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home to university, of Church and State, of political and civic organisations, of those responsible for mass media. It would be wonderful if preoccupation with recreating the Constitution, could lead to a common starting point in the search for better values. It is too early today to predict whether such a common effort would give us the strength already within the next few years to undertake the huge task of a total revision. But it is certain that the large amount of work will not have been done in vain, and that it will be for the good of our country. From this point of view, I should like to express well-deserved and heartfelt thanks to all those who have expressed their views to the submitted questions in such a conscientious and competent manner”.

The applause which greeted the address by the former Federal Councillor was one of the warmest and most prolonged I have ever heard at an Assembly of the Swiss Abroad. It expressed the great admiration and, may I say, affection in which we hold Mr Wahlen. The clarity of his thoughts and the precision of his speech underlined his profound knowledge of the whole problem. Above all, throughout his address, his personal involvement with this important matter was evident, and we were left with a feeling of gratitude that Friedrich Traugott Wahlen is the man who will guide those concerned in this task. May he be granted good health and strength to carry it through and to lead our country to a better future.—M.M.

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## **News from the Embassy:**

Mr Bruno Ritter has recently arrived in Wellington to take up his duties as Consular Officer. He replaces Mr Homberger, who left in September. After his initial training period at our diplomatic mission in London, he was transferred to Abidjan/Ivory Coast, where he completed four years. During his very recent home-leave, he married and, together with his young wife, he is now making his first home in New Zealand. Our best wishes go to them both for a very pleasant and successful stay in the South Pacific.

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## **GROUP TRAVEL 1971**

This group has been formed and is ready to leave for our Homeland (and for the ladies to vote!) on 26th May, 1971. Should there still be anybody interested it is still not too late to contact our Secretary, Mrs R. Messmer. So join now and have the fun later!