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mation etc., and another 30-million credit for yet more new buildings, a heating plant, more parking space. The Swiss Federal Railways opened their own office at Kloten in May, where passengers are served by multi-lingual staff and can buy tickets and reservations on Swiss and international trains.

The picture on the front page was taken last October. It shows the various approaches to Kloten Airport, the well-planned road network, some of the administrative buildings and vast car parks, runways and hangars. At the top end of the loop, slightly to the left, is the main passenger terminal complete with positioned aircraft. Indeed, an excellent picture of the modern inter-continental airport. Did Major Isler, Walter Mittelholzer and the other pioneers ever dream of such a sight? I wonder?

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## SWITZERLAND AND THE MOON

The interest in Switzerland was no less marked than anywhere else in the world. The PTT reported that an additional order for 2,450 calls for early morning waking-up were made and 3,750 enquiries regarding the moon landing were addressed to the telephone information service.

The Swiss National Tourist Office has invited the three astronauts, their wives and children to spend a holiday in Switzerland. The invitation was put into a coloured SNTO photo book on Switzerland, "Panorama Schweiz" with the slogan, specially coined by the SNTO as early as 1966 "Bound for the Moon? Explore Switzerland first!"

The Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne had three sets of gold jewellery specially made for the wives of the astronauts as a memento of their husbands' achievement.

The wine-growers of St. Saphorin in the Canton of Vaud have sent a few cases of their produce called "La

Planète", and 134 Swiss had booked a passage to the moon by midday on Monday, 21st July.

Comments in the Press, whilst congratulatory, strongly upheld the protest by many that to spend vast sums for space research was not right at a time when more than half the world's population was still starving or living in poverty.

The former Federal Councillor Wahlen said that the moment had come for the two super powers to co-ordinate their efforts in space research and to limit them to reasonable proportions. Only thus could the enormous *Nachholbedarf* in social welfare and development aid be covered.

Federal Councillor Bonvin reminded us that seen in the light of Creation, we should not feel too much pride in this human achievement, but think of the Divine Creator who had made it all possible in the first place.

(A.T.S.)



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