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TOURISM AND HOLIDAY ITEMS

New Air Service London-Berne

Dan-Air have announced the introduction of a scheduled service between Gatwick and Berne on Monday, 5th June, 1972. Flights will leave Gatwick at 13.00 and Berne at 16.15 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Flying time: 2½ hours. Fares: single £27.55, return £55.10. Subject to Government approval.

To the rear of the building is the Village Museum of Riehen which includes a vintner's cellar true to its original form. The museum is in the house of a former mayor of Basel, Johann-Rudolf Wettstein, to whose clever intervention Switzerland owes the final secession of Basel from Germany in 1648. For the time being it is open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. and in addition also on Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission is free.

Wettstein House in Rehen to be Village and Toy Museum

Switzerland's first toy museum was opened to the public in Riehen near Basel. It is located in the historic Wettstein House which is a National Monument. Toys (mainly from European countries) are arranged in groups according to subjects, and are on display in twelve rooms. Most of the objects on exhibition are on loan from the Swiss Ethnographic Museum and a private collector.

Lucerne—

International Horse Show 1972

The traditional International Horse Show organised by the Racing Club Lucerne will be held from 10th-18th June, 1972. In view of the Olympic Events of Munich in August 1972 participants should include some top class riders and horses. Spectator tickets are obtainable from the Official Tourist Office, Schweizerhofquai 4, 6000 Lucerne, Switzerland.

Basel—New Hotel

On 12th January, 1972 the new Economy Class Hotel "Admiral" was opened. It has 130 rooms with 200 beds and is situated next to the Trade Fair Buildings. On the 8th floor there is a viewing terrace with an open-air swimming pool. Parking sites in the immediate neighbourhood. Prices for bed and breakfast (including tips and taxes) from Fr. 24.- per person.

General Season Ticket for the Ticino

During the period 31st March-31st October, 1972 the General Season Ticket for the Ticino will again be issued by the Swiss Postal Coach Services. During 7 consecutive days the Season Ticket is valid for unlimited journeys on all postal coach services in the Ticino including the sections Bellinzona-Chur, Acquarossa-Disentis, Locarno-Stresa and Lugano-St. Moritz. The price is Fr. 35.-.



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Thun—New Motel

On 1st May, 1972 the new Motel "Holiday" was opened on the southern shore of Lake Thun, Bernese Oberland. It is situated 2 km from the town of Thun, near the Lido and has 100 beds and its own restaurant. All rooms are equipped with private bath or shower, telephone, radio, TV on request and have balconies with lake view. Bed and breakfast from Fr. 22—including tips and taxes.

Lugano—Paul Klee Exhibition

A large selection of works by Paul Klee, one of the pioneers of modern art, is on show at Lugano until the end of May 1972.

At the Villa Ciani, 125 paintings and 115 drawings from the collection of Felix Klee, the son of the master are exhibited. In addition 94 paintings and lithographs by Chagall, Kandinsky, Alberto Giacometti, Bill, Leger and other friends of Paul Klee are displayed.

Beckenried-Klewenalp Aerial Cableway

On 26th February, 1972 the new aerial cableway Beckenried-Klewenalp was inaugurated. The original cableway was constructed in 1933 with cabins for four persons only. Keeping pace with the ever increasing traffic, larger cabins, were introduced in 1936 for 20 persons, in 1955 for 40 persons and finally last February for 80 persons. Five hundred and sixty persons per hour can now be conveyed, at a speed of 10 yards per second, surmounting an altitude difference of 3,750 feet.

Tensing comes to Engelberg

Famous international skiers will participate in the Titlis Slalom Race to be held on 4th June, 1972 at Engelberg in Central Switzerland. They will compete for the "Sherpa Tensing Cup" which will be presented to the winner by the world famous joint conqueror of Mount Everest. Tensing will arrive at Engelberg on 3rd June, 1972.

Lucerne—International Festival of Music, 16th August-7th September 1972

Appearing this year at the 34th Lucerne International Festival of Music will be the Swiss Festival Orchestra, the Orchestra della Radio Svizzera Italiana, the NHK Symphony Orchestra of Tokyo, the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, accompanied by well known soloists, with eleven symphony concerts under

the batons of William Steinberg, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, Riccardo Muti, Marc Andreæ, Seiji Ozawa, Hiroyuki Iwaki, Herbert von Karajan, Bernard Haitink, Rafael Kubelik and Eugen Jochum.

