

YOUTH OF AMERICA ENROLL IN COLLEGE IN INCREASING RATE

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—American youths entering college have increased in numbers at a record rate during the past six years and if the proportionate growth is continued to 1950 there will be 1,138,000 students in 210 institutions where 294,000 were enrolled last year. These figures, compiled by the Institute for Public Service, have raised the question of where the money needed to educate these larger groups will come from.

Julius H. Barnes, chairman of the Institute, found in a study of the figures compiled that this year's increase in the number of students enrolled in the colleges has set a new record.

Continue Increase.

Colleges which in 1914 had 187,000 students and last year 294,000, will enroll 471,000 in 1930 and 831,000 in 1950, if they continue the same number increase each year, a report of the Institute states. But, if they grow at the average percentage rate of the last six years, they will have 659,000 students in 1930 and 1,138,000 26 years later.

Taking the lower estimate for 1950, it "means finding facilities for more than three times the total for 1920 at six or seven times the salary cost," said the report. "It means adding \$14,000 students, or 200 colleges the size of Yale last year."

The Institute asks: "Will the money to provide education for the increased number of students come from taxation, endowment, private gifts and larger fees?" Must present universities grow or more universities be built?

Yale Decreases.

In numbers, the largest increase in six years is credited to the College of the City of New York with a growth of 6,800, followed by the University of California with 6,200 increase, and Boston University with 4,700. Yale was one of four institutions which had fewer students than six years ago, its decrease being 81, the Institute reported.

SHOULD SWISS BUY COAL?
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(From the Outlook)

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connection with the borrowing here at 8 per cent of 25 million dollars by the Swiss government, the Swiss are likely to do all these things in the near future, and thus to become the first country to equip all its public services with electricity.

The proceeds of this particular loan are to be used in the United States in preparing for the electrification of the government railway system of Switzerland. The utilization of water power will effect large economies by substituting hydro-electric power for the fuel which Switzerland now has to buy at exorbitant rates. Incidentally it may be stated that the Swiss railways owned by the government have had an excellent record; in normal years they have shown a substantial profit in excess of the annual requirements for interest and sinking funds.

Indeed, all government operations in Switzerland have enjoyed high financial credit, as is proper when we consider that Switzerland, the oldest and yet most progressive of republics, has for six hundred years enjoyed the respect of the whole civilized world.

THE FIREFLY'S LIGHT. (From Boys' Life)

Fame and fortune await the scientist who discovers the secret of the familiar firefly or lightning bug. No one has been able to tell how the little insect produces the flashes of light we see twinkling about us on dark nights. Careful scientific tests have proven, however, that this light is produced with about one four-hundredths part of the energy which is expended in the flame of a candle. Considering the strength or rather feebleness of the

firefly this light is believed to be the most efficient form of illumination known today. If this method could be understood and put to work it is calculated that the energy exerted by a boy in driving a bicycle would be sufficient to run a powerful dynamo or light miles of street lamps. The light of the firefly is practically heatless and it is believed among scientists that the future of the lighting industry of the world depends upon the discovery of a heatless light.

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