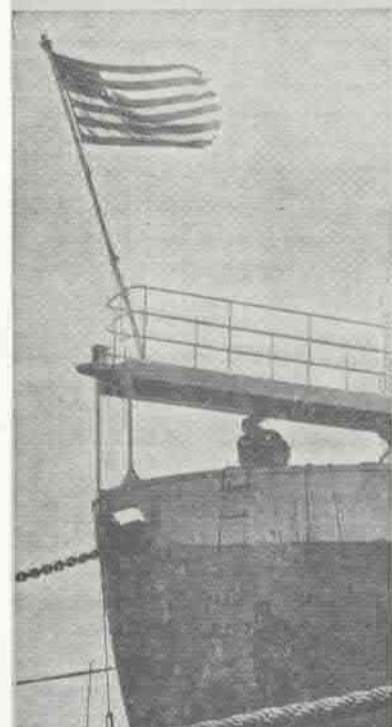




## M/S CASTASEGNA

Remplaçant en quelque sorte le m/s SILS au sein de la flotte suisse, le m/s CRUZEIRO DO SUL a changé

de propriétaires, de pavillon et de nom en Nouvelle Zélande au début d'octobre. Voici les comptes rendus parus dans la presse locale de New Plymouth au sujet de cet événement.



LEFT: The Liberian flag flutters in the breeze for the last time on the stern of the Cruzeiro Do Sul at the New Plymouth Port today. After a ceremony this evening it will be replaced by a Swiss flag. ABOVE: Workmen prepare to remove the name Cruzeiro Do Sul from the bow of the merchant ship. The name name Castasegna, will then be welded on. BELOW: Three of the Swiss seamen on board proudly hold their national flag. They are from left: Karl Zuber, Ulrich Lush and Gerard Hagmann.

## Ship to change name

The twin-masted ship, Cruzeiro Do Sul, flying the Liberian flag, berthed at the New Plymouth Port today.

But by the time she leaves for Newcastle, Australia, tomorrow, she will be flying the Swiss flag, her name will be Castasegna, and she will be under new ownership.

For the first time in the New Plymouth Port's history a ship will change its ownership, nationality and name while berthed at the port.

### CEREMONY

Until the official ceremony on board the 4659-ton ship at 5 p.m. tonight, she is the property of the Merano Ltd, a Swiss-owned firm which has the ship registered in Liberia, and is under charter to the Shaw, Savill and Albion Co. Ltd.

Her new owners, the Oceania Shipping Co., will sail her under the Swiss flag and will bring the Swiss merchant navy's fleet to 22 ships.

The new name, Castasegna, the name of a small Swiss village, replaces the Portuguese one.

A feature of the ship is the varied nationalities of the crew. Captained by an Italian, Matteo Kaleic, she has 22 Swiss, seven Italians, one German, a Dutchman and a Yugoslav on board.

### GUESTS

Among the 40 guests to the ceremony will be the Swiss Charge d'Affaires in New Zealand, Dr. Jean-Pierre Weber, and his wife; the president of the Swiss Society of New Zealand, Mr. John Steiner, the Mayor and Mayoress of New Plymouth, Mr and Mrs A. G. Romm, and the chairman of the Taranaki Harbour Board, Mr H. E. Elyde.

This is the ship's first trip to New Zealand. She is at present unloading general cargo and will leave for Newcastle tomorrow to load coal for Japan.



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## Function Marks Ship's Change Of Nationality

With the first Swiss immigrants to New Zealand settling in Taranaki it was appropriate that the transfer of the motor vessel Castasegna's nationality from Liberia to Swiss should take place at Port Taranaki, the Swiss charge d'affaires in New Zealand, Dr. Jean-Pierre Weber, said on board the ship last night.

Dr. Weber was addressing about 40 guests who attended a cocktail evening aboard the Castasegna to mark the change of nationality which has resulted in the Swiss merchant navy being increased to 22 vessels.

The ship arrived at Port Taranaki yesterday, flying the Liberian flag and bearing the name Cruzeiro Do Sul and owned by Merano Ltd, a Swiss-owned company that had the ship registered in Liberia. The official transfer of ownership to the Oceania Shipping Co., another Swiss-owned company which has registered the ship in Switzerland, took place yesterday.

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Referring to the migration of Swiss nationals to New Zealand, he said their numbers had increased in New Zealand and many had become New Zealand citizens, combining in a most impressive manner a deep loyalty to their new country with a faithful attachment to the old.

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Dr. Weber said the presence of the Castasegna in New Zealand waters was symbolic of the increasing trade between the two countries. He was pleased to see that New Zealand was giving increased attention to diversifying trade outlets for Newcastle tomorrow.



The Swiss flag flies for the first time on the M.V. Castasegna at Port Taranaki yesterday, the day on which the ship changed ownership and nationality—from Liberia to Swiss. The flag was raised by the Italian master, Captain Matteo Kaleic.

