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Forthcoming Events

Auckland Swiss Club

We invite you cordially to our "Colour Slides — and Preisjass Evening," which will be held at the Edendale School Hall, Sandringham Road, on the 20th November, at 8 p.m.

Swiss slides and pictures of various parts of the world will be shown. Distribution of generous prizes for the winners of the "Preisjassen"!!!

—THE COMMITTEE.

Wellington Swiss Club

Christmas Party for the Children, Sunday, December 5th, afternoon, Brooklyn Community Hall.

News from Switzerland

A CHURCHILL MEMORIAL ON THE LAKE OF THUN

Oberhofen:—Nineteen years after the historic "Europe Address" which Winston Churchill made at Zurich's Munsterhof, friends and admirers of the late British statesman and wartime Prime Minister gathered in Oberhofen, on the Lake of Thun, to witness the unveiling of a Churchill Memorial. Among those present was the great man's son, Randolph Churchill.

The memorial is meant to symbolise Switzerland's gratitude to "Winnie" for the courage with which he led his people during the Second World War, an action which helped save democracy in the world. It is the work of Swiss sculptor Gustave Piguet, who has created a mighty pyramid-shaped block of alpine granite which rises in the midst of the Oberhofen Castle Park and commands a splendid view of the lake and mountains around.

The stone is inscribed with the words "Winston Churchill — Defender of Freedom" in Switzerland's three official languages, and bears his famous phrase: "In war, resolution; in defeat, defiance; in victory, magnanimity; in peace, goodwill."

BEARD "EPIDEMIC" IN ENGELBERG

Engelberg:—"England has its Beatles, and Engelberg has its beards." Visitors to the world-famous summer and winter resort in the heart of Switzerland are wondering these days at the abundantly sprouting beards of the local menfolk. The explanation: The epidemic of beards is not a sudden fashion craze, but part of the extensive preparation for the festivities which will take place on November 21, to mark the 150th anniversary of the day on which the Engelberg valley voluntarily elected to join the semi-canton of Obwalden. Before that, Engelberg had

been ruled by the Abbot of its famous Benedictine Monastery. On the forthcoming jubilee day, the morning will be devoted to the premiere performance of a new pageant in the courtyard of the monastery. The festival which will follow will have the motto: "Food, Drink and Fashions of 1815."

All food and refreshments will be prepared in the style of a century and a half ago, and since the men of that period generally wore whiskers, the Engelbergers decided to cultivate their own.

THE UNCOMMON MARKET

Basel:—On October 19-23, the Basel Casino was the scene of an international postage stamp auction held under the title "The Uncommon Market." Stamps with an estimated total value of 2.1 million Swiss francs were offered to philatelists. Issues stemmed mainly from the Saar, Czechoslovakia, the old German Empire, former German colonies and old Italy.

SWISS CATTLE FOR INDIA

Recently, 22 breeding bulls and 14 heifers of the famous Swiss brown stock, as well as 6 male and 4 female goats, left Switzerland for India. These animals will be used in the second phase of Switzerland's big project for agricultural development in the Kerala, in southern India, for which the Swiss government recently released the sum of S.Fr. 2.34 million (\$543,000) from the S.Fr. 90 million (\$20.9 million) set aside for technical aid in the developing countries. (OSEC).

PROGRESS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN SWITZERLAND

During the past ten years, the number of students at Swiss technical schools has more than doubled, owing partly to the expansion of existing schools, and partly to the foundation of new schools. In 1964, there were 7,365 students at Swiss technical schools, representing an increase of 7.8% over the previous year. (OSEC).

RIVER TRAFFIC IN THE RHINE PORTS OF BASLE

Last year, 14,000 ships called at the river ports of Basle, i.e. 1,275 barges and 12,725 self-driven craft. Of this total, 42.5% were Swiss, 24.0% Dutch, 15.2% German, 11.1% French, 6.3% Belgian, 0.7% Austrian and 0.2% from Luxembourg. (OSEC).

"NOURISHMENT WEEK"

Basel:—The week of November 17-22 has been designated "Nourishment Week" in Basel. During that period, the buildings of the Swiss Industries Fair (Mustermesse) will play host to an International Trade Fair on Climate, Cooling and Deep Freezing, coupled with a Congress on Industrial Canteens.