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Don't let your Savings go to Sleep!

All financial experts are agreed on one point; in these uncertain times one should not put all one's eggs in one basket, but one should spread investment of savings as widely as possible. When considering this, one must not forget the

Solidarity Fund for Swiss Abroad; for it is

1) at present *very profitable* thanks to a firm rate of interest of 3½% (as laid down in the Constitution)

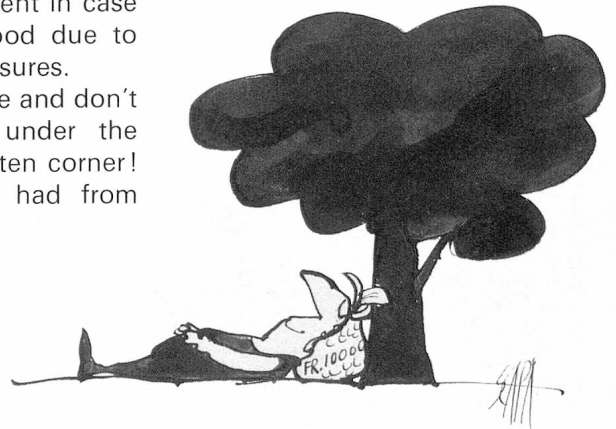
2) *very favourable* because interest is exempt from Swiss withholding tax (*Verrechnungssteuer/impôt anticipé*)

3) *very safe* thanks to the money being placed in stable currency with the Confederation.

But the Fund offers you further possibilities and advantages, not least a lumpsum payment in case you lose your livelihood due to political events or measures.

Don't miss your chance and don't hoard your savings under the mattress or in a forgotten corner! *Information:* May be had from

Solidarity Fund for Swiss Abroad, Gutenbergstrasse 6, CH-3011, Berne, Switzerland, as well as from your nearest Swiss Embassy or Consulate.



How the Swiss abroad can educate Themselves and their Children

Anyone who takes up residence abroad often has to face certain difficulties not only regarding the education of the children, but also one's own further education (except in case the stay abroad itself is meant as educational improvement).

Because these problems are brought up again and again at assemblies of the Swiss abroad, the IPU, Institute for Programmed Tuition and Prospective Teaching Methods in Lucerne and the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad in Berne have been trying for some time to find a solution: In close co-operation, they have built up a programme of *maturité fédérale* and commerce, which will allow all Swiss abroad – young and old – to prepare for the *Eidgenössische Maturität* or the IPU diploma of commerce at their present place of residence, combined with complementing semi-

nars of two to four weeks a year. This training has very special advantages for the professional future of the young Swiss abroad: Parents do not have to be separated from their children during vital phases of development. Youngsters get used to working independently, and the training is not only very efficient, but also favourable as far as costs are concerned.

This new method of training also meets the needs of many adult outside Switzerland who want to continue further education abroad, possibly with a view to returning home later on in life. Housewives, too, in many countries like to make use of this chance of adult education in order to develop their personalities.

Twelve years of research and study have gone into the development of new teaching methods and systems, and the IPU has

tested with great success their efficiency by specially created schools. The tuition programmes are based on the most modern didactic knowledge, and they have been specially developed for autodidactic learning. During the whole training course, the student (young as well as adult) is continually instructed, motivated and checked by the IPU method, as if he or she had a private tutor. Prerequisites for joining the IPU school for Swiss abroad are a minimum of eight basic school years, very good knowledge of German and normal intelligence. Individual subjects from the field of *maturité* or commerce may also be followed for purely individual studies. Information regarding this service for the Swiss abroad may be had from IPU-Maturitäts- und Handelsschule für Auslandsschweizer, Hirschengraben 13, 6002 Lucerne, Switzerland.