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In a distinguished program at the Opera House at Zurich appeared Kirsted Flagstad as Isolde and Brunnhilde, also in the title role of Gluck's "Alceste". The newest Swiss opera: Othmar Schoeck's "Schloss Dürande" had an enthusiastic reception in the same month.

Choice offerings were also a feature of the Zurich Municipal Theatre, among them Hoffmannsthal's allegorical play "Turn".

An interesting Premiere of Fritz Hochwalder's play "Das heilige Experiment" took place in the municipal theatre of Bienne. It relates the tragic story of how the Jesuit Fathers in Paraguay attempted in the 18th century to found a collective state where the uncivilized natives were to be treated in a Christian manner and paid for their labors like human beings. However, this "holy experiment" was frowned upon by the Spanish Crown and the church and could not be carried out.

Excellent new dramatic offerings were moreover enjoyed at Berne, the Federal Capital, and at Basle.

Lucerne, now widely known for its yearly "International Festival Weeks", proved a mecca for all music lovers. Since it has become more and more difficult to secure the support of foreign musicians the program features Symphony Concerts and some recitals.

BURIAL OF AMERICAN AIRMEN IN SWITZERLAND.

The small English Church in Bad Ragaz, where the coffins of the 14 American airmen, killed in air-crashes, were lying, could hardly hold the official representatives and the 75 interned American airmen who arrived to attend the funeral of their comrades.

After a short service the funeral procession proceeded to the cemetery to the tolling of the church bell. The procession was headed by a military band and a guard of honour, followed by the long line of coffins, each covered with the Stars and Stripes, carried by the interned Americans. Then came the representatives of the American Legation, military attaches of many nations, representatives of the Swiss army and a long line of mourners.

The service at the common grave was conducted by the English clergyman and the American Minister read out the names of the 14 victims. The guard of honour fired three salvoes and the sounding of the Last Post concluded the burial and the American interned airmen, led by the military band, marched back to the station.

This event left a deep impression on the Swiss people present and many a silent prayer will have risen to Heaven that our country may be spared the horrors of war.

SUNDRY NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND.

In a message of gratitude, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State has expressed officially the appreciation of the American Government for the services rendered by the Federal Council in handling American interests in enemy countries.

A dispatch from DNB from Rome announces the recall by the Fascist republican Government of a number of ambassadors, ministers and other high officials who have remained loyal to the royal Italian Government. Among the dismissed is the Italian minister to Berne, Count Magispati.

The mail service of the International Red Cross in Geneva recently reported the 30 millionth letter mailed from their office. The number of communications received from September 1939 to December 1943 was 29 million. The total of incoming and outgoing Red Cross mail for the Geneva Office is now over 59 million.

The reduction of the livestock necessitated by the precarious fodder situation, had an unfavorable effect on the production of milk. From November 1943 to January 1944 the milk production was from 20 to 25% lower than a year ago. In