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Forthcoming Events

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Social Evening: Saturday, 14th September, in the Pine Lodge.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

"Jassen"—First Tuesday of every month in the "Matterhorn" at 8 p.m.

News from Switzerland

SWISS AIR RESCUE IN 1967

Last year the Swiss Air Rescue transported 384 people by air, 81 of whom owe their lives to this rapid means of transport. From its reorganisation in 1960 up till the middle of this year, the Swiss Air Rescue Service has made 2000 rescue flights, mainly in mountainous regions. SARS has a single alarm centre for the whole of Switzerland, manned free of charge by the personnel of the Swiss Radio Company at the control tower of Kloten-Zurich airport. (osec)

INVESTMENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Swiss private investments in developing countries today amount to over three thousand million Swiss francs. This sum represents about a sixth of total Swiss direct investments abroad. The annual increase of Swiss investments in developing countries ranges between 200 and 300 million Swiss francs. In absolute figures, Switzerland ranks fifth among industrialised countries in this respect. (osec)

SWISS IMPORTS OF AUTOMOBILES

In 1967 Switzerland imported 5% more automobiles than in the previous record year 1964, i.e. a total of 165,800 cars and utility vans. Compared with the previous year, purchases increased by 8% in number of units and by 6.7% in value, to total the sum of S.Fr. 1004.3 million.

The rise was mainly due to the increase in medium-powered cars. In order of importance, Switzerland's main supplier countries were Germany (68,000 cars), France (28,430), Italy (22,680) and Great Britain. (osec)