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SWISSAIR STARTS NORTH ATLANTIC CARGO SERVICE

On 20th July, Swissair started a scheduled cargo service on the route Zurich-Geneva-New York with its first newly delivered Douglas DC-8-62F Jet Trader HB-IDH "Piz Bernina". Flights are operated daily except Tuesdays.

The aircraft is laid out in a mixed passenger/cargo version and will initially have space for three pallets or ten tons of cargo in the forward compartment, which is fitted with a large cargo door, and for 141 economy class passengers in the rear compartment.

However, the aircraft's layout can be readily adapted to carry more cargo and fewer passengers or vice versa, according to season and demand. If required, Swissair will be able to transport in this aircraft up to 30 tons of cargo non-stop to the U.S. from Switzerland, or up to 40 tons in the opposite direction, giving a total overall capacity of 420 tons per week.

In introducing this service, which replaces the airline's previous blocked space agreement between Switzerland and the U.S. with Seaboard World Airlines, Swissair is catering for the expanding demand for cargo space on the North Atlantic and the ever widening range of goods carried on this route by air. While these consisted previously mainly of watches, urgent spare parts, textiles and other high value goods, today's market for air freight covers increasingly also machinery, instruments, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, car spares, computers, office equipment, sports equipment, shoes and clothing.

Swissair has a second passenger/cargo DC-8-62F Jet Trader on order for delivery next year to be used on the Far East routes.

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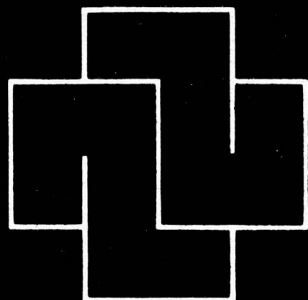
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