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between staff and management and a protection of Switzerland's peace of labour.

While this attitude might be rejected scornfully by the average militant for its paternalism, it is accepted by the great majority of Swiss workers, who do not mind paternalism as long as they get a decent reward for a good day's work. Labour-management relations have been excellent in Switzerland for the past forty years and the condition of working people steadily improved. For this reason, very few of them are inspired by revolutionary fervour and trade-union membership is small. In fact, the participation issue was thrown in the dormant pool of Swiss working-class institutions as a new cause to fight for. The others — good salaries, holidays, promotion etc. have already been fought and won. The new militants in Swiss industry are mainly young people or foreigners entrusted with more menial tasks. The foreign-labour issue is at present a greater matter of concern to most Swiss working people than participation. Although participation is a fundamental problem, and a proposition which is perhaps more likely to work in Switzerland than anywhere else — given the favourable state of industrial relations—it has not obtained much support so far.

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## More Fuel Saving at Swissair

As a further measure to save fuel, Swissair has decided to reduce the flying speed of its entire DC-9 fleet which comprises 22 units mainly used in European operations.

Although fuel saving flight procedures in short-haul services with their tight schedules and short ground times are somewhat more difficult than on long distance routes, the new rule will not result in changes of the time-table. The measure, tentatively valid until the end of the summer period, is expected to cut the fuel consumption of Swissair's DC-9s by four to five per cent.

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## NOTICES

Mrs Weber, the wife of our past Charge d'Affair in New Zealand and at present Ambassador in Kinshasa, has forwarded more copies of her booklet regarding the early Swiss settlers in New Zealand. They are available at the same price of 50 cents (which will be donated to the Swiss Society). Please contact Arnold Biland, R.D. 8, Frankton.

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Congratulations to Jack Sommerville, son-in-law of Jakob Von Holzen, for winning a Gold Medal in the bowling fours at the Christchurch Commonwealth Games.

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