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An even more formidable sight than the knight in his armour would be the skinned cow which is said to have appeared for the last time before the destruction of old Berne three centuries ago. The story is that a cruel butcher who skinned a cow alive was condemned to assume the form of the poor animal. For a long time, Berners believed that it roamed the streets on holy days and in time of war, begging for mercy.

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Other Berne ghost yarns centre on General Robert Scipio von Lentulus, an almost 7-foot-tall Swiss mercenary who rose high in the army of Frederick the Great. He is said to live at the edge of a wood on the outskirts of town in a solitary summerhouse.

Whenever Switzerland is in danger, people call out to the general for advice, waiting to hear him reply through the closed shutters.

But the general seems to be at a loss with the weapons and strategy of modern warfare. During the last two wars his reply was silence.

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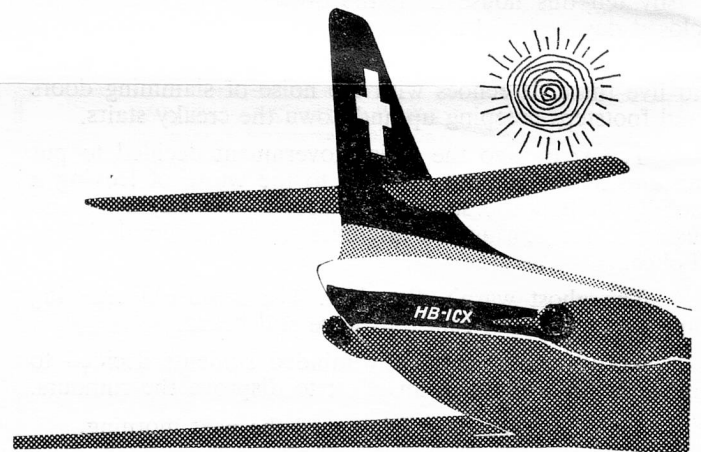
Mr. Tony Plüss has been appointed Swissair's District Manager for the North of England in succession to Mr. A. Weber, who becomes Swissair's Manager in West Africa, based on Lagos, Nigeria.

Mr Plüss, who is 32, joined Swissair in 1953 and has been Assistant Manager in Cairo, and on special assignments in Baghdad, Beirut and Khartoum. In 1958 he was appointed District Sales Manager in Dhahran on the Persian Gulf, a position he occupied until he moved to his new post in Manchester at the beginning of May 1961.

From 1948 to 1952 he was with a travel agency in Switzerland and with the Swiss National Tourist Office in a number of countries, including France, Germany and the United States.

Three Swiss aircraft for Nepal

Three Swiss-made aircraft, of the Pilatus-Porter type, recently left the Kloten airport, for Nepal. Two of these aircraft are intended for the Nepalese Government, which will use them within the framework of technical assistance for the development of a country. The third machine has been placed at the disposal of the International Committee of the Red Cross, to facilitate aid to the Tibetan refugees.



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