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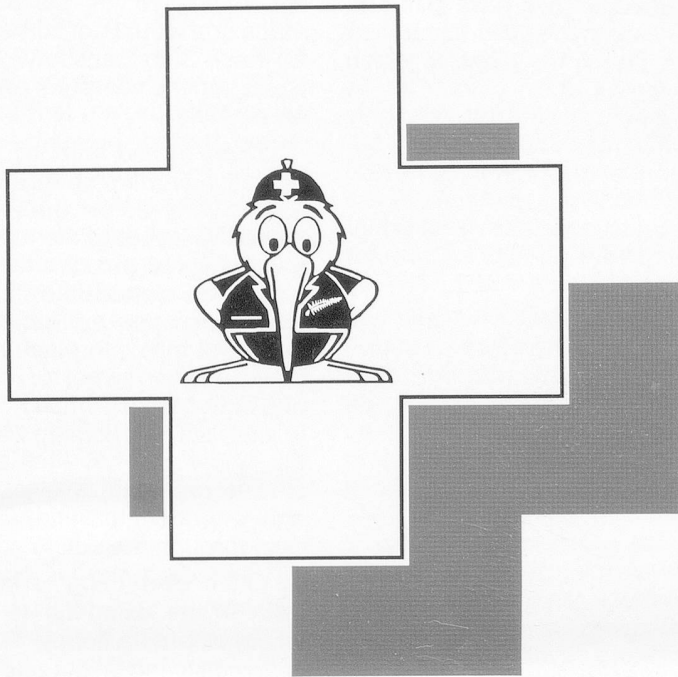
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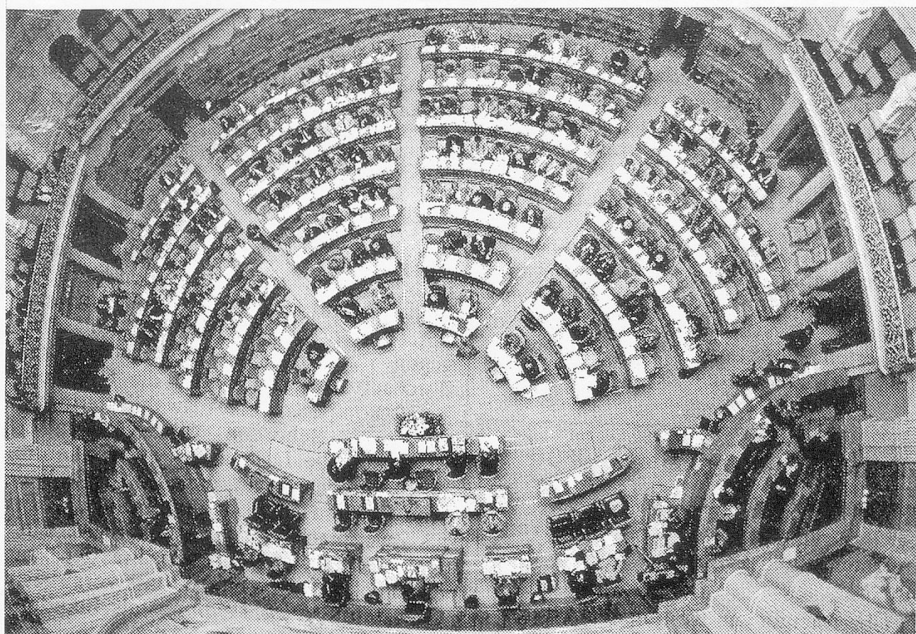
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SWISS PARLIAMENT

An unusual bird's eye view picture of the Swiss Parliament. The lay-out is typical for a democracy with numerous Parties present seated from left to right in a semi-circle. With MMP coming soon to New Zealand, the present Parliament, with room for only 2 parties opposing one another across the floor will no longer be adequate and it is a crying shame that, when the New Zealand Government ordered the Beehive to be built, it did not straight away incorporate a new circular Parliament similar in design to the Swiss model. It would have saved a lot of headache. But then, at that time, the New Zealand Government was so set in its 2 Party system, that it never dreamed that one day a Swiss type democracy would ever come to New Zealand. How wrong have they been in this and in so many other matters.....