

European News February 2003

Switzerland

Ae6/6 11518 was noted working IR1518 the 10:32 Zürich to Biel/Bienne on the 10th January. Same day 11474 worked the 09:32 Zurich to Biel, (this loco did three trips before being replaced by an Re 4/4) and 11351 was later noted with the 18:37 Zurich HB to Rapperswil (via Uster).

Spain

The two remaining Maybach Talgos continue in service. 353001 did the 15:50 Madrid Chamartin to Irun/Hendaye on Saturday 11th January These engines are smoky beasts which make more noise standing in a station than most locos do leaving on full throttle. Due to the shortage of class 354 locomotives, the 12:40 Madrid Chamartin to Cartagena and the 18:35 Cartagena to Madrid Chamartin are booked for a Fuencarral 333 until further notice. It would appear that 333034 is on loan to Fuencarral to help out. Action from the 16th January included 333104 with the 14:40 Badajoz to Atocha, 269602 with the 17:27 Zaragoza to Chamartin, 333105 heading the 22:30 Chamartin to A Coruna and 333203 with the 22:45 Chamartin to Lisboa.

Italy

On Saturday the 11th January E424330 powered train R10385 the 12:35 Domodossola to Novara, during the journey E424344 was noted working in the opposite direction, later E636065 (in new livery) arrived with train R10336 the 13:53 Alessandria to Novara.