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The Lynton and Lynmouth Relief Fund

RESULT: £354.4.9

When some five weeks ago we launched an Appeal to the Swiss Colony in the British Isles, we were convinced, that owing to its nature, this Appeal would find a sympathetic reception.

We are glad to say, that in this assumption we have not been disappointed, quite the contrary, we are delighted to report, that our endeavours to lighten the burden of the unfortunate population of Lynmouth and Lynton have met with an undeniable success.

It is only fair to mention, that many of our compatriots had, before our Appeal appeared, already answered the West Somerset Relief Appeal, and had sent donations direct to this committee or had subscribed through some other channels.

Especially gratifying have been large donations of some of the Swiss business houses and Swiss Societies, but our gratitude goes also to the many individual subscribers, who have so largely swelled this fund.

The Swiss Colony in Great Britain has thus, once again, given a splendid example of its generosity whenever it has been asked to support a deserving cause, and we wish to express our sincere thanks to all who have so kindly supported our Appeal.

The Editor.

We have much pleasure in publishing herewith the Correspondence between the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, Dr. E. Bernath, and the Secretary of the North Devon and West Somerset Relief Appeal, Mr. J. H. Hollis.

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Swiss Legation,
18, Montagu Place,
London W.1,
September 29th, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in sending you herewith a cheque amounting to £354. 4. 9. as a token of the sympathy which the catastrophe of Lynton and Lynmouth has evoked amongst the Swiss Colony in Great Britain.

This sum has been collected by the Swiss Churches, various Swiss Clubs and Organisations, Swiss Banks and business houses. Many individuals too have contributed in the hope that it might help to alleviate some of the distress caused by the floods. The Swiss Colony have not forgotten the very generous help which came from all over England at the time of the avalanche distress in Switzerland and hope that this gesture may be accepted as a proof of the sincere feelings of friendship and appreciation which they feel towards your country.

Yours faithfully,
The Swiss Chargé d'Affaires a.i.:
sig. E. Bernath.

The Secretary of the North Devon
and West Somerset Relief Appeal,
J. H. Hollis, Esq.,
National Provincial Bank,
65, High Street,
Exeter.

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NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK LIMITED,
Exeter Bank Branch,
Exeter, 30th September 1952.

The Swiss Chargé d'Affaires,
18, Montagu Place,
London W.1.

Dear Sir,

North Devon and Somerset Relief Appeal

Thank you for your letter of the 29th instant enclosing the generous donation of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain amounting to £354. 4. 9. Will you please convey to the members of the Colony our sincere appreciation for their generous help towards our Fund.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. Hollis
(Manager National Provincial Bank).

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