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AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

This is my first chance, in my capacity as Ambassador, to send a short Christmas message to the readers of "The Swiss Observer". I am particularly pleased to do so because I have subscribed to the paper for nearly 20 years, and this has enabled me to keep in constant touch with you from a distance and to share in all your joys and sorrows. Since my arrival last February I have had opportunities to meet again many friends from my previous years in London and to make new acquaintances. I hope that in the coming months I shall get to know many other compatriots in this country and thus establish contact with the widest possible circles in the Colony.

The year 1971 is a milestone in the history of the Embassy. As you probably know, the offices moved at the end of October and the whole staff has been working in the new chancery building since 1st November. All removals create problems, both big and small, and life in a new building always brings certain changes to which one has to get used. But this phase will soon be over, especially when the residence is also ready for occupation. Considered as a whole, the new building is a beautiful and successful piece of work, resulting from a high degree of co-operation between the Swiss authorities, the London architects, the local building contractors and the numerous workmen hailing from all parts of the world.

With its return to Bryanston Square the Embassy is once again at the address it used for nearly 50 years and is thus able to continue a tradition which was interrupted for only a very short time. The whole staff and myself feel happy about this homecoming and look forward to showing the new premises to the Swiss Colony early in 1972.

To all of you, dear readers, and to your families I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. WEITNAUER

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