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Robert Kennedy to be put on record in the minutes of the U.S.A. Senate. This honour was due to what the Senator called "Mr Schaffner's key position in international economic policy".

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AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Nearly 200 people came along to celebrate the National Day together with their friends at the beautifully-decorated Edendale Hall.

A delicious dinner, consisting of Rippli, Sauerkraut and potatoes followed by ice cream with hot chocolate, was the beginning of this very successful and enjoyable evening. Our popular band presented thereafter dance music and just about everyone present was up on their feet. This year we could listen to a Swiss folklore show and it was really a pleasure to see how much our Swiss, and especially our guests, enjoyed and appreciated these wonderful items.

Our very best thanks to all concerned.

—U.B.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The final of this year's Card evenings was recently played at the Swiss Chalet. As usual a most homely atmosphere prevailed and we would like to thank Mr & Mrs Fluhler for being most gracious to allow us to use their premises and, as always, provide such a delicious supper.

Prizewinners were as follows: 1st evening, Jakob Von Holzen, Walter Unternahrer, John Villiger; 2nd evening, Herman Odermatt, John Villiger, Jakob Frischknecht; 3rd evening, John Villiger, Herman Odermatt, Fritz Hasli. Combination Prize: John Villiger 1st, 5636 points; Herman Odermatt 2nd, 5568 points; Walter Unternahrer 3rd, 5253 points.

—W.R.

TARANAKI SWISS SOCIAL CLUB

NATIONAL DAY OBSERVED

Kapuni Memorial Hall was packed with about 300 people for the August 1st Celebration. To mark the 677th year of Swiss independence, visitors were present from Taupo, Reparoa and Hamilton. The floral work and decorating was beautifully done by Mrs D. Hiestand.

At 6.30 p.m. a social hour was had, followed by a delicious buffet tea at 7.30 which was very much enjoyed by all present. Mr L. Chamberlain, the Club President, welcomed the guests and friends and hoped they would have a very enjoyable evening. Two orchestras supplied music for non-stop Swiss dancing—one group being the Tipler Trio, and the other comprising of Messrs R. & E. Wright, J. Fohn and L. Kuriger.

A novelty dance was won by Miss P. Zimmerman and Mr T. Gillbanks. Yodelling items were given by Mr & Mrs P. Zimmerman, Mrs M. Dudli and Mr T. Napflin. —L.K.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The "Greenstone Room" in the Display Centre was the venue for the Wellington Swiss Club's celebration of the Swiss National Day. The Ball, held on Friday, 2nd August, was a tremendous success.

Guests were entertained to cocktails from nine to ten and this proved to be ideal for kindling the spirit that continued throughout the rest of the evening. After guests were seated, Mr Frick welcomed everyone on behalf of the Wellington Swiss Club and extended a special welcome to Mr Erb, the Vice-Consul, and Mr Bischof, President of the N.Z. Swiss Society. Mr Bischof expressed his pleasure at being able to be present, and Mr Erb spoke briefly on developments in Switzerland in the past year and thanked Mr Frick.

In conclusion a tape of a message by the Bundespraesident to the Swiss overseas was played, followed by the Swiss National Anthem, which certainly must have pulled at some people's heart-strings. A Cook Island group then performed a very enjoyable floorshow and they certainly added a touch of the South Seas with their native dances and music. The band had the place swinging right from the start and the dancers obviously really enjoyed themselves. A superb supper was provided and it was certainly well received. The atmosphere was truly Swiss with the excellent decorations which consisted of the flags of each Canton, capped by the Swiss and N.Z. flags. The only unfortunate thing was that the hours slipped by all too fast and it was difficult to have to say farewell to a marvellous night.

The committee of the Wellington Swiss Club are to be congratulated on their very fine efforts which resulted in such an enjoyable and memorable celebration of August 1st, the Swiss National Day. —D. & E.C.

SWISS WEEK IN N.Z. DISPLAY CENTRE

From July 29th to August 9th, 1968, at short notice and with little material, members of the Wellington Swiss Club, under the guidance of Mr Eschmann, built and arranged a most attractive

display illustrating different aspects of Switzerland such as Tourism, Industry, modern architecture and traditional customs of the Mountain Cantons. Slides and films were shown and the Watchmakers' Association displayed some Swiss watches.

Mr Tony Tresch put his Coffee Lounge "Matterhorn" and his services at the disposal of the Club which was serving Fondue every evening during the first week of the display. Members of the Club were assisting with the preparation and the serving of this traditional Swiss dish, profits going to the Club Fund. Special thanks to Mr Tresch and to Mrs Frick, who was the chief cook.

AN APPEAL

It is most important that attention by readers be given to the new membership list, which is to be printed shortly. Only the names of financial members of an affiliated Club or single members of the Society will be eligible to appear on the list (see news item elsewhere).

★ RECIPES

CANTON SCHAFFHAUSEN

Pancake Dabs (Pfueserli): Melt 1 oz butter in 1 gill warm milk. Stir in 3-4 spoonfuls flour to make a batter. Before frying, fold in the stiffly beaten whites of 2-3 eggs. Fry in pieces the size of a walnut in very hot fat. This is an excellent garnish to vegetables.

CANTON SCHWYZ

Cheese Tart: Line a medium-sized sandwich tin with unsweetened scone dough. Spread the following mixture on to it: 1½ lb cheese (if possible half dry, half creamy) finely shredded, 5 eggs, 3 chopped and fried onions, 1½ cups milk, 4 spoonfuls water and pinch of salt. Bake for half an hour in moderate oven. —R.B.K.