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MILLIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Contrary to what is often believed, and according to recent estimates, industry as a whole can be blamed directly for only 8 per cent of the pollution of the soil, 50 per cent of that of water and only 17 per cent of the pollution of the air. Even so, these figures are too high and must be reduced as much as possible. During the last few years, the Swiss machinery and appliances industry has spent large sums on the protection of the environment in which we live. From a survey in which some 200 firms belonging to the Swiss Machinery Manufacturers Association (VSM) co-operated, it appears that expenditure on plant for the protection of the environment totals 96 million francs. The annual cost of running already existing installations amounts to 31 million francs. As far as the Swiss chemical industry is concerned, it spends 11 per cent of its current investments on equipment designed to combat pollution; the cost of running this equipment represents 7 to 15 per cent of total production costs. (SODT).

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