

like an enormous abscess, it at least saves the mountains from general contamination. The Aiguille du Midi has been sacrificed, but the Jardin de Talèfre and the upper Argentièrè basin have been saved."

It can be said the *Grandes Aiguilles* of primeval rock are abandoned today. "Nobody does the famous Charmoz-Grépon traverse any more. Young people today do not know the golden mean. There was a time, just over a quarter of a century ago, when people did not complain of the long approach marches."

Agricultural land is fast disappearing. For eight miles along the valley, from Les Houches to Les Tines, nearly all the fields where once grew hay have been sold to people from the towns. More than 100 new villas were built in 1957 alone. But "the skiing instructor who is also a good guide can find work continuously. The *Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix* is more flourishing than ever." Perhaps more of us should include in our program the walk through the Seven Valleys.

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Salute the Mountains — 100 Walks in the Alps and Salute the Skier —

100 Ski Runs in the Alps, by W. Pause, translated from the German (*Berg Heil* and *Ski Heil*). London: George G. Harrap & Co. Ltd., 1962/1963. Each book 212 pages, 100 photographs, 100 route sketches. Price 45 shillings.

The above are excellent guide books for selected Alpine walks and ski runs in France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy. Each of the one hundred hikes or ski excursions features a general description followed by such pertinent data as points of access, altitude, huts and a sketch map. A photograph accompanies each description. The walks include some ascents of easier peaks and the ski runs include some mountain peaks accessible only to the experienced ski mountaineer. An appendix deals with proper precautions from the dangers of mountaineering as well as first aid treatments. Both books are highly recommended and should be very useful in planning a vacation.

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The World Among the Summits: The Julian Alps, by Jaka Cop. Ljubljana, Yugoslavia; Drzavna Založba Slovenije, 1962. 233 pages, 100 black and white illustrations. Price \$5.00.

The author is one of Slovenia's best known climbers. He is 52 years of age and has been climbing a good share of this time, not only in Slovenia but in the Western and Central Alps as well. He has a wonderful sense of composition and his photographs display the beauties of this extraordinary mountain land. He shows seasonal mountain moods, valleys,