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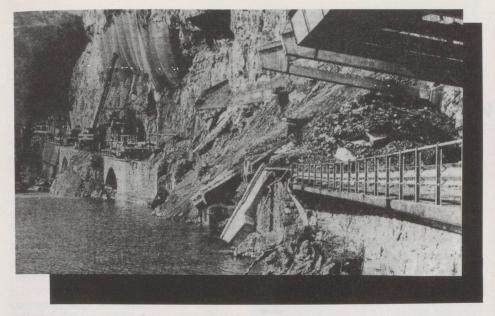
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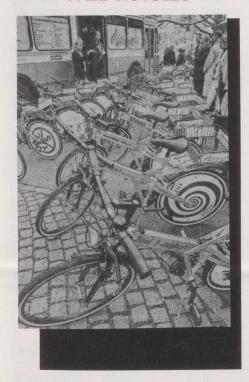
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FREE BICYCLES



Against the presentation of a personal identity card, anyone can now borrow a bicycle in Zurich. These free bikes are available at both the Bellevue and Paradeplatz from 8.30 am onwards and must be returned at the latest by 9.30 pm.

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AUSTRALIAN JOKE

Here is a joke that is going around amongst the English speaking elite in Switzerland. A competition was being held in Australia whereby competitors were required to ad lib a poem which had to end with the word TIMBUKTU. Two competitors, a priest and a sheep shearer were the two finalists. The priest opened up the final round with: "I was a priest for all my life, I had no children and no wife, I read the bible through and through, all my way to Timbuktu". Big applause. But it was the sheep shearer who won the competition with his own contribution: 'Tim and I to Melbourne went, there were three women in a tent, they were three and we were two, I booked one and Tim booked two".

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