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EDITORIAL

HELLO! Is there anybody out there? I am struggling hard to keep this journal a members edition and not an editors ego boosting magazine, but without articles on modelling, holidays with trains or about the many different railways in Switzerland I am fighting a losing battle. May I have your comments please on what you wish to see in the Swiss Express. A delight to come, is an excellent article by Mike South of the restaurant coaches and Wagons Lits services. If anybody has £500 to spare and spends it on a visit to the Nuremberg Toy Fair in Feb 90, please remember the S.E.

When the S.R.S. started nearly ten years ago members were rather thin on the ground, there was a publication called Swiss Railway News edited by Tony Smith, in which were published several articles of great interest. One such article was written by the President of the Society, Herr Hauser-Gubser, on the subject of snow clearing on the Swiss railways. I think that members will agree that it is worth printing again for the benefit of those who have joined the Society in more recent times. Apart from that, the subject is very topical providing of course the "Greenhouse effect" has not struck again. I have managed to obtain, courtesy of Walter Kleine of the BLS and the Press Office of SNTÖ, some photographs on this subject which I hope will give some idea of what is involved.

Several complaints about the quality of the photographs were received since the last S.E. was released, or did it escape, so a new printing system is being tried. The photographs for the previous issue were scanned by the latest equipment on the market, but the printing medium was disposable plates that obviously could not support the better scanning quality. From this issue the printing will be done on metal plates, which I am assured by the printer will greatly increase the reproduction quality and boost his income by a considerable amount. To more than offset this increase in cost I have managed to obtain extra advertising, which also helps with the membership fees.

EXPRESS POST

From S.N.T.O. LONDON

A new Travel Pass has been announced which entitles the holder to unlimited half price travel on the Rivers Rhine and Aare and 11 major lakes. The cost of the Swiss Boat Pass is SFr30, and is available from S.N.T.O.. As a bonus to the holder an incentive to explore is provided. Make at least four or more excursions on three different lakes or rivers, and the holder becomes eligible to receive a FREE souvenir watch from the Association of Swiss Navigation Companies.

From the Society Chairman.

If the interest from members is sufficient, it is proposed to organise a trip to Switzerland sometime during the end of July or beginning of August 1990. It has been learnt that S.L.M. may be willing to allow a visit to see a bulging assembly area. A visit to the SBB Signal training centre has also been offered and other installation visits are on request. Visits to private railways would also be requested. The duration of the trip would possibly be from a Friday night/Saturday morning returning the following Sunday week, as accommodation bookings would be in hotels a non refundable deposit would have to be paid with the reservation. If you would like more information please send a stamped (or 2 IRC's) addressed envelope to me.