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===== Forthcoming Events =====

Auckland Swiss Club

— FUER BERGFREUNDE —

Trip to Ruapehu on the 28th to 30th January, 1967.

Anyone interested contact Toni Sidler, Phone 594-778 Auckland, not later than 22nd January.



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

NUCLEAR ENGINEERING—AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN ORDER

A big order for three six-stage heavy water condensate pumps and two three-stage heavy water boiler feed pumps for the 200 mw nuclear power station at Marviken has been placed with Sulzer Bros Ltd by the Swedish state power generating authority. This station is equipped with a heavy-water-moderated reactor cooled by boiling heavy water. The steam turbine operates in a direct cycle with the reactor, and with internal nuclear superheating it can deliver 200,000 kw.

On account of the radioactive heavy water, all five pumps are enclosed inside concrete radiation shielding. Because all access is barred during operation, the remote-controlled pumps must be capable of running at least a year without maintenance or supervision. (OSEC)

OUTER SPACE AND JEWELLERY

Mr Gilbert Albert of Carouge-Geneva, member of the New York Diamond Academy (8 "Oscars"), twice winner of the Town of Geneva Prize, and honorary member of the Venerable Corporation of Goldsmiths of the City of London, recently exhibited in Geneva a collection of jewels already presented last year in the Goldsmiths' Hall in London. Apart from their extremely high artistic level, these pieces of jewellery—in which taste and technical skill are combined with great originality—are also striking because of the use that has been made of meteorites in some thirty of them.

For the first time, these "heavensent" stones, fallen from outer space, have been incorporated in pieces of delicate jewellery. This was a real brainwave on the part of the brilliant Swiss goldsmith, who has given each of his jewels and watch-jewels an original, modern and extremely attractive design in the best of taste. It was thanks to the backing of the well-known Swiss factory Omega that these remarkable pieces were able to be made. (OSEC)