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ANGLO-SWISS NEWS ITEMS

At the General Meeting of Vautier s.a. at Yverdon, the merger of the firm with the British-American Tobacco (Switzerland) s.a. in Geneva was accepted. The latter is a subsidiary of B.A.T. in London.

The "Rolling Stones" were received with so much enthusiasm at Kloten Airport that hoses had to be turned on some of the youngsters. At the end of the band's performance at the Zurich *Hallenstadion*, members of the hysterical audience caused much destruction. 262 policemen were in readiness to clear the hall where 12,000 fans had gathered.

During one week in April, original copies of the British Crown Jewels were exhibited at a Lucerne jeweller's.

Zurich's Municipal President, Dr. S. Widmer, paid a visit to several towns in England. He also called on the Lord Mayor of London and attended parliamentary sessions.

The Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur Olivier Long, represented Switzerland at the annual celebration at Stratford-on-Avon, to mark Shakespeare's birthday on 22nd April. All Ambassadors to the Court of St. James's are invited every year, and some 40-50 usually attend. The diplomats walk in procession, each carrying a wreath which is then laid on the Bard's grave.

At the end of April, a large Bernese store opened "British Weeks" under the patronage of Sir Robert Isaacson, British Ambassador to Switzerland. At some periods during the show, British policemen regulated Berne's traffic outside the main station. Outside the store, a member of one of the Royal Guard Regiments stood on parade.

(Mainly A.T.S.)

The B.B.C. television show *Frost Over England* won the Golden Rose award today at the International TV Light Entertainment Festival at Montreal.

Judges from 24 countries, who all week have been scrutinizing the screening of entries, regarded this David Frost show as "English humour at its best". Its satiric review of Britain under the wage-freeze included a jig danced by Mr. Wilson and Mr. George Brown.

The first prize award made Britain the first country to win the Golden Rose twice since the contest was started seven years ago. The previous B.B.C. winner was the *Black and White Minstrel Show*. The second prize — the Silver Rose — went to a Dutch entry, Dorus, starring Tom Manders.

(“The Times”.)

TAPESTRY IN LAUSANNE

The town of Lausanne is the headquarters of CITAM, the International Centre of Ancient and Modern Tapestry, founded by the great French artist and tapestry-maker, the late Jean Lurçat. The latter's most important work "Le Chant du Monde" (The Song of the World), comprising nine monumental tapestries measuring nearly 400 feet long by 14 ft. 9 in. high, was on display at the Palais de Rumine in Lausanne until 30th April, as a prelude to the Third International Biennial of Tapestry, which will be held in the Cantonal Museum of Fine Arts from 10th June to 1st October.

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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Jakob Fischbacher (60), Schaffhausen, Secretary of the Metal and Watchworkers Federation of Schaffhausen; member of the Cantonal Parliament since 1944; member of the Neuhausen Commune Council from 1946 to 1960.

Ulisse Torricelli (73), Lugano, well-known motor car pioneer; from 1936 with General Motors in Bienne.

Pater Meinrad-Stephan Morard, Fribourg, Benedictine professor at the College of St. Michel and at Fribourg University.

Fritz Scheidegger (37), well-known Swiss motor cycle rider; champion in many races, was killed at Mallory Park at Easter.

Francis Paroz (51), St. Imier, General Secretary of Montres Longines; member of the Berne Cantonal *Handelsgericht*; Commune Councillor.

Arnold Landolt (52), Zurich, *Bundessekretär* of the German-speaking Young Men's Christian Association.

Walter Marbach (71), Schaffhausen, well-known agricultural teacher and farmer-politician; in charge of the Cantonal Agricultural College from 1943 to 1962; member of the Council of the Swiss Farmers' Union.

Dr. Fritz Buerki (68), Berne, Bernese School Inspector.

René Werra (79), Geneva, for 46 years lawyer in Geneva and Consul of Mexico, formerly also of Luxemburg and Peru; founder and President of the "Fédération des Sociétés Confédérées de Genève" and of "La Maison de Retraite des Vieillards confédérés" in Geneva.

Colonel Fritz Indermuehle (91), Thierachern/Thun, former Commandant of the 17th Mountain Infantry Regiment and Infantry Brigade 21; *Oberlehrer* for 50 and Commune Clerk for 31 years.

Miss Lise Demierre (39), Chavannes-Renens, Cantonal Member of Parliament.

Prof. Georges Bonnard (81), Rolle, former Professor of English at Lausanne University; father of National Councillor Claude Bonnard.

Prof. Erwin Rutishauser (63), Geneva, Professor of Pathological Anatomy at Geneva University; author of scientific works and recipient of the Science Prize of the Town of Geneva.

Dr. Alfred Theiler (85), Lucerne, former Headmaster of the *Gymnasium* and *Lyceum* of the Lucerne Cantonal School; teacher of chemistry and natural history; President of the "Naturforschende Gesellschaft" and, with his wife, in charge of the Students' Home; younger brother of Sir Arnold Theiler.

[A.T.S.]

WORLDWIDE CONGRESS OF GEOPHYSICISTS

Between 25th September and 14th October, four Swiss cities — Zurich, Berne, Lucerne and St. Gall — will be hosts to the Fourteenth General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics. The Union, with member associations in 59 countries, will hold its meetings and excursions under the auspices of the Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences. In view of the great variety of its landscape and rock formation, Switzerland as a hostess country will offer a fruitful field of investigation for the assembled scientists.

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