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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.

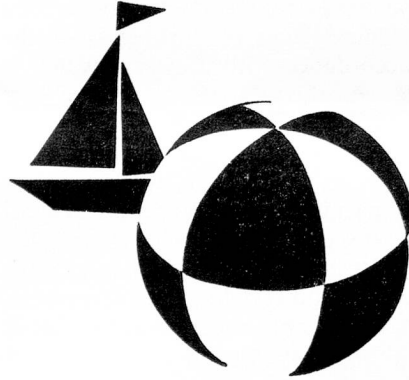
(Most of the above items were received from the A.T.S. News Service.)

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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