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Heavy Tourist Rush in Winter Resorts

Swiss winter sports resorts were pleased with business during the holiday season; vacant hotel beds were a rare commodity. In Arosa (Grisons), some guests had to be put up on mattresses in sauna rooms. Rentals of vacation apartments were also gratifying. As a result, ski slopes, mountain railways and cablecars were crowded. In Engelberg (Central Switzerland), waiting periods had to be instituted because there were too many people on the slopes. Snow conditions, however, were rather less than ideal. Most long valley runs are closed for lack of snow, and everywhere in the Alps people are anxiously awaiting new snowfalls.

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Upcoming Swiss Cultural Events in New Zealand

(As indicated by the Swiss Embassy - Wellington)

The Swiss Embassy in co-operation with 'Pro Helvetia-Arts Council of Switzerland' is pleased to announce the **Photographic Exhibition of 'The Patient Planet/So Many Worlds'** for 1999.

Dunedin	Otago Museum	27 February - 11 April 1999
Christchurch	Canterbury Museum	5 May - 7 June 1999
Palmerston North	Manawatu Art Gallery	19 June - 1 August 1999
Wellington	Dowse Art Gallery (Lower Hutt)	21 August - 21 November 1999
Auckland	Auckland Art Gallery	11 Dec. 1999 - 23 Jan. 2000

The Patient Planet/So Many Worlds is a remarkable exhibition of photographs which tells the story of the major political and human events of the second half of the twentieth century. Turbulent, yet touching, the 255 images tell individual stories with formidable authenticity, a factor which is frequently overlooked in today's art-directed or manipulated images. Nearly all the renowned names of humanistic photojournalism are represented including Switzerland's Werner Bischof, together with Henri Cartier-Bresson, René Burri, Robert Frank and many others. This is an important exhibition, brought to New Zealand by Pro Helvetia, Arts Council of Switzerland, and should be of great interest to every age group - it is a photographic history of the world that is our's.

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