

# Skiing: Coming Down Easier Than Going Up

LONDON (UPI) — It's almost time for the skiing season and another crop of stories about broken leg accidents on the ski slopes.

But it's not coming down that scares some people — it's the going up.

Perhaps it's the publicity about cable car accidents. In France alone, eight accidents in the last 10 years have claimed 15 lives and injured 105 persons.

But skiing and sightseeing in Europe's rugged mountain ranges has been a major tourist attraction for years and tourism officials are ready with figures to show a low proportion of accidents to the numbers of people involved.

In France, for instance, they diagnose most recent accidents as "freaks."

They have yet to determine why the axle of a steel supporting tower broke off the 12,467 foot Aiguille du Midi (Noon Needle) peak in Mont Blanc massif, sending three cars crashing 150 feet below. Four persons were killed and 15 injured, a toll that might have been higher but for a thick layer of fresh, powdery snow.

Officials are not sure whether that crash was due to a slight flaw inside the broken axle or whether the axle was damaged five years earlier when a French military plane hit the cable line, killing six persons as two cable cars plummeted into the valley.

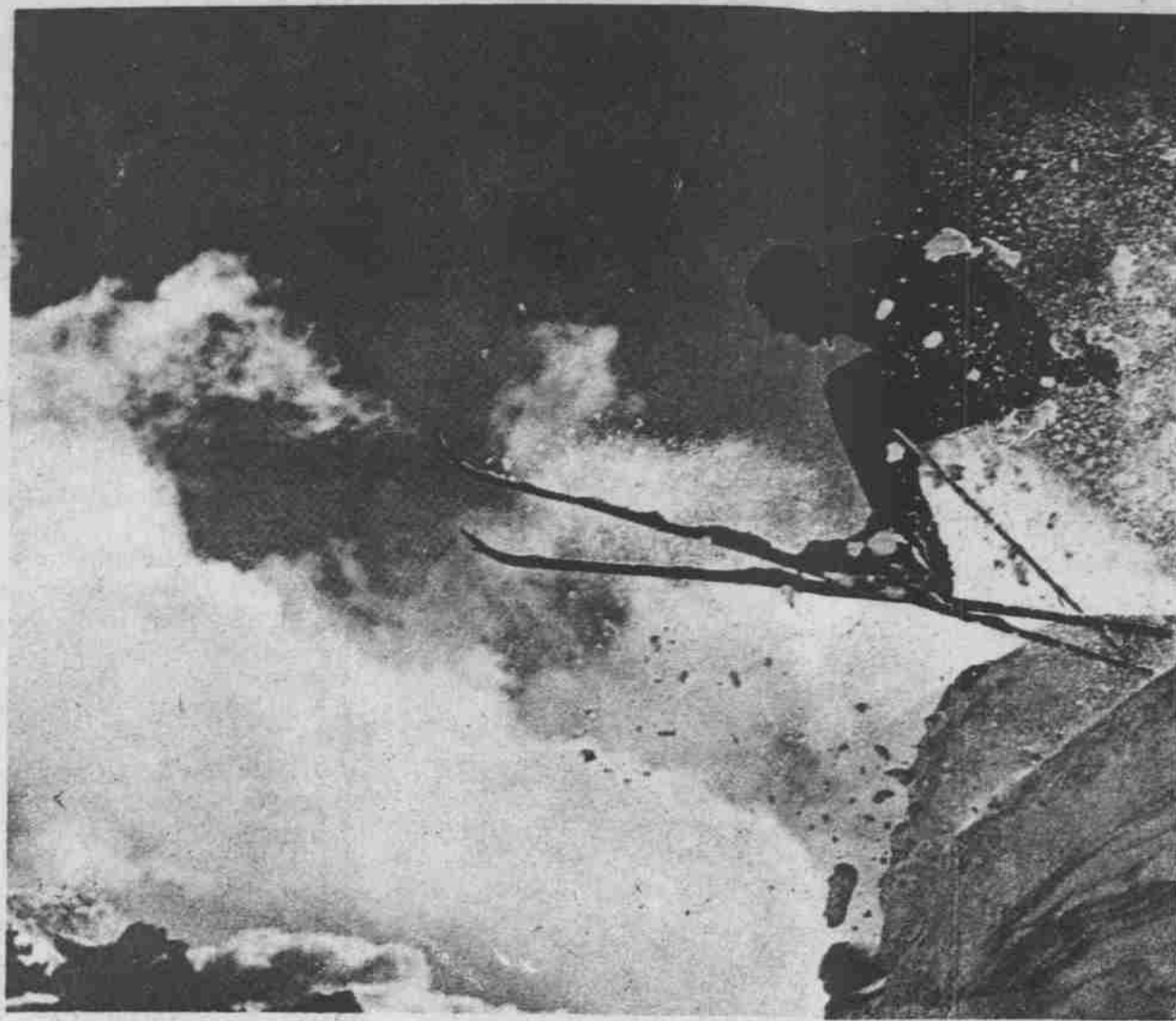
Strangely enough, Switzerland, with more cable cars than any other nation, has the best safety record. Its history shows no fatal accidents, though old-timers vaguely remember that some 20 years ago, a cabin of the Mt. Saentis cable way got stuck halfway across in a blizzard and some of the passengers got seasick before they were brought to safety a few hours later.

