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SWISSAIR OPERATES SCOTTISH TWIN PIONEER.

Swissair has chartered a Twin Pioneer aircraft for three months from the manufacturers, Scottish Aviation Limited of Prestwick, and is operating regular services with it from Zurich to Davos, St. Moritz, La Chaux-de-Fonds and Geneva.

These services are designed to test the aircraft's operational and economic suitability for short-distance feeder lines in Switzerland, and this is the first time that this new British aircraft has been used on passenger-carrying operations.

The Twin Pioneer, recently arrived in Zurich, started trial and crew familiarisation flights in Swissair colours but still under British registration.

Regular passenger services from Zurich to Davos and St. Moritz started on 19th January 1957 and will continue until the middle of March. Called the "Swissair Pioneer Skilift", the service operates on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays and in the reverse direction on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. It is timed to connect with Swissair's international flights, including those from the U.K. Travelling time from Zurich to St. Moritz is two hours, compared with about five by train.

From 22nd January to 29th March 1957 the Twin Pioneer is operating the "Pioneer Jura Airlift" from Zurich to La Chaux-de-Fonds and Geneva on Tuesdays and Thursdays and in the reverse direction

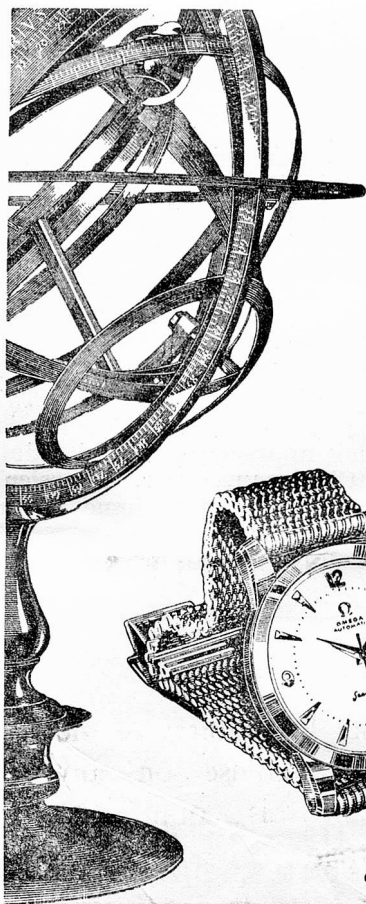
on Wednesdays and Fridays. A return service between Zurich and La Chaux-de-Fonds also operates each Saturday.

The main features of the Twin Pioneer are its short take-off and landing characteristics, aided by its low minimum speed of under 50 m.p.h. It carries a crew of two, up to 16 passengers or 3,300 lbs. of freight. Carrying full load it is still able to take off within 110 yards.

A NEW WINTER SPORT CUP.

The Tourist Office of Geneva, together with the Town Authorities, have recently offered a Challenge Cup to the Ski Club of Great Britain. This magnificent Trophy is reserved for a slalom competition either at a Swiss Winter Sport Resort in the Lake of Geneva Region or in an adjacent French Winter Sport Place. Competitors must normally be residing in Great Britain.

The place chosen for the first competition was Villars sur Ollon. It was held on January 3rd and 4th, 1957. The Cup was won by Mr. Robert Skepper, the British junior champion for slalom in 1956. Second was Mr. John Felby and third Mr. John Tulloch. The handing-over of the Cup to the lucky winner took place at the Villars Palace Hotel. The 3 firsts received in addition supplementary prizes offered by the Geneva Watchmakers' Federation and the Local Tourist Organisation.



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