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town. Weinfeldten agreed to a small bypass.

With a voting participation of 67%, the Payerne electorate refused the project for a large hall and accepted one for a swimming pool.

The Commune Assemblies of Bramois and Sion (VS) agreed to fuse. But a week later, the electorate of Sion rejected the proposal.

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RECENT EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND

When a German parliamentary delegation visited Switzerland, they visited the Federal Sports School at Magglingen. They played a football eleven consisting of Swiss parliamentarians and won 5:1. The average age of the Germans was 40 and that of the Swiss 48.

Federal Councillor Schaffner addressed the Golden Jubilee Meeting of the Swiss Federation of Employees (VSA), the second-largest organisation of *Arbeitnehmer* after the Swiss Trade Union Federation — in Berne. The most important of the VSA is the Swiss Mercantile Society with 65,350 members, over half of the total membership of the umbrella organisation.

In Solothurn, the Swiss lawyers met for their annual get-together. Federal Councillor von Moos addressed them on the state of various federal legislation. "Where freedom has to retreat and force takes over, legal power becomes a farce", he said and stated the aim of those concerned, i.e. to strengthen right and to protect the individual in order to safeguard the freedom and future of the country. Various legal subjects were discussed, such as the structure of company law, foundation law, radio and TV programmes. The meeting also decided to join the Swiss Society for Intellectual Sciences.

At Glis, a fountain in front of the pilgrimage chapel was dedicated to the memory of the late Federal Councillor Dr. Joseph Etter who was the first Valais *Bundesrat* and died in 1954.

The Biennial Meeting of the Friends of the Arts at La Chaux-de-Fonds celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a special show.

The fifth ecumenical assembly of university graduates took place at Einsiedeln and had as its discussion theme "The modern human image and the Gospel". Europe's Protestant Politicians met in Zurich for a symposium on "*Raumordnung und Landesplanung*". The problem of space, planning, water resources, etc., is one of growing concern. Similar subjects were discussed at the Golden Jubilee Meeting of the Swiss Federation for International Colonisation and Industrial Agriculture.

The 40th General Meeting of the Swiss Army Padres took place in Solothurn, at which practical problems of Army churchmen were discussed, specially concerning the individual freedom of the soldier.

"Hurrikan", Bienne, won this year's Rover Sword of the Swiss scouts. The competition was held at Prato in the Leventina and its theme was the fight against alcoholism.

The first cogwheel railway of the world celebrated its 70th anniversary: Stansstad-Engelberg.

For the first time, a graduation ceremony of Swiss women Red Cross company leaders took place at the Knights' Hall of Castle Colombier.

Mgr. Pierre Mamie was consecrated as Bishop of Lausanne at Fribourg Cathedral. The highest officiating priest was Cardinal Journet.

(A.T.S.)

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