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MUBA ON THE MOVE

Basle is in shock. Its world famous "Mustermesse" is planning to move out into nearby France. Like the pharmaceutical industry, the "Mustermesse" also finds the space available in Basle too tight for any worthwhile expansion. So, following the lead of Ciba-Geigy who have decided to set up their new biotechnical laboratories near Hünningen in Elsass, the Basle "Mustermesse" plans to build a new exhibition centre in St Louis, next to the Basel-Mülhausen airport.

In both cases the reasons for the move are that in Basle land for expansion is almost impossible to obtain or then only under extremely difficult conditions and that it is important to get a closer contact with the European Market. A foothold in France, where land is also cheaper and easily available, can only be an asset for these organisations to take full advantage of the new situation in Europe whether Switzerland should eventually join the Common Market or not.

Another Exhibition is leaving Basle. **KAM** (Basler Kunst und Antiquitäten Messe) established in Basle for the past 21 years is moving over to Zurich. This move is certainly not going to help the friendly but often sarcastic rivalry between the "Baslerbeppi" and the "Zürihegel".

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NAUGHTY MONKS

The Abbey of Einsiedeln is looking for a buyer for an old fort it owns in the Etzel by advertising the sale by means of advertisements in newspapers under a reply code number. Despite this, it did not take the Military Department very long to discover the subterfuge and it is very angry with the monks of Einsiedeln that they are trying to get rid of an old, disused defence installation in such an underhanded way.

NO MORE TANKS

The tank factory (Panzerfabrik) Thun which up to now produced mainly heavy tanks and canons for the Swiss army will diversify its production by moving into the manufacturing of control and security equipment.