

International life-saving Congress at Zurich

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SWISS DANCE AT KAPONGA - Successful Evening:

National dresses were in evidence at the Kaponga town hall when the Swiss community held its annual dance. New arrivals from Switzerland were at home among many of their countrymen, including visitors from Marton, Patea, New Plymouth, Stratford, Puniho, Okato, Kakaramea and Opunake.

The decorations consisted of Swiss national emblems, ferns, flowers and red and white streamers. Miss Ida Bernold and Mr. Len Chamberlain were dance secretaries and Messrs. N. Butler and A. Schicker were masters of ceremonies. Music was supplied by Hooker's Swing Band and a Swiss piano accordeon orchestra. Extras were played by Mr. Richenbach. Prizes were won as follows:- Monte Carlo waltz, Miss Margaret Schicker (Hawera) and Mr. L. Ehrler (Kaponga); lucky number paper hats, Mrs. Joe Hiestaud and Mr. John Kuriger (Oanui); competition, M. Schonbachler (Oanui) 1, R. M. Graham (Hawera) 2, Miss Freda Nolly (Stratford) 3.

During the evening four recent immigrants, Messrs. Paul Zimmerman and W. A. and W. Flueler gave yodelling items.

About 200 couples took part and over £54 was taken at the door. The whole of the proceeds will be handed to the Catholic Church committee at Kaponga.

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INTERNATIONAL LIFE-SAVING CONGRESS AT ZURICH:

The Fifth International Life-saving and First-aid Congress will alternately be held at Zurich, Switzerland, and St. Moritz, from July 23 to 28. At Zurich the Swiss National Exposition, outstanding 1939 event, will be in full swing from May 6 to October 29. Zurich has always been a favorite meeting point of conferences and this year, with the Exposition going on, many national and international conventions are booked to meet in this brilliant city. For their more adequate accommodation a new Congress Hall has just been completed. St. Moritz, where the International Life-saving and First-aid Congress will terminate its session occupies a magnificent location, 6,000 feet a/s, in the Engadine. It will offer a grand finale to vacation days of the 1000 Congress members which are expected.

The Fifth International Life-saving and First-aid Congress will be held under the patronage of Mr. Philip Etter, President of Switzerland for 1939.

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UNEXPECTED EFFECT OF HITLER ENTHUSIASM:

This happened in one of the many suburbs of St. Gall. A woman servant of German birth, but who had served in a Swiss family for thirty years and who had occasion to listen, in a shop, to some remarks about the "Fuehrer", expressed her Hitler enthusiasm and her opinion of Switzerland in no uncertain manner. In fact her language, in the broadest Swiss dialect, was that strong and pointed that complaints were lodged in responsible quarters. The Police authorities interested themselves with the case and the German Konsul in St. Gall severely reprimanded his compatriot for her very unseemly behaviour. But this is only part of the story. The tax collecting authorities pricked up their ears and raised their eyebrows. It was strange that a person could work in one position for 30 years without ever paying taxes. So the miscreant was presented with the nice little bill of 2000 Swiss francs to cover the long standing arrears. -- "Silence is golden."

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