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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Tuesday, April 5th, 1960, 8 p.m.
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Y.W.C.A. — Upstairs — Upper Queen Street

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1. The President's Report.
 2. Minutes of last General Meeting.
 3. Treasurer's Financial Report.
 4. Elections.
 5. General.

A complete muster is essential so don't miss this evening in our new Clubrooms. . . Remember—

Y.W.C.A. — Upstairs — Upper Queen Street

For the Committee,
F. HIRZEL.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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will be held on the 4th Sunday in April (24th)
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at the Riverlea
Riverlea

- Presentation of Balance Sheet.
- Election for the coming year.
- General (Subscription for the coming year).

Please make sure to come along to this most important evening and please assist in paying promptly this year's subscription.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

A film evening will be held in the Kaponga Memorial Hall on Monday, March 21st.

Films, River Are and Heidi.

— Everyone Welcome —

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Would all members please keep Saturday evening, April 30th, free for on that day the Club will hold its first indoor evening. Further details at a later date, but keep that evening free for the Club. We'll expect all members and friends to come along!

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

A condensed resume of comments by the politically independent Swiss newspaper "Die Weltwoche" on the recent wave of anti-semitism and defacing walls of buildings with swastika signs:

THE ARTICLE, by Lorenze Stucki, points out that there is all over the world this element of rebellious youth, most of which is harmless yet there is a percentage who, at any price, must act anti-social. The defacing of the Koln synagogue caused a world-wide wave of protest. Seeing the tremendous headlines was to them the incentive to air their anti-social grudges by following up the Koln synagogue incident. However, most international correspondents and many Jewish observers agree that there is no general acute anti-semitism. There would be no need to dramatise these contemptable actions, which mainly manifested themselves with the paint-brush, if they did not play into the hands of a world power, who unfortunately does not belong to the dead past like the Third Reich. It is improbable, as long as there is no convincing proof, that there should be organising string pullers in the eastern zone or in Moscow who would have prepared these demonstrations and pushed the button on Christmas eve. Yet it is obvious that any flaring up of Nazi mentality and anti-semitism in Germany would cause the latent mistrust abroad in regard to the new democratic Germany, to intensify, thus playing into the hands of communist propaganda. Therefore, all those who demonstrate anti-semitic, Nazi or even too extreme nationalistic tendencies, indirectly play into Moscow's hands by undermining the still delicate position of the new West Germany.

That the hireling does not know who hires him, does not improve matters. It, however, gives hope that a better informed youth in all countries would effectively combat the dangerous alliance of Soviet power politics and the rebellion of puberty.

27 MILLION HOTEL NIGHTS IN SWITZERLAND

Some 27 million overnight stays at hotels, pensions and health resorts were registered in Switzerland last year, it was announced by the Swiss National Tourist Office. An almost two million, or eight per cent, increase over the previous year's total thus resulted in the best 12-month returns ever recorded in Swiss tourism. It is emphasised that Swiss tourist statistics do not register visitors' nights at small non-resort hotels and inns accommodating a maximum of five guests, or at other popular tourist lodgings, which are generally included in the statistical research elsewhere, such as holiday chalets, youth hostels and cottages for mountaineers. It is estimated that at least 10 million nights have been accounted for by visitors to these types of lodgings—in Canton Grisons alone the 12-month total up to September 30, 1959, was 2.1 million—which would bring Switzerland's 1959 overnight stay record close to 40 millions.

OVERHAUL FOR SANTIS SUSPENSION RAILWAY

After almost 25 years of service the Santis suspension railway in Eastern Switzerland, which ascends a 8250ft high peak in almost perpendicular line and is considered one of the boldest constructions of its kind, will be closed to passenger traffic on February 15th for a complete overhauling. When it resumes service by mid-May it will be equipped, among other things, with new supporting cables, and the aerial cars will be replaced by two streamline "air coaches" accommodating 45 passengers each. The transport capacity will be increased 33 per cent.

AUSTRALIA TO BE GUEST OF HONOUR

The 41st Lausanne Fair is to be held from the 10th to the 25th of September, 1960. Its success has already been assured, no less than 95 per cent of last year's exhibitors having announced their intention to participate. Faithful to its traditional formula, the Lausanne Fair will again welcome the official participation of a foreign country, this time Australia. The presence of this guest of honour at the next Lausanne Fair proves the interest felt by foreign nations in exhibiting in a Special Pavilion, organised by their own Government in agreement with the Swiss authorities.

SWISS RADIO INDUSTRY

The total number of radio listeners and Tv viewers in Switzerland has now attained approximately 1,400,000, whilst the sale of sets amounts to some 120,000 per year. The sets manufactured in Switzerland are adapted to the difficult reception conditions prevailing in this country, as a result of its geographical situation. Thus, the domestic industry has succeeded, in spite of heavy competition on the part of Germany and Japan, in preserving an appreciable part of the market. The exportation of Swiss radio sets to the neighbouring countries is hampered, however, by high customs duties.

REVOLUTIONARY NEW ELECTRIC COOKER

A Swiss firm in Schwanden, which specialises in the manufacture of cooking apparatus, has launched a new type of electric cooker which has revolutionised housekeeping technique. Taking into account the fact that nowadays kitchens are apt to be very small, the new Therma cooker has got its two, three or four plates (as the case may be) arranged, not in the shape of a square, as is usual on the classical type of cooker, but in a straight line; this arrangement considerably reduces the space for this cooker. Moreover, when not in use, it is possible to tip back the plates into a vertical position, when detachable bowls, made of stainless steel, will be found under them, which can be used for the preparation of dishes. Being provided with a perforated cover, these bowls are also useful for draining vegetables; a board can also be placed over them, if there is any chopping or mincing to be done. As for the plates these are mounted on tubes placed at the same level as the plate when it is in use; these tubes form a kind of grating on which pots and pans can be placed after the cooking has been done. We would like to add that this electrical cooker is covered with a plastic substance which matches the colour of the kitchen.

Have You joined the Solidarity Fund?

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