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SWITZERLAND'S POPULATION

According to the most recent provisional estimate, the resident population in Switzerland amounted to 5,243,000 persons towards the middle of 1959.

NEW TYPE OF UNDERGROUND GARAGE

An underground garage of a new type is now in the course of construction in Geneva. It is being made in the form of a vast cylindrical enclosure extending over a superficial area of 26,900 square feet, in which stalls for cars will be arranged. At the present moment this construction is still above ground, but later on it will sink into the earth as a result of its own weight. In order to achieve this, the inner side of this enormous ring is bevelled at the bottom and is terminated with a metal aris. When the stays have been taken away, the coping, which is made of concrete, will gradually penetrate into the ground at the rate of about 40 centimetres per day. This is the first construction of this kind to be carried out in Switzerland.

SUCCESS OF SWISS ARCHITECT

The first prize of the architectural competition for the new building for the World Health Organisation has been won by Professor Jean Tschumi, of the Polytechnical School attached to the Lausanne University. The new building will be nine storeys high and will cover a superficial area of 127,000 square feet. The cost of building has been estimated at 9.3 million dollars, of which a large part has been advanced by the Swiss Confederation. As has already been reported, Professor Tschumi recently received a high American award for his realisation of the Nestle Administrative Centre, which was inaugurated a short time ago.

PURE FRUIT FLAVOURING

The fruit from Swiss orchards has always been distinguished by its particularly strong flavour. Swiss industry has, therefore, recently started to extract the natural aroma of apples. Such apple fragrance, produced in Switzerland, is already being exported with success to several countries.



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