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The Department of External Affairs wishes to inform residents of Canada who were formerly in the German public service that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has recently enacted a "Law concerning the Redress of National Socialist Wrongs to Former Employees of the Public Service residing Abroad". This Law gives legal recognition to claims for pension payments by former employees of the German public service now residing outside Germany and establishes the machinery and conditions under which such claims may be entered and satisfied.

Former employees of the German public service with legal or permanent residence abroad prior to May 23, 1949, may file their claims for pensions through the diplomatic mission of the Federal Republic of Germany in the country of residence. Residents of Canada may submit their applications for redress prior to March 31, 1953, to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, 580 Chapel Street, Ottawa 2, Ontario. The Law makes provision only for payments of pensions to blocked accounts in the Federal Republic of Germany. The Department suggests that claimants to such payments enquire of the Embassy as to the possibility of transferring their funds to Canada and the procedure to be followed in effecting such transfers.