

Davos a century ago

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SWITZERLAND'S MOST MODERN HOTEL

In the lakeside village of Horgen, only fifteen minutes by car from Zurich, Switzerland's most modern hotel is now being built. With its 150 rooms, 150 baths and 280 beds, it will also be the largest hotel along the shores of Lake Zurich. Called the "Seehotel Meierhof", it takes its name from an inn which once occupied the same spot, and will be opened in the summer of 1965. Among its facilities will be several bars and restaurants, a shopping centre, an all-year swimming pool, and a supper club with roof-garden and a splendid view over the lake and nearby mountains. The new structure is part of the ultra-modern town centre of Horgen currently under construction, the nucleus of which will be a 1,000-seat conference hall.

[S.N.T.O.]

DAVOS A CENTURY AGO

On 8th February 1865, just a few weeks after the very first winter guests appeared in St. Moritz, a doctor and a bookseller (Dr. Friedrich Unger and Herr Hugo Richter) arrived by horse-drawn sleigh in snow-covered Davos — forerunners of coming generations of winter sports enthusiasts. Summer guests had discovered the charming village in previous years, but the arrival of the two men marked the beginning of Davos' rise to its subsequent position as the largest Alpine winter sports resort. The centenary of the historic occasion will be celebrated as part of Switzerland's "Year of the Alps — 1965", which has been designated to festively commemorate this and other events in the development of the Alps as a major resort area. On the evening of 6th February, there will be a torchlight parade through Davos, followed on Sunday afternoon, 7th February, by a big historical parade with the motto "Davos Then and Now". Further highlights of the Davos jubilee will be a banquet, colourful fireworks, original snow carvings, and special exhibitions in the shop windows of this sports-minded "City Above the Clouds".

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BANK STATISTICS

The bank statistics for 1963 show the following balance sums of the five large Swiss banks:

	(in thousands of francs)	
	1963	1962
Swiss Credit Bank	7,909,476	6,806,061
Union Bank of Switzerland	7,895,412	6,960,713
Swiss Bank Corporation	7,777,234	6,877,488
Swiss Popular Bank	3,444,216	3,046,175
Bank Leu and Co. A.G.	667,787	584,033

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An order has been placed by Swissair for a DC-9 flight simulator made by Canadian Aviation Electronics, Ltd., of Montreal. This is the airline's first major purchase in Canada.

The Canadian design was chosen "on the basis of excellent technical specifications with complete digital computation providing accurate and positive pilot training". An advantage is that the Canadian firm has a simulator maintenance organisation in Germany.

Ten DC-9 jets are to be delivered to Swissair from 1966 and will be used on the carrier's lucrative European network.

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Gedenke, dass du Schuldner bist
Der Armen, die nichts haben,
Und deren Recht gleich deinem ist
An allen Erdengaben.
Wenn jemals noch zu dir des Lebens
Gesegnet goldne Ströme gehn,
Lass nicht auf deinen Tisch vergebens
Den Hungrigen durchs Fenster Sehn;
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Und nimm dem Weinstock
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