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STUDENT SINGERS VISIT TO SWITZERLAND.

Swiss residents in England will be glad to hear that the entente between these two great countries is to be further cemented next week by the visit of a party of eight student singers from Cambridge to Winterthur, where they will be the guests for a few days of Herr Reinhardt and will sing to the Winterthur Music Club. The programme will consist entirely of English male-voice madrigals and folk-song arrangements. The party leaves London on August 28th, and before arriving in Winterthur will sing to the Students' Union at Basel. It is also hoped that a broadcast will be arranged, probably from the Zurich station.

When I spoke, the other day, to Mr. James Robertson the leader of the choir, he told me that they were all very much looking forward to their visit and to enjoying the proverbial Swiss hospitality, many of them for the first time. "I hope," he added smiling, "that we shall all come back yodelling hard!"

T.M.H.

THE GORDON-BENNETT BALLOON RACE 1934.

Mention has been made in these columns, some time ago, of this forthcoming international, aeronautical event, which in fact, will take place in Warsaw on September 23rd next.

Through the courtesy of the *Swiss Aero Club* we are now in a position to furnish our readers with the following additional information and particulars, which should prove of interest:

The 1934 race will be the 22nd since its inception and at the start from the new Aerodrome at Warsaw, eight different States are going to be presented with 17 balloons, as follows:—

3 balloons each: Germany, France and Poland,
2 balloons each: U.S.A., Belgium and Switzerland,
1 balloon each: Italy and Czecho-Slovakia.

This year's contest promises to become more than usually keen, judging from the fact that no less than 3 of the competing States have entered "Special Racing Balloons." Amongst the *personnel* the following "Aces" and well-known aeronauts have been chosen:—

For Poland: Burzynski and Zakrzewski
(Winners of last year's Gordon-Bennett Race.)

For Germany: Dr. Kaulen, K. Goetze and W. Zinger.

For France: Ravaine and Blanchet.

For Belgium: E. Denuyter and L. Coeckelberg
(The former having been four times, and the latter twice, Winner in G.-B. Races.)

For Italy: Amoroso and Pirazzoli.

For U.S.A.: Undecided (Probably T. van Orman, three times a winner at previous G.-B. Races, will be chosen as one of her Pilots.)

For Switzerland: Balloon *Basel*, Pilot Dr. A. van Baerle and Dr. E. Dietschi. Balloon *Zürich*, Pilot Lieut.-Col. Gerber and Dr. E. Tilgenkamp.

Switzerland originally hoped to enter, besides the two Balloons from the Aero-Club, a third one, representing the Army; however, as all expenses, which are not inconsiderable, have to be borne by the Pilots themselves, this intention eventually had to be dropped.

In any case, there can be no doubt that the teams selected to represent our little country will encounter a most difficult task. They will have to compete against some of the most world-famous Balloonists, who not only have hundreds of ascents to their credit, but some of whom will be equipped with the very latest type of balloon-craft, specially constructed for racing.

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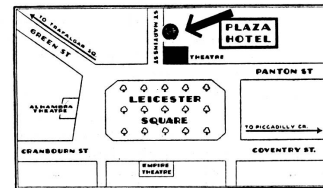
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