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Friday, April 16th, at 8 p.m. — Schweizerbund (Swiss Club) — Annual Dinner and Ball — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. (Extension till

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THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF ZURICH. (By Leu & Co.'s Bank Limited, Zurich).

(By Leu & Co.'s Bank Limited, Zurich). Zurich, March 13th, 1937. Stimulated by comparatively favourable re-ports from trade and industry in Switzerland and in accordance with a strong disposition of most commodities abroad, the stock prices were improving further in the first part of February. Round the 20th of last month, however, calmer views began to prevail and more selective buying took place thus leading to some profit taking in most stocks. Since then no change took place and the market gives the impression of tiredness, which was quite obvious in the first week of march, when it hardly reacted upon the buoyancy in rails and steels in New York. With the excep-tion of Baltimore and Pennsylvania that were common and turned more accentnated recently. As a rule, however, sales were never pressing aturnovers were decreasing with falling quota-tions. Bank shares after the coupons were de-tached lost much of their speculative interest and were sold lower. Also Trust companies were un-able to maintain their highest level and weakened. Especially Motor-Columbus and Saeg lost con-siderable ground, partly on account of a lighter trend in general and partly because pending elec-tions in Argentina are making such investments here sold lower. Also Trust companies were un-able to maintain their highest level and weakened. Especially Motor-Columbus and Saeg lost con-siderable ground, partly on account of a lighter trend in general and partly because pending elec-tions in Argentina are making such investments profinternational stocks, such as Hispano and Royal Dutch were more widely offered, while Halo-Argentina kept fairly stable at 265. Also Swiss industrials traded lower, although the bisses were seldom so big as to wipe out all pre-vious gains. Sevillana, a Spanish investment, power-plants of this company are situated in the antionalist territory. Schweiz, Gesellschaft f. Merallwerte made a sudden downward dash to However, an improvement brought the price per shar

A small list of representative stocks may illustrate best the general price situation :

	beginning		
	Febr. 8th	highest	March 12th
Schweiz, Nationalbank	650	650	650
Elektrobank	665	675	662
Motor-Columbus	338	370	350
Zürich, Allg. Unfall-Vers.	7,775	8,000	7,850
Aluminium-Industrie	2,745	2,860	2,810
Bally	1,290	1,440	1,400
Brown Boveri	243	245	232
Kraftwerk Laufenburg	660	750	730

On the bond market the gilt-edged securities showed slight weakness during February and March which is believed to be due to wide selling by German nationals of Swiss holdings, comply-ing with the more rigorous laws in Germany. The average yield of 12 Federal Government securities remains, however, with 3½%. Quite remarkable improvement registered especially German Fundimprovement registered especially German Fund-ing bonds, as the Swiss-German clearing arrange-ment is looked upon more hopeful. French bonds were rather irregular suffering by the unsettled financial situation in France. Considerable optimism is spreading, however, just now, in connection with the new armament loan, that started very promising.

Good disposition encountered Italian securi-ties, while 7% Poland were rather weak, owing to serious difficulties in transfering interests and capitals.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE. (London Group.)

There will be three events in the course of April of which the first two in particular will be of interest to all our Members and Friends.

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On Wednesday, April 7th, Dr. A. POZZI, Pressechef des Berner Oberland, will give a lec-ture at "Swiss House," on *Swiss Folklore*, illus-trated by a large number of lantern slides. This will be a most interesting event and ought to draw the Members and their Friends again.

On Friday, April 16th, the ordinary monthly meeting will take place at the "Foyer Suisse" after a little supper at 6.30 when the President of the London group will give an address on "The Swiss Abroad, particularly in England." For the Council of the

Nouvelle Société Helvétique : A. FRED. SUTER, President.