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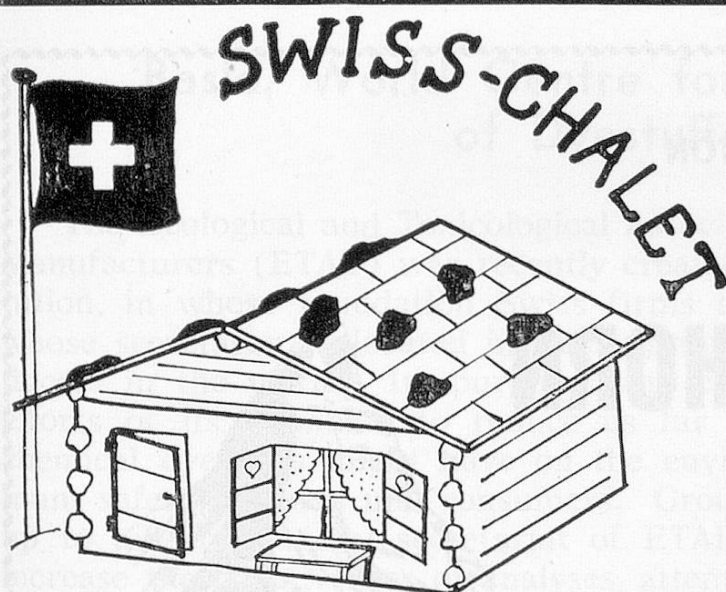
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Yugoslavia Acquires Swiss Petrochemical Processes

A Yugoslav chemical firm has just purchased from the Lonza chemical works (Basle—Switzerland) the licence for production processes for the manufacture of phthalic anhydride (intermediate product for medicines, dyestuffs, synthetic resins, plasticizers) and furfural (solvent for various products). These processes of Swiss origin will be applied in a new petrochemical products factory to be built near the Bosanski Brod refinery.—(SODT)

Slower Growth of Switzerland's GNP

According to the latest estimates of the Work Group responsible for economic forecasts, Switzerland's gross national product amounted to 129.37 billion francs in 1973, and not 130.54 billion as previously estimated. Originally, the real rate of growth achieved had been calculated to be 4.1 per cent. Today, it has been definitely established at 3.5 per cent. Economic growth has thus slowed up considerably, since it amounted to as much as 5.8 per cent in 1972. This year, the real growth of the gross national product has fallen to about 0.8 per cent and, according to provisional forecasts, we must expect a zero rate of growth in 1975.—(SODT)



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