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International

The Technical Director of Swissair, dipl. ing. ETH Franz Roth, has been elected President of the Montparnasse Group of the European Aviation Companies. Dipl. ing. ETH Dr. Hans P. Eichenberger, Fribourg, Director of the Central Research Laboratory Princeton of Ingersoll Rand, New York, has been appointed Director of the European Research Laboratory of IBM at Rueschlikon.

Mr. Kurt Waldner, Vice-President of "Rheinschiffahrtsbuero" in Basle has been elected President of the Inland Navigation Commission of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva.

Mr. Joseph Voyame from Bassecourt, at present Director of the Swiss Office for Intellectual Properties in Berne, has been appointed Deputy Director of the International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Properties.

[A.T.S.]

ABEGG FOUNDATION AT RIGGISBERG

Riggisberg — not to be confused with the nearby Rueggisberg — is a village with a pleasant inn for lunch, little more than a half hour's drive from Berne. The Abegg Foundation is well outside the village, set in a country house with a noble view onto the great chain of the Alps. The display is luxurious: the size of some of the works lifted from French chapels (if I remember rightly) is amazing, but what matters is the quality of the exhibits. This is uniformly high, and the presentation is superb. On a second visit, I personally would hope for more written assistance to appreciate the importance of the objects in fields with which I am unfamiliar. Criticism is not in place: it is necessary to be grateful for such munificence which derives from the generosity of one Swiss citizen. Among museums, this is like a coffee-table book among books, expensive, but one enjoys the pictures.

Future generations will find the collection revealing of the taste of the 1960's, but for us, here are all the precious things from the past we should most like ourselves to possess, lightly linked by a theme and by a personal taste. No one will forget a visit. C.J.H.

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