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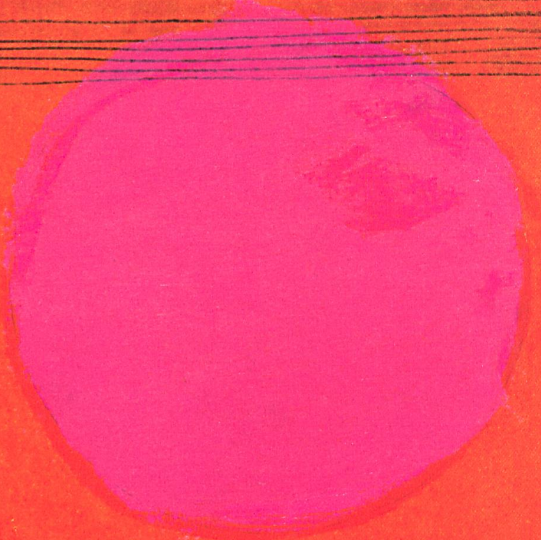
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FOREWORD

A HUGE STOCK-TAKING AND AN ENTHUSIASTIC PLAN OF ACTION, THE SWISS NATIONAL EXHIBITION 1964 IN LAUSANNE MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR OUR PERIODICAL TO SCAN THE HORIZON AND DETERMINE THE POSITION OF THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES IN SWISS PRODUCTION, AND IN THE WORLD. IT IS AN OBLIGATION IT OWES VISITORS TO THE « CLOTHING AND JEWELLERY » SECTION, FOR WHOM THIS SPECIAL NUMBER IS TO BE NOT JUST A SOUVENIR BUT A PLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE. WE ARE ALL INVOLVED SINCE CLOTHES ARE A NECESSITY FROM WHICH NO ONE CAN REMAIN ALOOF; TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES IN LATITUDE, CLOTHING IS A LINK BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, FASHION BEING THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL RULE WHOSE DICTATORSHIP IS UNANIMOUSLY AND GLADLY ACCEPTED. THAT IS WHY THIS NUMBER, INTO WHICH HAS GONE SO MUCH GOOD WILL, WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ALL AND OF USE TO MANY.

THE FIRST SECTION — INFORMATIVE OR SOUVENIR — PRESENTS THE « CLOTHING AND JEWELLERY » DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION;

THE SECOND SECTION OFFERS AN OVERALL PICTURE OF THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE SWISS TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES:
FOR SOME, A NEW FIELD WITH THE PROMISE OF FASCINATING DISCOVERIES,
FOR OTHERS, A USEFUL REMINDER AND CLARIFICATION;

THE THIRD SECTION, FINALLY, ILLUSTRATES AND DESCRIBES, IN AMUSING VEIN, FOUR CHARACTERISTIC MOMENTS OF PARIS FASHIONS DURING THE LAST HALF CENTURY, AT THE SAME TIME EMPHASIZING THEIR RELATIONS WITH SWISS PRODUCTION.

TO CARRY OUT THIS PLAN, A VAST AMOUNT OF MATERIAL HAD TO BE COLLECTED, THEN RUTHLESSLY PRUNED, LEAVING ONLY A FEW REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES. THE CHOICE WAS SOMETIMES ARBITRARY BUT DICTATED MAINLY BY THE NEED TO BE BRIEF. WE HOPE HOWEVER THAT THIS NUMBER, IN ITS FINAL FORM, WILL SERVE TO BRING BACK HAPPY MEMORIES TO SOME AND BE A SOURCE OF INTERESTING INFORMATION TO ALL. WITH THIS HOPE AND AMBITION, WE SPEED IT ON ITS WAY

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