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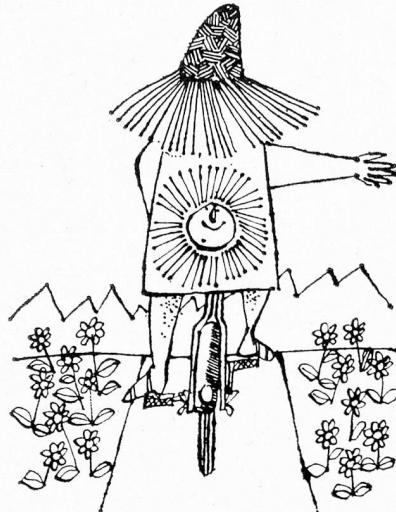
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FIESCH, AN EDUCATION AND HOLIDAY CENTRE

On 1st July 1967 the adult-education and holiday centre at Fiesch in the Goms area of the Canton of Valais was inaugurated. Today it is known under the name of "Fiesch holiday-village". Situated in the foothills of the Eggishorn, Fiesch is primarily the place where young people from Switzerland and abroad can meet. The young visitors can relax and attend courses in groups or individually, according to general or personal programmes, and they get to know each other in friendly discussions.

The present accommodation capacity of 600 will be extended to 1,000 in the spring. The medium-sized dormitories, together with the recreation-rooms and a central kitchen with dining-room, are installed in a total of nine modernly-equipped pavilions.

Sponsored by the Confederation, the centre was built by a private and politically and religiously neutral co-operative society which, as the managing owner, is responsible for accommodating visitors at comparatively low prices all year round.

In this Holiday-Village, which is extremely well situated for Summer and for Winter sports, contracts can be made with the progressive and at the same time tradition-rooted local population of the Goms. Last but not least, young people from all countries of the world get a chance to know and understand each other in this new education and holiday centre.

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SOME SPECIAL EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND THIS SUMMER

Engelberg — Women Alpinists'

On the occasion of this year's 50th anniversary of the SFAC (Swiss Women's Alpine Club), top women alpinists from twelve countries will meet at Engelberg in Central Switzerland from 11th to 18th May. This will found the Association "Rendezvous Hautes Montagnes". Ladies are eligible as members if they have mastered the third grade of difficulty of mountain climbing and are able to master the fourth. One of the new association's aims is to help its members to form international touring teams. The programme at Engelberg includes a camp fire in the mountains, a champagne picnic on the summit of Mt. Titlis, a banquet at a well-known hotel as well as a *fondue* party at the Alpine Club.

Lausanne — International Music Festival

From 7th May until 15th June the 13th International Music Festival of Lausanne will take place at the "Théâtre de Beaulieu" to form, as it were, the highlight of the spring season. The programme includes mainly symphonic and operatic concerts. However, there will also be plenty to attract devotees of classical ballet. As usual, the Festival will be on a high artistic level as various famous European orchestras and groups will participate, among them the Berlin State Band, the "Orchestre de l'O.R.T.F. de Paris", the Choir of the Prague Philharmonics, the Western Theatre Ballet of London as well as the cast of the German State Opera of East Berlin.

Neuchâtel — European Sailing Championships

The 5.5-meter I.C. European Sailing Championships will be held this year in Neuchâtel from 24th May to 3rd June under the auspices of the local sailing club and will be attended by some fifty boats from twelve countries. These championships will be the last major event before the Olympic Games in Mexico.

St. Gall — Kopantiqua, a new Fair

"Kopantiqua" is the name of a new trade fair and exhibition of reproductions of antiques which will take place from 8th to 16th June in the new pavilion of OLMA in St. Gall. For the first time, the public's attention will be directed at well made reproductions of antiques and both the name and the aim of this entirely novel type of marketing event are new. One can never entirely eliminate the danger of having copies offered as genuine antiques but KOPANTIQUA is going to try to teach the public and to encourage integrity. The exhibition will consist of two parts — a trade fair strictly for the trade and a most attractive exhibition for the general public which will afford a valuable insight into all periods and styles of antiques.

Zermatt — Music Courses

It has been announced that the former "Master Courses" will again *not* take place this year. However, Public summer concerts (patron: Pablo Casals) will be held from 20th August to 9th September. This event is called "Festival Mieczyslaw Horovski".

Information as to the above events, as well as on "Family Week-ends in Geneva", Postal Coach Excursions, all-inclusive arrangements for stays in various Swiss towns, on holiday tickets, on the car sleeper service Calais-Lyss and Calais Biasca, etc., as well as copies of the latest Swiss Hotel Guide (over 7,000 hotels) may be had — all free of charge — from the Swiss National Tourist Office, Swiss Centre, 1 New Coventry Street, London W.1.