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total of imports was 627,9 Millions against 359,8 Millions last year. Exports of 369,5 Millions compare well with 261 Millions of last year. Exports of the watch industry amounted to 17,8 Millions during April 1937, against 10,6 Millions in April, 1936.

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MITTELHOLZER KILLED :

Walter Mittelholzer, Switzerland's leading flier, and two fellow mountaineers, Frau Lisclotte Karstner and Herr Fyeh, a Viennese medical student, were killed while climbing a very difficult part of the Steinwand un Hochschwabgebiet, on Sunday, 9th May, 1937. Presumably this calamity was caused by an avalanche of stones while they were roped together. The untimely death of W. Mittelholzer has awakened widespread sympathies not only in his own Homeland, but in every European country where he was well known as the greatest Swiss Airman. His wonderful exploits, his flights over the Alps, and his African trips, are well known.

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The lucky winner of the first prize in the Neuchatel Lottery, who wishes to remain anonymous, has presented the whole of the 100,000 frs. to the Public Benevolent Society of Neuchatel in aid of the unemployed.

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We regret to state that the election of our Committee does not seem to progress very satisfactorily, only a few voting papers having come to hand, so far. We are obliged to extend the time limit for a month to enable our members to fulfill their obligations. It will be quite sufficient for each member to nominate a committee member for his own district. Should any member of our society desire to express his views regarding the management and conduct of our young undertaking, we shall gladly publish their respective opinions for general discussion. We are determined to make a success of our society, but we lack the co-operation of our compatriots. Taranaki is taking a leading place with the largest contingent of members, and therefore we anticipate more enthusiasm from that quarter. We welcome criticism, as it would be an indication that our members are taking more interest than hitherto.

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T S :

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