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In addition to the gliding schools at Berne-Belpmoos, Grenchen (Soleure) and on the Birrfeld, canton of Aargau, which have the concession of the Swiss Federal Air Department, opportunities for motorless flying are also afforded by many glider groups of the Swiss Aero-Club. However, there exists at present a scarcity of permanent airports for gliders, a situation which can be remedied at relatively small cost.

Here it must be mentioned that excellent gliders are being built in Switzerland, in series among which the makes of Spalinger, Hug (Spyr) and Moswey may be especially mentioned. Prospects for export are bright.

Prior to the war Switzerland had 80 planes in the service of civil aviation, and about 600 persons owned flying licenses. Resumption of flying in motor-propelled vehicles and of air-tourism which includes the popular flights over the Alps, depends on Switzerland's motor fuel supplies, but may be expected in 1946.

In this instance, too, the construction of suitable flying fields is needed. The many military airports and stop-overs which were built in famous mountain regions during the war can now, in peacetime, be pressed into the service of international air-tourism. All these matters are of vital importance to the successful development of Swiss civil aviation with and without motor.

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SWISS ELECTRICITY OUTPUT, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORTATION.

The output of electricity in Switzerland increased from 6,000,000,000 kilowatt-hours in 1940 to more than 10,000,000,000 kilowatt hours in 1944 and will amount to about 11,000,000,000 kilowatt hours in 1945.

Official estimates show consumption of about 32 percent of the electric power by industry, 21 percent by households and trade, 10 percent by railroads, and 7 percent by electric boilers; about 19 percent is exported and 11 percent is lost in transmission or is stored for later use.

Exports in 1943-44 totalled 1,151,000,000 kilowatt-hours, compared with 1,563,000,000 in 1938-39. (Foreign Commerce Weekly.)

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OLYMPIC GAMES 1948 IN LONDON AND ST. MORITZ.

According to the Canadian Olympic Committee, the President of the International Olympic Committee J. Sigfrid Edstrom has advised them that the Olympic Games 1948 will take place in London, and the Olympic Winter Sports in St. Moritz, Switzerland. The last Olympic Games took place in Berlin in 1936.

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ST. MORTIZ REOPENS MILE BOBSLED RUN.

G.I.'s Absorb Thrills with one mishap.

The famous St. Moritz mile-long bobsled run opened today for the first time in six years with American soldiers on furlough crowding to test their skill down the break-neck icy course.

"That was swell", exclaimed Corporal Louis Carr, of Williamsport, Pa., after he caught his breath from piloting the first all-American bobsled down the run.

Carr's brake, Technical Sergeant George B. Mensil, of Dallas, Tex., who forced the starter, Emilio De Loro, former Swiss bobsled champion, to raise his hands in a gesture of despair as Mensil obeyed instructions to "pull hard on the brakes" during the descent.

Corporal Edna Wenger, of Smyrna, Del., was the first American girl to whiz down the 360-foot drop, but it remained for Sergeant Clementine DeLong, of Princeton, N.J., to be the first American girl to pilot a bobsled down the course. Lieutenant Colonel Howard Faulkner, of Leavenworth, Kan., was Sergeant DeLong's brake.

One mishap marred the day. A bobsled piloted by Felix Enderich, a Swiss, failed to make a turn and overshot the ice wall. Enderich, Mary Anderson, of Indianapolis, and First Lieutenant Robert L. McCormick, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., were thrown to the icy surface of the run as the sled caromed off the wall. They suffered minor bruises.

Every five days 300 Americans on furlough are expected to visit this one-time resort of nobility and millionaires.

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DUTCH HONOUR FEDERAL COUNCILLOR VON STEIGER.

As a token of gratitude for the help Switzerland has extended and is still extending to Holland for her reconstruction, the Dutch Society for Reconstruction has presented Federal Councillor von Steiger with a beautiful bowl of Delft pottery bearing the following inscription in Dutch: "Year of Liberation 1945".

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SUBSCRIPTION TO ILLUSTRATED SWISS NEWSPAPERS.

The well known publishers of the "SCHWEIZER ILLUSTRIERTE ZEITUNG" and the "L'ILLUSTRE" in Switzerland, are inviting our Compatriots to subscribe to their papers. These publications are known the world over and chiefly depict current illustrations of important happenings. Most of you have no doubt seen the papers.

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We are not able to state the subscription-fees for these papers, but shall make enquiries for any member interested. The Secretary has been promised a number of free copies by Messrs. Verlag G. Meyer's Erben Zurich, and when these are available they may be borrowed by members for perusal.

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HEINRICH PESTALOZZI BY MAX ZOLLINGER.

It is my heart which has made me what I am.

On January 12, 1946, Switzerland has celebrated the second centenary of the birth of one of her greatest men. The world will join with her in commemorating the great philanthropist whose name has come to stand for love as the moving force in education wherever the voice of the human heart is heard.

It was no preconceived plan of action, but trouble and want which brought Pestalozzi to his mission as an educator. Everything he created in the passion of his heart at the Neuhof, at Stans, at Burgdorf and Munchenbuchsee failed or was wrested from his hands by others. The crowning achievement of his work at Yverdon came to grief amid the unhappy dissensions of his collaborators. The last weeks of his long life were embittered by base slander of his selfless aims.