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NEW 'ANTIQUE' LAMP POSTS FOR ZÜRICH

In co-operation with the Regional Office for the Recording and Preservation of Monuments, the City of Zürich has erected new cast iron lamp-posts on each of the eight bridge parapet sockets in order to revive the original appearance of the Münsterbrücke in Zürich.

These lamp-posts are replicas of those which were found to be badly corroded in some cases. The new lamp-posts are 2.5 m high, weigh about 250 kg each, and are protected against rust by means of a permanent coating. The feature of the lamp-posts is the artistic ornamentation with the Zürich coat of arms on the pedestal. Reproduction of same gave rise to a number of problems because the original casting patterns were no longer available. Since the coat of arms and the ornamentations involve a great deal of work and are therefore expensive, remake of the patterns would have proved too costly. The Foundries Division of Sulzer Brothers Limited therefore selected a rather unusual solution for the problems involved. By means of a pattern mass of permanent elasticity, a copy was made from a still well-preserved pedestal and used as a part of the new pattern. The permanently elastic mass was necessary because of the subsequent cutting operations. It enabled the ornamentations to be reproduced in the two-piece pattern. Whereas the old model was fabricated in two parts, the new casting was completed in one.

In this way, the foundry experts of today, using new methods and aids, have shown that they are also familiar with the fabrication of favourably priced artistic castings.

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Fabrication in Sulzer foundries of the casting pattern for the lamp-posts for the Munter bridge in Zürich. See photograph on front cover.

SWISS FOOD MAKING MACHINES GO ALL OVER THE WORLD

The Bühler-Miag group still receives orders from all over the world for its flour-milling machinery and silos. Among the largest is an order for the Eastern Malayan states of Sabah and Sarawak for a big plant for the conversion of cereals, comprising among other things a cereal silo with a capacity of 20,000 tonnes, a corn mill with an output of 240 tonnes/day and a concentrated animal foodstuffs factory with an output of 10 tonnes an hour.

The same Swiss firm is building for

the Rotterdam Europort, in the Netherlands, a pneumatic ship unloading elevator capable of unloading 1,000 tonnes of cereals and oleaginous grains an hour: it will be the largest plant of its kind in the world.

Finally, the state purchasing company Polimex Cekop Co. Ltd, in Warsaw, has just ordered two pasta manufacturing plants from Bühler-Miag with a silo and auxiliary machines.

(Bühler-Miag, CH-9240 Uzwil, telex 77 541 gbu ch)

SPY BUSTERS RECRUITED

The Federal Council held a lengthy debate in early March on a report commissioned after the Jean-Louis Jeanmaire espionage affair. As a result, it was decided to strengthen Switzerland's counter-espionage system and recruit the necessary officials.

Former chief of Switzerland's air defence system, Brigadier Jeanmaire was found guilty last year of supplying confidential information on Switzerland's defence system and military hierarchy to the Soviet Embassy for a number of years.