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Three young fellows intended to break into the jeweller's shop belonging to Roman-Mayer on the Place St. François in Lausanne. Early in the morning, one of the three entered the house, followed at two minutes interval by the other two. The police had information that the attempt would be made and were able, after a severe struggle to arrest all the three red-handed. One of the burglars had an automatic pistol on him and another a large knife with a fixable blade.

[A.T.S.]

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The Finance Committee of the Grand Council of the canton of Vaud stated in its report of the states accounts, that the surplus of receipts for 1947 was exceeded by more than nine million francs over expenditure. The Committee, however, warned the Grand Council, that the canton, in spite of the surplus of receipts is faced with a serious finance situation. The application of the new status of the employees and the law of the Old Age insurance would cause a considerably higher expenditure. Further a reduction of tax receipts must be expected. [A.T.S.]

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The "Voix ouvrière" made a statement in a report of a speech made on July 25th by René Albert Honrich, Secretary of the Valais group of the "Partei der Arbeiter" (Communist) at a meeting in La Batiatz, which was considered by the States Councillors Gard and Pittelond to be personal libels. They therefore instituted proceedings against Honrich for libel. At the Court at Martigny when the cases were heard on August 13th, Honrich apologised and signed the following explanation: "The undersigned, René-Albert

Honrich, residing at Bex, declares that his statement made at La Batiatz was directed against some employees charged with offences, but not against the States Councillors Gard and Pittelond, whose honesty he did not question. [A.T.S.]

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Two mountaineers from Sierre ascended the Dent Blanche from the Mountet Hut. On their way down over the Seipécle ridge, Paul Darioli, an employee of the S.B.B., slipped and fell several hundreds of meters. His companion brought the news into Haudères, from where a recovering column set out and brought the body back for burial. [A.T.S.]

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Owing to the recent heavy rains the Areuse and its tributaries are in flood. The Areuse once more rose above its embankments and the whole district between the villages of Motiers, Boveresse and Couvet are under water. The damage to meadows and fields is considerable. [A.T.S.]

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The World Federation of the Reformed Churches has decided to move the seat of the Federation from Edinburgh to Geneva and to divide the Federation into an eastern and a western section. [A.T.S.]

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From the beginning of September, Swissair will extend its activities. There will be a weekly service to the U.S.A. consecutively from Geneva and Kloten.

[A.T.S.]

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The Conference for a General Agreement about customs duties and commerce, now sitting at Geneva, elected as its President, Mr. Dana Wilgress (Canada) and as Vice-President, Mr. M. Speekenbrick (Holland). The conference refused a proposal by Czechoslovakia which would exclude countries which are militarily occupied from a general agreement on customs duties.

[A.T.S.]

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Nouvelle Société Helvétique (LONDON GROUP)

OPEN MEETING

on Tuesday, 21st September, 1948, at 7 p.m.
at the Vienna Café,
Berkeley Arcade, Opposite Baker St. Station.

AGENDA.

1. Discussion on Club House offer of the Union Helvetia.
2. Old Age Insurance, final arrangements.
3. Some films will also be shewn.

All Swiss and their friends cordially invited.