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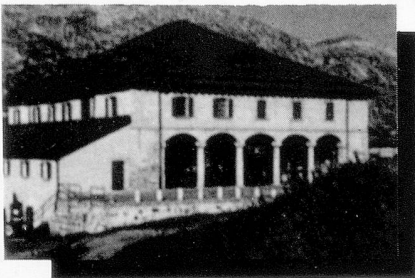
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POLITICAL REFUGEES

In 1992, 18.000 people have applied to enter Switzerland as refugees, a sizeable reduction compared to the previous year when demands exceeded 41.600. One third of the applications alone came from people from the war-torn area of Yugoslavia, with the rest coming from Sri Lanka, Turkey and Somalia.

A similar trend was observed in countries such as France, Austria and Italy whilst Germany, Sweden and Denmark registered substantial increases in demands, which seems to indicate that political refugees, for one reason or another, favour now the northern countries of Europe.

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