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Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Holding Company will propose, at an extraordinary general meeting to be held on 5th December, an increase in the share capital by Swiss francs 7,200,000 to francs 65,200,000 by issuing at francs 525 72,000 new bearer shares of francs 100 each nominal.

This issue is in connection with the merger scheme with Alimentana. As already reported, shareholders in Alimentana, the holding company for the Swiss Maggi food concern, have been offered for each share 15 Nestlé shares and 15 shares in Unilac Incorporated, of Panama, a concern allotted to Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Holding Company.

### Humanitarian

The "Kinderhilfe" of the Swiss Red Cross has organised further transports of children. On the 20th of this month 500 children from Austria have arrived in Switzerland, another batch from Italy is expected to arrive shortly in our country. They will stay for three months and will be distributed amongst Swiss families. [A.T.S.]

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The Annual Seismological Report concerning Swiss earthquakes during 1945 has been compiled by Dr. E. Wanner, of Zurich. Seismographs are installed at the Swiss Observatories of Zurich, Chur, Neuchâtel, Basel and Brig, and during the year 85 near earthquakes and 189 strong distant earthquakes were registered. There were ten earth tremors with epicentres in Switzerland which were felt by people during the year. None of these had a greater intensity than V on the Rossi-Forel Scale, so that none reached destructive intensity. The greatest three tremors were (1) May 13th at Freiburg, (2) October 13th, at Engadine, and (3) November 10th, at Wildhorn.

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Swiss hotels and restaurants will serve meals without coupons from November 14th.

### SWITZERLAND'S CONSTITUTION, HISTORY AND CULTURE.

We wish to draw our reader's attention to a most interesting course of three lectures on the above-mentioned theme.

The first of these lectures will be given by Dr. A. R. Lindt, Press Attaché at the Swiss Legation, on Tuesday, December 2nd, 1947, at 7 p.m., at the Vienna Café. (See Forthcoming Events.)

The course is organised by the Nouvelle Société Helvétique in an endeavour to give us an opportunity to refresh our memories and to help foreign born wives and the younger generation to get to know something about the fundamentals of the far off homeland.

### TWENTY ENGLISHMEN IN SWITZERLAND.

On the 16th of December, a very attractive talk will be given by Professor de Beer, one of Switzerland's greatest friends in England, on the experiences of famous Englishmen, men of letters in Switzerland in the course of the last 200 years. This lecture also takes place at the Vienna Café under the auspices of the N.S.H. (See Forthcoming Events.)

### UN CADEAU ORIGINAL DE RADIO-LAUSANNE A LA PRINCESSE ELIZABETH D'ANGLETERRE.

La Suisse, comme tous les pays du monde, se passionne pour le mariage du couple princier d'Angleterre.

Un cadeau fort original sera fait à la Princesse Elizabeth par la Chaîne du Bonheur qui est l'une des émissions les plus goûtées de Radio-Lausanne. Les animateurs de cette émission philanthropique ont envoyé à la Princesse Elizabeth le télégramme suivant :

" A Son Altesse Royale la Princesse Elizabeth.

Les auditeurs de Radio-Lausanne, groupés sous le signe de la Chaîne du Bonheur conduite par Roger Nordmann et Jack Rollan, vous présentent, à l'occasion de votre mariage, leurs vœux les plus respectueux et sincères.

Pour marquer cet heureux événement, ils se font un plaisir d'inviter 20 petits Londoniens à passer un mois en Suisse et ils voudraient que vous trouviez dans ce geste, l'expression des sentiments que nous éprouvons pour la valeureuse Angleterre et la Famille Royale.

Signé : Marcel Bezengon.

Directeur de Radio-Lausanne."

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