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**COMMUNIQUE FROM THE SWISS EMBASSY.****Re-acquisition of Swiss citizenship.**

On April 15th, 1957 a new clause — article 58bis — has been added to the Federal Law concerning the acquisition and loss of Swiss citizenship. A translation of this clause reads as follows:

“ If before the enactment of the Federal Law of September 29th, 1952 (i.e. before January 1st, 1953) a woman lost her Swiss citizenship either through marriage or through the release of her husband from Swiss nationality, she may be reinstated into Swiss citizenship provided that her marriage has not been dissolved or she has not been separated from her husband. ”

An application for reinstatement may be presented at any time, so long as the conditions mentioned in the foregoing paragraph are fulfilled. It should be pointed out, however, that the applicant's readmission to Swiss nationality will depend to a certain extent on the ties she still has with Switzerland.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to apply for further information to the Swiss Embassy, 18, Montagu Place, London W.1, or the Swiss Consulate, Midland Bank Buildings, Spring Gardens, Manchester 2.

**COMMUNIQUE FROM THE SWISS EMBASSY.****Transitional Swiss old-age pensions.**

The 4th amendment of the Swiss old-age insurance scheme, adopted by the Swiss Parliament in December, 1956, recently came into operation. Besides other improvements this revision allows the granting of a *transitional pension* to those Swiss nationals abroad who did *not* qualify for membership of the voluntary pension scheme.

*Provided* they fulfil the conditions mentioned below the following categories of Swiss citizens can apply for a transitional pension:

- (a) persons born before July 1, 1883;
- (b) a widow over 63 years of age whose husband was born before July 1, 1883, or died before December 1, 1948 (a widow under 63 years of age has to fulfil a number of other conditions).

**General conditions:**

A Swiss citizen abroad will only be eligible for a transitional pension if his or her yearly income, to which is added a certain proportion of his or her capital assets, does not exceed the following amounts:

S.fr. 3,750 (roughly £306) for a single person,  
S.fr. 6,000 (roughly £490) for a married couple, S.fr. 1,650 (roughly £135) for an orphan.

Dual nationals will not be entitled to a transitional pension if their foreign nationality predominates.

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