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Our Consul, Dr.W.Schmid and his family extend to all our members and their relations a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The Committee of your Society joins the felicitations and extends hearty greetings and all best wishes. Let it be our prayer, that Switzerland remains immune from the ever increasing turmoil of war and that the coming year will bring peace, happiness and prosperity to this war torn world. The Swiss are a peace loving community, abhorring greed and selfishness which has been the cause of this international trouble.

Mr.and Mrs.W.Ungemuth extend their season's greetings and best wishes to all members of our society, especially to the many friends and acquaintances in the Waikato and Taranaki, who have made them so welcome during their visits to those districts.

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PARIS: The famous French Dramatic, Henry Bernstein, a staunch friend and regular visitor of Switzerland for over 50 years, writes: "The neutrality of Switzerland is by no means one of circumspection or of yielding. It is an expression of an ideal to assist the suffering and the weak, an expression of solidarity between all men. In this war the political as well as the economic neutrality is strictly maintained. It is expressed in every action, and no man or woman will listen to threats nor to promises, wherever voiced from; sooner would they be annihilated than open the door to an intruder. The Swiss have proved the value of their bravery time and again during the long history of Europe. Should their Fatherland be attacked, every man would willingly give his life to defend it. May God spare Switzerland such an unjust fate."

COPENHAGEN: The lively interest in the Swiss Defence measure is expressed by the leading Norwegian periodical "Trdns Tegn" under the apt heading "An Exemplary State." It says that of all the neutral countries, Switzerland makes the greatest sacrifices to ensure adequate protection and defence. The development of these defences had no panicky character, but was built up systematically during the past 20 years; the more modern and newest fighting weapons were already acquired several years ago.