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Although this show lasted only half an hour, in order not to tire the guests, every item displayed was "it" and produced a sense of general admiration. Was it possible to produce all these fantastic creations from cotton? The models from the ateliers Marty & Co. and Gafader & Co., both of Zurich, evoked particular enthusiasm.

As the evening wore on it was only natural that such a happy atmosphere could not come to its proper close without "an invitation to the valse" — and to steps more brisk and modern. Champagne started to flow and was served to those who needed refreshment after exercise, as well as to the others who preferred spending their time chatting in one of the many cosy corners. The height of the dance, however, was reached in a Polonaise through the whole castle, even across the moat to a hunting lodge and back again. In this nearly everyone not only took part, but thoroughly enjoyed doing so.

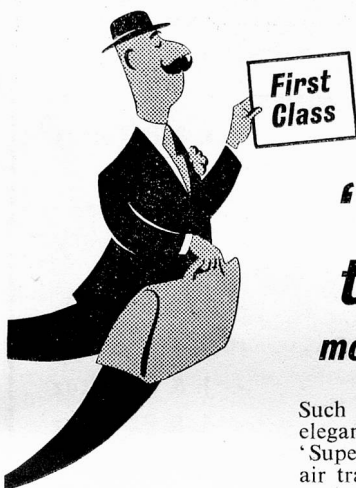
Meanwhile, the old castle stood out floodlit (with the equipment previously used for television) leaving on all an indelible impression of its serene dignity and beauty, even of grandeur.

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Swissair's traffic results for the first half of 1957 reflect the considerable expansion of operations that has taken place in that period. Offered capacity rose to 49,598,758 short ton-miles from 33,889,166 in the first half of 1956, an increase of 46 per cent. Revenue ton-miles performed increased by 39 per cent, giving an overall load factor of 62.2 per cent, compared with 65.5 per cent in the corresponding period a year ago.

The number of passengers carried on all sectors of the network rose by 30 per cent to 451,031 from 346,362.

The mileage flown increased to 8,057,690 from 6,269,290.

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