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At Hebden Bridge a sumptuous "high tea" awaited us in the Civic Hall, at which we were honoured by the presence of the presidents of the local authorities on whose territories we had been privileged to forgather: the chairman of the Hepton Rural District Council, Councillor Broome, and the vice-chairman, Mrs. Walton, the chairman of Hebden Royd Urban District Council, Rev. Barnes. The President of the Swiss Club Manchester, Mr. B. Simon, greeted the company and the guests of honour, to which the Rev. Barnes responded with a charming speech in praise of Switzerland. Councillor Broome spoke in admiration of the Pestalozzi village at Trogen as a particularly happy manifestation of the spirit of Swiss humanity. Our Ambassador, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, who had participated with Madame Daeniker in the day's enterprise, expressed his pride in the moving testimony of devotion to the home-country witnessed at Hardcastle Crags and his gratitude to the people of Yorkshire for lending us their lovely meadow to become "our Grütli" for a couple of hours once a year.

The bonne-bouche of this high tea — in the shape of Guetzi from the Swiss confiseur J. Sohm of Oldham — consumed, the gathering finally broke up, happy and contented. By car or train or bus each one of this motley crowd of unmistakable sons and daughters of Switzerland, however long they may have lived in this hospitable island country or even if they were born here, made for home in all directions.

It was a memorable experience in which we were privileged to share. It was made doubly agreeable for the visitors from London by the kind welcome extended

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SWISSAIR HOSTESS'S 15th Anniversary

Mile millionaires among airline captains are not infrequent; mile millionaire air hostesses are a little rarer, considering that the average air hostess's working life is around two to three years. Then most leave to get married!

One Swissair hostess, however, Miss Gertrud Keller, has just completed 15 years' flying. In 1946 she joined the Swiss company — in 1934 Swissair had been the first airline in Europe to employ air hostesses — and has since flown more than three million miles and spent 12,915 hours in the air. In her fifteen years she has seen every phase of Swissair's expansion. She served on board the DC-4s when Swissair temporarily flew to Johannesburg in 1947. Two years later she was one of the first hostesses on the North Atlantic when Swissair's DC-4s took 21 to 27 hours to fly between Switzerland and New York. To-day DC-8 jets take seven to eight hours.

Miss Keller now serves on the Far East route and occasionally on routes in Europe.


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