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The first complete year book of the Swiss financial world has just been published: The Swiss Financial Year Book. It is published in English, French, German and Italian in the form of a volume of 512 pages, bound, and divided into four main parts: banks (484, divided into eight groups), finance companies (58, in three groups according to capital), insurance companies (90, in three groups), the seven stock exchanges (Zürich, Basle, Geneva, Berne, Lausanne, St. Gall and Neuchâtel).

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## The 59th Swiss Comptoir will take place again in Lausanne in September

The 59th Swiss Comptoir, the Lausanne National Fair, will be opening its gates at the Palais de Beaulieu, from 9th to 24th September 1978. In a total area extending over more than 1,600,000 sq. ft., divided into separate sectors, over 2,500 exhibitors will present the products of light industry, agriculture and craftwork, as well as the commercial services dealing in propaganda and distribution for the Swiss economy as a whole.

Basically national in character but also, since 1945, playing an increasingly marked role in the service of the country's foreign relations, the 59th Lausanne Fair will have the privilege of receiving as foreign guests of honour, three of Switzerland's economic partners — Austria, Pakistan and Colombia —

while intercantonal trade will be represented by a display by Fribourg, the national guest of honour.

Finally, organizing large cattle shows and markets featuring horned cattle, horses and small livestock, as well as bees and rabbits, and presenting one of the most famous International Dog Shows in Europe, the Lausanne Fair is the biggest and most popular autumn economic event in Switzerland, attracting to the capital of Vaud all commercial circles together with visitors estimated at over a million.

Facilities are granted to foreign tourists and buyers who may obtain all necessary particulars from Switzerland's official agencies in their country of residence or origin.

## Far Away Places

by Rankin Kuhn

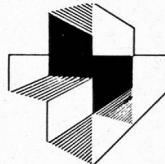


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