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As has already been stated previously, this tunnel will make it possible to use the famous Great St. Bernard route between Italy and Switzerland, for motor traffic, all the year round.

#### Swiss Post Office keeps abreast of modern progress.

For some years past, already, the Swiss Postal Administration has been using an electronic sorter for the payment-slips used in the postal-cheque Service. A new improvement is being introduced by this same Administration, as from the 1st of January, 1960, in that the present deposit slips will be replaced by deposit-cards, for the use of important customers of the Postal Cheque Service. They will serve as perforated cards, first of all for the use of the Postal Administration and then, later on, for that of the customers, who will be able to use them directly for their own perforated card accountancy, thus doing away with the necessity for any carrying forward of the amounts and abolishing a source of errors. From this it will be seen that an important Swiss public administration is capable of adapting itself to the most modern improvements, and this for the benefit of its customers.

#### Switzerland possesses the first moving ramp in Europe.

Lausanne is the first town in Europe, in which is to be found a moving carpet — the Speedwalk — for the conveyance of persons. This is an apparatus, built under licence, in Switzerland by the firm of Messrs. Schindler of Lucerne and installed in a large shop, at the entrance to a super-market. This conveyer, which is 3.2 feet wide and 24 feet in length, moves at the speed of 1.6 foot per second and can carry from 6,000 to 8,000 persons per hour. Its gradient is of 10 degrees and the motive power required is only 15 h.p. Experts consider that the moving carpet will be the chosen means of the future for the rapid conveyance of persons, over short distances. We would like to recall the fact that the Swiss firm in question has made a name for itself during the last 85 years in the domain of the manufacture of elevators and other means of transport.

#### A LUNCHEON

As a token of appreciation of the great work the Swiss Embassy has rendered before and during the "Swiss Fortnight", Mr. A. Schmid, gave a luncheon on Saturday, 21st November, at the Glendower Hotel, S.W.7. The following were present: H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur A. Daeniker, Messieurs J. J. de Tribolet, R. Faessler, E. M. Bircher, H. Müller, E. Ribl, F. Magnin, F. Burgunder, R. Maurer. There were also present: Messrs. F. Schmid, C. Milani and A. Stauffer.

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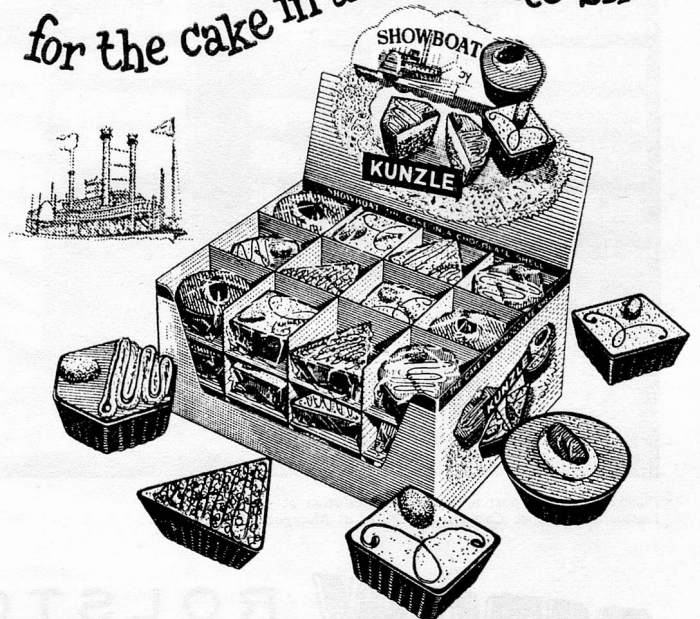


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