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NEWS FROM THE COLONY.



R. DUPRAZ.
President, City Swiss Club.

As will be seen in another part of this paper, Mr. R. Dupraz, has been elected President of the City Swiss Club, on the occasion of the General Meeting, which took place on Tuesday, April 11th, 1950, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1.

Mr. Dupraz, was born at Clos du Lac, Clarens, on the 13th of December, 1887, the son of Colonel Adolphe Dupraz, public notary, and at one time President of the Grand Council of the canton of Vaud.

He received his schooling at Clarens after which he made a three years apprenticeship in a Bank in Vevey.

In 1905, Mr. Dupraz, joined the London office of the Swiss Bank Corporation, where he spent 20 years (including three years at the Head Office in Basle). In 1926, he joined the well-known firm of G. Dimier Bros. & Co. Ltd., in London, where he is at present in a leading position.

In spite of his exacting business responsibilities, the newly elected President, has taken a great interest in the life of the London Swiss Colony.

In 1912, he joined the General Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society, where he occupied the posts of Hon. Treasurer from 1914-1924, and that of President from 1924-1938. In view of the eminent services rendered to this Society, he was nominated Honorary Vice-President.

Mr. Dupraz, was until recently, also President of the Swiss Sports and 1st of August Committee, and is a member of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) and the Confrérie Vaudoise (Committee).

In 1914, he married, and has three daughters (all married). During the Frontier occupation 1914-1918 he served as a gunner in the mountain artillery. His one passion is mountaineering.

In congratulating Mr. Dupraz on his election to the Presidency of one of the oldest and most distinguished Societies in the Swiss Colony in London, we wish him a successful year of office in his responsible position, for the benefit of the City Swiss Club in particular and for the London Swiss Colony in general.

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"SWISSAIR" NEWS.

The following points referring to the various services of "Swissair" may be of interest to our readers:

London-Zurich. The "CONVAIR" which proved to be so popular during last year will be operating again regularly this summer between London-Zurich-London, thus reducing the flying time between these points to approx: 2 hours 10 mins. This service leaves Northolt at 12.16 and arrives at Zurich at 14.30. There are excellent train connections to the various summer resorts in Switzerland, as well as Austria and Northern Italy.

A second CONVAIR-service will be leaving Northolt Airport at 17.44.

London-Basel. From April 16th this service will be operated daily, with extension from and to Zurich until June 3rd and from September 11.

London-Berne. This service was particularly popular during last season with tourists to the Bernese Oberland, but is also very convenient for passengers who wish to proceed by train from Berne to Lake Maggiore (Northern Italy). The Berne service will be resumed on May 14th and from June 4th until September 10th it will be a daily service departing from Northolt at 10.32, arriving at Berne Airport at 13.30.

London-Genève. This will be a daily service, leaving Northolt at 10.40, 3 times weekly with DC-3 and 4 times with "CONVAIR". From May 12th until September 1st the flights will be operated daily with "CONVAIR", in which case the flying time will be reduced to 2 hours 20 mins. In the opposite direction the aircraft will leave from Geneva Airport at 16.30, arriving Northolt at 18.54 with "CONVAIR" or 19.30 with DC-3.

New Night Service (off peak). Particular attention is drawn to the new night service operated by DC-3 or "CONVAIR" between London-Zurich-London, commencing on May 5th with flights over the weekend, becoming daily from May 26th. The return fare will be £22.0.0 (valid 23 days). The take-off time from Northolt will be at 1.16 a.m., arriving at Zurich Airport at 3.35 a.m. with "CONVAIR" or 4.15 a.m. with DC-3. This gives excellent connections for early morning trains to Eastern and Southern Switzerland, as well as to the various holiday resorts in Austria and Northern Italy. The return from Zurich Airport has been fixed at 9.30 p.m.

For reservations, please apply as in the past, to Swissair's General Agents in the United Kingdom, Messrs. British European Airways.

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