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SWISSAIR STARTS JET SERVICES

Swissair will introduce Rolls-Royce powered Caravelle jet liners on 21st May on the twice-daily "Super Swiss" service between London and Zurich. On 24th May Swissair will also start nightly tourist flights by Caravelle between London and Zurich, subject to government approval. Flying time between the two cities, at present over two hours, will be cut to one and a half hours.

Mid-July will see the introduction of Swissair Caravelles to Athens, Istanbul, Ankara, Cairo and Tel Aviv. There will be daily Caravelle services to the Middle East, all via Athens. Flying time from London to Athens will be reduced to 4½ hours from the present 6½ hours. Also from mid-July Caravelles will fly between Switzerland and Scandinavia and from mid-August to Madrid, Lisbon and Vienna. Swissair's Caravelles will have 20 first and 50 tourist class seats.

Douglas DC-8 jet liners are scheduled to start services to New York on 30th May, and will gradually take over from DC-7Cs. Initially the routing will be Zurich - Geneva - New York, with flying time from Geneva eight and a quarter hours. From July some of the North Atlantic jet services will also call at Cologne and Lisbon. Twelve flights weekly, all by DC-8, are scheduled from early September, when Shannon will also be served by jets westbound. All westbound flights will be by day, leaving Europe in the morning or afternoon. Swissair's DC-8s will have 28 first and 92 economy class seats.

Summer Programme

Under the summer schedules effective from 1st April a high frequency of services, including low-fare night tourist flights, will operate to Basle, Geneva and Zurich from London. From Manchester there will be two day and two night flights weekly to Basle and Zurich. As an innovation, first and tourist class DC-6Bs will fly to Milan and Rome, and night tourist services will be available to Milan from the U.K. via Zurich. Services to Innsbruck will be flown in association with Austrian Airlines and be stepped up to daily frequency via Zurich in the main summer season.

Rotterdam is to be added to the network from July, subject to government approval, and will be served daily from Zurich via Cologne.

Services to the Middle East will be increased to provide seven flights weekly to Cairo, four to Beirut, three to Tel Aviv and two to Teheran; other destinations served by Swissair in the Middle East include Ankara, Baghdad, Damascus and Istanbul.

Swissair is now awaiting government permission to increase its services to the Far East from two to four flights weekly, by operating a third weekly flight to Tokyo from 22nd May and a second weekly flight to Bombay from 21st July.

The company continues to fly to South America twice weekly, with one service terminating in Sao Paulo and the other in Buenos Aires.

The twice-weekly all-cargo service by DC-6A Cargoliner will continue to be operated between Switzerland and New York calling at Manchester.

Overall, Swissair will offer almost 30 per cent more capacity this summer than last.

Swissair's four Caravelles will be leased from Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) under the co-operation agreement concluded between the two com-

panies in October 1958. The first Caravelle is due to be delivered on 27th April and the first of three Douglas DC-8s on order on 15th April. Swissair has also ordered seven Convair Coronado jet liners for delivery in the spring of next year; two of these will be leased to S.A.S.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

We wish to draw the attention of the members of the City Swiss Club, their ladies and friends, to the "Soirée Familiale" which will take place on Thursday, April 7th at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (see advertisement).

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