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In love with his work

HOLIDAY on Ice is the largest ice skating show, being an international review on ice. It has just finished a successful two months at the Wembley arena.

It is promoted by the Madison Square Garden Company, an American undertaking, but the 40 skaters taking part in the show are from many countries.

There are ten principal skaters, among them two Swiss. Anita Siegfried, is a gold medal skater from Berne, originally from Zurich. She was trained as a ballet dancer, and is particularly interested in training children and hopes to pass on her skating techniques to them.

Our interest today centres on Paul Huber. Not only as one of the principals, but also as the nephew of Mrs Olga Selby-Huber of Leeds, who arrived in this country in the early 'fifties. She and her husband are well known in the Swiss community in Yorkshire.

Young Paul Huber was born in Davos in 1954. He grew up in Wil/SG and started skating at the age of 12. He did most of his training in Davos, at the Herisau Sports Centre and at the Almend Stadium in Berne. He was also trained as an interior designer in St. Gall and ran an antique shop.

He was Swiss senior men's skating champion in 1973, European pair champion, and winner of the "Best Performance Trophy" at the world professional championships in Jaca, Spain, where he was fourth.

He has been with Holiday on



Paul Huber

Ice for 2½ years, and loves his work. It satisfies his love of travel, too, for the company – there are five different groups all over the world – goes on tour for months to different countries.

There are shows in France and Germany of three months each; they were in "Iron Curtain Countries", and in Athens where they took along their own ice in the form of an ice machine working on the principle of a fridge with tubes on a sand base.

They gave performances in Israel, Mexico and South America, and at the end of 1984 they will go to the Far East.

They were in Brussels at Christmas, and at Wembley there were 10 performances of a magnificent show, in which Paul Huber is partnered by Anita Siegfried.

Paul is a likeable, modest young man, thoroughly devoted to his profession. He believes that even the most accomplished skater will not be successful if he is not a good actor at the same time.

Maybe he will go in for acting once his skating career is over, who knows? But then, he is also a good designer and has designed his own costumes and those of the Swiss national skating team.

It is an interesting, if irregular life. He may get a two-months' holiday one year or none at all, but he enjoys every minute of it all, a true professional. Good luck to him in his exciting career!

Mariann Meier