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Activities

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February at the Portman Hotel by Mr. Franz J. Fraefel, Swissair's departing General Manager for the UK and Ireland, to introduce his successor, Mr. Louis Nart and his wife. This function was attended by many members of the Swiss business community in London and by several correspondents of Swiss papers. Mr. Fraefel, who has held his London post for the past five years, will take up the newly-created position of Regional Manager, Africa (Southern Countries). This departure will be a sad break with the many friends he has made in London. Swissair officials are rather like diplomats and sent on new assignments in other parts of the world when they have just about had time to settle in a particular country. Mr. Fraefel will have to leave his two teenage children in England because Kenya doesn't provide the educational facilities that would enable them to work for their GCEs. Mr. Nart, who joined Swissair in 1948, was last posted as the company's Manager in Johannesburg.

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The Times Shopping Basket

The *Times* monthly "European Shopping Basket" gave the following prices for Switzerland and Britain during the month of February. Prices are expressed in £ per pound except milk which is for per pint. The first price indicated is for Geneva, the second for London.

Rump steak: 2.29-1.16; Pork chops: 1.36-0.69; potatoes: 5p-4p; butter: 70p-28p; margarine: 44p-27p; cheese: 98p-41p; chicken: 53p-27p; fresh cod: 76p-54½p; bread: 25p-8p; milk: 11p-5p.

The above list shows that food prices in Geneva are at least twice as high as those of London. This list of course doesn't reflect the true picture since wages in Geneva are considerably higher and the cost of accommodation cheaper.

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