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EINSIEDELN

Eleven hundred years have passed since the tragic death of St. Meinrad, a native of Württemberg, Germany. St. Meinrad left famous Reichenau Benedictine Monastery in order to live a retiring life in the solemn forests of Central Switzerland. On the summit of the Etzel Pass above Lake Zurich, he stayed for seven years; and in what is now Einsiedeln, he lived 26 years. Einsiedeln will be a gathering place for many a pilgrim from near and far during its jubilee festival weeks from 9th to 15th September. Especially important dates: 16th July and 14th September.

WIMBLEDON

Peter Laeng, 19-year-old Swiss champion from Zurich, showed British sprinters the way home in the 100-metres of the match between Britain's "B" team and Switzerland on the Wimbledon Park track a fortnight ago.

The tall, live Laeng made up for the brisk start taken by Alf Meakin, of Thames Valley, and had taken the lead at the halfway mark.

He went on to win by one yard in 10.7sec. on a track that was on the soft side. His meeting with Adrian Metcalfe, the Oxford sprinter, whose career has run on such parallel lines, was deferred to the 200-metres.

Meakin was brought into the 100 in place of the injured Jones, and Metcalfe, instead of being deputy in this event, was switched to the 200 metres.

ZURICH

An artificial island of some 800,000 square yards is to make of Zurich a city lying at the same time on and in a lake, according to a phantastic project of the Swiss architect, André E. Bosshard. The new centre of the city, where offices for some 50,000 people and parking lots for 17,000 cars would be available, is to consist of three sections: a cultural centre with theatres, entertainment places and spacious public gardens facing the historic "Old Town" on both banks of the Limmat river; a business and shopping district with two rows of slender skyscrapers and shop-lined plazas; and a hotel town for 5,000 guests, which would occupy the scenic southern part of the island, affording a panoramic view of the lake and distant mountain ranges. A four-mile lakeside promenade would girdle the island, on which pedestrians are to move freely and without any perils from street traffic. The transportation problem, in fact, would be solved by confining all road and rail traffic to two underground levels which would be linked to the expressway and inter-city road network in the Zurich area.

DAVOS

An estimated 40 million Swiss francs will be spent on new buildings and improvements in the sunshine city of Davos before next winter. One expected result is an increase in the accommodation facilities at local hotels and holiday flats to a capacity of 12,000. Parsenn, the

world-famous ski-ing mountain, is to get a new aerial cableway link with Weissfluhjoch, in addition to the existing funicular railway. Rivalling Parsenn as a skiers' paradise is the Brämabüel-Jakobshorn area on the opposite slopes of the Davos valley. Here, a number of new secondary téléferiques and ski-lifts will open up vast untouched mountainsides for ski-ing, supplementing the existing system of rope railways and cableways. Holiday chalets and ultra-modern apartment houses, partly for renting, partly for purchase, are mushrooming on both sides of the "Promenade", Davos' main street. One of the most impressive building lots is the Grand Hotel Belvedere. It will be topped by a new "Bel-Etage" featuring luxury suites with a particularly beautiful panoramic view of the surrounding mountains. Its 19th-century "Conversation Hall" — a monumental structure which later was used for symphony concerts and gala balls and, under such exotic denominations as "Palm Beach" and "Casablanca", became one of Europe's most fashionable entertainment spots — is being converted into a club and dwelling-house for 120 hotel employees to be accommodated on three bedroom floors. The owner, Hotel King Toni Morosani, whose empire will comprise some 500 hotel rooms in the coming winter, is by no means shedding tears after the bygone magnificence. "Times have changed," he comments, "our winter visitors are more sports-minded than ever. They prefer the ski-runs to the dance floors. And happy guests are nowadays not all that counts — happy employees are equally important."

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