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INTERNATIONAL SURFACE TREATMENT EXHIBITION

In fairs today, the very diversified techniques for treating surfaces are scattered among many different groups often located quite far apart. Hitherto it has never been possible to see all the products and processes of this speciality grouped together under the same roof. A new specialized exhibition called "Surface 1966", which is to be held in the halls of the Swiss Industries Fair in Basle from 10th to 16th November 1966, will make good this omission. It will in fact display the products of a number of international exhibitors who have never had a chance of presenting their production as a whole before. The exhibition programme comprises the whole branch of surface treatment by all technical and chemical means, as well as related problems. During the period of the exhibition, a three-day International Congress on surface treatment will also be held; this congress will be organized jointly by Swiss Electro-Plating Society and the Swiss Paint Chemists' Association, under the patronage of the European Corrosion Federation. The general theme of the congress will be "Protection against corrosion by metal finishing".

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AN EXCEPTIONAL CONSIGNMENT

The 130-ton stator for the first of the two turbo-alternators in the first big Swiss thermal power station being built at Chavalon, above Vouvry, in the Rhône valley, upstream from the Lake of Geneva, was recently installed. The two hydrogen-cooled turbo-alternators, each developing 175,000 kVA, will be the most powerful of their kind in Switzerland. The transport of this huge consignment from Oerlikon to Vouvry raised a number of tricky problems, especially during the last 3½ miles, which had to be covered by road. After being transported by special train on a Federal Railway wagon with 18 axles, the stator was loaded on to a special road vehicle with 16 articulated axles, each with 4 wheels, drawn and pushed by tractors and weighing in all some 300 tons. The alternator in question has been built by the Oerlikon Engineering Company, while Escher Wyss was responsible for the construction of the steam turbine.

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