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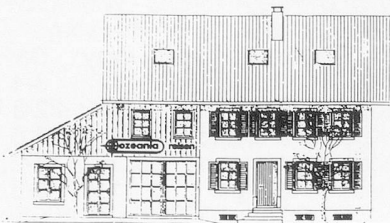
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UMBRELLA, CHARM AND YODEL

The lady pictured on a London bridge, full of temperament, in a blowing wind and dressed in some sort of Swiss costume has actually recently been seen on TV in New Zealand. She is Beate Abrecht, 44, from Berne, one of the top yodel performers in the world. She has also appeared in a Bruce Forsyth Generation Game show where she was accompanied by a whole symphony orchestra, a most unusual combination to say the least.

THE "NIDWALDERS" ARE WORRIED.

Pilatus, Nidwald's largest employer is in a dilemma. Although the Pilatus aircraft it produces are sold overseas as training aircraft, it has been discovered that many of them have subsequently been transformed into military machines by adding brackets under the wings for the transportation and launching of rockets and bombs.

For a very long time it has been a mute point as to whether the PC-7 was a civilian or a military aircraft. Pilatus always argued that their aircraft were only built for civilian purposes whilst overseas competitors in the aircraft industry claimed that PC-7's were used as military aircraft in countries such as Burma, Guatemala, Iraq and Angola.

The matter came to a head when South Africa ordered 60 PC-7 aircraft from Pilatus. By supplying South Africa with aircraft with military capabilities, Pilatus

and, by extension Switzerland, were apparently infringing some UNO resolution concerning the embargo on military equipment to South Africa.

The Swiss Federal Council was forced to intervene and requested Pilatus to change the wing structure of its aircraft so that the attachment of rockets and bombs was no longer possible. This created a serious dilemma for Pilatus. Although they always claimed that their aircraft were only sold for the sole purpose of training new pilots, Pilatus expected an important drop in orders from overseas clients following this forced change of wing structure to its PC-7 aircraft. So people in Nidwalden are concerned that their major employer might need to retrench and reduce its staff. Pilatus employs 850 people at its factories in Stans and any incident affecting Nidwald's largest employer will automatically have some serious repercussions on the well-being of the 35,000 "Nidwalders".