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SWISS SPORTS 1958.

The Delegates Meeting which took place on Friday, January 31st at Swiss House, under the Presidency of Mr. R. de Cintra, has unanimously decided to postpone this year's Sports Festival.

In view of the importance of the Agenda, it was regretted that so few delegates representing their respective Societies, found it unnecessary to attend.

The accounts for 1957, presented by the Hon. Treasurer Mr. C. Krebs — showing a small credit balance — were accepted.

After a lengthy discussion, the Meeting came to the conclusion, that in view of the lack of interest shown on the part of the members of the Colony in recent years, it was advisable not to continue the Sports Meeting for the present.

It was also pointed out, that the majority of competitors for the last few years — apart from the children — consisted mainly of Swiss *en passage*, and unless more of the resident members of the Colony are taking an active part, the Sports Festival has somewhat lost its *raison d'être*, and hardly justifies the large expense and the volume of work involved.

This, of course, does not mean the end of "Swiss Sports", which for so many years proved such an attraction, and was part and parcel of the Colony's social life.

The Meeting decided that the various Swiss Societies, either directly or through their respective delegates, should be in the near future approached with the view of getting their opinion on the subject.

In the meantime the present committee will act as a care-taker body, and it was envisaged, that at a later date, a new committee should be elected to study the question afresh.

Members of the Colony are invited to voice their opinion as to the decision taken at the above mentioned Meeting either directly to the committee, or through the columns of the "Swiss Observer".

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SWISSAIR INCREASES MIDDLE EAST SERVICES.

A non-stop Zurich-Tel Aviv flight, connecting with the afternoon DC-6B "Super Swiss" from London, is one of the innovations of Swissair's summer schedules for their Middle East services, effective from 1st April. It leaves Zurich on Sunday evening and increases to twice-weekly the frequency of Swissair's services to Israel. The other flight, leaving Zurich and Geneva on Wednesday afternoon, is routed via Athens.

A second weekly service will also be introduced to Damascus, leaving Zurich on Friday and calling at Athens and Beirut. It supplements the Sunday flight routed via Istanbul and Beirut.

Another feature is a Zurich-Cairo service flown non-stop in each direction, leaving Zurich on Wednesday evening and Cairo on Thursday morning.

Including the flights continuing to the Far East, Swissair will serve Athens seven times weekly, and Beirut and Cairo four times weekly. Baghdad and Dhahran are served once weekly.

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