In this centenary year, *ABB Review* will be looking both forward and to its past. The perspective of history provides a greater understanding of the present and of the impact that ongoing innovations have over the years had on the company, the market and indeed society. The front cover photograph shows an ABB robot at work manufacturing ABB switchgear in Beijing, China. This page shows the Stromberg machine factory in Vaasa, Finland in the 1940s.

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