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The Federal Council have given their blessing to the idea thrown out by the "Pro Ticino", the well known association of the Ticinesi living outside their Canton, for a monument to be erected in Berne and for the endowment of a Swiss Foundation in memory of the late Dr. Giuseppe Motta, Federal Councillor. The City of Berne have offered to make available a site in the vicinity of the Federal Chambers, which will be either the terrace garden in front of the right wing of the building, facing south, towards the Alps and the Ticino, or in the Courtyard between the Federal Chambers and the Bernerhof (Finance Ministry), where it could be more easily reached by the public from the Bundesgasse than on the terrace. The object of the Foundation will be decided upon by the Federal Council in consultation with the "Pro Ticino". This decision will be taken later when the result of the collection to be made in Switzerland and abroad will be known.

A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Federal Councillor Celio, to take charge of the organization of the collection. An appeal has been received by the Swiss Benevolent Society in New Zealand.

Although in the present difficult times appeals to one's generosity are numerous, it may confidently be expected that the Swiss people, both at home and abroad, will respond as generously as is their wont to make the scheme a success.

For thirty years Dr. Giuseppe Motta went from his home to the Bundeshaus to attend to the affairs of state, unassumingly just as any ordinary citizen. Yet his work, especially for the foreign relations of our country, was wise and far-sighted. To-day, Switzerland stands an island of peace and goodwill in a world at war. "With malice toward none; with charity for all.." this is the spirit with which Motta's foreign policy was imbued, and which to-day still protects our homeland.

Contributions to the collection may be made to the local representatives of the Swiss Benevolent Society: -

Auckland:	Mr. W. Ungemuth, Clarence Road, Northcote. Mr. A. Peyer, 48 Moa Road.
New Plymouth:	Mr. J. L. Louthard, Hygienic Dining Rooms.
Bay of Plenty:	Mr. C. Gebert, C/- Post Office, Opotiki.
Taranaki:	Mr. Engelberger, R. D., No. 2 Oco, Manaiia.
Waihou:	Mr. J. Steiner, Eastport Road, Waihou.
Wellington:	Mr. H. Schlatter, 2nd Floor, T. & G. Bldg.

or to the Consulate of Switzerland at Wellington, P.O. Box 386.

The names of contributors will be entered into a scroll which will be encased in the monument. The name of the Swiss Community in New Zealand certainly belongs in there too! If every member makes a modest contribution without delay we shall still be in time to participate in this worthy cause.