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NEWS FROM THE EMBASSY —

COMMUNICATION

regarding the execution of the Agreement between Switzerland and the United Arab Republic regarding the compensation of Swiss interests.

The Agreement signed on June 20th, 1964, concerning the compensation of Swiss interests affected by the measures of nationalisation and other restrictive measures in the United Arab Republic became provisionally applicable on 1st November, 1964.

Swiss citizens claiming a compensation within the frame of this Agreement are kindly invited to contact the Embassy of Switzerland, GPO Box 386, Wellington, without delay, for further details.

POST PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL STUDIES IN SWITZERLAND FOR YOUNG SWISS LIVING ABROAD

Bursaries for the above are available. Please contact our Embassy in Wellington for further particulars.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ● ● ● ●

Auckland Swiss Club

The Committee of the Auckland Swiss Club wishes to extend to all members and friends the compliments of the season and a very happy and prosperous New Year.—Louis Mueller, President.

Hamilton Swiss Club

No evening will be held in January. The annual picnic, at the residence of Mr and Mrs Risi, will be held some time in February, date to be advertised in January's Helvetia.

SWISS SOCIETY SHOOTING COMPETITION

The annual Shooting Competition will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 20, 1965. The same rules as last year will be applied for this coming event. A circular regarding participants, targets and report forms will be sent to all club Riflemasters shortly.—HANS OETTLI, Riflemaster, Swiss Society.

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND ● ● ●

SWISSAIR AND THE SWISS NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE

In the heart of Tel Aviv, largest city in Israel, Swissair and the Swiss National Tourist Office recently took joint occupancy of spacious new offices. The move provided larger quarters which were greatly needed in view of the rapid increase in travel be-

tween Switzerland and Israel. Among the Swiss dignitaries present at the opening were Dr Walter Berchtold, President of Swissair, and Dr Werner Kampfen, Director of the Swiss National Tourist Office.

Head of the new joint office, which provides the Swiss National Tourist Office with its 18th agency in foreign lands, is Dr B. Weinert, who until now has acted as Swissair's representative in Tel Aviv. This kind of joint representation in conjunction with the Swiss airline has already been tried in countries where the Tourist Office has no facilities of its own, such as Australia (Sydney), Argentina (Buenos Aires) and Portugal (Lisbon). In Israel, it will serve to bring about closer co-ordination of the interests and activities of the two globe-spanning groups.

SWISS WATCHMAKING IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

The Federation of Swiss Watchmakers Associations in Bienne has decided to open a Centre for Watchmaking Vocational Training in Hong Kong in the very near future. The setting up of this centre answers an urgent need for close co-operation between the watchmaking trade in South-East Asia and the Swiss Watchmaking Industry.

The main aim of this new school will be to ensure proper after-sales service of Swiss watches, first of all by enabling watch repairers resident in Hong Kong to brush up their technical knowledge by means of evening courses, and second by training new recruits who will later take over from their elders.

In addition, as from this autumn, a permanent commercial representative of the Swiss watchmaking industry will be domiciled in Hong Kong to provide information about the watchmaking industry and promote Swiss watches on this market. (OSEC)

FINE FINISH TO SWISS NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The Swiss National Exhibition came to an end on Sunday evening, October 25th. That day all attendance records were broken with a total of 165,290 visitors, bringing the daily average to some 65,000. The unofficial overall total of visitors for the whole duration of the Exhibition (6 months) was 11,728,706. (OSEC)

SWISS MICROSCOPES FOR SOUTH VIETNAM

Several years ago, on the opening of a pharmacological faculty at the University of Saigon, it was decided to help this research and educational establishment, under the Swiss Confederation's scheme for Technical Co-operation with countries in the process of development.

The recent gift of thirty microscopes of Swiss manufacture to the University of Saigon represents a concrete contribution on the part of Switzerland in the fight against certain diseases and epidemics, which continue seriously to hamper the development of a number of tropical countries.