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EUROPE PRIZE

Candidature of KORNWESTHEIM
(Federal Republic of Germany)

Reply to questionnaire

1. Kornwestheim belongs to the International Union of Mayors.
2. A contribution is made by virtue of belonging to the above organisation.
3. Kornwestheim was paired with the French town of Villeneuve-Saint-Georges (Val de Marne) on 21 May/15 June 1960.

Many activities have been organised by the two towns as a result of this pairing:

- (a) exchanges of school children;
- (b) exchanges of children's choirs; Franco-German concerts in both towns;
- (c) reciprocal visits of town councillors and municipal employees;
- (d) reciprocal visits between:
 - members of the respective Red Cross organisations in Villeneuve-Saint-George and Kornwestheim,
 - firemen of both towns,
 - ex-servicemen,
 - railwaymen, unions of railwaymen,
 - football teams,
 - citizens of both towns.

In addition, Kornwestheim was represented every two years at the Villeneuve-Saint-Georges Fair on a stand publicising the "paired" town through various attractions and interesting features.

The two towns, loyal to their agreements, have over the past 10 years established friendly relations between their inhabitants. In a spirit of freedom, they have contributed towards peaceful co-operation between the German and French peoples and towards a united Europe.

4. See reply to question 3.
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6. No.
7. No, not yet.
8. There is no local committee of European movements in the town, and no youth hostel.

9. Courses in French were introduced into the people's university of Kornwestheim in order to improve contacts between the people of Villeneuve and Kornwestheim. Presentations of France through pictures and sound have been organised.

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11. The two towns will celebrate the tenth anniversary of their pairing in May/June 1970. Various events are planned jointly by the Villeneuve-Saint-Georges and Kornwestheim societies, e.g., a Franco-German concert, an evening performance by the Villeneuve theatre, a piano recital by a Villeneuve pianist, etc.