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buted 1 million francs annually from 1951 to 1956, and 1.5 million francs in 1957 and 1958. The establishment of a special UN fund in 1959 for the financing of long-range projects led to the appropriation by the Swiss Government of an additional 2 million francs, raising the total for that year to 3.5 million francs. For the period 1960 to 1962 the Federal Parliament has voted to contribute 4 million francs annually, i.e., 2 million for the special fund and 2 million for the regular programme.

In connection with this multilateral aid the UN has entrusted numerous Swiss experts with various missions in underdeveloped countries. From 1950 to 1959 a total of 200 experts were thus employed, especially in agriculture, forestry, the sciences, education and public administration in several countries.

While many Swiss have thus gone to serve in underdeveloped areas, numerous nationals of such countries have been given grants to perfect their vocational or professional education in Swiss universities, plants and business organisations. Some of these students stayed for a few days only, others for weeks or months. Since 1950, 780 citizens of underdeveloped countries have come to Switzerland under this programme. Of the 56 students who came to Switzerland in 1959, 33 were from European countries, 16 from the Near East (10 of them from Israel), 3 from India and 1 from Chile.

Until 1956 Switzerland had only very insignificant funds at its disposal for bilateral aid. The programme of bilateral assistance was accordingly limited. In 1957 the amount was raised to 300,000 francs, and for the period 1960 to 1962 to 1 million francs a year. In 1957 to 1959 a large part of the funds was contributed to the Swiss Association for Technical Assistance and, especially in 1959, used for donations of educational material to an arts and crafts school at the Swiss Benedictine mission in Tanganyika.

Owing to the small size of the funds available, Swiss experts were not engaged in bilateral programmes until 1957. They have since then been employed mostly in forestry (India, Turkey), irrigation (Iran), avalanche control (Iraq), promotion of trade (Philippines), high frequency technology (Ethiopia), education and tourism (Tunisia).

Under the bilateral programme, too, a number of persons from underdeveloped countries have been awarded grants to study methods in Switzerland. Again, the preferred fields of interest were agriculture, forestry, science and engineering. At the beginning of the current year 28 persons studied in Switzerland on the basis of bilateral aid (11 from Europe, mostly Turkey, 5 from the Near East, 7 from the Far East, 2 from Latin America and 3 from North Africa).

(To be continued)

NEWS OF THE COLONY

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

On Sunday, March 19th, a bright sunny day saw a small group of Auckland Swiss gathered at the rifle range at Northcote College, for the Shooting Competition and Picnic. Throughout the day the various competitions progressed and in between, so to speak, one always had the opportunity either to play Boccia, a game which gave adults and children great pleasure, or alternatively the chance to just relax in the sunshine. The names of the different section winners in the Shooting Competition are listed below, and we heartily congratulate them on their successful wins.

Aucklandstich: 1st, Mr Hans Enzler, with a total of 304 points; 2nd, Mr Hans Brynner (303); 3rd, Mr Hans Fitzi (285).

Pistolenstich: 1st, Mr S. Hartmann, with a total of 63 points; 2nd, Mr H. Fitzi (62); 3rd, Mr H. Enzler (56).

Frauenstich: 1st, Mrs H. Enzler, with a total of 49 points; 2nd, Mrs J. Wildhaber (38).

The committee would like to thank all who helped to make the picnic a success, and especially Mr & Mrs Max Bachmann, who are always so willing to give their time in cooking and supplying the Bratwurst.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting of the Auckland Swiss Club, held on April 15th, the following were officers elected for the year 1961/62: President, Mr Hans Fitzi, 1 Greenfield Road, Epsom, Auckland; Vice-President, Mr Adolf Binder, 65 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Secretary, Miss D. Peyer, 48 Moa Road, Pt. Chevalier; Treasurer, Mr Joe Wildhaber, 12 Porter Avenue, New Lynn; Committee, Messrs C. Rickenbach, O. Stalder, W. Peter, N. Mueller.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

A well attended evening in the Riverlea on May 7th combined with a bring and buy was enjoyed by everybody. The card evening held on April 22nd in the Tauwhare Hall did not have as many players as expected. So do not forget the next card evening on June 17th at Tauwhare.

