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Released prisoners can, and sometimes do, return to the Colony of their own free will if unable to find work. These men are perfectly free to come and go, and have no slur attached to them. There are many among them, Director Kellerhals says, who will do well when their lives are mapped out for them, but who are not strong enough to fight the battle alone. J.B.

SWISS BROADCASTING UPEHAVAL.

The remarks on this subject in your issue of March 23rd remind me of a rather nice experience through my wireless set with the "dear Homeland."

After careful investigation I decided on a 5-valve set which is supposed to be a very good one. It so happened that a Sunday was the first day I had it in use. Immediately after lunch I was lucky to get in touch with a Continental station. What is it? A talk in German and in French. It must be Switzerland! Sure enough it was, because I could recognise the homely Bernese accent at once. Up I jumped and called "mammy" and all the kids to come quickly, as I had Berné on the wireless.

Everybody was in a state of great excitement, and confirmed that I was right; it was Berné. We soon knew that an International Football Match was going on somewhere between a German team and a Swiss one. Never in my life have I played football or taken the slightest interest in the game. But that Sunday I listened for quite two hours most anxiously to every word both in French and in German describing the match as it was played. The result was that the Swiss were badly beaten because they did not seem to work, or rather play, together, although each of them seemed quite good individually. The "team work" of their opponents was perfect.

Saddened by this *débâcle*, caused through sheer lack of co-operation or "team work," I had soon another disappointment. The match had been relayed from Langenberg, and I was not in direct touch with Berné at all! Ever since I have tried to get Swiss stations, but never yet have I been able to get any. I have no difficulty in tuning in Vienna, Budapest, Breslau, Prague, Rome, Milan, Madrid, Toulouse, etc., but Switzerland does not want to come through.

If, as it seems, our country is waking up in radio matters, let us hope the Government will see that one strong National sending station is established to serve the whole of Switzerland and foreign lands. Let us hear our "Schweizerdütsch" and also the French and Italian of our dear Homeland; something after the system of broadcasting in practice here, where, through Daventry and London, all sections and interests of the whole British community are served; where English, Scotch, Welsh and Irish all get their fair share of local as well as national attention.

There was talk of allowing the League of Nations officials at Geneva to build a powerful sending station, which I hope the Swiss Government will never consent to. If these offices have anything to broadcast, let them use the Swiss Central station and make them pay for it.

Broadcasting is much too important to allow foreigners to meddle with it.

(We are afraid that our correspondent will almost certainly be disappointed in his hope that our Government will deny the League of Nations the right to have its own broadcasting station. Neither can we see any cogent reason why that important international organisation should not have a station exclusively for its own use, as long as the Swiss duties of absolute neutrality are safeguarded. In this sense our Government has, as reported in the *Swiss Observer*, submitted a number of alternative proposals to the League of Nations, one of which no doubt will be accepted in due time.—Ed.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Montag, Swiss Consul in Liverpool, we have received the following charming letter:—

Dear Sir,—Yesterday for the first time after 33 years in England I heard of the *Swiss Observer*. I should have been delighted to subscribe to it years ago. I was brought to England from Lausanne, Vaud, Suisse, by an English lady and it is only 14 months ago that I heard that there was a Swiss Club in Liverpool. I quickly took the opportunity to join for the Swiss Banquet, March 1st. Now that I have heard the same thing happens in London I shall be very pleased when going on my holidays to join one of the soirées there.

I should feel much obliged to you if you could forward one or two of the free specimen copies of the *Swiss Observer* to a Swiss lady...

With thanks,

Yours sincerely, J.G.

Another esteemed correspondent, Father Simml of the German Catholic Church, East London, writes:—

Sehr geehrter Herr Redaktor—Zum ersten Male kam mir letzte Woche die Ausgabe des *Ob-*

*server*s in die Hand und ich freute mich sehr darüber. Schon lange war ich auf der Suche nach etwas dergleichen...

Mit besten Wünschen für den *Observer* und dass er die lb. Schweizer gut zusammen halte, grüsst hochachtungsvoll,
F. J. SIMMEL.

PERSONAL.

We have pleasure in announcing the birth of a daughter to Helen, wife of Dr. H. W. Egli, on April 1st, 1929, at 10, Willow Road, Hampstead, N.W.3.

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PAGANI, 42, Gt. Portland Street, W.1 et sera
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recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus
tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 23, Leonard St. E.C.2
(Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9595).

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Dimanche, 7 Avril, 11h.—"Crée en moi. Un coeur pur" (Ps. 51, 12). M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.

6.30.—Service et Réunion de Prière.

SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)
St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.
(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 7. April 1929, 11 Uhr vorm.: Gottesdienst und Sonntagschule.

7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst und Chorprobe.

Am Palmsonntag werden konfirmiert:

Margrit Haefliger, Irma Haefliger, Anni Schneider, Arnold Schmid und Martha Hünziker.

Am 30. März 1929 wurde getauft:

Peter Arnold KUENZLER, geb. am 7. Feb. 1929, Sohn des Arnold Kuenzler von Walzenhausen (Appenzell, A.Kh.) und der Violette, Olga, Carola geb. Nolte von Basel.

DEUTSCHE KATHOLISCHE KIRCHE,
47, Adler Street, Commercial Rd. E.1.

Sonntag, den 7 April, morgens hl.—Messen um 9 Uhr, 10 Uhr und 11 Uhr.

Deutsche Predigt um 9 Uhr und 11 Uhr.
Abendgottesdienst um 7 Uhr mit deutscher Predigt.

Beichtgelegenheit Samstags und Sonntags und sonst auf Wunsch durch den Portier (Tel.: Bishopsgate 4933).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, April 9th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual General Meeting at Pagani's, 42, Gt. Portland St., W.1. (See Adv.)

Wednesday, April 17th, at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Monthly Meeting of the Group, to be followed by a Causerie (subject to be announced later), at Swiss House, 34-35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, May 25th, at 2.30.—SWISS SPORTS at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOC.: Every Saturday and Sunday, Shooting Practice on the Rifle Range near the Welsh Harp, Hendon.