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Election of officers resulted as follows:

W. Risi, *President*.
F. Kaegi, *Vice-president*.
A. Biland, *Secretary*.
H. Oettli, *Treasurer*.

Club representatives confirmed are:

Auckland: F. Kaegi, Doris Payer, Joe Wildhaber.

Hamilton: Joe Arnet, E. Studer, J. Von Holzen.

Wellington: K. Bischof, H. Suter, F. Fluhler.

Taranaki: John Steiner, Martin Steiner, Charles Schuler,
Joe Dettling.

Press Committee: W. Risi, A. Biland, E. Studer, H. Oettli.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year was a year of further consolidation for the Society. Last year's decision to lower the Subscription for the *Helvetia* to 10/- reflected itself in the Balance Sheet, but in spite of this it showed a small surplus, due to an increase in numbers of *Helvetia* subscriptions, thus justifying the decision we took. However, I must continue to appeal for assistance because I feel that the *Helvetia* is the very link that holds us together. I commend the Wellington Club in their recent decision to follow Auckland and Hamilton in incorporating the *Helvetia* in their annual Subscription.

Fortunately the Benevolent Duties of the Society were not required to function, as we had no requests for assistance in the past year. However, at one stage it looked that it might have to, but the black cloud disappeared again.

Nevertheless, we never know and we have to be prepared.

In the Social field Steinstossen was very well patronised and a lot of excellent talent came to the fore. It was obvious that the purpose in staging this event, to develop physical fitness by training, is bearing fruit, because it was remarkable that in lots of cases the smaller man was on equal terms with his bigger opponent, due to exercise before the event. I wish, at this stage, to advise all young men to continue training throughout the year and then come up for the next event. The Society also wishes to arrange a similar contest in another old sport—Shooting. I hope that it will be equally well received and patronised.

During the past year our beloved Consul-General, Mr Aubaret, and Mrs Aubaret, left us to take up higher office in Indonesia. As much as we liked to see them climbing higher on the social ladder, we regretted losing them. To the new Consul-General, Mr Rossetti, and Mrs Rossetti, we extend our most hearty welcome and I am sure that they too will find New Zealand and the New Zealand Swiss a small Switzerland away from home.

Again we have lost some very dear members through death, one of them an honorary life member of the Society. To all relatives I humbly offer the sympathy of members present at this meeting.

To the Secretary and Treasurer, to the Committee and to the Clubs' delegates, I wish to express my sincerest thanks for their loyal support. All have made personal sacrifices for the common good; may this not be in vain, but further the unity amongst the Swiss people and lead to a united folk of Brethren.

WALTER RISI.

SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Receipts & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31/3/60

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
By Subscriptions	160 3 0	To Printing of "Helvetia"	100 19 0
" Donation	15 0 0	" Postage of "Helvetia"	31 11 2
" Advertisements	9 17 0	" Office Expenses:	
" Exchange received	12 6	Addresser, Staples, Cards	£28 19 7
" Interest	24 3 5	Paper, Fees, Exchange	4 3 3
		Stamps	1 15 0
			34 17 10
		" General Expenses:	
		Subscription to "Eche"	1 19 0
		Audit Fee	3 3 0
		Various	2 4 6
		Loan	1 8
			7 8 2
		" Income Tax & Social Security	4 12 6
		Income over Expenditure	30 7 3
	£209 15 11		£209 15 11

Balance Sheet as at 31/3/60

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Accumulated Funds	812 4 8	Cash on Hand	3 17 7
		P.O. Savings Bank	95 1 5
		P.O. Investment	600 0 0
		A.N.Z. Bank	50 7 4
		Consulate of Switzerland	21 8 4
		Debtors	41 10 0
	£812 4 8		£812 4 8

April 21st, 1960.

HANS OETTLI,
Treasurer.