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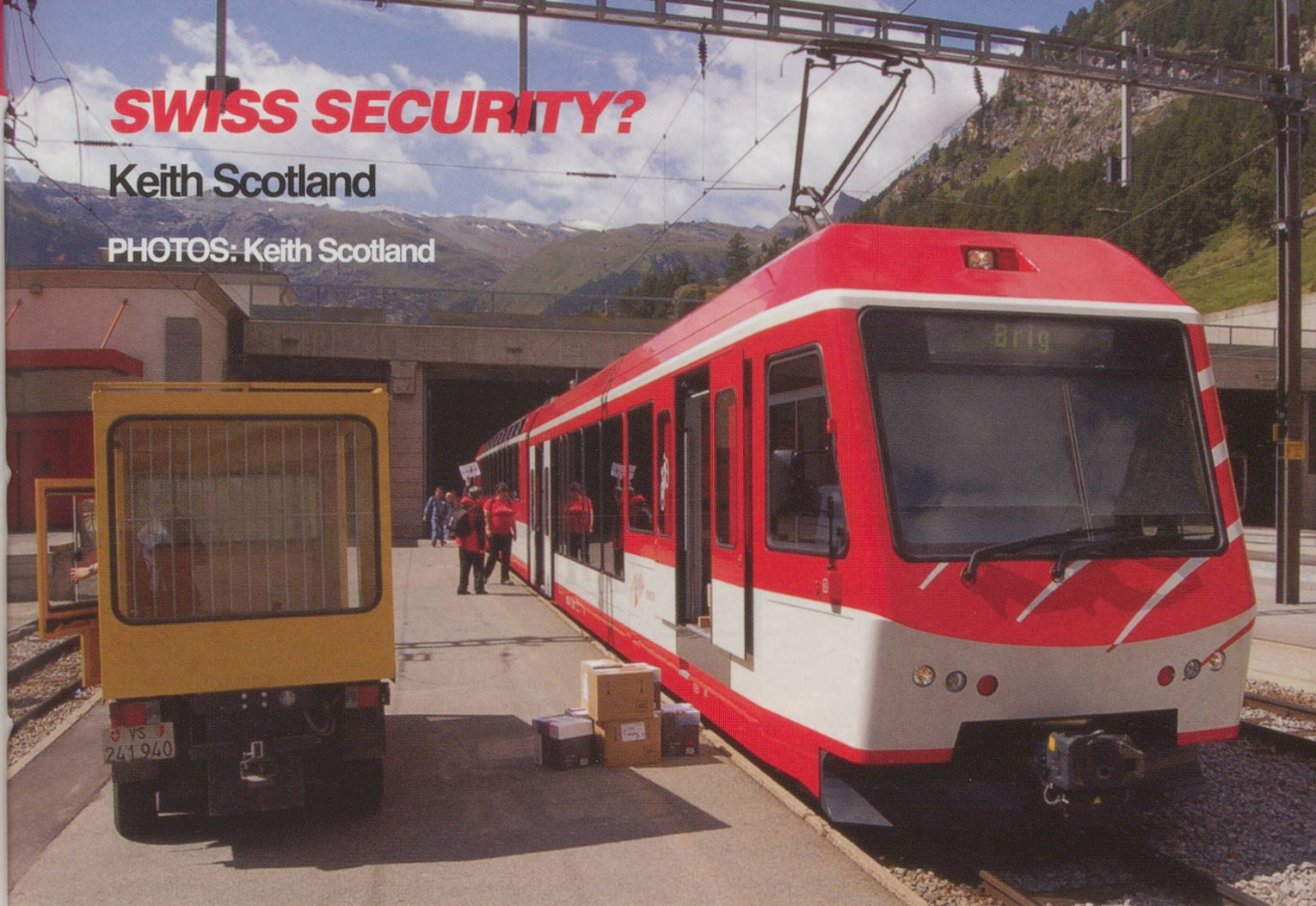
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SWISS SECURITY?

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TOP: At Zermatt the electric van of SwissPost heads off after leaving some parcels.

BELOW: Zermatt station and the waiting parcels July 2008.

BOTTOM: Sign in the MGB train at Zermatt July 2008.

In the last issue the editor raised the issue of personal security in Switzerland. However, in areas of the Swiss transport network some of their operating practices still hark back to a forgotten era in the UK.

Whilst on the platform at Zermatt an electric SwissPost vehicle deposited some parcels next to the van part of the train then went off about its business - no apparent security worries at all! Eventually a member of the MGB staff appeared and loaded the parcels into the train. It is nice to know that both the Post (and parcels) still travel by train and that the operators feel comfortable in leaving such items unguarded out in the public domain. It is also good to know that SwissPost choose to use environmentally friendly vehicles in their operations, although in Zermatt electric traction is common practice.



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