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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AFFILIATED CLUBS

Sir,—With regard to Mr Moser's letter in the September issue of "Helvetia", I wish to state my reply as follows.—

Mr Moser, I regret it was unfortunate that no Taranaki delegates were represented at the Annual General Meeting held at Christchurch on June 6th, 1971.

All the controversy over the Taranaki Swiss Social Club would not have gone on record or been published in the "Helvetia" had Taranaki delegates been present.

I fail to see how other delegates present at the meeting could let such a statement go through. Has Mr Moser had the meeting his own way? In reference to rule (A) which you stated "We have no right to use the name 'Swiss' as a Club": How can such a rule be passed, that denies us, as descendants from Switzerland, to call ourselves a Swiss Club?

My view, and that of many other members, is, as regards to Mr Moser's statement "Why should the other Swiss Clubs recognise your very existence . . .", that this can be nothing but most harmful to the Society and other Swiss Clubs.

The Taranaki Swiss Social Club has had many visits from the various clubs to picnics, socials, shooting, etc., and I know that they have thoroughly enjoyed our hospitality.

I hope Mr Moser realises his form of conduct and will act accordingly.

LEN CHAMBERLAIN
President, Taranaki Swiss Social Club.

HEDY'S CORNER

SWITZERLAND MUST NEVER INCREASE TO 10 MILLION PEOPLE

(What is happening to our dear Homeland?)

THIS TOPIC featured largely in the Airmail edition of the "Tagesanzeiger" (überparteiliche schweizerische Zeitung). The very long article appeared on September 14th, 1971. A much condensed version, in the form of quotes, will appear in two instalments and no doubt will give you quite a shock:

- ▶ "In Switzerland each square kilometre of land, fit for habitation, supports 570 people. This population density even tops the German most highly industrialised Ruhrgebiet (470 people) and is near the top on a worldwide scale".
- ▶ "Switzerland depends at an increasing rate upon foodstuffs from abroad".

- ▶ “To grow vegetables by the Swiss individually, as was done as an emergency measure during world war two (Plan Wahlen), is today quite impossible”.
- ▶ “Costs of building sections rise relentlessly, so much so that a middle-class salary holds out virtually no hope to a person of ever becoming a home or even a flat owner”.
- ▶ “Major rivers whose clean springs rise on Swiss soil flow through the land and across our borders irresponsibly polluted”.
- ▶ “On international air-hygiene maps Switzerland figures, together with other industrial countries, as lying within a belt of more than average polluted air. The oxygen deficit (i.e. over-demand of oxygen in relation to what nature is capable of replacing) amounts to an astronomical figure of cubic metres per annum”.
- ▶ “Available land is so scarce that our army lacks the vitally necessary training areas”.
- ▶ “Many municipalities face nearly insolvable problems as regards disposal of refuse”.
- ▶ “On the worldwide statistics of suicide incidence Switzerland figures in third place, topped only by Japan and the U.S.A. This means three to five suicides daily!”

Food for thought? And how! (Concluded next month.)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Auckland Swiss Club

SHOOTING SECTION

Dear Shooting Friends: We invite you to the following Programme activities for .22 calibre shooting at Frank Reichmuth's farm, Chamberlain Road, Henderson.—

6th & 7th November: Jagt and Handicap for locals.

20th November: Jagt and Handicap for guests attending the Shooting Ball (details and invitations later regarding the Ball at Edendale).
—The Committee

Wellington Swiss Club

Family Walk to “Butterfly Creek” — Sunday, 14th November, 1971. Rendezvous: 10 a.m. Eastbourne Hotel. Take your lunch; barbecue facilities. Invitations with further details will follow.
—W.S.C. Committee