

Poor skiers

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QUINTEN, HAVEN FOR PEDESTRIANS



Quinten, on the northern shore of the "Walensee", does not want cars. The village, with its fifty inhabitants will remain isolated for a long time yet. The last project of a road from Walenstadt to Quinten was defeated over 30 years ago. Of course you can get to Quinten on foot from Bellis (2 hours 45 min.) or from Walenstadt (3 hours) but the paths are sometimes fairly dangerous. The best way to get to Quinten is by a taxi boat which operates every hour from Murg, 2 km from Quinten, just across the lake.

Sheltered from the North by the "Churfürsten" and opening up to the South, Quinten enjoys a very pleasant climate. The village is surrounded by vineyards but there is not enough land available to raise cattle, so the villagers get their milk from goats. The village has only one narrow dusty and stony street because tar seal is unknown in Quinten.

POOR SKIERS

Switzerland, one of the richest countries in the world, is not very generous with its skiers. The national coaches for the women's and men's skiing teams have seen their funds being drastically slashed and commercial sponsors are becoming harder to find whilst training costs are steadily rising. Coaches receive minimum salaries (compared to the salary scales applicable in Switzerland), and the skiers have to run their own fund raising campaigns to cover their training costs. It is thanks to resorts like Zermatt and Saas Fee which provide free use of their ski lifts that a total disaster has been avoided. No surprise therefore that the Swiss skiers have largely disappeared from the front ranks at the European and World Championships and at the Olympics. (Annelise Coberger of New Zealand can take heart, she is not the only one who is looking for a bit of financial assistance).

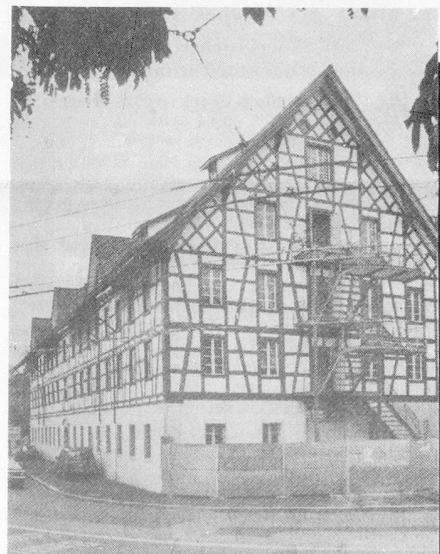
STAR OF FAME

The Basle film producer Arthur Cohn will be the very first Swiss to be honoured with a "Star of Fame" on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles.

NO BY-PASS OF LUCERNE

The citizens of Lucerne have recently voted against a project of building an underground by-pass road which would have circled the city to the North.

NEW USE FOR OLD BARRACKS



Any Swiss who has served in the army's cycling troupes will remember the old Winterthur army barracks. For generations it has been a landmark near the centre of the city. In 1987 the building was badly damaged by fire and it took 5 years of hard work to restore it to its old glory. But it is no longer a military barracks but a culture and hobby centre. Up to 50 societies and groups as well as individual artists will be able to use its new facilities.

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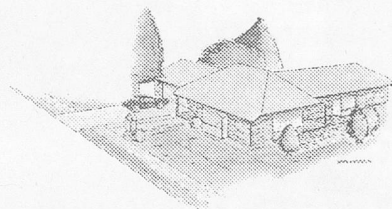
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