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AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

"The Swiss Observer" was founded in 1919. While expressing my appreciation of Messrs. Boehringer, father and son, who have devoted themselves unstintingly to this publication from which the Swiss Colony in Great Britain has constantly derived encouragement to cohesion and solidarity, I think I am speaking for you all in paying a warm tribute at the same time to Mrs. Mariann Meier. This indefatigable moving spirit of the paper and spokesman of the Colony in the bodies representing the Swiss abroad has asked to be relieved of the former task, but is dedicating herself with increasing distinction to the latter. To our gratitude I should like to add my very best wishes, in which I also include her successor in the editorial chair.

1969 marks the twentieth year of the Swiss Welfare Office. I hope all those responsible for that useful and generous institution realize how much their work is appreciated.

The Forum of Switzerland, to which the Colony has contributed with might and main, each according to his means, is entering a crucial phase, for the Federal Chambers are considering an assistance project which, if it is adopted, should enable the final obstacles to be overcome. The new Embassy is in the course of construction. So the New Year will begin auspiciously for the Swiss Colony.

We are going to spend Christmas and the New Year in London with our family. In this seasonable setting we send you our most cordial greetings.

RENÉ J. KELLER

To all our Readers and Advertisers

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

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