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chromium office building. This eye-sore in the medieval silhouette of Lucerne's "Old Town" was to replace a beautiful old framework structure. "We have no objection whatever to modern designs in architecture, but we certainly will fight against any attempt to destroy our city's centuries-old architectural monuments," the youngsters argued, and it seems that they have already won: According to unconfirmed reports the endangered riverside house and its entire neighbourhood reaching as far uphill as the tower-studded city-walls, will be placed under monument protection.

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Bellinzona: The spring and summer season programmes of Lugano and Locarno, Southern Switzerland's two leading lakeside resorts, are packed with extraordinary events. An International Exhibition of Black-and-White Sketches and Etchings will open at Lugano on April 14th and last till June 12th. Nearby Mendrisio will again attract crowds of visitors to its traditional Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Processions on April 14th and 15th. Staged in the original splendour of historic and religious costumes and displays, they are considered unique for this part of Europe. The "Concerts of Lugano" is the unpretentious name of what could be called an international music festival. This series of gala concerts will begin in April and feature world-famous guest orchestras, conductors and soloists throughout the season. A final highlight of Lugano's tourist season will be reached on Sunday, October 2nd, when the traditional Grape-Harvest Festival culminates in a parade of floats.

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THE SWISS AMBASSADOR'S CONGRATULATION TO H.M. THE QUEEN

Madam,

February 20th, 1960.

The Federal Council, on hearing the happy and felicitous news of the birth of His Royal Highness Your son have requested me to beg leave of Your Majesty to offer to You and to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, their sincere good wishes.

May I be permitted at the same time to assure Your Majesty that my wife and I, my Embassy and my compatriots in this country share the feeling of joy which this happy event has brought to Your family and to Your peoples.

I have the honour to remain,
Your Majesty's
Most humble and devoted Servant,
sig. A. Daeniker.

To The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

February 29, 1960.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of the 19th of February, enclosing for transmission to The Queen a letter conveying the congratulations of the Swiss Federal Council on the happy occasion of the birth of a Royal Prince to Her Majesty.

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that this letter has been duly laid before Her Majesty.

I avail myself of this opportunity to transmit to you and Madame Daeniker, to the members of your Embassy, and to the Swiss colony in this country the sincere thanks of my Sovereign for the much appreciated good wishes to which you have given expression.

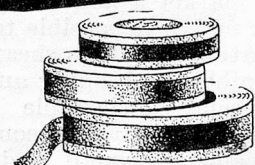
I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,
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