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as crucial international influences, the competition between airports that has persisted since the interwar years, the role of the Swiss federal government, and issues concerning aircraft noise that emerged after the Second World War. In addition to to-day's airports, this study also examines long-since discontinued facilities and important projects which were proposed but never completed, including the European central airport for intercontinental seaplanes at Lake Constance, and the Swiss central airport at Bern-Utzenstorf and Lake Neuchâtel.

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