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The financial position of the Solidarity Fund for the Swiss Abroad is satisfactory. Membership has increased and a favourable interest rate has pushed its assets to 6.1 million francs. There remains an important loan to be refunded to the Confederation and the fraternal insurance which the Solidarity Fund is cannot at present be ready to sustain heavy claims. The compensation fund presently stands at 450,000 francs, and 180,000 francs came in as welcome premiums to various Swiss living in Algeria, Kenya, Ghana and Morocco. The President of the Swiss Club of Lima had proposed in 1968 that each member should join the Solidarity Fund, which would receive payment for each member directly from the Club kitty. This was conceived as a gesture of support towards the fund and a protection of the members of the Club. The arrangement that finally prevailed consisted in the Fund's acceptance of yearly minimum and retrievable deposits of 25 francs and benefits to the Swiss Club of Lima for all newly enrolled Fund members giving more than the minimum contribution of 25 francs.

#### The care of the Swiss youth abroad

The Secretariat is intent on helping the younger Swiss across the world, relying in this on parently co-operation as parents are the only way in which 15-year-olds can come to the attention of the Secretariat. It distributes the *Weltschweizer*, a brochure on Swiss topics, to the young on its mailing list, five times a year. The Secretariat organised three well-attended ski holiday camps and a summer holiday camp during the year covered by the report. Efforts are made to keep in touch with Swiss youth organisations, of which examples can be found in Lyon, Strasbourg, Munich, Hanover and Braunschweig. A questionnaire seeking to establish guidelines for the Secretariat's youth policy revealed however that the need of a youth club was rarely felt as there were usually too few young Swiss to make it viable.

One of the 20 Swiss schools abroad, the Cairo Swiss School, had to close down. The Swiss School in Alexandria has been passing through difficulties and losing attendances. There are new projects on the way however, and work was begun on the new Swiss school in Sao Paulo last November. The Commission for the Swiss Abroad has approved expenditure of 280,840 francs in educational grants to some 186 young Swiss abroad wishing to get education in Switzerland.

#### Conclusion

These chapters have summed up the numerous activities of the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad. We should have mentioned the Annual Assembly of the Swiss Abroad which took place in Montreux last year and was attended by a record 500. The theme of the conference was, as readers may re-

member, the contribution of the Swiss abroad to the national economy. National Councillor Hans Schaffner made the opening speech.

The life of the Swiss abroad is following the stormy evolution of the world today. It is getting harder in the Middle East and in Brazil, where a deteriorating political climate and a tendency to covet foreign capital have

made their livelihood increasingly precarious. They know however, that they can count on the unflinching support of an organisation whose very existence is the expression of the renewed concern of the nation for her children abroad.

*(Adapted from the 1969 report of the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad.)*

## SURVEY OF THE EFFECTIVES OF THE SWISS COLONIES ACROSS THE WORLD

### EUROPE

|    |                |        |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 1  | Norway         | 628    |
| 2  | Sweden         | 2,867  |
| 3  | Finland        | 496    |
| 4  | Ireland        | 263    |
| 5  | Great Britain  | 14,480 |
| 6  | Denmark        | 1,292  |
| 7  | Russia         | 90     |
| 8  | Holland        | 3,099  |
| 9  | Belgium        | 5,587  |
| 10 | West Germany   | 34,043 |
| 11 | East Germany   | 3,236  |
| 12 | Poland         | 238    |
| 13 | Luxembourg     | 462    |
| 14 | Czechoslovakia | 117    |
| 15 | France         | 92,882 |
| 16 | Austria        | 5,804  |
| 17 | Hungary        | 159    |
| 18 | Rumania        | 118    |
| 19 | Italy          | 18,490 |
| 20 | Yugoslavia     | 125    |
| 21 | Bulgaria       | 58     |
| 22 | Portugal       | 722    |
| 23 | Spain          | 4,903  |
| 24 | Greece         | 526    |

### NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

|    |                |        |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 1  | Canada         | 18,432 |
| 2  | USA            | 34,213 |
| 3  | Mexico         | 1,888  |
| 4  | Guatemala      | 254    |
| 5  | Salvador       | 188    |
| 6  | Honduras       | 105    |
| 7  | Nicaragua      | 73     |
| 8  | Costa Rica     | 195    |
| 9  | Panama         | 195    |
| 10 | Jamaica        | 118    |
| 11 | Cuba           | 80     |
| 12 | Haiti          | 61     |
| 13 | Dominican Rep. | 33     |

### SOUTH AMERICA

|    |           |        |
|----|-----------|--------|
| 14 | Columbia  | 1,477  |
| 15 | Venezuela | 1,211  |
| 16 | Ecuador   | 406    |
| 17 | Peru      | 1,948  |
| 18 | Brazil    | 7,958  |
| 19 | Bolivia   | 252    |
| 20 | Chile     | 1,703  |
| 21 | Paraguay  | 365    |
| 22 | Argentina | 10,156 |
| 23 | Uruguay   | 575    |

### AFRICA

|    |         |       |
|----|---------|-------|
| 24 | Morocco | 1,153 |
| 25 | Algeria | 555   |
| 26 | Tunisia | 302   |
| 27 | Libya   | 114   |
| 28 | Egypt   | 392   |
| 29 | Senegal | 188   |

|    |                      |       |
|----|----------------------|-------|
| 30 | Mali                 | 25    |
| 31 | Upper Volta          | 58    |
| 32 | Niger                | 37    |
| 33 | Chad                 | 80    |
| 34 | Sudan                | 37    |
| 35 | Liberia              | 227   |
| 36 | Ivory Coast          | 333   |
| 37 | Ghana                | 562   |
| 38 | Dahomey              | 68    |
| 39 | Nigeria              | 454   |
| 40 | Cameroons            | 473   |
| 41 | Central African Rep. | 62    |
| 42 | Ethiopia             | 125   |
| 43 | Gabon                | 67    |
| 44 | Congo (Brazzaville)  | 74    |
| 45 | Congo (Kinshasa)     | 563   |
| 46 | Ruanda               | 192   |
| 47 | Uganda               | 31    |
| 48 | Kenya                | 280   |
| 49 | Angola               | 76    |
| 50 | Rhodesia             | 492   |
| 51 | Mozambique           | 190   |
| 52 | S.W. Africa          | 115   |
| 53 | Botswana             | 1     |
| 54 | South Africa         | 5,601 |
| 55 | Madagascar           | 292   |
| 56 | Tanzania             | 572   |

### ASIA

|    |               |       |
|----|---------------|-------|
| 57 | Turkey        | 486   |
| 58 | Syria         | 53    |
| 59 | Lebanon       | 458   |
| 60 | Jordan        | 30    |
| 61 | Iraq          | 57    |
| 62 | Iran          | 302   |
| 63 | Afghanistan   | 63    |
| 64 | Pakistan      | 304   |
| 65 | Saudi Arabia  | 58    |
| 66 | Israel        | 1,068 |
| 67 | India         | 615   |
| 68 | Nepal         | 65    |
| 69 | Burma         | 6     |
| 70 | China         | 17    |
| 71 | South Korea   | 35    |
| 72 | Japan         | 726   |
| 73 | Ceylon        | 58    |
| 74 | Thailand      | 326   |
| 75 | Laos          | 33    |
| 76 | South Vietnam | 96    |
| 77 | Cambodia      | 21    |
| 78 | Hong Kong     | 353   |
| 79 | Formosa       | 96    |
| 80 | Philippines   | 311   |
| 81 | Malaysia      | 126   |
| 82 | Singapore     | 191   |
| 83 | Indonesia     | 143   |

### AUSTRALASIA

|    |             |       |
|----|-------------|-------|
| 84 | Australia   | 7,046 |
| 85 | New Zealand | 1,291 |