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SWISSAIR NEWS Swissair Railway Festival

It is unusual for an airline to publicise another form of transport, but that is what Swissair did in an advertisement appearing in international media such as "Life", "Time", "Newsweek", "The Economist", "Playboy", etc., in August.

The advertisement invited railway enthusiasts from all over the world to go on a 12-day tour of Switzerland including travel by a large variety of trains and other forms of transport, visits of interest to railway historians and a chance to drive an electric train engine. Other features are:

A trip on a water-powered municipal cableway, a visit to the terminal with the heaviest traffic in Europe, a trip in a steam train and on the last steam-powered cog railway in Switzerland, a run through looping Alpine tunnels in the drawing-room car provided for chiefs of state, excursions on the highest cableway in Switzerland and the highest cog railway in Europe, trips by boat and motor bus, inspection of a miniature railway, demonstration of a snow-plough, reception at the Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne, reception at the General Management of the Swiss Federal Railways.

Tours start in Zurich on Mondays and finish in Geneva on Fridays. Departure dates scheduled for 1969 are 14th and 18th April, 12th May, 2nd and 16th June, 15th and 29th September, and 13th October.

Swissair starts Zurich-Milan Cargo Service

On 16th September, Swissair opened a new all-cargo service between Zurich and Milan. It is operated by DC-4 freighter aircraft on lease from Balair, offering a maximum capacity of 8.4 tons.

Flights leave Zurich on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 11.55 p.m., and return services leave Milan on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 3.10 a.m.

Connections for consignments from and to London are provided in Zurich through Swissair's daily passenger flights leaving Heathrow at 7.55 p.m. and Zurich at 7.50 a.m.

Swissair UK-Switzerland Winter Schedules

All of Swissair's services from London to Zurich and Basle as well as the daily afternoon flight to Geneva will be operated by new Douglas DC-9-32 jets, under the preliminary winter schedules effective from 1st November. On London-Zurich day flights and the afternoon Geneva service they replace Convair 990 Coronados, without change in flying times. On day services, the DC-9-32s provide 12 first and 76 economy class seats.

Caravelles will fly the daily morning and the night services to Geneva. Compared with last winter, the Monday to Friday afternoon flight to Basle and Zurich is being supplemented by Saturday and Sunday departures between 21st December and 12th January.

There will be an increased number of night-flights starting from £25.13.0 return (Basle or Geneva). Departure hours will be more convenient than previously.

New Training Aircraft

In the course of the summer, the Swiss Aviation College (SLS) and Swissair have taken into service seven new training aircraft (type Siat 223 "Flamingo"). They will be used for the instruction of future pilots and replace the "Buecker" planes.

Swissair, together with SAS and KLM, have ordered a flight simulator from CAE Industries in Montreal, Canada, which will be installed at Amsterdam — Schiphol and at the disposal of all three companies. Cost 13 million francs — one of the most modern machines able to simulate all possible occurrences which a pilot might meet in reality.

(Swissair and A.T.S.)

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