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March 5 Gstaad: Giant Easter ski slalom on the Wasserngrat.

March 5-8 Davos/Klosters: 3rd International Ski Week on the Parsenn (Drostobel and Dorftäli giant slaloms, 28th Persenn Derby).

March 5-15 Geneva: 23rd International Motor show.

March 5-15 Zurich/Bâle: World and European ice-hockey championships.

March 7-8 Andermatt: Winter military championships and International military patrol race.

March 8 Grindelwald: 6th First giant slalom.

March 8 Montreux-Les Avants: Orgevaux, jumping competition; Jaman, ski races.

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Swiss ice hockey championships start next month. The National Ice Hockey League has announced that they are to begin on November 27th and end on February 22nd. The calendar of the national Swiss team opens with two matches against Germany — one at Lausanne on November 21st, and the other on November 23rd at Bâle. On December 5th and 7th Stockholm will be the scene of matches between Switzerland and Sweden. Switzerland will be opposed by the Wembley Lions at Zurich and Bâle on January 9 and 11. Return matches against Germany will be held on February 28 and March 1 and will help as training matches for the world championships which are to take place at Zurich and Bâle between March 5 and 15. Switzerland will make a big effort to walk off with this important championship, and to help the Swiss players the League has signed a two-year

contract with Canadian trainer Frank Sullivan, who coached the Edmonton Mercury, world champions in 1951.

SWISS INTERESTS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

It is announced that Mr. THEODOR E. SEILER, who has since 1947 been one of the Agents of the Swiss Bank Corporation in New York, has been appointed to the post of permanent Representative of the Swiss Bank Corporation in South America, with his head-quarters in Rio de Janeiro, where he will commence his duties on the 1st January 1953.

Before entering the service of the Swiss Bank Corporation, Mr. Seiler had eighteen years of banking experience in Brazil. He has travelled widely in the whole South American continent.

A further evidence of the close financial associations of Switzerland and Brazil, may be drawn from the visit of a group of Swiss bankers to Brazil on the invitation of the Brazilian Foreign Minister. The party consist of:

Mr. Charles de Loes, Partner in Hentsch & Cie., of Geneva, Dr. Samuel Schweizer, General Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation in Basle, Mr. J. H. Pfeiffer, of Leu & Co., in Zurich, Mr. W. Schulthess, Manager of the Crédit Suisse, in Zurich, Mr. A. J. Schaefer, General Manager of the Union Bank of Switzerland, in Zurich.

Visits are to be made to various industrial concerns and plantations and there will be conferences with leading figures in Brazilian economic life.

A DISTINCTION.

The following has appeared in the Sunday edition of "Die Tat":

"Der in Zürich wohnende dipl. Ingenieur-Chemiker R. O. Steiner, der gegenwärtig als Doktorand das Imperial College of Science and Technology in London besucht, ist durch "The Ramsay Memorial Fellowships Trustees, London" für seine Forschungen auf dem Gebiete der Technik mit einer Auszeichnung im Betrage von £500.— bedacht worden."

Mr. Steiner, lives at present London, where he studies at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. We are tendering him our best congratulations.

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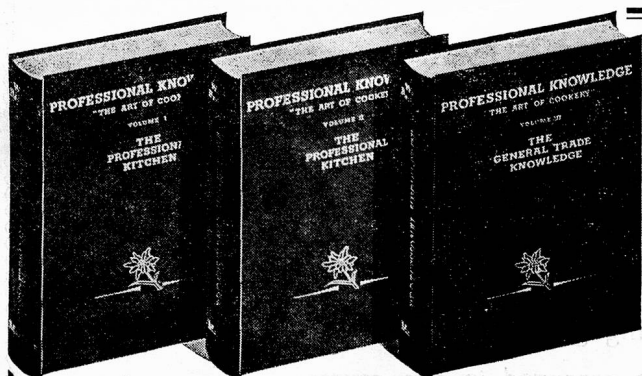
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