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SKI CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN



Madame Daeniker presenting a prize to one of the winners in the British Ladies' Ski Championships.

The Annual Dinner and Ball of the Ski Club of Great Britain took place on 17th May at Grosvenor House. It was attended by the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker. The President of the Club, Mr. E. A. L. Gueterbock, welcomed the guests and referred to the British Ski Championships which took place in Switzerland. In his reply on behalf of the guests the Ambassador reminded the audience that more than sixty years ago Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his distinguished friends, Sir Arnold Lunn and Sir Harry Brittain, astonished the local Swiss population with their "wooden boards". It was the English visitors who convinced the Swiss people that the lovely peaks were not only to be looked at with awed admiration, but to be conquered and enjoyed. The Ambassador also congratulated the Club on having organised a ski-jumping competition at Wembley last summer. Madame Daeniker then presented prizes to the successful competitors of the British Championships.

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M.P.'s "Facts" were Wrong

Mr. Arthur Skeffington, M.P. for Hayes and Harlington, stated in the House of Commons on Monday, 28th May, that Swissair were not, according to his information, allowed to or did not operate a single jet aircraft from any one of the Swiss air stations at night. He added that Swissair could "inflict noise" here but not in their own country.

There is no truth in the allegation that Swissair do not operate night jet flights from their own country. It is impossible for us to guess what has given Mr. Skeffington this impression or what his wildly inaccurate source of information might be. There is not even any noise limit laid down in Switzerland for night jet flights.

The current timetable dealing with B.E.A. and Swissair operations between London and Zurich shows thirty take-offs or landings a week between 11.10 p.m. and 5.40 a.m. at the Swiss airport. B.E.A. uses the four-engined Comet and Swissair uses the twin-engined Caravelle on this route. The airports at Geneva and Basle also have night flights by jet aircraft.

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Swissair's Traffic Increase

Swissair traffic figures for March are 35 per cent higher than March last year and are better than last summer's record months. The biggest increase was on Far East routes, where passenger traffic jumped by 116 per cent compared with last March.

North Atlantic services did very well, too. There was a 44-per-cent increase in capacity and the 130-seat DC-8s were 55.8 per cent full.

The load factor for all scheduled services during March was 52.9 per cent.

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