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A new police regulation in Ticino now forbids young people under sixteen to enter dance halls and cinemas.

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Young people in Zurich have founded an organisation to fight for the country's moral defence. Their headquarters will be an ancient military fort located at Mont Vully.

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An enthusiastic fisherman caught a trout weighing no less than 8 kilos in the river Suze, at Bienne.

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The trial of a German citizen, Rudolf Rupe, has just opened before the Criminal Court of Lugano. 24-year-old Rupe is accused of murder, attempted murder and robbery. It is the most sensational case to come before Lugano's Criminal Court for fifteen years.

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Nicknamed the king of the farmers, Mr. Ernest Laur, of Effingen, Aargau, has just celebrated his 90th anniversary. Mr. Laur has spent a lifetime fighting the farmer's cause, first as Secretary of the Swiss Farmers Union and later as the founder of the Farmers Political Party. A University teacher of international reputation, Mr. Laur is still very active.

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The 100th anniversary of the famous Conservatoire de Lausanne will be marked this year by several special events.

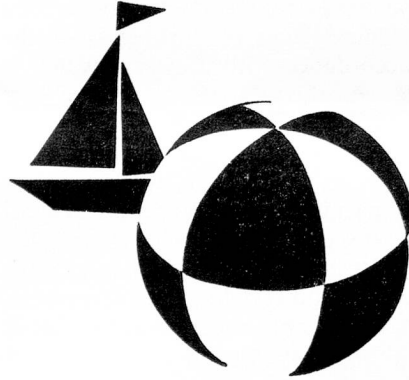
(Most of the above items were received from the A.T.S. News Service.)

Switzerland's Population

According to the recent census the population of Switzerland on 1st December 1960 numbered 5,411,000 compared with 4,714,992 on 1st December 1950. Here are the provisional figures:

CANTONS	POPULATION 1ST DEC. 1950	POPULATION 1ST DEC. 1960	INCREASE DECREASE
Zurich	777,002	941,800	21%
Bern	801,943	889,400	11%
Luzern	223,249	253,100	13%
Uri	28,556	32,300	13%
Schwyz	71,082	78,200	10%
Unterwalden	19,389	22,200	14%
Obwalden	22,125	23,200	5%
Glarus	37,663	40,500	8%
Zug	42,239	52,500	24%
Fribourg	158,695	159,800	1%
Solothurn	170,508	201,500	18%
Basel-Stadt	196,498	226,500	15%
Basel-Land	107,549	148,300	38%
Schaffhausen	57,515	66,100	15%
Appenzell A.Rh.	47,938	49,400	3%
Appenzell I.Rh.	13,427	13,100	-2%
St. Gallen	309,106	338,100	9%
Graubunden	137,100	145,600	6%
Aargau	300,782	359,800	20%
Thurgau	149,738	166,100	11%
Tessin	175,055	195,700	12%
Vaud	377,585	430,200	14%
Valais	159,178	178,900	12%
Neuchâtel	128,152	147,500	15%
Geneve	202,918	251,200	24%
	4,714,992	5,411,000	14.8%

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