Swiss Society Shooting Competition:

HAMILTON CLUB RESULTS

Weber, Joe, Morrinsville	56
Reichmuth, Oskar, Taupiri	51
Fitzi, Otto, Hamilton	50 (16)
Schuler, Arthur, Taupiri	50 (14)
Studer, Ernst, Rototuna	50 (14)
Bolli, Bruno, Hamilton	49 (18)
Imlig, Adolph, Morrinsville	49 (15)
Rust, Rinaldo, Tamahere	49 (13)
Biland, Arnold, Hamilton	48
Oettli, Henry, Rukuhia	46 (14)

Mueller, Max, Matamata	46 (14)
Oettli, Hans, Whatawhata	45 (16)
Schuler, Frank, Morrinsville	45 (11)
Krieger, Franz, Morrinsville	45 (9)
Reichmuth, Mrs, Taupiri	45 (1)
Eggmann, Hugo, Whatawhata	44 (14)
Biland, Peter, Te Rapa	44 (14)
Villiger, John, Morrinsville	43
Reinhart, Peter, Te Awamutu	41 (14)
Oettli, Ivan, Whatawhata	41 (12)
Mueller, Mrs, Matamata	41 (10)
Kernel, Josef, Morrinsville	41
Stacheli, Ernst, Taupiri	40

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

SOCIAL EVENING

An attendance of 50 gathered at the home of Mr & Mrs (nee Tilly Engelberger) Tom Walker on April 26th to farewell them before their departure for Reporoa. Mr M. Steiner, in presenting them with a nest of tables, a firescreen and fire irons, mentioned the long association Mrs Walker had had as a pianist and musician at past Swiss function and parties. —M.J.S.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Taranaki Swiss Club was held on April 17th before a good attendance. The following officers were elected: President, M. J. Steiner; Vice-President, John Steiner; Secretary, B. P. Frank; Committee, Messrs L. Chamberlan, W. Waldvogel, E. Meyer, B. Maechler, J. Dettling, P. Hermann, L. Kuriger, A. C. Kalin Jnr., Mesdames M. Steiner, C. Schuler and E. Meyer.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the W.S.C. was held at the Brooklyn Hall on April 29th, 1961.

The president, Mr K. E. Bischof, greeted all present and mentioned how pleased he was to be able to address more members and guests than were expected. He was very happy to see amongst us Dr and Mrs O. Rossetti and Mr and Mrs H. Schaerer.

In his report, Mr Bischof pointed out that the club-year just ended was one of some activity, both for committee and club members alike. Thirteen committee meetings were held and seven club gatherings, of which the "Chilbi-evening," 1st. of August Celebrations and the Christmas Party proved to be the most popular events.

The treasurer was then called to read his annual report which showed that the club was still financial. Membership had dropped from 78 to 75. This was questioned in as much that the "missing" members were possibly people who still attended our functions but had not yet paid their subscriptions for the year just ended; should these people be considered members or non-members? A vote resulted that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Mr Bischof then informed us that no less than 5 committee members had tendered their resignations, only two committee members, Mrs R. Messmer and Mr E. Watt, were happy to remain in office.

Election of officers for 1961/1962 resulted as follows: President, Mr H. Ittensohn; Vice-President, Mr F. Wehrli; Secretary, Mrs R. Messmer; Treasurer, Mr H. Schaerer; Committee, Messrs E. Matt, N. Weisshaupt, R. Sommer, H. Gaemperle.

Dr O. Rossetti gave a short talk re the introduction of a rifle club and a lively discussion followed. The meeting was closed at 11 p.m. and then a good supper was enjoyed by all.

May I take this opportunity to thank all retired committee members for their loyalty and unselfish help they have always given to the club throughout their time in office. It is due to them (Mr Bischof in particular) that the W.S.C. is firmly established. Special thanks must go to those wonderful helpers behind the scenes—the wives and husbands of past committee members. Last but not least, our thanks go to Mrs R. Messmer, our very able and efficient secretary, who is now the only lady member of the committee.

The new committee is eager "to keep the ball rolling" and give you all a full and interesting club-year packed with lots of humour. —H.I.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SWISS SOCIETY

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will be held by courtesy of the Hamilton Swiss Club as hosts in conjunction with their Swiss Club Social Evening on June 11th at 8 p.m. in the Riverlea.

Tractanda:

- President's Report.
- Treasurer's Report & presentation of the Balance Sheet.
- Minutes of last General Meeting.
- Election of Officers.
- Subscriptions, Helvetia 1961/62.
- Alteration of the following Rules—
That: "a complete list of all members shall be published in the issue following the Annual General Meeting" be deleted and to read as follows: "a complete list of all members shall be published in the Helvetia every three years."
- Election of Officers.
- General.