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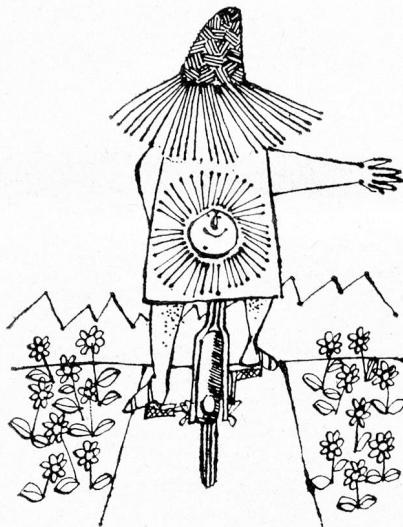
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AROLLA MOUNTAIN CLIMBING COURSES

18th June to 10th September, 1967

The Alpine Centre for Young Mountain Climbers in Arolla (Valais) has issued invitations again this year to those interested in participating in its mountain climbing courses, organised by the Monte Rosa Section of the Swiss Alpine Club (SAC) and the Valais Department of Pre-Military Training. Between 18th June and 10th September, a total of twelve different courses will provide instruction in ice and rock climbing for beginners and advanced alpinists. The courses will be held in Arolla or on the Fafleralp.

MORE HUTS AND BIVOUACS IN THE SWISS ALPS

The growing trend towards hiking and mountain climbing is part of the battle against the unhealthy effects of our sedentary modern life. Recognising this, the Swiss Alpine Club recently questioned its 92 branch groups concerning planned mountain huts and bivouacs. At present there are 150 hut sites scattered through the Alps with total accommodation for 6,592 sleepers, plus three permanent bivouacs. The replies of the local branches to the SAC Central Committee in Berne revealed that there is apparent need for more Alpine facilities. Nine new hut sites have been scouted in the Eastern Valais, the Meiental in Canton Uri, and around Misox — Calanca. The groups also made numerous suggestions for the bivouacs like the three which already exist in nearly inaccessible parts of the Valais. Prominent among the suggested locations were the Col de Blancken, Bouquetins d'Arolla, Col de la Dent Blanche, Jägerjoch and Mischabeljoch, all in the Valais, and four sites in the Aletsch region. The Pilatus Chapter of the SAC has also scouted a dozen sites in the Eastern Bernese Alps and the Urner Alps. To avoid misunderstandings, however, it should be noted that all of the above are merely suggestions handed in to the SAC Central Committee in Berne, and not actual projects under development.

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