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The Department of External Affairs announced today that it has been informed that the Austrian Government is now accepting applications for compensation to individuals who were persecuted on political, racial, or religious grounds in Austria between March 31, 1938 and May 8, 1945. Claims made by the immediate families of individuals who were persecuted will also be considered.

Applications must be filled not later than August 31, 1962 with the "Fonds zur Abgeltung von Vermoegensverlusten Politisch Verfolgter, Taborstrasse 2-6, Vienna II". Official application forms are available at the Austrian Consulates at: 31 Hollinsworth Bldg., Calgary, Alberta; 6 Young Ave., Halifax, Nova Scotia; 1410 Stanley Street, Montreal, Quebec; 525 Seymour St., Vancouver, B.C.; 54 Harrow St., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Details of the Austrian legislation establishing the Fund for the Settlement of Certain Property Losses of Political Persecutees ("Fonds Zur Abgeltung von Vermoegensverlusten Politisch Verfolgter") were published by the Department of External Affairs in Press Release No. 80 dated November 12, 1959, a copy of which is attached for reference.

Inquiries for further information should be directed to the Austrian authorities at the above addresses.