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SWISSAIR'S SECOND DC-8 DELIVERED.

On 30th June Swissair's second Douglas DC-8 jet liner, HB-IDB "Jungfrau", was delivered in Zurich. With 109 passengers on board, it covered the distance from New York to Zurich non-stop in 7 hours 23 minutes.

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE LECTURE

On 21st June the Nouvelle Société Helvétique held an Open Meeting, which was preceded by a most enjoyable buffet-supper in the garden of the Swiss Hostel for Girls, Belsize Grove. The hospitality the Society is receiving in this house is always accepted with the sincerest gratitude towards the management.

The lecture was in commemoration of M. Emile Jaques-Dalcroze, whose death occurred ten years ago. We were fortunate in having a former pupil of his as lecturer, who is also a well-known member of our Colony, Mme. Violette Ansermoz. She brought to life, with great charm, the colourful character of this great man, who was called by the poet and writer Paul Chaponnière "le bon génie de la Suisse Romande". In a most vivid way she told us of this musician, this "homme de cœur et d'esprit", whose teaching of rhythm and music was internationally known. Mme. Ansermoz made us well acquainted with the human side of this artistic nature, through many anecdotes which showed that he could at times also be of less soft manners. But even this could in no way impair the admiration of his pupils. One English member of the audience, a former pupil of Jaques-Dalcroze, recalled the time when Monsieur Jaques, as he was generally known, was working here, and the great love his pupils bore towards him.

To give us an example of his art, Mme. Ansermoz had the support of Mes. Sophie Wyss and Lily Bucherer, who sang solos and duets accompanied at the piano by Mme. Albridge. Mme. Albridge also gave a recital of compositions for the piano by Monsieur Jaques. The performance of these artistes was received with great enthusiasm by the audience, which included Mme. M. Daeniker; unfortunately the Ambassador was prevented from attending this meeting owing to another engagement.

Everybody enjoyed the graceful compositions and showed great pleasure in the performance by prolonged applause. The Society is especially grateful to Mme. Ansermoz for having painted for us so vivid a picture of this lovable man. The way in which the lecture was rendered not only did great credit to the subject, but showed Mme. Ansermoz as a most efficient speaker.

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40 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE SWISS BANK CORPORATION

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Maurice Gedet, who recently completed forty years' service with the Swiss Bank Corporation.

Mr. Gedet was born on 25th June 1902 at Fleurier (Canton Neuchâtel). He received his schooling at the "Ecole primaire and secondaire", Neuchâtel.

He made his apprenticeship with the "Crédit Foncier Neuchâtelois" (2½ years). In 1920 he entered the Swiss Bank Corporation, Neuchâtel, where he remained for 6½ years.

On 15th February 1927 Mr. Gedet was transferred to the London office, where he was promoted on 1st January 1938 to Fondé de Pouvoirs, and on 1st January 1951 to Sub-Manager.

He is a member of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society.

SWISSAIR TO SERVE BUENOS AIRES TWICE WEEKLY

After protracted negotiations Swissair has now obtained the Argentine Government's permission to extend its second weekly South America flight to Buenos Aires, from the end of July.

So far this flight has terminated in Sao Paulo, while the other has continued to Buenos Aires via Montevideo.

From 31st July the Sunday flight from Europe will go direct from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires. The Thursday service will call at Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Montevideo, terminating in Buenos Aires.



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