A choral concert directed by Ulrich Meyer will combine the Lucerne Vocal Soloists, members of the Festival Choir and the Festival Strings of Lucerne. A second choral concert is to be given by the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto and the Festival Singers of Canada under the direction of Elmer Iseler.

In addition, there are to be concerts of chamber music and serenade and soloist evenings included in the programme. Also to be heard will be the "Perspectives" and "Musica Nova" features. Two piano matinees are to be presented in memory of the pianist Clara Haskil who died in 1960.

In conclusion, it should be mentioned that the 10th symphony concert on 5th September will be transmitted live by Swiss Television. The General Programme with official ticket booking coupon will appear at the end of April and can be obtained free of charge from the Secretariat of the Lucerne International Festival of Music, Postfach, CH-6002 Luzern/Switzerland.

Montreux—Casino

Since the destruction by fire on 4th December, 1971, the former Casino at Montreux has been replaced by a small Casino on the first floor of the Montreux Pavillon, opposite the Montreux Palace Hotel. Apart from the gaming room, there is a night club with orchestra and show.

The new conference centre, now under construction, will be opened in 1973. It is near the Montreux Palace Hotel and the Pavillon. The four floors will provide accommodation for exhibition and conference rooms with seating capacities from 25 to 1,750 persons including the most up-to-date technical equipment.

The new Casino, now in the planning stage, will be scheduled to open in the Spring of 1975.

The new Hotel Continental with over 300 beds should be ready by the same time.

The Hotel Excelsior is now having a new wing added and two new floors will replace the classical cupola roof of the Montreux Palace Hotel.

In Praise of Swiss Poster Art

The 25 "Best Swiss Posters of 1971" granted an honorary award by the Federal Department of the Interior are appearing in the form of a travelling exhibition in 28 towns during a period of 3 months and always at outdoor sites easy of access. They have been selected from the hitherto unequalled number of 627 street posters. The collection can be seen during May

for one or two weeks in Schaffhausen, Biel, Lugano, Thun and Lausanne, after which they will be on display in June at Vevey, Wattwil, Solothurn, Olten and Sion. The final exhibition towns are to be Interlaken, St. Moritz and Yverdon in July. The selection could hardly be more varied and it reveals the high standard of Swiss poster art in all its diversity.

Nightclubs in the Realm of the Bear's Paw

Difficulties arose concerning the location of the great convention to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the World Postal Union, founded in Berne in 1874. Incidentally, even today there is a plaque there, commemorating the day, year and place on the outer wall of a business building on Zeughausgasse, not far from the Corn House Cellar, a restaurant boasting Switzerland's largest beer barrel. Rumours were heard in many places that participants at such a congress would also want to dance, and the city of Berne, which proudly displays a bear as its emblem, did not have enough nightclubs for this purpose. Well, even though this time Berne was not selected, it must in all fairness be stated that its nightclub situation is not so bad. Let us mention in this connection the Mocambo, more than a dozen years old and with a good reputation reaching beyond this country's borders. One might also mention Chikito and Ba-ba-lu and a few others, such as for example the "Happy Light", recently visited by American newsboys after they had delivered a message of greetings from their President, Richard Nixon, to the Swiss Vice-President Roger Bonvin, and after having made a brief sightseeing walk through Switzerland's capital on the Aare River.

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The OSR firmly settled in the Sawallisch Era

The years of uncertainty surrounding the *Orchestre de la Suisse Romande* following the death of its conductor and Founder, Ernest Ansermet, are over. Conductor Wolfgang Sawallisch has already fixed its programme for the next two seasons. Both programmes consist of thirteen performances striking a good balance between classical and modern repertoire.

Much emphasis is laid on "pre-modern" composers, such as Strauss, Sibelius, Mahler and Bruckner. The works of three modern German composers: Kelterborn, Schibler and Huber will be played for the first time, but the programme is careful in its dosage of new composers, so as to respect the taste of its regular patrons. Geneva-born composer Frank Martin will be given one hearing each season.