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Communications of the Secretariat of the Swiss abroad



The 1976 National Day Collection

The way in which our National Day is celebrated in all parts of our country, and among Swiss abroad, can be described as typically Swiss. There is nothing uniform or compulsory about it. Every commune, every individual even – all keep the 1st August in their own fashion. No less typically Swiss is the National Day badge, which is sold in aid of a nation-wide charity. Half the proceeds of the 1976 collection will go to the Swiss Youth Hostels Federation and half will be used for the protection of our architectural heritage. The Swiss abroad can obtain the badge through their local Swiss societies.

Book Corner

(These books are obtainable at any bookshop)

«Dear Old Berne»

A nostalgic picture in retrospect of the now vanished face of the Berne of yesteryear. The extremely carefully presented picture book by Dr. A. H. Schwengeler consists of 112 pages, 96 mostly full-page pictures in offset (two colours), with short captions in German, English and French. The text is in German. Format 21.5 x 25 cm. Published by Payot SA.

«Federal Councillor F. T. Wahlen»

A book on the personality of the former Federal Councillor Wahlen who had a seat in the Council of States from 1938–1945. Published by Verbandsdruckerei AG, CH-3000 Berne. In German only. Author: Hermann Wahlen.



Gathering at Morat

The 54th Assembly of the Swiss Abroad will take place in that town from 27th to 29th August 1976. The medieval town situated in the middle of idyllic scenery, connects the French-speaking with the German-speaking part of Switzerland. In the middle of the 15th century, it played a not inconspicuous role, because it was there that the armies of Charles the Bold were beaten by the Confederates.

1976 is a year to be celebrated at Morat. Apart from the quingen-tenary of the above-mentioned

battle, the 800th anniversary of Morat's foundation and the 725th anniversary of the granting of the charter will be celebrated.

The theme of this year's Assembly will be «Vocational training in Switzerland for young Swiss from abroad». This will surely interest everybody. We hope that you will turn up at Morat in large numbers. Detailed information and the necessary papers will be sent to you on receipt of the slip below.

Our address: Secretariat of the Swiss abroad of the NSH, Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Berne 16.

54th Assembly of the Swiss abroad at Morat

Please send me programme and application forms
(block letters please)

Name and Christian name(s):

Address:

Country:

Date:

Signature:

Solidarity Fund of the Swiss abroad



Twice already, the Solidarity Fund has presented a bunch of adages; today there follows a third – letters sent by readers and members from far and near. So in place of adages in the four national languages, there will be an international **proverb concert**

in the five languages of this periodical: German, French, Italian, English and Spanish. As it were, these are the languages of

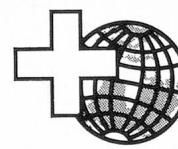
Switzerland in the World, that large area in which the Swiss abroad are closely connected with their homeland.

A wise old owl sat in an oak,
the more he saw, the less he
spoke –
the less he spoke, the more he
heard –
he really was a wise old bird!
(England) (England)

Besser den Spatz in der Hand, als
die Taube auf dem Dach
(Deutschland)

Coda corta non scaccia le mosche
(Italien)

A brebis tondue Dieu mesure le
vent (Frankreich)



El zorro pierde el pelo, pero no las
manías (Argentinien)

Si vous ne voulez pas faire crier une
jeune poule, il ne faut pas lui
arracher ses plumes
(Französisch Guayana)

We thank our correspondents for
this little animal book.

For information and prospectus
regarding the activities of the Fund,
please apply to Swiss Embassies
and Consulates or direct to

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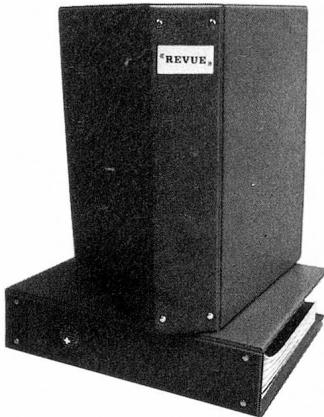
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Sickness Insurance

Any Swiss man or woman resident abroad and wishing to return to Switzerland should read carefully the provisions of the following agreement. It gives them an opportunity of joining a Swiss sickness insurance on their return.

Here you have a chance of doing a service to compatriots already back in Switzerland and with whom you are in touch, by informing them of this agreement which could be to their advantage before the end of 1976. Keep this paper carefully. Should you require further information, please write to Mr. Lucien Paillard, Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Berne 16.

Agreement

between the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique and the Union of Swiss Federations of Sickness Insurances regarding sickness and nursing insurance of Swiss repatriates

Art. 1

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that the Swiss repatriate who has been working abroad for some considerable time and cannot or only with difficulties join a recognized Swiss sickness insurance, may on principle be assured of the protection of a sickness and nursing insurance according to the KUVG (sickness and accident insurance law) and without regard to the statutory age limit.

Art. 2

Swiss citizens who were registered with an official Swiss Embassy, Consulate or Consular Agency and return to Switzerland for good after a stay abroad of at least 5 years will be able to insure themselves against sickness with a recognized Swiss sickness insurance up to the 70th year without regard to the statutory age limit, as long as the insurance is a signatory to this agreement and the repatriate fulfills all the general conditions of admission laid down by the insurance in question. In case of illnesses under Art. 5, Par. 3 of the KUVG, a proviso for 5 years may be insisted on.

Art. 3

The Swiss repatriate has to apply for admission to a sickness and nursing insurance

signatory to this agreement within 6 months after his return to Switzerland. The right to apply lapses after that period.

Art. 4

Joining refers exclusively to sickness and nursing insurance. For any additional insurance agreement regarding other benefits or voluntary insurance (supplementary insurance) the appropriate regulations of the individual insurance companies apply.

Art. 5

The company may ask the repatriate only for those contributions for sickness and nursing insurance which are owed by members when they join before the statutory age limit.

Art. 6

The regulation of the company are unreservedly applicable with regard to beginning, extent and duration of sickness and nursing benefits.

Art. 7

The Union of Swiss Federations of Sickness Insurances, i.e. the «Konkordat der Schweizerischen Krankenkassen», the «Fédération des sociétés de secours mutuels de la Suisse romande» and the «Federazione ticinese delle casse-malati», will endeavour to get as many sickness insurance companies as possible to join this agreement.

The Secretariat of the Union and the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad of the NSH will continuously announce the names of the insurances which have joined the agreement.

Art. 8

Any possible differences of opinion between repatriates and insurances regarding the execution of this agreement have to be submitted to an arbitration body, which will be appointed *ad hoc* by the parties to the agreement. It is the task of the arbitration body to reach an amicable settlement of the differences of opinion before any court action is taken.

Art. 9

Swiss repatriates who had already returned to Switzerland after a stay abroad of at least 5 years at the time when this agreement came into force, and after having been registered with an official Swiss consular representation and who had already passed the statutory age limit, may take out an insurance until 31st December 1976, provided they have not yet passed their 70th birthday.

Art. 10

All rights are reserved regarding more comprehensive or contractual regulations.

Art. 11

This agreement comes into force on 1st July 1976, after the competent body of the two partners of the agreement has ratified it.

Berne, 6th March 1976
Solothurn,

Organisation of the Swiss Abroad of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique

Union of Swiss Federations of Sickness Insurances