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THE PRIME MINISTER HONOURS A SWISS UNDERTAKING

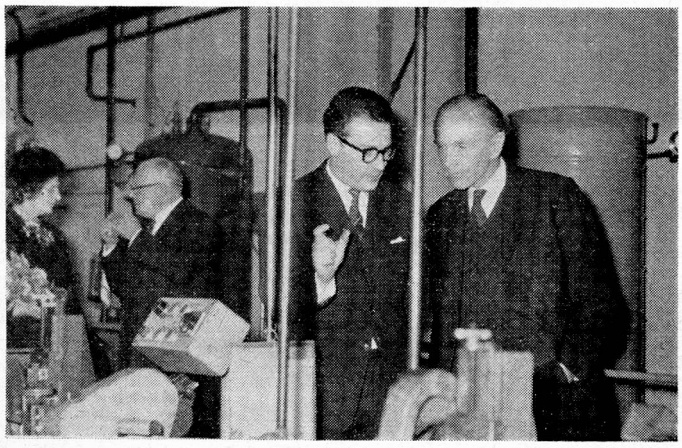
On 20th February, the Prime Minister opened his personal pre-election campaign with a speech at Swansea. During the day he had toured local factories and docks, and he called his tour "an immensely interesting trip". He also said that he had been particularly impressed with the fine spirit, the happiness and the *élan* at each of the works he had visited.

One of these was the Ina Needle Bearings Ltd., at Dafen-Llanelly (Carms.). This factory was opened in 1958 and is a subsidiary of Hydrel A.G., Romanshorn Thurgau). The Ina works specialise in the manufacture of cage guided needle bearings which are used in motor gear-boxes and a wide range of engineering products in the textile machinery, mechanical handling, machine tool and agricultural machinery industries. The business has been developing so rapidly and successfully that it already employs 238 workers, and it has been necessary to start enlarging the premises.

Four members of the Board are Swiss. Mr. O. Grob, Sub-Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation, is Chairman, Mr. A. A. Haslimann is Managing Director in succession to Mr. M. R. Kiener, who has retained his seat on the Board, but is now Managing Director of Bowden (Engineers). The fourth member is Mr. M. Tschudin.

The Government's interest in these small undertakings of the precision industry is based on the fact that they are in a part of the country which used to be entirely dependent on mining and steel production. They have brought new life to the district. The workers of Ina's are recruited locally and trained under Swiss supervision. Sir Alec Douglas-Home said that their skill and craftsmanship was second to none. "What I have seen and heard today of the activity in the Swansea area is a witness and symbol that economic transformation brings a new pride in all things Welsh."

It is gratifying to know that a Swiss firm (Ina Needle Bearings is 100% Swiss owned) is engaged in such good work.



Visit to Ina Works.
From right to left: The Prime Minister being given an explanation by Mr. A. A. Haslimann. Mr. O. Grob talking to Lady Elizabeth Douglas-Home.

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PROGRESS ON THE LOETSCHBERG LINE

The conversion of the Lötschberg Railway (BLS) to a double-track system is progressing. Recently, a 5.8-km. segment of the 11-km. stretch between Spiez and Frutigen was re-opened as double-track. The stations at Heustrich and Mülenen have been equipped with electric signal-boxes and platform-underpasses. The new double-track bridge over the Kander above Reichenbach has successfully undergone its load-tests. Completion of the five-kilometre double-track stretch from Reichenbach to Frutigen is scheduled for 1964. Along the southern part of the line, the track at the Ausserberg crossing was recently extended from 480 to 700 metres and is now back in commission. Latest addition to the Lötschberg's rolling stock is a third 8800-h.p. double locomotive, Type Ae 8/8, for use on freight and extra trains.

[S.N.T.O.]