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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Hans Kesselring (67), Weinfelden, well-known *Rebbauer* at the Schlossgut Bachtobel.

Pfarr-Resignat Dr. Albin Schittelhelm (70), Schwyz, Professor at the Kollegium Schwyz, Minister at Steinen and School Inspector; author of well-known school books used in Central Switzerland and German-speaking Fribourg and Valais.

Dr. Hans Walter (77), Zurich, for many years in charge of the Institut Walter at Saint-Prex on the Lake of Geneva; twice Olympic and several times European rowing champion; for many years member of the Technical Committee of the International as well as the Swiss Rowing Association; Colonel in the Army.

Louis Blondel (82), Geneva, Cantonal Archaeologist for many years and well-known personality in the scout movement; *Bundesfeldführer* and President, later Honorary President, of the Swiss Scouts Association.

Jean Kolb (82), Frauenfeld, former *Postverwalter*; since his retirement author on historic subjects and the postal services of the Thurgau.

Mrs. Emma Sandoz-Segessenmann (100), Montreux.

Miss Martha Ringier (94), Basle, well-known author and active in many literary organisations and great friend of animals.

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SWISSAIR NEWS

Swissair's 1966 Traffic Results

In 1966 Swissair carried 2,410,096 passengers over all sectors of its 87,000 mile network covering 64 destinations in 45 countries. Compared with 1965 the number of revenue passengers showed an increase of nine per cent.

Capacity offered rose by eight per cent to 590.3 million ton-kilometres from 546.6 million in 1965. Revenue ton-kilometres sold advanced by 12 per cent to 326.9 million, and as a result the average load factor on the scheduled services improved to 55.4 per cent from 53.6 per cent in 1965. Passenger seat utilisation advanced from 54.7 to 55.8 per cent.

Of the revenue capacity sold, cargo showed the largest increase with 21 per cent to 68.3 million ton-kilometres. The transport of passengers and baggage accounted for 246.2 million ton-kilometres, up 10 per cent, and mail for 12.5 million, up four per cent.

The 1966 results were achieved with almost the same fleet as in 1965. Since the first of three DC-9 twin jets operating at present was not put into commercial service until the second half of August.

New Vice-President, Operations

Mr. Albert G. Fischer has succeeded Capt. Robert Fretz as Swissair's Vice-President, Operations, and member of the company's management on the latter's retirement.

Mr. Fischer, who is 58, holds a diploma in electrical engineering of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. He is a military pilot, a Colonel in the Swiss Air Force and an expert on air traffic control. Following executive positions in Swiss industry he joined Swissair in April 1966.

Holiday Programme

For 1967 Swissair is offering holidaymakers a choice of inclusive holidays in Switzerland and neighbouring countries, around the Mediterranean and farther afield, all well within the travel allowance or in sterling area countries.

A folder "Summer Holidays in Scenic Europe" features selected travel agents' inclusive tours to resorts in Switzerland and other countries. Travel is by Swissair night tourist jet flights from London to Basle, Geneva and Zurich, or from Manchester to Basle and Zurich, with convenient rail connections from the Swiss gateways. Prices for a seven-day holiday in Switzerland start from about £38, with £11 deducted from the travel allowance.

For independent travellers the Swissair folder contains examples of all-in "economy" hotel prices in Switzerland and rental rates of Swiss chalets.

The airline has also produced a new version of its well-known "Solar Holidays" programme of Mediterranean and long-distance holidays, this time featuring a number of sterling area tours (Cyprus, India Far East, as well as Tunisia, Greece, Israel, etc.).

New In-Flight Dinner Feature

Commemorating the famous Venetian explorer Marco Polo and his journey to China nearly 700 years ago, Swissair has introduced a special "Marco Polo" dinner for passengers on each of its four flights weekly to the Far East.

It comprises Italian and Chinese dishes and is served in first class on copperware lined with silver. Economy class passengers are served a less elaborate version of the meal on the usual Swissair tableware. All passengers receive a colourful menu card containing a map and historical details of Marco Polo's journey.

