

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT.

FOR 1989 - 90 YEAR.



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OF
41 CLUBS
OF
NEW ZEALAND

Fellow 41'ers,

It gives me much pleasure to present the International Relations Report for the 1989-90 year.

First of all, I must express the deep sorrow we all felt at the sad and sudden loss of our President, Keith Elliott. His loss is no doubt being sorely felt by everyone, and to his wife Diane, must go our deepest sympathy, but she also knows that in 41 Club she has a group of friends who will always be there when she needs them.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the past year was the attendance of the President of 41 International, Be Dommering, and his wife Fini, at our 1989 Convention, and their subsequent trip through New Zealand. Their visit gave us an insight into 41 International and its workings, and I hope, dispelled any doubts some members may have had about our continued membership of 41 International. When they left New Zealand, Be was going to try and get a group from Europe to visit us, but as yet I have not heard any report on his progress.

Another Past President of 41 International, Einhart Melzer, and his wife Annalies, from Berlin, also made a trip through New Zealand in early April, and for those fortunate to spend time with them, it was a great experience.

In addition to the above two couples, I have helped other 41'ers from overseas plan trips through New Zealand. To all those New Zealand 41'ers who have helped out with accommodation and travel - I say "Thank you very much" because without your help and support, my job would be so much harder.

One point which came out of Einhart Melzer's visit, was a request from 41 International to New Zealand to consider nominating a candidate for the office of Vice-President of 41 International, and should he be successful, continue on to the position of President. 41 International feel that the time is right for our country to take a more active part in the international scene. I will elaborate on this idea at the conclusion of my report.

Another highlight in the past year was the trip across Canada by 43 of our members in July, 1989. The hospitality we were shown was great, and to all those who travelled with us, I must say a very big "Thank you" for all your cooperation and support. Not only did we see another country and share their way of life by staying in their homes, but I believe we made lifelong friends of a bunch of Kiwis, and were able to develop the friendship side of 41 Club to an even greater extent.

To all who have helped me in the past year - "Thank you", and to our incoming President, Ron Welply, I would wish you all the best for a successful year. To the National Association, I say "Thank you" for allowing me to serve as your International Relations Officer.

Peter Butchart.