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instruments, two organ recitals, three lieder recitals, two sonata recitals, a quartet recital, a piano recital and a harp recital complete the programme. Apart from the Swiss Festival Orchestra and the Philharmonia Orchestra of England, the NHK Symphony Orchestra of Radio Tokio can also be heard for the first time. The programme is published in German, French, Italian and English, and can be obtained from the agencies of the Swiss National Tourist Office.

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For more than a hundred years Mürren has been a noted resort set amidst mountains that are still the haunts of eagles, chamois and marmots, and never yet has a motor-car disturbed its peace. In this pedestrians' paradise, far removed from the nerve-racking roar of the cities, the clip-clop of horses' hooves, the soft pit-pat of a ball being knocked to and fro on the nearest tennis court, the tinkle of cowbells and the murmur of the mountain streams make soothing music for the ear. Guides conduct visitors on walks through shady valleys or assault the all-commanding peaks of the Jungfrau region. Amateur photographers garner rich booty for their albums, botanists make new discoveries, and every day the modern craving for rest and relaxation is more richly satisfied. On 12th August 1960, the first successful flight across the Alps from Mürren to Turin, which took place fifty years ago, will be commemorated by a jubilee balloon ascent. Departure: Mürren; Destination: Wherever the wind blows!

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The Lake of Thun is bordered to the south-east by the eternal snow regions of the Bernese Alps, at the foot of the Eiger, Moench and the Jungfrau peaks. The modern tourist resort of Interlaken, built 150 years ago, is situated at the eastern end of the lake, and at its western end there is the medieval town of Thun, with its picturesque historic buildings and quaint narrow streets. Along the shores of the lake, ten holiday resorts can accommodate between them 2,000 visitors. Well-kept bathing beaches alternate with parks on the water's edge. At Spiez, Hilterfingen and Neuhaus, the Swiss Sailing School of the Lake of Thun gives instruction to about 400 pupils every year from Easter onwards. On 4th June the "Pirates Sailing Championships" began at Hilterfingen, while the Water-Skiing School of Lake Thun, at Gunten, is organising Guests' Competitions. From 18th June to 10th September Lake Thun sees the reintroduction of the popular evening steamer round trips, with music

and dancing on board. In the courtyard of the Castle of Spiez, the Berne Chamber Orchestra will give a concert on 25th July, and at the beginning of September, in the Early Romanesque church, a Biblical play will be performed for three weeks on each successive Saturday and Sunday evening. The Grand Nautical Night Fete will take place at Thun on 6th August, and from 22nd to 29th August the 18th Federal "Hornuss" Festival, an interesting, traditional folklore event. The cyclist "Tour of Switzerland" passed through Thun on 20th June. The city will hold exhibitions of its works of art from 3rd July to 14th August and from 25th September to 23rd October. The Kursaal of Thun (boule, dancing, bar) is open from 30th April to 31st October. Also open to visitors are the historic Castles of Thun, Spiez and Oberhofen, containing valuable collections of ancient paintings, weapons, antique furniture and apartments. To conclude the programme of Summer Events 1960, the "Chaesteilet", or distribution of cheese, will take place in the Justis Valley about the middle of September.

SWISSAIR APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Geoffrey Michael Dee has been appointed Swissair's Superintendent, Inclusive Tours, Charters and Special Events, at the airline's London offices.

Previously Mr. Dee was for thirteen years in the Air Travel Department at the Head Office of Thos. Cook & Son; for the past six years as Continental Controller, and before that in charge of the overseas section. He has travelled extensively in Europe and to North Africa. He is 37, and is married.

SWISSAIR STARTS SERVICE TO WARSAW.

Warsaw is included in Swissair's network from 2nd June with the start of twice-weekly non-stop services between Zurich and the Polish capital. Flights leave Zurich on Thursday and Saturday afternoons and Warsaw on Friday morning and Saturday evening.

The service is operated with Convair Metropolitans; flying time between the two cities is 3 hours 10 minutes. The new Warsaw services connect in Zurich with flights from and to the United Kingdom.

Other East European destinations served by Swissair are Prague and Belgrade. A second weekly flight to Belgrade will operate on Tuesdays from 26th July, in addition to the present Wednesday departure.

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