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SWISSAIR — NEW ROUTE TO AFRICA

As the result of a recently signed agreement, Swissair will open a new service between Geneva and Tunis on 2nd July, using a Caravelle jet chartered from Tunis Air. The service will operate on Thursdays, and will be in addition to the Saturday flight by Tunis Air from Zurich via Geneva to Tunis.

From 1st November this year, Swissair will use one of their own Caravelles with a view to extending the service from Zurich via Geneva and Tunis to Tripoli.

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Noeldy Senglet (60), Basle, well-known author and amateur actor, Honorary President of the "Baseldytsche Bihni".

Dr. Karl Boeschstein (88), Berne, teacher of mathematics at the "Städtische Gymnasium" from 1898 to 1909; later in the service of the Confederation; during the first world war head of the war profit tax office; from 1926 engaged in the preparation of the federal law on vocational training; finally, up to his retirement in 1942, head of the vocational training section of the BIGA.

Olivier Barras (32), Crans (Valais), killed on the motor racing track at Monza; hotel keeper, nine times Swiss golfing champion who was to represent Switzerland at the Olympic Games in Tokio in the autumn.

Marcel Weiller (84), Zurich, well-known conjurer under the name of Marcel Marcelli; one-time manager of the variety theatre "Hirschen"; member of the organising committee of the Swiss National Exhibition in Zurich in 1939.

Jules Amez-Droz (72, La Chaux-de-Fonds, killed by a motor car on crossing the road; former principal of the Commercial School of La Chaux-de-Fonds.

Regierungsrat Dr. Fritz Giovanoli (66), Berne, for eighteen years member of the Bernese Cantonal Government (Vorsteher der Direktionen des Sanitäts- und Gemeindewesens); well-known Socialist politician.

Pfr. Theodore Nagel (81), La Chaux-de-Fonds, for thirty-six years in charge of the German-speaking community of the town.

Dr. Henry-Charles Krafft (73), Zurich, for thirty years surgeon and gynaecologist at La Source hospital in Lausanne; in Zurich since 1959.

Fritz Grauwiler (61), Basle, well-known butcher and a master of the Guild "zu Metzgeren"; President of the SEVERA (Importgenossenschaft Schweizerischer Grossmetzgereien).

Dr. Rolf Lindt (69), Bienne, General Secretary of the Swiss Retail Traders' Association for thirty years; Editor of the "Schweizerische Detaillistenzeitung" and "Das Wirtschaftliche Volksblatt".

Hermann Ryser, Town Councillor of Thun and President of the Bernese Cantonal Musicians' Federation.

Dr. Albert-René Jentzer, Geneva, eminent surgeon and Professor at Geneva University.

Fräulein Marie Wach (87), Wilderswil (near Interlaken), grand-daughter of the famous composer Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.

Dr. Albert Meier (82), Bienne, Radical member of the Bernese Cantonal Parliament and Chairman of the Council of the Cantonal Technical College in Bienne.

Madame Marie Guisan, *née* Doelker (88) Pully, widow of the late General Henri Guisan.

Walther Huenerwadel (89), Horgen, former teacher and headmaster of the Winterthur Cantonal School.

Fridolin Stocker (66), Zug, teacher and well known in Switzerland for his radio rambles and walks.

Dr. Martin Bloch (90), Zurich, former lawyer and prominent member of the Jewish community.

Karl Herzog (85), Zurich, former President and Honorary President of the Swiss "Wirtverein" (innkeepers' association).

Didier Schwaar (65), St. Imier, former Social Democrat member of the Bernese Cantonal Parliament, well-known trade union leader for the metalworkers and watchmakers.

Alphonse Brugger (77), Jetschwil/Duedingen, former member of the Fribourg Cantonal Parliament and President of the Fribourg Farmers' Association.

Turo Pedretti (67), Celerina, well-known Grisons artist.

Dr. Charles-Edouard Schauenberg (69), Geneva, former President of the Geneva Section of the Swiss Red Cross, specialist on cancer and head of the Geneva Cancer Research Centre.

Prof. Dr. phil. Paul Klaeui (55), Zurich, historian and writer.

Charles Tzaut (98), Geneva, engineer, for many years delegate of the Swiss Employers' Federation at the International Labour Office in Geneva.

Pius Roggo (85), Schmitten, prominent Fribourg farming personality (cattle breeder) and Conservative member of the Cantonal Parliament.

Dr. Rudolf F. Burckhardt (86), Basle, custodian of the Basle Historic Museum, expert on Gothic tapestries and of the Basle Cathedral Treasure.

Léonard Surchat (70), Blessens, former J.P. and Commune Councillor of the district of Rue, Conservative member of the Fribourg Cantonal Parliament.

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GOTTHARD TUNNEL PROJECT

The Federal Council was asked by Parliament in March and June 1960 to consider and report on a project regarding a road tunnel through the Gotthard. Early in July, the Federal Council reported to Parliament. The project put forward favours the deep tunnel from Goeschenen to Airolo (16.4 km. and 1,150 m. above sea level) rather than the 7.2 km. long tunnel from Maeteli to Motto-Bartolla (1,680 m. above sea level) or a tunnel of 10.5 km. length from Hospenthal to Bedrina (1,464 m. above sea level). The Federal Council prefers the deep tunnel because it would provide the best, shortest and safest connection, and its openings would be in naturally favourable spots on both sides. It would also eliminate the expensive motorway through the Schoellenen Gorge and the avalanche-prone gradients above Airolo. In addition, this scheme would be the cheapest to execute and to run.

A new railway tunnel project "Gotthard West" has been put forward by a Valais engineer Albert Coudray.

The discussions will continue on both projects. There is a Committee "Pro Gotthard" as well as a permanent conference of the "Gotthard Cantons" Zurich, Lucerne, Uri, Schwyz, Zug, Basel-Stadt, Basel-Land, Aargau and Ticino.

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