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# **SOLIDARITY FUND FOR SWISS ABROAD**

The Solidarity Fund is a self-help co-operative in the service of our compatriots abroad. Its aim is:

1. To secure the existence of the Swiss abroad against a loss caused by war, civil disturbance or general coercive measures of a political nature.
2. Accumulation of personal savings deposit in the home country.

Each member can choose between annual savings deposit or one single savings deposit. The savings deposit made remain the property of each co-operator. They can be reimbursed any time (single savings deposit to 100% after three years, annual savings deposit between 60% and 100% depending on the time they are left in the Fund). The Fund invests the money in the Swiss Confederation. With its interest the needs of the indemnity fund are covered to pay out lump-sums to co-operators who suffered loss as stated above. This lump-sum will be of help to the co-operator building up a new existence. You entrust us your savings deposit without any interest and as a return the Fund overtakes the risk of a loss of livelihood which is not little in our actual world. If the number of co-operators increases, the Fund grows stronger to the benefit of all.

This year we are having a contest: members enlist new members. We are rewarding their trouble by attractive prizes sponsored by important Swiss firms. At the Congress for the Swiss Abroad in Berne in 1972 the winners will be selected by a lottery. Members who are not yet in the possession of a form of contest or who need some more, may apply for them at the Embassy. Our Embassy is able to give full information on the Solidarity Fund. Of course you may also turn directly to the "Solidaritätsfonds der Auslandschweizer, Schosshaldenstrasse 14, CH – 3006 Bern.

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## **HEDY'S CORNER:**

Recently there was such an excellent article in the weekly edition of the *Tagesanzeiger* that it warrants some translated excepts:

### **30 Tips for Keeping Our World Beautiful and Clean —**

- Use cleaning agents sparingly! Follow the instructions on the containers, as by doing so you will assist in helping to reduce water pollution by one third.
- If you have to use your own transport for going to work, arrange to work in with some neighbours. One car with four passengers creates less air pollution than four cars with only the driver.