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NEWS AT RANDOM

A lively discussion in the Grosse Rat of Schaffhausen dealt with the dissolution of the National Front. National Councillor Bringolf declared that the dissolution enabled the former members to evade the consequences of their political activities, and he demanded the immediate dismissal of all civil servants who had supported the movement. He mentioned several followers such as Major Frölich (the commandant of the local frontier guards), Dr. Max Jenny (an examining judge), school-teacher Karl Meyer ("Gauführer").

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The Basle authorities have made an arrangement with the Bell A.G., under which the latter — the largest local butchers — undertake to purchase and store for a very small compensation, 200,000 tins of corned beef; this is to be kept in reserve in case of emergency when it may be found impossible to import meat from the surrounding districts. In the meantime the population is advised to lay in a good stock of canned meat and condensed milk.

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The election of a new Maire for Porrentruy established a record: no less than 91% of the electorate filled in their papers. National Councillor Billieux (radical-socialist) won the seat with 906 votes against 594 votes given to his opponent Metzger (conservative).

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Liechtenstein is making a collection throughout the principality for the Swiss Red Cross thus showing its solidarity with our country.

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Under the best of auspices and with imposing speeches the "Swiss American Society for Cultural Relations" has been founded in Zurich. Its purpose is to further cultural relations between the "oldest and the largest democracy" in the world; it is non-political and does not concern itself with economics or trade. The program described by the president, Prof. Dr. A. R. Ganz, includes the publication of a journal or magazine, the creation of a news agency, a subsidy for Swiss papers issued for the benefit of the Swiss

Colonies in the U.S.A., directions to the latter for celebrating the 1st of August, familiarising the American youth with Swiss ideals and institutions, etc. It is hoped that towns, corporations and all circles having relations with the U.S.A. will apply for membership; so far a council of over twenty members has been constituted.

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In order to maintain navigation on the Lake of Lucerne the company is to receive an interest-free loan of Frs.150,000 from the Confederation and the contiguous cantons.

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The "National Front" has been scuttled, i.e., voluntarily dissolved. The few members who managed to obtain seats in local councils were not re-elected; ex-Colonel Fonjallaz is still under arrest while his compeer the "Landesführer," Dr. Robert Tobler, has been released; other members have taken up residence in their spiritual home for obvious reasons and with the secretary, Gottfried Itschner, also in a place of safety, little is left of this foreign product.

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An explosion in the kitchen adjoining the hair-dressers' saloon Regamey, in Lausanne, resulted in the death of a client and severe injuries to three assistants.

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Two conscientious objectors appeared before the military tribunal I in Lausanne: Lucien Tronchet, a notorious political agent, was sentenced to eight months and an associate of his to six months imprisonment with five years loss of civic rights.

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Adverse weather conditions and snow drifts were the cause of a serious accident in the military aerodrome at Thun when an army plane crashed into a company of recruits. Five soldiers were killed, their names being: Gunner Jakob Wittwer from Ober-Langenegg, Gunner Otto Büchler from Nassen (St. Gall), Gunner Werner Tobler from Teufen, Gunner Fritz Schwalm from Walzenhausen, and Gunner Franz Reiner from Basle.

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Sparrows in the canton Aargau are to be deprived of their Lebensraum as until further notice they may be shot ad libitum for having been found amongst the wheat crop.

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The International football match between Switzerland and Italy, played at Turin, ended in a draw (one all); the match attracted a large crowd. Both goals were scored in the first half and reports state that no great efforts were made by either side.