

Escape to Mt. Kenya

NO PICNIC ON MOUNT KENYA, a BBC feature based on the book by Felice Benuzzi, was adapted for radio and produced by Arthur Swinson. During the last war Benuzzi was taken prisoner in Africa by the British and sent to the Nanyuki prisoner-of-war camp at the base of Mount Kenya. In January, 1943, he escaped with two fellow prisoners, a doctor and a sailor, with the fantastic idea of attempting to climb the formidable 17,000-ft. Mount Kenya, one of the highest mountains of Africa. With negligible equipment and experience and their only map a crude drawing of the mountain on the label of a tin, it is no wonder that a professional mountaineer, a fellow prisoner of Benuzzi's, condemned the project as mad and impossible.

The adventures of the three escapees in the dense jungle and high on the mountain make what is surely one of the most unusual stories of the Second World War, a story that ends as preposterously as it started—with Benuzzi and his companions breaking into the P.O.W. camp from which they had escaped a few weeks earlier. Benuzzi's decision to climb Mount Kenya was prompted by the desire to break the tedium of camp life, that this desire was amply fulfilled is evident in this dramatised version of his book. *No Picnic on Mount Kenya* will be broadcast from the ZB stations at 9.35 p.m. on Sunday, April 22.

What Price Freedom?

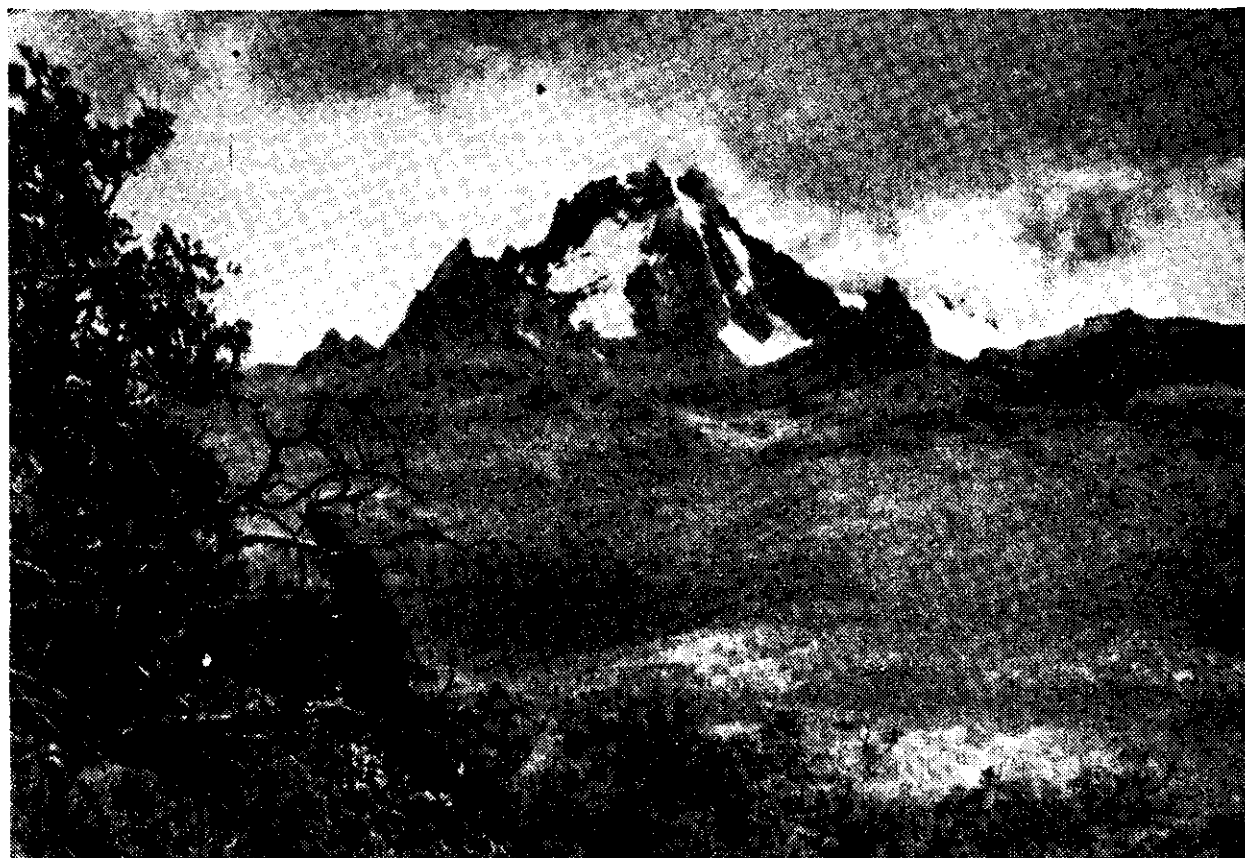
WHEN Marie Novak married Ivan Ravensky, a Russian in the Diplomatic Corps in Prague, just after the war she did not know the terrible price she would have to pay. As soon as the Iron Curtain came down, Marie was ordered not to see her family. In defiance she did so, not realising that her



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family home had become the headquarters of a resistance movement. Her husband orders her to Russia, but already Marie is deeply involved in the movement and her love for her husband is dead. She and her family are sent to a labour camp, and their escape to freedom demands great sacrifices of them. *My Heart's Desire*, starring Dinah Shearing as Marie, is the new serial at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1ZB and 2ZB. It will begin in May from 3ZB and 4ZB.

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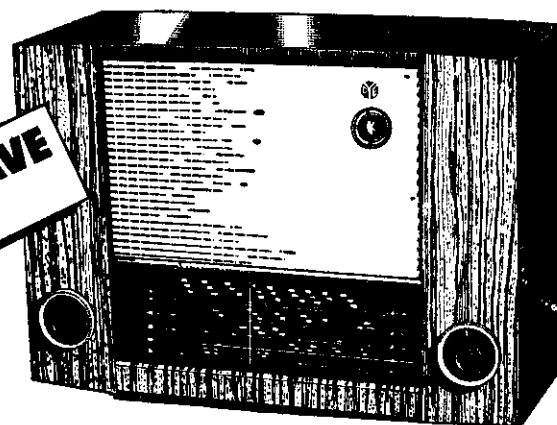
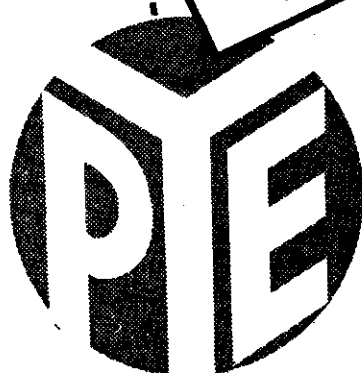


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