Around the World with Stan Delaplane

Back to the land of Swiss him a half-The Last of the bocolate and Swiss watches. Big.Time Spenders! chocolate and Swiss watches. It's a tossup which is dis-played more frequently (or

more elegantly.) At Lake Lugano, Switzerland pokes a finger of land into Italy. A lovely lake in a bowl of mountain with swan-

white beats going back and forth to the lake villages. The main square at night is a stage set in soft yellow light. The cafe tables under colored unbrellas are set far into the street of square stones. The moonlit lake in front. Gray stone buildings and fountains splashing. At the sidewalk tables of Cambrings, on the corner

Gambrinus on the corner, they serve dinner of Italian pastas, roast chicken full of rosemary and jugs of Swiss white wine. . . .

"Can you advice us on tip-ping while we are in France, Italy, Switzerland, Ger-many?"

The custom of Continental Europe is to add a service charge into your bill. Usu-ally 15 per cent to the room price quoted, add 15 cents for each dollar. Every time you order a bottle of water, you must add 15 per cent for service. service.

When I got my bill in Lugano, I noticed I was charged for phone calls the front desk made to get me taxis—plus 15 per cent for the service.

the service. When you add up the total, you'll find your service 15 per cent is more than you'd tip in American motels. (But before you get hot, remem-ber American hotel pay is concealed in the room charge.) charge.)

Now comes the moment of truth. In spite of this serv-ice charge (which pays the help), they feel you should give some measure of appre-ciation on top of it. Add two or three per cent and you" clation on top of it. Add two or three per cent and you'll find you have enough to give the maid 75 cents, the room waiter a dollar, the concierge a buck. (Based on three days to a week for a couple)

Sales, Earnings Show **16 Per Cent Increase**

Standard Brands Paint co. today reported the best nine months in its history for the period which ended June 30. President Sales and after-tax earnings after taxes amount-ed to \$706,488 or 56 cents a share, compared with \$623.-954 or 50 cents a share in the corresponding quarter of fiscal 1967. "The net sales gain re-flects strong customer de-mand at both long establish-

charge. For the nine months end-For the nine months end-ed June 30, net sales were \$24,534,242 compared to \$21,093,486 in the corre-sponding period of fiscal 1967. Net earnings after taxes were \$1,622,780, equal to \$1.29 a share on the 1.258,517 common shares. This compared with \$1,397,-471 or \$1.12 a share a year earlier.

471 or \$1.12 * share to be earlier. For the third quarter, the three months ended June 30, net sales were \$9,230,316 compared with \$8,022,154 in the like period last year. Net

Water Main

".... what do you think of traveling by train and the Eurailpass."

I've been riding trains this year in England, Germany, Switzerland and Italy—Eng-land being the poorest. (Their trains need cleaning.) Biggest problem is baggage if you have much. (And I have for three grownups and two small children).

two small children). Now they will check your heavy baggage in and out of a baggage car. But it de-pends on knowing how to say it. So when you leave your hotel (where they speak English), have somebody write the instructions and destination Give that to the

write the instructions and destination. Give that to the porter. (And then there's a chance he can't read.) Eurailpass is cheapest if you are going to do a lot of moving around. (You must buy from a travel agent at home. Not for sale in Eu-rope.) For a hundred dollars or more you get more train rope.) For a nunared contars or more, you get more train mileage than you can use. Best for singles and couples since you may have to battle for first-class seats on the crowded trains.

"Are traveler's checks the safest way to carry money?"

safest way to carry money?" I think so. But cash them at banks! The hotel bite for cashing traved checks is get-ting to be a racket. I got caught a few times (Sundays or too early in the morning) and paid: \$2 on the \$100 in London; \$3 in Switzerland (which brags about its money exchange): an outrageous \$5.50 on \$100 in Germany. And a Swiss agency for American Express charged me a little for cashing American Express charged me a little for cashing American Express chacks I'd bought at \$1 per \$100 the day before! (And I think Big Mama should do some-thing about that.) I asked a London Hotel about this once and they said: "We find it necessary to make a handling charge." So L."handled" my check out to the bank next door-exactly 21 steps—and got \$100 minus 15 cents instead

This does it. Except — \$100 minus 15 cents instead who's this character on the of minus \$2. I'd like to sidewalk? Ah, you've forgot-handle a bundle of money at ten the doorman. So give that kind of labor.

"The net sales gain re-flects strong customer de-mand at both long established stores and two new retail outlets opened during the fiscal year," Greenberg said. The company now oper-ates 30 paint and decorating centers in California and Arizona

Gemstones

A collection of gemstones valued at \$15,000 has been donated to the Torrance Public Library by Mrs. Vern Cadieux of Santa Monica. Mrs. Cadieux and her late husband, to whom the collec-tion is dedicated, acquired the rocks and minarels over the rocks and minerals over a period of 30 years from many parts of the world. The collection includes a group of fluorescent rocks that glow under a black light. Ignt. The Torrance City Council voted to accept the gift and purchased Mrs. Cadieux's display cases for \$250. She will receive a permanent plaqued resolution from the council thanking her for the donation donation.



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Completed In Lomita

Installation of a Lomita water main has been com-pleted and is in service, Supervisor Burton W. Chace

said today. The Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors have accepted the work, as performed by Engineering Contractors, Inc., of Bell-flower and autiorized pay-ment of \$7,450. The line was installed in 137th Street near Pennsyl-vaila Avenue, Chace said. The larger pipe provided improved water service for residents of this area. The project was complet-The project was complet-ed al most two months ahead of schedule, Chace said.

City Librarian Russell J. West said the collection will be rotated among the sev-eral branches of the new Torrance municipal library system.