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abroad and thereby capable of speaking authoritatively on their behalf.

But not only for the better care of our own interests should this Organisation be formed, but also as a means of enabling the Swiss abroad to be of the maximum usefulness to the home-country, by becoming a living link between the Swiss at home and abroad, helping to cultivate patriotic feelings, lending to the home-country its assistance and advice based on the intimate knowledge of the foreign countries, which so many Swiss politicians, parliamentarians and even business people are lacking.

The Swiss abroad feel a stronger need than ever for the spiritual backing of the far-off homeland and for closer contacts. The times are desperately serious. Switzerland should no longer leave the Swiss abroad to themselves nor neglect their value to Switzerland. They are the best friends of Switzerland — always. They need sympathetic understanding and handling and support as regards the cultivation of the love of the home-country amongst those born abroad. Who knows whether Switzerland will not one day be glad of every good friend in the world? Many Swiss abroad have intimately experienced the first and the second world war, from both of which the home-country was happily spared. The Swiss abroad could therefore make up for this certain lack in the treasure of experience of those at home, if not through representatives in Parliament then by means of the Organisation of the Swiss abroad. We should like to crown the noble work for the Swiss abroad begun by the Nouvelle Société Helvétique at home by increasing the interest and the influence of the Swiss abroad themselves. *H.M.*

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**The New Summer Time-table.**

From 18th April, the following connections to and from the Swiss airports will exist:—

**BASEL:** London four times weekly (Swissair); Paris week-days (Air France); Brussels week-days (SABENA); Amsterdam via Eindhoven week-days (KLM); Zurich four times weekly (Swissair); freight and mail service three times weekly to London and five times weekly to Amsterdam (Swissair).

**GENEVA:** London five times weekly (Swissair) and daily (BEA); Paris twice daily (Swissair and Air France); Brussels week-days (SABENA); Copenhagen direct with connection to Oslo, Stockholm, Malmoe and Gothenburg once weekly (SAS); Frankfort-Copenhagen with the connections as mentioned three times weekly (DDL); Amsterdam five times weekly (KLM); Barcelona twice weekly (Swissair); Barcelona-Madrid-Tangiers three times weekly (Iberia); Madrid-Lisbon twice weekly (Swissair) and three times weekly (KLM); Athens-Istanbul once weekly (Swissair); Jerusalem-Cairo once weekly (Swissair); Nice twice weekly (Air France) and three times weekly (DDL); Rome-Tunis twice weekly (KLM) Tunis-Kano-Léopoldville-Johannesburg fortnightly (Swissair); Shannon-Gander-New York fortnightly (Swissair); Lisbon-Dakar-Recife-Rio de Janeiro-Montevideo-Buenos Aires once weekly (SAS); Zurich four times weekly (Swissair).

Apart from the above, the following connections of T.W.A. exist:—

Three times weekly to the Far East, four times weekly to the Near East and seven times weekly to North America.

**ZURICH:** London direct once daily, from 1st May twice daily (Swissair); London via Basle four times weekly (Swissair); Paris once daily (Swissair) and three times weekly (Air France); Brussels twice daily (Swissair and SABENA); Copenhagen-Stockholm twice weekly (Swissair) with connections to Malmoe-Gothenburg and Oslo; Frankfort-Hamburg-Copenhagen daily (DNL) with the same connections; Amsterdam twice daily (Swissair and KLM); Eindhoven three times weekly (KLM); Prague twice daily (Swissair and CSA) with connections to Warsaw, Brno, Bratislava, Budapest, Belgrade, Sofia and Bucharest; Prague-Warsaw once weekly (Swissair); Geneva-Barcelona twice weekly (Swissair); Geneva-Madrid-Lisbon twice weekly (Swissair); Lyons twice weekly (DNL); Marseilles 3 times weekly (DNL); freight service Zurich-Basle-London three times weekly (Swissair).

With the partial opening of the Zurich/Kloten airport intended for 14th June, connections to and from various airfields abroad will be somewhat improved. From that date, Berne should also be included in the international air traffic network, as Swissair intend to open a service from Berne to London, to be operated three times weekly.

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**FREE MEALS ON SWISSAIR AIRCRAFT.**

With the entry into force of the summer time-table, refreshments will be served free of charge on all Swissair lines. Drinks (with the exception of tea and coffee) will be charged to the passengers.