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LANDIS & GYR RESTRUCTURING

Like so many other Swiss firms, Landis & Gyr, the electronics firm in Zug will transfer a large part of its production to Greece and Germany where it intends to build new factories and use cheaper labour. As a result, over 450 positions will be lost in Zug.

CONCENTRATION OF MILK PRODUCTION

The four milk producers Toni, Internilch, Miba and Orlait have joined forces since January 1993 and formed a new company called TONILAIT AG. BERN. The combined turnover of this new company will be 2.7 billion SFR.



CYCLISTS VERSUS PEDESTRIANS

In Switzerland, where every square meter is so precious, the cyclists are in a most unhappy situation. In the general congestion there is hardly any room for them, neither on the roads nor on the pedestrian footpaths. Where cycling tracks exist, they are often invaded by pedestrians. So the poor cyclists, wherever they ride, always seem to be in someone's way. The true pedestrians complain bitterly that they feel unsafe

whether they are crossing a street or walk on the footpath. The motorists, who often are pedestrians too, walking to or from their car parks, hate the cyclists in both places, on the road and on the footpath. Cyclists in return argue that if more people used bicycles instead of cars, travelling on the roads would be safer for them and therefore they would no longer have to seek refuge on the footpaths. A real knotty problem for the Authorities.



ECOLOGICAL SUPERMARKET

For the first time in Switzerland a supermarket has opened up that sells only environmentally friendly and biodegradable products. This new supermarket is just a stone's throw from the Federal Palace (Bundeshaus) in Berne. It sells everything from naturally grown fruit and vegetables to biodegradable nappies and cleaning products, including beauty creams and lotions which have not been

tested on animals. The owner however was very upset that he could not equip his supermarket entirely with shopfittings that could be recycled such as wood and stone. Against his best intentions he had to settle for refrigerators made out of plastic. (Maybe he should have studied the "Flintstones" a bit closer since they seem to have had no trouble with refrigerators made out of stone slabs!).

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