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two million, compared with Zurich's 450,000. Like Zurich, Kun-ming is a lakeside city and is a political, cultural and major transportation centre with its own university, institute of technology and medical college.

The twinning agreement covers "exchange and co-operation programmes in economic, cultural, sporting and other fields."

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THE collapse of Sir Freddie Laker's cut-price airline came just as Laker Airways was preparing to launch its London-Zurich route, which would have been the company's first regular service to the European continent.

The fortunes of Sir Freddie have always been followed closely by the Swiss media, and his bankruptcy duly received extensive coverage in the Press here.

Ironically, the Laker collapse followed closely an award by the Swiss-based European Management Forum honouring his company as one

of Europe's top pioneering enterprises.

The prestigious non-governmental Forum praised Sir Freddie's "pioneering, innovative and competitive aggression, and his long and tenacious fight against many and powerful vested interests."

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WITH so many international organisations

based in Geneva the mail service there does have its problems, despite the efficiency of the Swiss postal authorities.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) recently received a letter asking for free Bibles and pictures of Jesus. The letter was passed on to the nearby headquarters of the World Council of Churches with the covering note: "Perhaps you have meanwhile received a request for pictures of airplanes."

SWISS SOCCER

Football League tables up to and including March 9

'A' Division

	Pl	W	D	L	Gls	Pts
Servette	16	14	0	2	52:16	28
Zurich	17	10	7	0	32:12	27
Grasshoppers	17	10	5	2	39:13	25
Xamax	17	8	6	3	28:14	22
Young Boys	16	8	4	4	29:22	20
Sion	17	7	6	4	32:23	20
Basle	16	6	5	5	24:20	17
Aarau	16	5	5	6	28:32	15
Lucerne	15	6	2	7	26:27	14
St. Gallen	16	6	2	8	21:26	14
Bulle	16	3	5	8	19:33	11
Bellinzona	17	3	5	9	15:39	11
Vevey	15	2	6	7	20:30	10
Lausanne	15	3	3	9	20:28	9
Nordstern	17	4	1	12	17:43	9
Chiasso	17	2	4	11	9:33	8

'B' Division

	Pl	W	D	L	Gls	Pts
Wettingen	17	10	6	1	35:17	26
Winterthur	15	10	3	2	34:14	23
Chênois	15	8	5	2	27:12	21
Grenchen	16	6	7	3	30:22	19
Locarno	17	7	5	5	40:26	19
Biel	17	6	7	4	28:24	19
Ibach	17	5	9	3	24:24	19
Mendrisiostar	17	8	3	6	27:35	19
La Chaux-de-Fonds	15	6	5	4	31:20	17
Lugano	17	6	4	7	32:30	16
Fribourg	17	4	7	6	22:24	15
Berne	16	4	3	9	23:36	11
Altstätten	16	2	6	8	14:31	10
Frauenfeld	15	1	7	7	13:26	9
Aurore	16	2	5	9	15:42	9
Monthey	17	2	4	11	13:29	8

Lines separate championship leader, relegation and promotion zones.