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# Flood Distress Fund Result

**£450 . 1 . 11**

On Monday, March 23rd, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, called at the Mansion House, and handed over to the Lord Mayor a cheque amounting to £450.1.11 being the result of the Appeal made by the Assembly of Presidents of Swiss Societies in Great Britain, and published in this paper on February 13th, and 27th, 1953.

Mr. W. Meier, the Chairman of the President's Assembly has received a letter of thanks from the Lord Mayor, Sir Rupert de la Bère, M.P. which we are pleased to publish herewith together with a letter from Mr. Meier thanking the many generous donors and helpers:—

The Mansion House,  
London, E.C.4.  
26th March, 1953.

Dear Mr. Meier,

I have received with great pleasure from the Swiss Minister a cheque for £450.1.11d. on behalf of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain, and have read with interest the appeal which you made to your countrymen in the issue of "The Swiss Observer" of 13th February.

The magnificent response is most heartening and is a fitting demonstration of the mutual esteem with which our peoples have regarded each other during so many years. May I ask you to accept my sincere thanks for all you and your countrymen have done for us in this hour of need.

I have sent my official receipt to the Swiss Minister.

Yours sincerely,  
Rupert De La Bère.  
LORD MAYOR.

W. Meier, Esq.,  
Chairman of the Assembly of Presidents of the Swiss Societies in Great Britain,  
c/o The Swiss Legation,  
18, Montagu Place, W.1.

Swiss House,  
35, Fitzroy Square,  
London, W.1.  
30th March, 1953.

The Editor,  
The Swiss Observer,  
23, Leonard Street,  
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

May I express my sincere thanks through your columns to all those who have so generously responded to the appeal published on behalf of the Assembly of Presidents of the Swiss Societies in Great Britain in the "Swiss Observer".

I should also like to convey the Assembly's appreciation to the Swiss Minister who wholeheartedly supported the idea of making this special appeal and to the staff of the Swiss Legation for acknowledging the gifts individually.

And last, but by no means least, we are all grateful to you, Sir, for giving the necessary space for the appeal in the "Swiss Observer" and associating your newspaper with it.

Yours faithfully,  
W. Meier.

Chairman of the Assembly of Presidents of the Swiss Societies in Great Britain.

The Mansion House,  
London, E.C.4.  
26th March, 1953.

Your Excellency,

May I express my sincere gratitude for the very generous donation of £450.1.11d. which you have sent to my Fund on behalf of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain. I have pleasure in enclosing my official receipt.

The magnificent response to my Appeal is not only a heartening demonstration of sympathy for those who now stand in need, but also serves as a clear sign to all of the friendship which has prevailed for so long between the peoples of our two countries.

I should be glad if you would convey to your countrymen residing in Great Britain my warmest thanks and appreciation on behalf of those who have suffered so much.

I am writing separately to Mr. Meier to thank him for his efforts on behalf of my Fund.

Yours sincerely,  
Rupert De La Bère,  
LORD MAYOR.

His Excellency the Swiss Minister,  
18, Montagu Place,  
LONDON, W.1.