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SWITZERLAND CALLING

The programme of the Short Wave Service of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation in Berne (4th November 1962 to 4th May 1963) has just been published. For the U.K. the frequencies are 31.04 m. (9665 kc.) and 49.55 m. (6055 kc.). Transmitting times are from 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. G.M.T. daily. At 6.50 on week-days there is a programme of news and political comment. On Saturday the news is followed by "The Week in Switzerland", and on Sunday by sports results. At 7.08 there is a special feature programme:—

Monday: Swiss Country Get-Together and Swiss Progress Report (Science, Industry and Trade).

Tuesday: Promenade Concert and "On the Spot"

Wednesday: Melody Train and "Close-up".

Thursday: Jazz Panorama and "Youth Magazine".

Friday: Swiss Concert Hall.

Saturday: Music made in Switzerland and "DX Corner".

Sunday: Swiss Sunday Special.

At 8 p.m. on Monday and Thursday "Reflets Suisses" is broadcast, on Tuesday and Friday "Schwizterspiegel", on Wednesday and Saturday "Prisma Svizzero". On Sunday the Bells of Switzerland can be heard and the week finishes with "IN HIS NAME".

A BRAVE COMPATRIOT

The 49-year-old Swiss from Glarus, August Schönenberger, had a responsible position with an Anglo-Swiss sisal firm in Tanganyika. Some time ago he was told that a native had been attacked by a swarm of wild bees. He rushed to his assistance and carried the man, who was unconscious, out of reach of the dangerous insects. He himself got stung severely all over his head and his hands. The doctor was unable to help him and his state grew worse. The firm chartered a plane to Nairobi, and from there Schönenberger was flown to London. During the flight he was treated according to medical instructions transmitted by telegraph. But he died on his arrival in London. The native planter whom he had helped has recovered.

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From our correspondent

GENEVA, Oct. 8

To the Soviet Union the neutrality of Switzerland "appears justifiable only as far as this is useful to it", the *Journal de Genève* stated today. It was replying to a comment in *Izvestia* that Swiss association with the Common Market could mean "the bell tolling for Swiss neutrality". The Soviet newspaper also complained that Switzerland was standardizing the armaments of its forces with those of Nato.

It was but to be expected, the *Journal de Genève* said, that "a regime whose logic is foreign to ethnic considerations" could regard neutrality only from the angle of power politics.

"The tune is familiar; it does not impress us. The fanfares of the Third Reich had already dinned it into our ears. We have sufficient political experience to know that the economic integration of Europe exposes our neutrality to risks which we mean to ward off by ourselves".

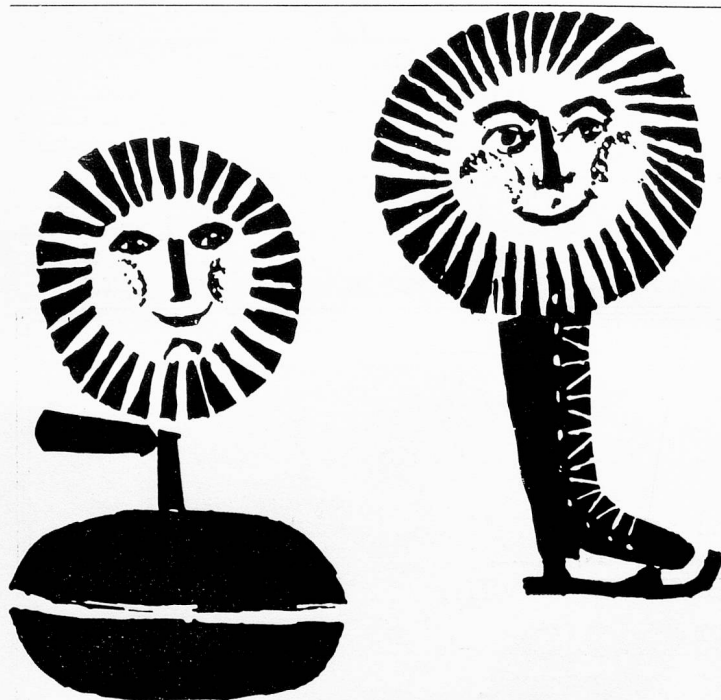
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