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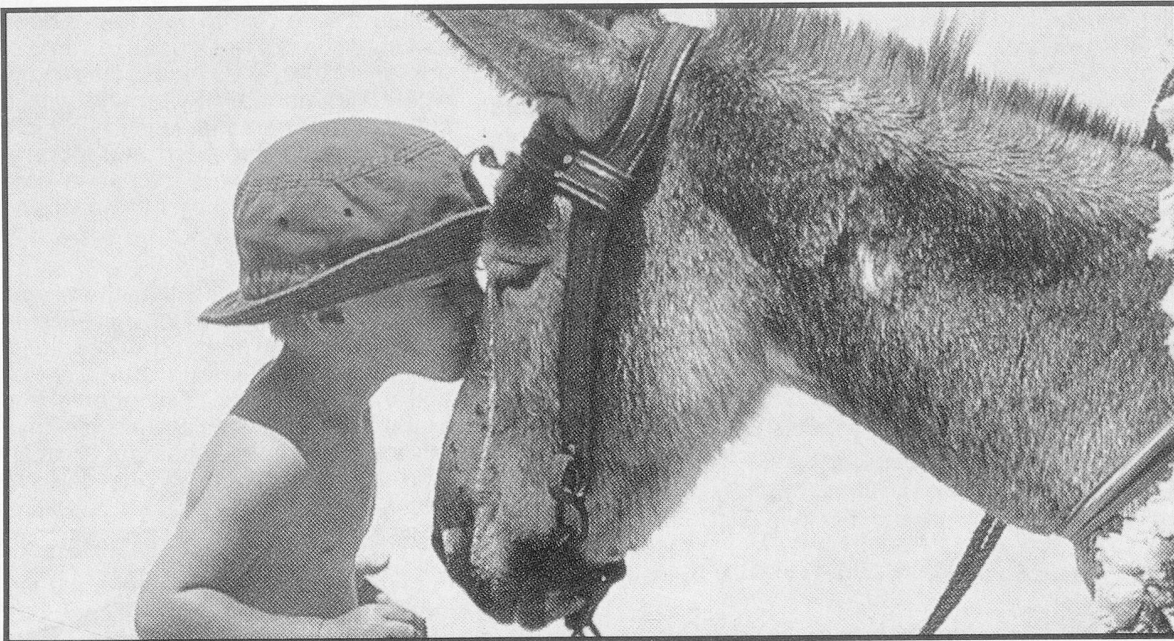
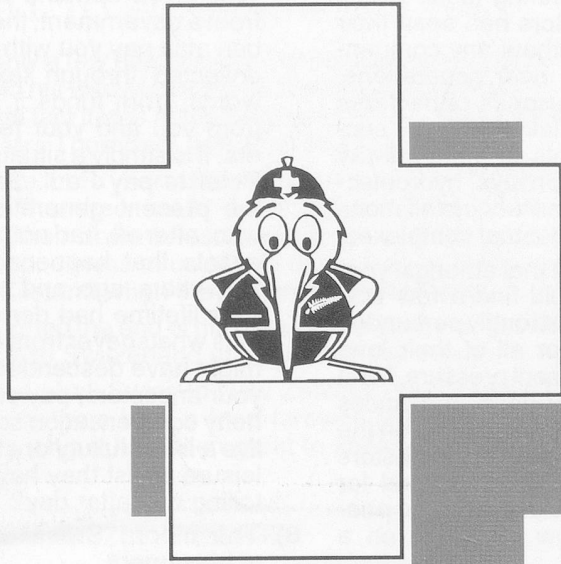
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# HELVETIA

## MESSAGE FROM OUR AMBASSADOR

My wife and I have spent three years in New Zealand and the time has come to say goodbye.

We have had a wonderful time meeting so many friendly people here and have been most fortunate to have had the opportunity of travelling around much of the country from the far North to the deep South.

Among our finest moments have been those when we have met so many of our fellow Swiss in the five Swiss Clubs from Auckland to Christchurch and our compatriots in Dunedin and Rotorua. It was a great pleasure to observe how very active the Clubs are in nurturing our sense of togetherness and solidarity through the gatherings, games and celebrations organised so well by the committees and supported enthusiastically by the Club members. We are sure that you will not forget your former homeland while at the same time loving your chosen home in New Zealand.

I sincerely hope that the present goodwill between the Embassy and your Clubs continues in the future.

My wife and I are going to retire in Berne, so that whenever you are in Switzerland, and especially when you are in our Federal capital, please do not hesitate to call on us. You will find us in the phone book.

We thank you for your friendship and we wish you and your families prosperity and health in the future.

Marianne and Ernst Thurnheer.