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Welcome
Great Britain
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British goods go well in Berne

A BERNE department store has staged one of the biggest displays of British goods ever seen in the Swiss capital.

The Ryfflihof – with an annual Sfr. 70 million turnover, the largest Co-op store in Switzerland – staged the British Fortnight as a follow-up to the previous year's visit to the city by Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

British products on sale ranged from beer and biscuits to furniture and fashions. Some goods sold out so quickly that extra stocks had to be flown in before the end of the Fortnight.

Visitors to the store were able to watch a non-stop replay of last summer's Royal Wedding film, and another popular attraction was a display of the "official" replica of the Crown Jewels.

The Fortnight was visited by British Ambassador Sidney Gifford. And three contest-winning Bernese families were taken by chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce to a red carpet reception at the store, where they were welcomed by a town crier from Lancashire and a Scottish bagpiper.



British Ambassador Sidney Gifford (above) visits the British Fortnight in Berne. Below is the display at the Co-op Ryfflihof department store.



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