of all Swiss abroad live in countries of the European Community.

Note from the Editor: The number of Swiss people living in France must come as a surprise to many of you. However we suspect that this number includes also all the Swiss people working for instance in Basle and Geneva, who live just across the border in France and commute to their work every day.

POLITICAL PARTIES IN SWITZERLAND

Do you want to join a Political Party in Switzerland? Here is a list of the Parties that are represented in the Federal Parliament:

Freisinnig-Demokratische Partei der Schweiz (FDP)
 Christlichdemokratische Volkspartei der Schweiz (CVP)
 Sozialdemokratische Partei der Schweiz (SPS)
 Schweizerische Volkspartei (SVP)
 Evangelische Volkspartei der Schweiz (EVP)
 Landesring der Unabhängigen (LDU)
 Grüne Partei der Schweiz (GPS)
 Liberale Partei der Schweiz (LPS)
 Schweizer Demokraten (SD)
 Auto-Partei der Schweiz (APS)
 Partei der Arbeit der Schweiz (PdAdS)
 Lega dei Ticinesi
 Frauen macht Politik (FraP)
 Eidgenössisch-Demokratische Union (EDU)
 Christlichsoziale Partei (CSP)

Anyone interested can get the address of any of the above Parties from the Editor.

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- ◆ Frankfurters ◆ Lyoners
- ◆ Landjaeger ◆ Fleischkaes
- ◆ Mostbroekli ◆ Aufschnitt

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THEY MUST BE HUNGRY



For the 1250th of Bäretschwil, master butcher Daniel Meier, 40, made a 1250 meter long salami-sandwich, by far the longest in the world.

HELVETIA MAGAZINE NOW 12 PAGES

More to read, more news from Switzerland.

As promised, the Helvetia magazine has now been increased to 12 pages. This gives us more room for Club news and more space for photographs and news from Switzerland.

In July we offered to all Swiss Clubs who produce their own news bulletins to integrate them with the Helvetia. The Auckland Swiss Club has taken up this offer immediately as you may have noticed in the August issue and again in this current production.

The advantages for the Clubs are quite evident:

- No need for every issue to find enough items to fill a complete news bulletin. The Clubs only have to send in what news they have.

- Savings in work, paper, envelopes and postage.

- Guaranteed regular delivery to all their members.

- A larger readership. The activities of each Club are no longer advertised only to members of that particular Club, but to the whole Swiss community in New Zealand. This will eventually lead to better communication between the various Clubs.

For full details contact the Editor.



MODERN BOTTLES

These bottles are a long cry from our cherished "Feldschlossen" beer bottles of old. Nevertheless, even empty, they would look quite attractive as a decoration for your mantelpiece. These bottles were specially designed for last year's 700 year celebrations. The news item does not say whether the beer tastes any better (or worse) than out of an ordinary bottle.

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