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used for transfer of goods trains from the Basel Rhine port at Klein-Hünigen and Birsfelden to the marshalling yard at MuttENZ and to the German Federal system. These locomotives are expected to go into service in 1954.

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Sixteen new road signs have been approved by the Swiss Government. They have been recommended by the United Nations and will shortly be introduced on roads in Switzerland. Acceptance of the signs has yet to be confirmed by several other countries.

Another innovation that will be particularly welcomed by motorists visiting Switzerland is the decision of the Swiss Touring Club to fix signs giving the heights of all localities along mountain roads.

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Plans are now well ahead for this year's celebrations in St. Gall of the traditional Children's Festival, which is held there every two years. It starts on a Tuesday, June 30, when all the schoolchildren form a procession to climb the picturesquely-named Rosenberg (hill of roses) watched by hundreds of thousands of spectators. There the children will sing, play games and take part in competitions. The Children's Festival in turn pays tribute to the famous St. Gall textile industry, some of whose products, in the form of colourful costumes, will be on show. And one of the highlights, from the culinary point of view, will be the offering of the traditional roast sausages.

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M. Monnet, the president, and members of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel

Community received in Luxembourg the Swiss delegation accredited to the High Authority, headed by M. Bauer. M. Monnet emphasized that no limits had been fixed to the community, which remained open to all nations willing to join. M. Bauer said that his accreditation was evidence of the Swiss desire to encourage the expansion of international trade.

The Second Swiss Photographic and Cine Exhibition is to be held at Lausanne from May 8 to 18, 1953. In addition displays of new apparatus the exhibition will also include apparatus from the beginning of the present century. Pictures on show at the exhibition will range from examples of document photography to publicity illustration. In the cine section there will be showings of stereoscopic projection, and a series of general lectures illustrated with colour slides will cover the subjects of macro-photography, electronic flash, and colour.

**AN INTERESTING BOOKLET.**

The SWISS BANK CORPORATION have published a booklet entitled "Guide to the Financial Regulations Affecting Repatriates & Emigrants" which is of particular interest to Swiss nationals who are leaving the United Kingdom to take up permanent residence in Switzerland, as it describes how the repatriation allowance of £5,000 can be made available to them in Switzerland from their assets in the United Kingdom. Copies of the booklet can be had on application to the Swiss Bank Corporation, 99 Gresham Street, London, E.C.2.

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