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Giant Turbine-Pump Made in Switzerland

The Vevey Engineering Works Co. Ltd (Vaud, Switzerland), specialising in the construction of hydraulic machinery, helped fit out the French power station at Vouglans, Ain. The French licensee of the Swiss firm built, according to a Franco-Swiss technique, the largest turbine-pump in France, which is also the biggest in Europe. The Vevey Engineering Works Co. Ltd were commissioned to develop this new type of machine and carry out the corresponding trials on a scale model in their hydraulic laboratory; they were also commissioned to supply the constructional plans for the turbine-pump, to provide the electronic regulators and the pivot as well as to finish the wheel and the guide vanes. The Swiss firm was also responsible for supervising the assembly, starting up and testing of the machine under extreme conditions. These tests, which have just been completed, showed excellent results. (SODT)

— Swiss Observer, 8/6/73

Old Age & Survivors Insurance Scheme

“THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND in Wellington, wishes to remind all the Swiss citizens living in New Zealand of the opportunity for them to join the Old-Age and Survivors’ Insurance Scheme — Disability Insurance Scheme. The age limit at which the Swiss living abroad can join the Scheme is now 50 years.

Provided they were born after 30th November, 1908 (men) or after 30th November, 1911 (women), the Swiss living abroad who are over 50 years but who are not yet members of the voluntary Scheme, have the possibility, until the **31st December, 1973**, to join; after that date there will be absolutely no chance to do so.

The Scheme can be of special interest for the Swiss who intend to go back to work or to retire in Switzerland.

The Embassy is at your disposal for all the information you may need in connection with the Scheme”.

HEDY'S CORNER

WE IN NEW ZEALAND are already busy thinking of Christmas presents, packing them and posting them to our homeland. Thus, it does not seem so odd having the first bit of Christmas mood in this month's Helvetia.

Mothers get more and more busy and thus it seems a good idea to print some Christmas verses for the younger children to learn, memorise and recite at Christmas time.

1 “Ganz süßerli vom Himmel
 isch ds Wienachtskindli ko
 Und het in üser Stübli
 es herzigs Bäumle to.

2 Druf lütets mit em Glöggle,
 für z'sage s syg jetz Zyt,
 es sälber könn nit warte,
 es müssi no gar wyt.

3 Es gang zu allne Kinder
 und arme, kranke Lüt.
 Der Liebgott tü's jo schicke
 zur heilige Wiehnachtszyt.

1 Das Bäumle müss vom Himmel sy,
 susch würs is nit so freü
 s'Christkindli bringt's, wenns' dunkel isch
 und lyslig afangt schneie.