Competition among Alpine mountain resorts is cut-throat, such as the race between the neighboring resorts of Zermatt and Saas-fee to build Europe's highest transport facility. The latter won by 16 feet.

Neighboring Austria with fewer cable cars — only 74 — has kept an exact record of accidents. They list one dead and 23 injured in the last three years, but most of those were cases of carelessness in entering or leaving the metal boxes.

Germany has cable cars only in the Bavarian Alps towards its southern border, where 54 cable car systems and 350 ski lifts service vacationers the year round.

The only fatal German cable car accident of recent years occurred in Walchensee Lake in 1955 when a cable broke between Walchensee and the neighboring Herzogstand Mountain. One of the cars plunged to earth, killing three and injuring 17.



## \$250,000 Renovation

# 1939 Refrigerators To Go As Lenoir Gets New Face

By **BERNIE BAUGUESS**  
Special to the DTH

A \$250,000 renovation program for Lenoir Hall is planned for next summer, according to George Prillaman, director of food service for the University.

The bulk of the renovation will be a modernization of the kitchen facilities which Prillaman described as "antiquated."

Prillaman expects Lenoir to be closed during both sessions of summer school for work. Work is expected to begin June 1 and be finished "hopefully, by Sept. 10 at the latest."

The money for the project is coming from a reserve fund built up over the last 15 years of operating Lenoir. "Just how much of the money will

be spent in the kitchen work is undetermined," Prillaman said. Richard Iuen, the food facilities consultant who worked on Chase, the Pine Room and Ehringhaus cafeterias, is preparing a report which is due sometime before Christmas.

"From that report, we'll be able to see how much, if any, we will be able to spend on the dining hall itself," Prillaman said. "We hope to at least get new lighting and paint for new Lenoir. And if there is enough money, we would like to provide a completely new floor, although it's doubtful that too much will be left over from the modernization of the kitchen."

Prillaman said that everything in the kitchen will be replaced, from the "1939 refrigerators on down." The increased efficiency in operations is expected to result in a savings of \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year.

James Wadsworth, director of housing, is already working with other University officials in arranging summer housing in relation to the closing of Lenoir. "Many more students will be housed in Parker, Teague and Avery this summer so that they will be closer to Chase," Wadsworth said. Although Lenoir will be closed, the Pine Room will re-

main open, although it will probably switch to two cafeteria lines, and only serve wrapped sandwiches, Prillaman said.

The "scramble" idea of serving that is used at Chase was decided to require too much physical change at Lenoir to be employed. "Actually we need about \$400,000 to work with, but we just don't have it. Renovation has been planned for a long time and we've decided that the kitchen work is long overdue," Prillaman said.

Prillaman said that only after Iuen's report is released will he be sure just how much will be done outside the kitchen. He hopes to have contractors' bids by March 1.

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# Yugoslavian Christmas Will Pass In Darkness

BELGRADE (UPI)—Christmas, the season of lights, gets a dim reception in the capital of Yugoslavia.

Neither Western Christendom's Christmas on Dec. 25 nor the Orthodox holy day of Jan. 7 gets much of a chance for a public show in Yugoslavia.

Authorities here do not turn on any of the bright lights designed to usher in the secular New Year on Jan. 1 until after Dec. 25. By the time Jan. 7 rolls around the decorative lights already have been turned off.

But while socialism and modernization have checked mass Christmas season celebrations in the major centers such as Belgrade, the old traditions carry on in the countryside.

In the northwest of the country, Slovenia and Croatia, the large population of Roman Catholics celebrates Christmas much as their Italian and Austrian neighbors do.

In some parts of Slovenia and the Vojvodina many persons continue to follow the yuletide customs of their Magyar and Slovak Lutheran ancestors.

Most of Serbia and Macedonia is Orthodox and Moslems dominate in Bosnia, Herzegovina and the southern republics with their large population of Turks and Albanians.

After World War II, the Yugoslav leaders allowed workers to take a holiday on their Slava, family Saint's Day, or on Bozic, Christmas, Jan. 7.

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