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SWISSAIR TO OPEN NEW SERVICES

A new route to Colombo and Singapore and a new daily Manchester-Zurich service via Rotterdam are among the main features of Swissair's summer schedules effective from 1st April.

The Manchester-Zurich service will be the first ever direct daily link between the North of England and Switzerland. It will be flown by DC-9 twin jets, leaving Manchester in the mornings and Zurich in the evenings. In the peak season twice weekly night tourist flights will operate between the two cities without intermediate stop.

A third daily London-Zurich flight will be introduced, operated in the afternoons by DC-9. The daily London-Basle-Zurich flight will now leave in the mornings and return in the evenings. The twice daily London-Geneva services are being maintained. All Swissair night flights to Basle, Geneva and Zurich will this summer, like the day flights, be operated from and to Heathrow Airport and have been re-timed to arrive and depart by 23.15 hours.

Elsewhere in Europe, Swissair will provide a new daily non-stop service from Geneva to Dusseldorf, and frequencies are being increased between Switzerland and Bucharest, Frankfurt, Lisbon, Palma, Prague and Zagreb. The all-cargo service to Milan is also being increased, while those to Stuttgart and Vienna remain unchanged.

Long-Haul Services

Swissair's new Far East flight to Singapore will call at Athens, Karachi, Bombay and Colombo. The other four Far East services weekly continue to terminate in Tokyo. All five Far East flights serve Karachi and Bombay, but the present call of one service weekly at Calcutta is being discontinued. With Colombo and Singapore added to the network, Swissair serves 72 cities in 52 countries.

Compared with last summer, services to North America are being increased by one return flight to 29 weekly. Of these, four again serve Montreal and Chicago, with the others terminating in New York. No change is being made in the North Atlantic cargo services.

The Two South America flights weekly continue to terminate in Santiago, with one service weekly flying non-stop Geneva-Rio de Janeiro and v.v.

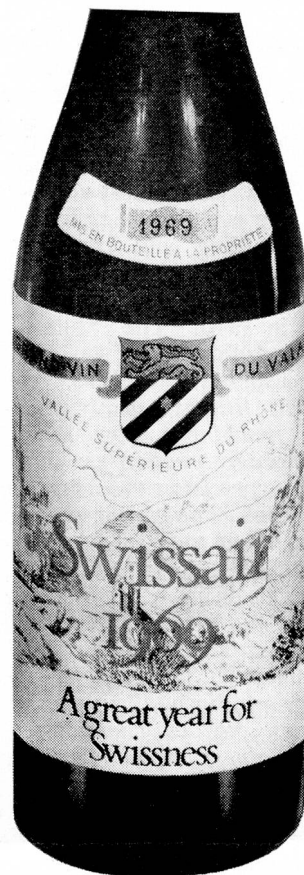
Frequencies to the Near and Middle East go up by six flights weekly, compared with last summer, to a total of 28. Athens will be linked with Zurich by a new daily terminating flight operated by DC-9. Including transit flights, Swissair's summer schedules provide 17 services weekly Switzerland-Athens and 19 Athens-Switzerland.

An innovation on services to Africa is a twice-weekly non-stop flight between Zurich and Tripoli, which has hitherto been served via Tunis. Casablanca will now also have two services weekly like Swissair's other North African destinations Algiers, Tripoli and Tunis.

There is no change in the West African services to Lagos and Accra, Dakar and Monrovia, and Abidjan-Monrovia. However, the departure of the weekly service to Johannesburg via Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam is being changed from Thursday evening to Saturday evening.

Fleet

Initially Swissair will operate its summer schedules with 32 jets, comprising six DC-8s, seven Convair Coronados, 16 DC-9s and three Caravelles. In service are additionally three Fokker F-27s and two all-cargo DC-4s operated by Balair. Two more DC-8-62 long range jets are due to join the fleet in the second half of the timetable period and will replace Coronados on the Far East route.



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