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There are 606,753 motor vehicles with Swiss licence-plates, i.e. some 320,000 passenger-cars, 2,594 motor-coaches and 235,207 motor-cycles, motor-scooters and mopeds, which means that every eighth Swiss owns a motor vehicle. In 1956 more than 8 million foreign motor vehicles entered Switzerland, 2,135,000 of which carried licence-plates of overseas and distant countries not bordering on Switzerland. The country's road network totals approximately 25,000 miles of which about 10,600 miles are cantonal highways. During the last 30 years some 3,000 million Swiss francs have been spent on the extension and improvement of these cantonal roads. The Swiss alpine roads are world-famous. They have a total length of 962 miles of which nearly 40 per cent have been completely modernized and over 650 miles are

paved or dustfree. Up to 1970 a road-building programme costing almost 3,000 million francs is to be carried out within the national highway network, including over 460 miles of four-lane super highways, 155 miles of alpine roads, 47 miles of lowland highways and numerous city express-highways.

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Official Swiss time-table. The time-table for the winter period 29th September — 31st May 1958 is now on sale at the Swiss National Tourist Office, 458 Strand, London W.C.2, price 5/- per copy.

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International students ski-ing competitions — St. Moritz, 1958. The Ski-ing Competitions for the Alpenlaender Cup will take place in St. Moritz from the 10th to the 16th March 1958, in conjunction with the International Race of the Swiss Academic Ski Clubs and the 34th Swiss University Ski-ing Championship. The programme will comprise: two slalom races, two relay races, two descents, a giant slalom, a long-distance race and a jumping competition. These events will pave the way for an unofficial academic World Ski-ing Championship.

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New cabin-cableway at Zweisimmen. The longest cabin-cableway in Europe is now being built and will be ready for use by the middle of December 1957. The journey from the lower station at Zweisimmen (3,100 feet above sea level) to the top of the Rinderberg (6,580 feet above sea level) takes 29 minutes. 350 persons can be carried to the Rinderberg in an hour. Excellent downhill runs are available for ski-ing.

In the summer the Rinderberg, with its grandiose panorama of neighbouring mountain tops, will be a favourite centre for excursions.

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