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Swissair Commissions DC-10s to Far East Operations

Starting on April 1st, Swissair will serve Far East destinations with new DC-10-30 wide-body jets and, simultaneously, introduce a weekly express-flight from Zurich via Bombay in India to Tokyo, thereby cutting travel time from Switzerland to Japan by more than eight hours to 17 hours 50 minutes, or to exactly the same time span that a flight over the Polar route would take. Up to now, all services to Tokyo included several intermediate stops resulting in an aggregate travel time of some 26 hours.

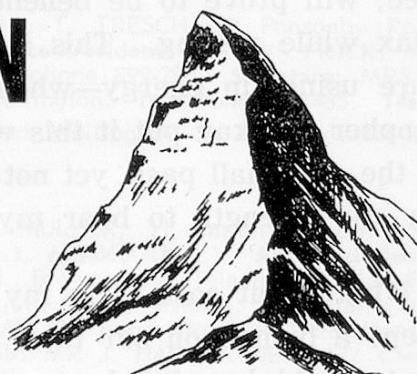
In the course of the past two years, Swissair recorded such a massive traffic growth that often surpassed the transport capacity of its DC-8 Far East fleet. The use of the new DC-10-30 wide-body jets which can seat 249 passengers and carry 14.5 tons of cargo, combined with the addition of an eighth weekly flight respond to the increasing demand; Swissair will thus offer a total of four DC-10 and four DC-8 flights per week. Tokyo will be exclusively served by the new high-capacity jets. Bombay, Bangkok and Hong Kong will also be profiting from Swissair DC-10 services.

Another innovation to highlight the commencement of the 1974 summer time-table on April 1st is the integration of a Japanese stewardess in Swissair Far East service cabin crews. Twenty Japanese stewardess-trainees, selected from 1566 applicants, have recently left Tokyo for Zurich to complete their training at Swissair's headquarters in Switzerland by next spring; following graduation they will particularly cater to Japanese passengers travelling individually or in groups.

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