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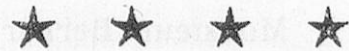
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Auckland Swiss Club

Mardi-Gras: The leading band of the South Sea Islands Festival, 1963, from their latest show "Tahitian Nights," and the Swiss Band will be playing for the entertainment of all the masked devils, harlequins and clowns at the Auckland Swiss Club's Mardi-Gras on Saturday, 28th September, at 8 p.m. at the Professional Club, 12 Kitchener Street.

Later on, a parade of all the fancy-dressed "Follies" will be held and judged by a "Prince Carnival," with prizes for the best groups and singles. As usual, good care has been given to the culinary desires, so come along and join in, the fun will be spectacular! It's in the air and also a fact: A night at the Swiss Club is very popular! —The Committee.

Hamilton Swiss Club

Please Note: There is no Swiss Evening in October. There will be a Garden Party on Saturday, 16th November, at 7 p.m. at Mr & Mrs Risi's residence, Ngaruawahia. Swiss dance music and cards, kegeln, barbeque supper. Monster raffle with 10 good prizes. Friends welcome. No entry fee. —Sub-Committee 2

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND



NO MORE LEGATIONS

The Federal Council has decided to change all remaining Legations into Embassies. Until 1956 Switzerland had no Ambassadors, but many countries had expressed their wish to have Embassies in Berne rather than Legations, and international courtesy demanded that Switzerland reciprocated. After the decree of 21st March 1956 most Legations were gradually changed into Embassies, and now Switzerland will have Ambassadors also accredited to the remaining countries, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Ceylon, Ecuador, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Uruguay.

Amongst the latest appointments in the Diplomatic Service are Dr Jean Humbert as Ambassador to Guatemala and Minister Plenipotentiary to Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, with station in Guatemala.

Dr Max Koenig, hitherto in Guatemala, has been appointed Ambassador to Iran and Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Afghanistan, with station in Tehran.

Monsieur Bernard Turrettini, so far Ambassador to Venezuela and Minister to Panama, has been accredited to Trinidad and Tobago, stationed in Caracas.

The new Consul-General in New York is Dr Hans Lacher, Ambassador to the Philippines, in succession to Consul-General Gasser, who was appointed Ambassador to Canada. The Vice-Consul in Marseilles, Monsieur Alexander Rickenbach, has been appointed Swiss Consul in Winnipeg.

Lille is to have a new Honorary Consul in the person of Dipl. Ing. Andre Joseph, who has been representing a Swiss engineering firm in France since 1950. [A.T.S.]

NATIONAL EXHIBITION POSTAGE STAMPS

During the month of September, the Swiss General Post Office will issue four special stamps dedicated to the Swiss National Exhibition, which will be held in Lausanne from April 30th to October 25th, 1964.

These four stamps, symbolising the Exhibition's motto: "For Switzerland of Tomorrow — Believe and Create," will be on sale until the end of October, 1964—provided supplies do not run out beforehand—at their nominal values of 10, 20, 50 and 75 centimes. These stamps will be printed by rotary photogravure process by a specialised printing works at La Chaux-de-Fonds. (Switzerland).

SAINT BERNARD DOGS TO KEEP UP TRADITION

The British "Catholic Herald" had published a report according to which the monks of the Great Saint Bernard had sold the last dog bred in their famous kennels and that they had done so because traffic over the historic Alpine pass would in future be channelled through the tunnel to be inaugurated next year. Luckily, we are able to report from a competent source that this is not so. In fact, there still are fifteen dogs at the hospice and there never has been any question of giving up breeding. Tourists visiting the venerable Saint Bernard hospice founded in 1049, therefore, will still be able to admire and fondle those lovely dogs the history of which relates so many incidents of faithfulness and courage in the service of man.

POTATO CROPS IN SWITZERLAND

In Switzerland in 1962 the area given over to potato growing amounted to 117,500 acres and produced a crop of 1.25 million metric tons, corresponding to an average yield of approximately 10½ tons per acre. This figure represents a drop of 12 per cent compared with 1961, mainly as a result of last year's very dry summer.