



NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

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Subject: Celebration of Hitler's Birthday in German Club Auckland,

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[Police-100A.]

Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 22 nd April, 1939

REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to German Club, Auckland. Celebration of
Hitler's birthday.

I respectfully report the following information received from a confidential source, known to the Department.

At the usual weekly gathering of the Club on Thursday night, the 20 th inst., the proceedings took the form of a celebration of Hitler's birthday. (It will be seen from the newspapers that this event was specially featured in Germany this week).

KURT WILHELM SCHMIDT spoke almost entirely on the life of Hitler. He made only one reference to the present international situation, when near the finish, he said that any reports that Germany wished to conquer the world were lying.. He said that Germany only desired equal rights with all nations; to this she was entitled.. The German people, said Schmidt, had every confidence that this would be peacefully attained by The Fuehrer, but whether peacefully or not, it would be attained.

A number of slides were shown, mostly photos of Hitler, one in company with Mussolini.

No enthusiasm was shown by the audience and no great interest.

The British National Anthem was sung at the beginning of the evening and the two German anthems at the conclusion.

There were about 30 persons present, including two strangers, one named Burkhardt from New Caledonia and the other named Kampf, of Auckland.

E.A. Stevenson

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The Commissioner

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