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ROUND AND ABOUT

VADUZ

Although the Principality of Liechtenstein — one of the smallest states in Europe — is attached to Switzerland for monetary and postal purposes, it issues its own postage stamps, which are eagerly sought by philatelists all over the world for their originality and rarity. On 3rd October last, when the Liechtenstein European stamp for 1961 was due to be issued, an unprecedented onslaught was made on all the post offices in the principality. While hundreds of ardent collectors had poured in by private car and coach from far and near and were besieging the post-offices at 5.30 a.m., some fanatics and speculators had camped for the night in the open postal motor-coach shelters in order to be sure of getting a few stamps. Although the stamps had been wisely rationed, the supply was exhausted by 8.15 a.m. Collectors who had been too far down the queue faced in their cars from one post-office to another. But it was all in vain. The only hope of not returning home empty-handed was to try to buy a stamp at the inflated price in the furious market which opened in the streets of the capital, Vaduz, immediately afterwards. A number of youths in particular had realized this was a unique chance of making some extra pocket money and those fortunate enough to obtain a sheet or two of stamps could pat themselves on the back for displaying such business acumen.

LONDON

More than 55,000 students from overseas were studying full-time in Britain during the 1960-61 academic year.

Some two-thirds — nearly 36,000 — were from the Commonwealth, those countries with the greatest numbers being Nigeria (6,800), the West Indies (6,035), Ghana (3,793), and India (3,400).

Students from Germany (2,010), France (1,990) and Switzerland (1,590) head the West European totals. Outside West Europe the greatest number of foreign students came from Iraq (1,660), Iran (1,110), and the U.S.A. (1,270).

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These figures are from estimates published by the London Conference on Overseas Students.

The Conference represents some seventy organisations concerned with overseas students, and its Secretariat is provided by the British Council.

The 55,000 included first-degree and postgraduate students on full-time courses in universities, full-time students at polytechnics and technical colleges, at private colleges and other training establishments, student-teachers at training colleges and in practical training, law students at the Inns of Court, those doing commercial and industrial training with British firms, trainees in central and local government and other forms of professional attachment, and nurses training in hospitals.

LUCERNE

11th November is Martinmas Day — feast day of Martin of Tours — but few people remember nowadays that it was once an important day for settling-up rents. The Martinmas market has also lost a great deal of its general significance. But a Martinmas goose is still a welcome dish. An amusing old Martinmas popular custom still carried on every year in the charming little country town of Sursee in Canton Lucerne is the "Gansabhaut" in which a dead goose is hung up in the middle of the street and blindfolded competitors try to cleave its neck in two.

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