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AUTUMN EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND

The second *Fachmesse für Antriebstechnik* was held at Spreitenbach during the last week in September. The Central Committee of the International Metalworkers' Federation met in Geneva for two days, representing a body of ten million workers in twenty-two democratic countries. Some 400 Swiss from Overseas met in Zurich at the same time.

Another member of the *Bundesrat*, Federal Councillor von Moos, addressed the 500 Swiss Lawyers meeting in Zug. And yet again at the same week-end, it was the Swiss *Schiffbauarchitekten* who met in Zurich, organised by the *Institut Suisse des Architects Navals*, whilst in Berne, the seventh Swiss *Motor-Wehrsport* Championships took place after an interval of four years. The events in which on hundred patrols of three men each took part, were held outside military service.

The Swiss Teachers' Association met at Weinfelden; one of the items on the agenda was the award of their youth literature prize 1966 to Alois Carigiet for his book "Zottel, Zick und Zwerg". A study week of the International Federation for Tourism was organised at Martigny at the end of September. The general meeting of the International Union for Pure and Applied Physics was held in Basle, for the first time on Swiss Territory. The business meetings were interspersed with social events and outings to Roman Augst, the Jungfraujoch and CERN in Geneva.

The 65th annual meeting of the Swiss Librarians took place at Vaduz and in Chur, and the Swiss Reformed *Pfarrverein* met in Neuchâtel, studying the project of an all-Swiss Reformed Church. Doctors from five countries met in Lucerne to discuss various medical problems as affecting their profession, whilst the fourth international conference on cystic fibrosis (mucoviscidose) was held at Grindelwald; about a hundred doctors, biochemists and physiologists discussed the latest developments of this hereditary disease. The ninth international congress of the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Seelsorger für Gastgewerbe und Tourismus* ran at Kastanienbaum (Lucerne), when some seventy delegates from five countries discussed the sociological problems in catering. The Swiss *Diakonentag* — held every three years at the invitation of the Swiss Reformed *Diakonenhaus* — took place in Zurich; there are fifty deacons in service at the moment and eight are being trained. The Europe Commission of the Reformed World Federation of Churches, the oldest international Church organisation dating back to Calvin and Zwingli, and in its present set-up formed in 1875, met in Glarus.

The Swiss branch of the Junior Chamber International discussed the development of economically weak districts of Switzerland. In St. Gall, the ninth Swiss *Handelstagung* ended in a panel discussion on retail price fixing. Minister Dr. Gérard Bauer, President of the *Fédération Suisse des Associations de Fabricants d'Horlogerie*, chaired the meeting of the Swiss National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Early in October, the 36th ordinary congress of the Union of Textile, Chemical and Paper Workers took place in Lucerne, and Locarno was the venue of the Swiss Gastronomical Press. "Holz 66", the international wood fair took place in Basle in the Halls of the Swiss Industries Fair, from 1st to 9th October. A resolution asking the Federal Council to speed up proceedings regarding a postulate to make animal protection a federal matter by partially revising the relevant Articles of the Constitution, was passed by a meeting for the protection of animals organised in Berne.

The Swiss Rhone-Rhine Navigation Federation held its annual meeting in Bienne, at which interested parties from France and Germany were present. The 22nd International Music Competition was again held in Geneva. Amongst the many prize winners were four young Swiss.

Delegates from nine European countries met at Horgen for a conference on further education for graduates in economics. The Swiss League for Rational *Verkehrswirtschaft* met in Berne for their 30th meeting, whilst the HOWEG (purchasing co-operative for the hotel and catering trade) chose Sion for their general meeting.

An international cat exhibition with 200 entries was held in Lucerne, and a big international fair for medical and hospital equipment was opened in Zurich on 6th October. Two days later, the fourth international congress of accounting standardisation opened at Montreux, under the auspices of the International Accounting Academy; 75 papers were read during the fortnight, and 25 seminars were held.

The 12th session of the Executive Council of the World Federation of Twin Towns opened in Le Locle on 8th October. The twin town of Le Locle, that of Le Locle-Gérardmer in the Vosges, gave a folkloristic display. The Foreign Press in Switzerland chose Schaffhausen for their 1966 outing, and the Swiss Notary Federation held their general meeting in Fribourg.

The "Elite of Hairdressers" met in a competition "Frisur und Schönheit" in Basle, and the Comptoir at Martigny was visited by 51,000 people. The "Zürcher Herbstschau", the ZUESPA, registered nearly a quarter of a million admissions, a new record.

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MILESTONE AT THE SWISS TRANSPORT MUSEUM

This summer gave the Swiss Museum of Transport in Lucerne another opportunity of demonstrating its attractiveness to visitors. During July and August alone, the Museum's exhibitions were viewed by more than 135,000 people. July, which chalked up nearly 70,000 visitors, was the busiest month in the museum's history, and during that month an all-time one-day record of 5,000 admissions was achieved. And at the end of August, the 5,000th member was taken into the Association for the Swiss Museum of Transport, the organisation which sponsors the Museum. The Jubilee member was Mrs. L. Stämpfli of Ostermundigen near Berne, and her membership made the Association the nation's largest organisation in the field of transportation and tourism.

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SWISS FASHION IN AFRICA

Recently, at the invitation of Mr. W. C. S. Tubman, President of the Liberian Republic, several Swiss firms sent collections of dresses, knitwear, beach and leisure apparel, shoes, etc., to Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. All of these Swiss quality products were first shown to President and Mrs. Tubman and their guests, and then to the public. An amusing item, the youngest daughter of the Presidential couple, Miss Coo Coo Tubman, who was educated at a boarding school in French-speaking Switzerland, volunteered to perform as a model to present a part of the dress collection.

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