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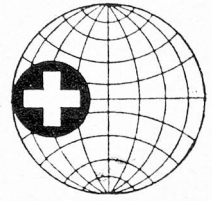
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ANY APPLICATIONS?

We have received a generous offer from the publishers of "Die Weltwoche", Zurich. They are publishing a special edition for the Swiss National Day and have asked us to let them know how many copies are wanted.

Would any reader wishing to receive a free copy of the special issue on 28th July please let the "Swiss Observer" know not later than 15th June.

We have received a similar offer from the "Association des Intérêts de Berne". They publish leaflets of all forthcoming events in the Capital, and those interested should apply to the "S.O." by 15th June, stating whether German, French or English editions are required.

THE SWISS IN ENGLAND — A NEW BOOK

A new book has just been published by Francke Verlag, Bern 26, on the Swiss community in England according to occupational groups. This book of well over 230 pages gives interesting data on the Swiss in the British Isles, on development and position in 1960. The author of "Die Schweizer Kolonie in England nach Berufsgruppen" made extensive studies on the spot. Dr. Ernst Boos, the young Roman Catholic Priest, used the matter as basis of his thesis. The book is full of information and is well written. We shall give a review at a later date; for the time being we should just like to mention that it may be had from the Publishers at Fr.23.— per copy.

SWISSAIR DC-9 INTRODUCTION

Swissair now plans to introduce new Douglas DC-9 twin jets on London-Basle-Zurich day flights from Heathrow on 14th September and on London-Zurich night flights from Gatwick on 15th September. This follows a slight delay in the delivery schedule of the airline's first four DC-9s which are now due to be received between July and November.

Other destinations on the Swissair network to be served with DC-9s are Milan and Munich from 14th September, Palma from 17th September, and Barcelona, Brussels and Paris from 1st October.

CHATEAU D'OEX — EUROPEAN MINIGOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Second European Minigolf Championships will take place this year at Château d'Oex, from 29th June to 3rd July. The resort in the Vaudois Alps (Lake Geneva District), has an exceptionally interesting minigolf course, which should guarantee exciting competition in the international event. The first European Championships in minigolf were held last year in Stockholm.

[S.N.T.O.]

"DIE SCHWEIZ — HEUTE"

The Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad of the New Helvetic Society published a book in German last year of great interest to the young Swiss living outside their homeland. It contains articles by experts, covering history and geography, present conditions in all spheres of life and important problems of the future. It costs only Fr.10.—. There will be a reduction for ten copies: Fr.9.— per copy, 30 copies Fr.8.— per copy and 50 copies Fr.7.— per copy.

The book is excellent value and may be warmly recommended to young and old people alike.

Please apply to Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26. Berne.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

During the plenary session of the World Health Organisation in Geneva in May, its own new buildings were officially inaugurated. Federal Councillor Spuehler represented the Swiss Government. He expressed pleasure that the organisation's nineteenth General Assembly was chaired by a Swiss, Dr. Arnold Sauter, Director of the Federal Office of Health. The new building is in the avenue Appia at Prégny-Chambésy and was constructed to the plans of the Lausanne architect Jean Tschumi. He died in 1962, and the building was completed by Pierre Bonnard.

[A.T.S.]

WINTER SPORTS AND POLLUTION CONTROL ON THE GOTTHARD

Even in spring, thousands of enthusiasts use the Gotthard Cablecar, which rises in two sections, from Andermatt to the Gurschenalp (altitude of 7,300 ft.) and from there to the Gemsstock almost at the 13,000-foot level. From the peak of the Gemsstock on clear days, the visitor enjoys an incomparable view; the Swiss Bureau of Topography recently ascertained that its panorama includes more than 600 Alpine peaks, from Monte Rosa, the Bernese and Valais Alps, to the snow-covered mountains of Vorarlberg in Austria and the Alps around Lake Como. Based on plans by Zurich architect Thomas Schmid, an extensive new tourist facility was recently completed at the cablecar system's middle station on the Gurschenalp. It includes a large mountain restaurant with sun pavillion, an open-air "snow-bar" and an elegant 110-seat restaurant and luncheon room. This attractive new structure perched at an altitude of 7,300 ft. is especially noteworthy because the management of the Andermatt-Gemsstock Cablecar arranged for one of the first powerful, completely biological water-purification plants to be annexed to the restaurant. The effectiveness of this purification system is 90-98% for both liquids and solids. The results of this pioneer effort in pollution control have more than compensated for the effort required to execute it, since its effectiveness far exceeds the legally prescribed norms.

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NIGERIA PLACES A BIG ORDER WITH A SWISS FIRM

The Electricity Corporation of Nigeria (ECN), a State concern, is undertaking a big development programme. The discovery of petrol in Nigeria has had the effect of attracting new industries to the country, resulting in a rapid increase in the demand for energy. In order to solve the many problems arising out of this need, the ECN requires a supply station and at the same time the possibility of speeding up the training of its own personnel. For this purpose, it intends to build a laboratory; Motor-Columbus Co. Ltd. of Baden has been selected, from a number of competitors, to draw up the plans for the laboratory, which is to be incorporated in the premises of the supply station. A team of engineers has been sent out to work out the preliminary plans on the spot.

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