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News from the Embassy:

In October, 1966, the readers of "Helvetia" were informed of the appointment of Mr Ernst Merz as Honorary Consular Agent in Auckland. Throughout his many years of residence in New Zealand, Mr Merz has never tired of being of assistance to the Swiss community, first as co-founder and secretary of the then Swiss Benevolent Society, then as honorary correspondent to the official representation in Wellington, and during the last 3¼ years as Honorary Consular Agent in Auckland. On the occasion of his retirement from this function, the Federal Council has expressed its very warm thanks for his indefatigable work for the benefit of our compatriots and the country as a whole, in which I would like to wholeheartedly associate myself.

To ensure continuity of this office, the Federal Council has nominated Mr Arthur W. Müller as our new Honorary Consular Agent in Auckland, as from 14th January, 1970. In congratulating Mr Müller on his appointment, I would like to mention that our New Consular Agent is probably already widely known in the Auckland area and, consequently, need very little introduction. His activity for the Swiss cause has been manifold over a number

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of years, and only recently he assumed the post of Rifle Master of the Swiss Society. I extend my very best wishes to him in his new function.

Max Corti,
Ambassador.

Forthcoming Events

Auckland Swiss Club

Swiss Evening: to be held at Sheraton Lodge, 33 Mt. Eden Rd., Auckland, on Saturday, 2nd May, 1970, at 8 p.m. Fabulous Supper, Folklore Show, Liquid Refreshment (incl. Champagne). Price, \$12 Double. Dress informal. Tickets can be obtained from Mr H. Fitz, 12 Darwin Lane, Remuera, Auckland 5, and Mr E. Fluhler, Swiss Chalet, Hamilton. —E.G.

Annual General Meeting — Auckland Swiss Club — will be held on 4th April at 8 p.m. at the Blockhouse Bay Improvement Hall.

Hamilton Swiss Club

The Club's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Saturday, 11th April at 9 p.m. at the Swiss Chalet. Free supper. All members are welcome.

Christchurch Swiss Club

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Club will be held in the Hard of Hearing Hall, Victoria Street, on Wednesday, 8th April, 1970 at 8 p.m. **sharp**. Do make an effort to come as without **your** support the Club will not develop. —J.F.

HEDY'S CORNER:

Lucerne, 10th February 1970 (UPI).—Sixty-two per cent of all Swiss women between the ages of 15 and 54 desire franchise and voting rights. Only 31% are against it and the remaining 7% have not yet voiced an opinion.

This is the result of a representative enquiry of the Lucerne Institute of Commerce (Marktforschungsinstitut) Scope AG, which was published last Tuesday (10th February). Altogether 1039 women and girls were interrogated.

The Commerce Institute is of the opinion that its scientifically-set up questionnaire corresponded exactly with the social structure