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Secretariat operates on an 869.000 franc budget, i.e. less than four times the "Echo" budget.

Youth work has been continued actively. Four camps were held for a total of 59 days. 195 young boys and girls of an average age of twenty-and-a-half took part.

The services rendered by the Solidarity Fund for the Swiss Abroad are as usual referred to in the Report. The Fund payed out 137.500 francs to Swiss nationals stranded across the world. These beneficiaries lived in Ceylon, Chili, India, Malaysia, Pakistan. Two dispossessed Swiss in Egypt could not receive full compensation as they did not meet the requirements of the Fund's statutes. They were nevertheless awarded 5000 franc each.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE SWISS OBSERVER

This year we shall be repeating our presentation of Christmas Greetings and hope to be as successful as last year. We shall be booking space for these greetings in the Double-Christmas Number due to appear on December 14th these bookings will be at the disposal of those of our readers interested in this convenient way of reaching a wide circle of friends and of being remembered by compatriots all over the world. At the same time, the arrangement is a means of additional support for the paper. Those of our readers who wish to be included should kindly forward name and address to our Office not later than Monday 26th November, 1973, together with remittance of £2. Your prompt decision would be greatly appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Leopold Schaer

Laussanne: 7th September 1887
London: 10th November 1971

LETTER

Dear Editor,

The *Swiss Observer* published recently on its front page an interesting story about 'The Swiss of Utah' from the *Ciba-Geigy Quarterly Journal* stating that the only Mormon Temple of the European continent is at Zollikofeu, near Berne.

Britain, which forms a part of the European Continent, has more than 80 Mormon places of worship. I know of one temple being erected in the middle thirties at the junction of the Lingfield road, about half way between Blindley Heath and East Grinstead, on the right side of the Purley-Eastbourne A22.

This edifice, I believe, is also the headquarters and the loftiest and prettiest Mormon temple in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
P.S.

SWISSAIR NAMES NEW MANAGER FOR IRELAND

Swissair has appointed Kenneth Perrier as manager for Ireland from November 1, 1973. He succeeds Felix O'Neill who is retiring on reaching the age limit.

Mr. Perrier, who was born in Reigate, Surrey, and is of dual British/Swiss nationality, joined Swissair's reservations department in Geneva in 1947 and had an important part in the introduction of the airline's North Atlantic services in this period. He subsequently rose to reservations manager, Geneva, a position he held until 1964 when he moved to Tunis as the airline's first manager for Tunisia. He opened Swissair's office there and supervised the introduction of services between Switzerland and Tunis. He remained in this post until his present appointment to Dublin.

Kenneth Perrier is 55, married, with two sons and a daughter.

In welcoming Kenneth Perrier to Dublin, Franz Fraefel, Swissair's general manager for UK and Ireland, today referred to his extensive experience and long service with the company which would be of great value in consolidating

and expanding the airline's position in Ireland. He also paid a warm tribute to Felix O'Neill, who had set up Swissair's representation in Ireland after joining the company in 1954 and had established for it over the years a place among the leading worldwide passenger and cargo carriers in this country.

SERENADE TO THE AMBASSADOR

The *Musikgesellschaft* Glattfelden, Zurich, accepted an invitation from the City of Canterbury Band and the Brass Band of Basingstoke, Hants, and came to England early in October. The 40-strong band was accompanied by nearly twice that number of relatives and friends. For many it was their first visit to Great Britain, and by all accounts it was much enjoyed.

The concerts in Basingstoke and Canterbury were part of several outings into the neighbourhood of London, such as Windsor. On 11th October, the band and other visitors were received by the Swiss Ambassador and members of the Embassy.

The band played under the competent baton of Franz David, a professional musician with the Swiss Radio Orchestra. He conducted them in mainly Swiss marching and popular music, including *alphorn* blowing and yodelling.

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