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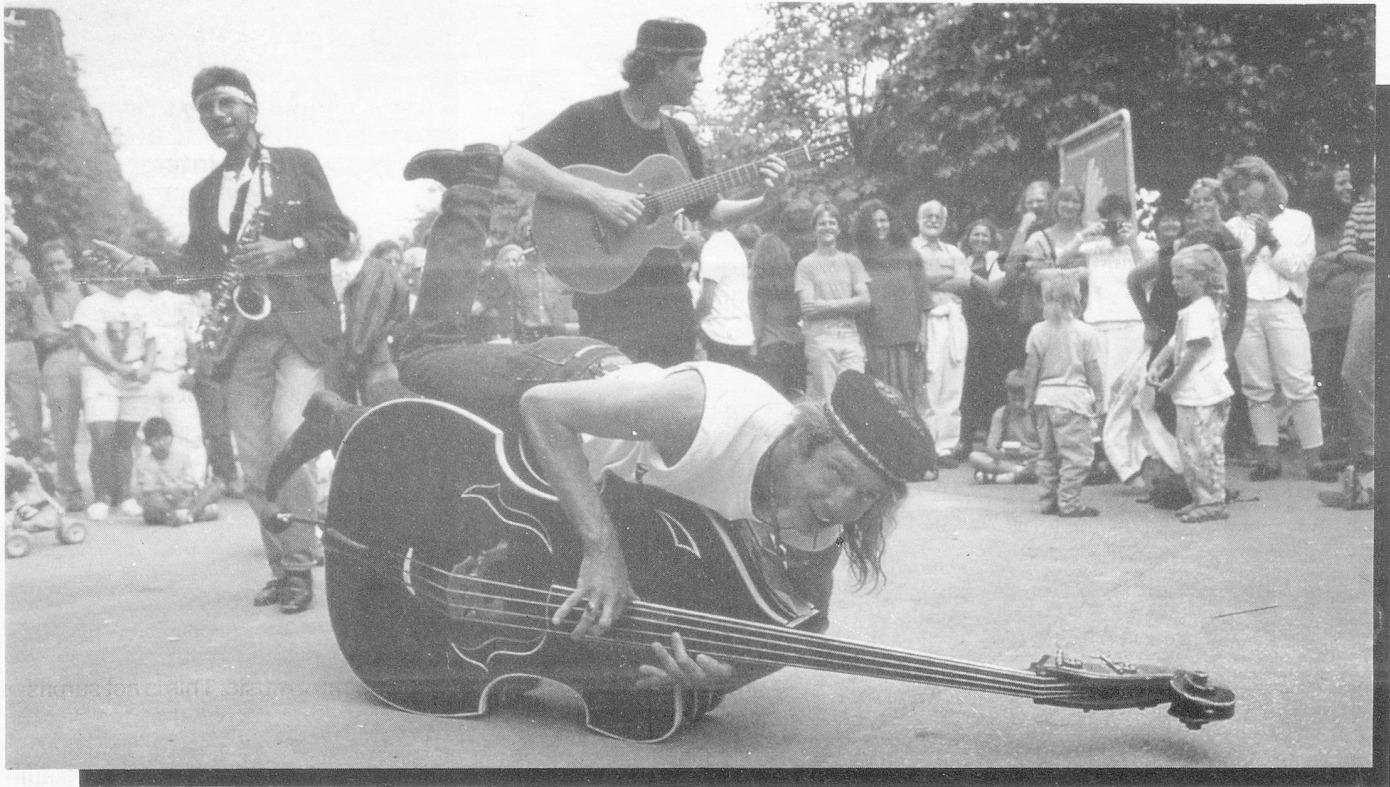
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A Spanish band from Catalonia in full swing.

IS THIS REALLY LUCERNE ?

Yes, but the madness only lasted a week. For one whole week though, Lucerne was recently in the grip of a street musicians festival where soloists and bands from all over the world were invited to perform their own brand of entertainment in the inner city's streets. A jury judged the performers for their skills and originality.

Tirelessly they played, danced and sang for seven days and seven nights to the great enjoyment of thousands of spectators. But the residents of Lucerne's inner city did not appreciate this mayhem to the same extent since the noise in the streets in the middle of the night greatly interfered with their sleeping habits.

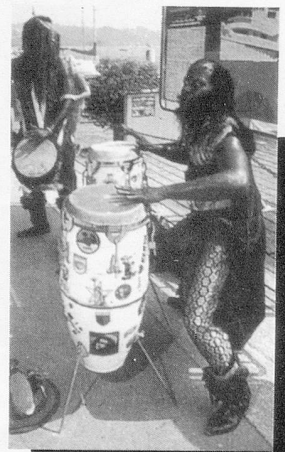
Nevertheless all participant street

Songs and music from Ecuador.



musicians, winners and non-winners alike, thought the festival had been a tremendous success and want to come back next year for a repeat. The organisers agree with them, calling their own festival an alternative to the classical interna-

Conga rhythms by the "Vierwaldstättersee".



tional music festivals which are very costly and mostly reserved to the elite. In contrast, at the Lucerne street musicians festival, everyone can participate and anyone can watch.



One man show from UK with assistance from a robot snowman.



Crazy music produced by bicycle pumps and car horns.