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SWISS EVENTS

Switzerland spends more on health

According to estimates made by private Swiss circles, the total expenditure on health corresponds today to 5.3% of the Swiss gross national product. Overall hospital requirements (running and investment costs) account for over half (52%), medical treatment 22%, medicines 16% and fees paid to dentists, physiotherapists, chiropractitioners and other treatment administered in the home 10%. The government, health insurance and the patient each pay for roughly one-third of these overall expenses.

57th Swiss National!

A big commercial market and a festival celebrating the work of a nation, the 57th Swiss National Fair, will be opening its gates at the Palais de Beaulieu in Lausanne from 11th to 26th September 1976.

A typically national, industrial, agricultural and artisanal fair, it is Switzerland's most important economic and popular event. Its 2,500 exhibitors place their emphasis on the original products of Switzerland's activities, on the promotion and distribution services of an economy closely bound up with the world market.

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Good move?

ZÜRICH. The decision by the International Press Institute to move its headquarters from Zürich to London could have an adverse effect on relations between the organisation and the Swiss press, a Swiss IPI member has warned.

Mr. Josef Jaeger, Director of the Swiss Political News Agency and President of the IPI's Swiss Committee said: "I myself hope there will be no change in the close relationship between the Swiss press and the Institute, and I will do what I can to avoid one."

"But the link will no longer be as close, and interest may lull."

The financially-troubled IPI, which has been based in Switzerland since its formation in 1951, announced recently that it would be moving its headquarters to London as an economy measure.

More trouble!

BERNE. Anti-separatists in Switzerland have destroyed thousands of copies of allegedly pro-separatist newspapers in dawn raids on newspaper stands in the Jura region.

The newspapers involved were two of Switzerland's leading French-language dailies — *La Suisse* and *Tribune de Lausanne*.

SWISS HOPPER WAGONS FOR MOROCCO

The consortium formed by the Vevey Engineering Works Co. Ltd., at

Vevey, manufacturers of rolling stock, and Alusuisse, Zürich, makers of aluminium, has just been awarded a contract worth 10 million francs for the supply of aluminium, plans and technical aid for the manufacture of 173 covered hopper wagons and 123 open hopper wagons for the Moroccan railways.

Delivery is scheduled for the summer, 1977.

BROWN BOVERI SIGNS A CONTRACT IN BRAZIL

BBC, Brown Boveri & Co. Ltd. of Baden, and its Sao Paulo branch Indústria Elétrica Brown Boveri S.A. recently signed an agreement with the Brazilian industrial group Villares to set up joint production of steam turbosets (turbines and alternators) up to the highest ratings, including sets for nuclear power plants.

Having been long established as a manufacturer of large machines and equipment, the Brazilian group, which has some 13,000 employees, is one of the country's major producers of capital goods. For its part, Indústria Elétrica Brown Boveri S.A. with a workforce of almost 3,000, is an important part of the Brown Boveri organization in South America in the fields of power generation, distribution and application.

As for Brown Boveri in Switzerland, this agreement opens up a hitherto inaccessible market in this important sector. In addition, against a background of ever fiercer international competition, it will also help to strengthen this firm's established position as a manufacturer of large turbosets and provide welcome support for the relevant development and production facilities in Switzerland itself.

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