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# SWISSAIR LINER'S ALL-EUROPE FLIGHT

Between April 29th and May 6th, again between May 15th and 21st, and finally between May 22nd and 28th, a Swissair Douglas DC 3 air liner, one of the regular service machines flying on the Paris and London routes, flew a distance of nearly 10,000 miles all over Europe. It visited 26 cities, calling at 25 different countries and bearing with it the message that the Swiss National Exhibition had been opened in Zurich.

The flight was given tremendous publicity in the countries touched, press and radio combining to broadcast the news of the "official Swiss mission." In some countries, perhaps, it came as a surprise to many newspaper readers and wireless listeners to learn that the tiny Alpine nation which they had hitherto associated only with mountains and cowherds, chocolate and watches, should have been enterprising and efficient enough to carry out this flight, outstanding in point of organisation and performance in the annals of civil aviation.

Everywhere the "Exhibition plane" and its passengers were accorded a rousing welcome. Coming as it did at a time of grave political unrest and uncertainty, the scheme had a definite appeal. The mere fact that the Swiss had the courage to send out a plane on a vast circular tour of Europe at a moment when the rest of Europe was anxiously deciding between peace and war, will long be remembered. The flight proclaimed that the tiny nation right in the heart of Europe not only had the courage to go on with its normal activity in face of every peril, but to stage a national display and invite the whole world to come and see what it had achieved and accomplished.

The whole 10,000 mile itinerary was flown without a hitch and without a single untoward happening. As regularly as clockwork — as smoothly and reliably as the movement of a Swiss watch — the giant plane took off, crossed seas and frontiers, landed and took off again as on an ordinary service flight. The precision and regularity so typical of all that Switzerland produces was once again to the fore and rejoiced the hearts of the many Swiss living abroad who rallied round to welcome the heralds of their country's great event.

Another outstanding feature of the flight was its interest to philatelists all over the world, for the Douglas carried mail and a special postmark was issued for the occasion. Collectors became the richer to the extent of no fewer than 116,000 letters — valuable souvenirs of a historic flight.

## FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATION.

As announced previously in the columns of this paper, our National Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 1st, at the St. Pancras Town Hall.

An attractive programme will be presented, and there will be dancing. Further particulars will be published shortly.

We invite our readers to reserve this date already now.

## CITY SWISS CLUB.

Summer Meeting at Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon.

As in previous years, the City Swiss Club is holding their Summer Meeting at the Brent Bridge Hotel in Hendon, on Tuesday next, June 27th, to which the Ladies are cordially invited.

The City Swiss Club also extends a hearty invitation to their friends in the Swiss Colony.

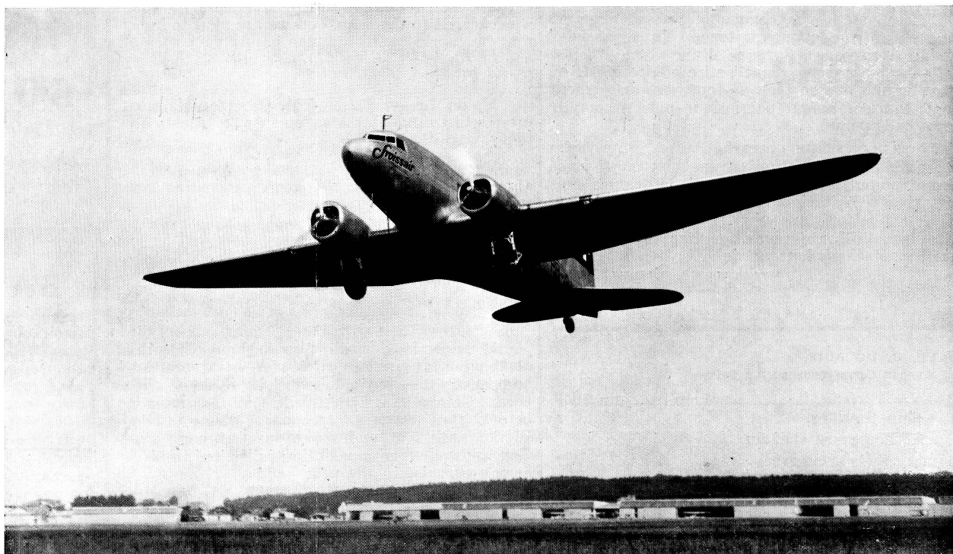
The Brent Bridge Hotel is an ideal place for a summer outing, and we feel sure that the informal dance which will follow the dinner, will prove to be a great attraction.

This is the only meeting which will take place at Hendon during the summer season, and it is hoped that the attendance will be a numerous one.

It is advisable to reserve seats at once. (see advert), so as to avoid disappointment.

## LANGUAGE COURSES IN THE SUMMER VACATION.

About the same time as the "Swiss Observer" celebrated its 20 years' jubilee, Prof. Buser's subalpine Boarding School for Girls at Teufen in the Sentsis Region (Switzerland) completed its 30th year. Prof. Buser has been one of the prominent innovators of the girls' education, for



DOUGLAS DC3 AIR LINER LEAVING ZURICH.

which purpose he has created and steadily extended suitable and well-disciplined institutions. In his two Boarding Schools for Girls, at *Teufen* (Sentsis Region) and *Chexbres* (overlooking Lake Geneva) for many years special language courses have been arranged for holiday pupils during the summer vacation. These courses have become very popular among young people.

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