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This means we have to write, perhaps, some fewer Christmas cards, in order to give the rest more time, more thought and heart, or to write that long postponed letter of being sorry – you know you are but do not like to say so – or send someone the message that you have forgiven. This needs a relaxed mind and imagination. We may have to cut the quantity of Christmas preparations in order to give those we preserve the right to keep this extra push of human care and love which those around us badly need in order to be happy.

After all, I begin to understand my newsagent. He probably was right without qualification: People are not very interested in reading good news – deep in their hearts they feel it should be made.

Therefore I sincerely wish for you and me to make GOOD NEWS for Christmas 1976.

Paul Bossard.

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AMBASSADOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

For the first time since assuming my new duties in London I have the great pleasure of wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

As the world is going through a difficult time and many of the problems that face us appear insoluble, Christmas provides a welcome respite in which to pause and reflect a moment. We realize how much we owe to the Christian civilization in which we live and which has inspired, among other things, so many lasting works of art, music and literature. It has taught us the ethics of work and given us a sense of responsibility. In these troubled times we need not despair, but should remind ourselves of what we can look forward to in the coming year.

This country is beset by many tricky problems. The Swiss community in the United Kingdom, which is so closely integrated with British life, cannot ignore them. They are your problems, too, and I am sure you are aware that in your own way you have to help solve them. By making the Swiss voice heard in England you will all contribute to the strengthening of the great friendship that exists between Britain and Switzerland.

I send my warmest greetings to you all and remember in particular those of you who are old, sick or lonely. May Christmas and the New Year bring you comfort and happiness.

Ernesto Thalmann

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