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A News it from the Halifax Courier, Thursday 8th June

BLACK DYKE THRILL FOR SWISS PAIR

Two young Swiss brass band enthusiasts will have a thrill of a lifetime on Sunday — appearing with one of the world's most famous bands, the Black Dyke.

Young Fritz Frautschi and Walter Matti come from Gstaad, and for the past few weeks have been mixing English practice and music practice at Queensbury, where they have been "sitting in" at rehearsals, with Queensbury Music Centre Band.

On Sunday night Queensbury Music Centre will join forces with Black Dyke for a concert at St. George's Hall, and Black Dyke's principal cornettist Philip McCann, with whom one of the Swiss bandmen is staying, has arranged for them to join the bands for the massed finale.

"We thought it would be a real thrill for the lads, who have been very popular with both the Dyke and Queensbury Music Centre players," he said. "I have been given tremendous hospitality in Switzerland when I have played there."

So Fritz, who plays cornet, and Walter, a tenor horn player, will rub shoulders with some of Britain's top bandmen to play an exciting selection of music including the famous film march, 633 Squadron, the haunting Gordon Langford arrangement of All Through the Night, and the show stopping finale of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. The conductor will be Black Dyke's Major Peter Parkes.

The Black Dyke's "international look," has just included a whistle-stop

tour of Southern Germany. They visited the country at the invitation of top music firm Boosey and Hawkes, to promote British brass band music and the reception was so outstanding that already there is talk of another tour possibly taking in North Germany and Scandinavia.

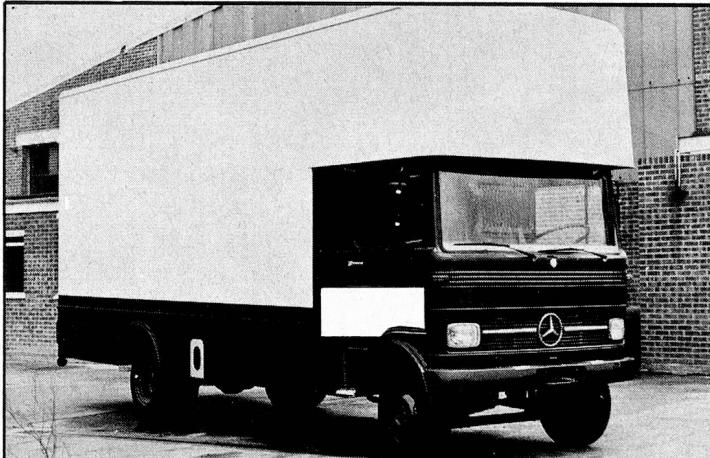
"I think the success of the visit exceeded all their expectations," said Mr. McCann. "The audiences got steadily better and we finished with two full houses in Stuttgart."

BIG TURKISH CONTRACT FOR BBC

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