

AGNI YOGA SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prof. Nicholas Roerich
Honorary Chairman

Sina Fosdick
President

Joseph J. Weed
Vice-President

Katherine S. Campbell
Vice-President

Dudley Fosdick
Vice-Pres. & Treas.

Ingeborg Fritschi
Secretary

Magdalene Lehrer

Eugene Fosdick

I. Mourontseff

Lou Jennings
Corres. Secretary

Stephen Sikorski
Librarian

200 WEST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

TELEPHONE
CIRCLE 5-5377

December 22, 1947

Dear Friend and Associate:

In the early morning of December 13th the world lost a great man and spiritual leader, Prof. Nicholas Roerich, who at that time departed from this plane.

Although we knew of Prof. Roerich's most serious illness since July, 1947, nevertheless the shock at the time of receiving this knowledge could not but be deeply felt. The shock is not one of dismay, but of realization of the historic significance of the moment, for all mankind. Not for one instant do we feel that Prof. Roerich has parted from us. On the contrary, our beloved Teacher is, and will continue to be, ever-present in our work and growth.

We regard as sacred his last message to us on this physical plane, namely, to continue work in his name, with his blessings. His passing to a Higher Plane of Existence is a hallowed advent, before which we bow in deep reverence.

Prof. and Mme. Roerich together have been guiding us for over a quarter of a century, and under this same guidance we will continue spreading the Teaching of Living Ethics. It is through Them, our Blessed Guru and Tara, that the Teachings have come, and are constantly coming, to us from the Great Source.

Let us mark the date December 13th for observance, in united spirit, of deep gratitude toward our beloved Guru, invincible and strong in faith in the eternal Light, Life and Wisdom given to us by the Great Hierarchy.

Agni Yoga Society,

Sina Fosdick, Pres.

ARCA

American Russian Cultural Association, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joseph J. Weed
President
Dudley Fosdick
Vice-President
Ingeborg Fritsch
Secretary-Treasurer
Sina Fosdick
Executive Director
Katherine S. Campbell
Lt. Col. David Fogel
Dr. E. Markoff
Leonide Massine

HONORARY BOARD

Prof. Nicholas Roerich
Honorary President
Norman Bel Geddes
Erskine Caldwell
Emil Cooper
Olin Downes
Mrs. John Henry Hammond
Ernest Hemingway
Prof. Roman Jakobson
Rockwell Kent
Dr. Serge Koussevitzky
Maria Kurenko
Dr. G. H. Paellian
Gregor Piatigorsky
Prof. Paul Radosavljevich
Robert L. Redfield
Quentin Reynolds
Dr. Edwin O. Smith
Deems Taylor
Valery J. Tereshtenko
Dudley Crafts Watson
—
Magdalene Lehrer
Midwestern Representative
Bronia Drutt
Albertina Vitak
Corresponding Secretaries

200 WEST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

TELEPHONE
CIRCLE 5-5377

C O P Y

Dear ARCA Member:

The work of this Society, its striving to bring about a respect and mutual understanding between the United States and Soviet Russia through the medium of their cultures, was inspired by Nicholas K. Roerich. He has been the Advisor and Protector of this organization since its inception.

It is with the most profound sorrow, therefore, that we inform you that Professor Roerich departed from this world in the early morning of December 13th at his home in India.

While a great man, a great artist and great humanitarian, has left this earth, his superb art, his works and the institutions created by him remain, to testify to his ever-living spirit.

The cause of Peace has lost its noblest champion, but the Roerich Peace Pact and Banner will remain as an eternal monument for the preservation of Culture.

Prof. Roerich died as he had lived, thinking not of himself but of others. Even as his spirit departed his thoughts were concentrated on the task to which he had dedicated his life, the task of bringing peace and brotherhood and good will into this world through the medium of art and culture. Almost his last words were, "Keep up the work" and were directed to all of us throughout the world who have been inspired by his example.

And so, with full realization of the undying continuity of this inspiration, we say to you, "Keep up the work".

Most sincerely yours,

AMERICAN RUSSIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

3

ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE COMMITTEE

A few days ago the world lost a great spiritual leader and friend of man. In the early morning of December 13th, amidst world-wide chaotic strife, Prof. Nicholas Roerich passed peacefully from this plane. The shock of this news cannot but be deeply felt throughout the world. To Prof. Roerich's host of enlightened friends and followers the shock is not one of dismay but of realization of the historic significance of the moment for all mankind.

While a great artist, educator and humanitarian has departed from this earth, his superb art, his writings and the institutions founded by him remain, to testify to his ever-living spirit. The world has lost its noblest champion of Peace, but the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace shall remain as an eternal monument for the preservation of Culture.

Those of us who were privileged to be entrusted with the responsibility of carrying on the work of the Roerich Institutions in America from the time our beloved founder left this country to take up residence in the Himalayas, have always known him as a practical idealist, and we are re-dedicating ourselves to all our work in his name, with firm conviction that in spirit he continues to guide and support our efforts.

Prof. Roerich's remarkable life was crowned with glorious achievement of tremendous service to humanity. At this time, therefore, it behooves us first of all to honor him for this achievement. His was a magnificent mission - to bring gifts of beauty and knowledge to all, and to show the world how to unite in Peace through Culture. Let no one think that his passing, although the world needs him now desperately, diminishes in any way this glorious achievement. Prof. Roerich was the sower, not the reaper; and the higher aim is not to live long but to live rightly and fruitfully.

We do not stop to mourn an "untimely death". We go forward, paying reverential tribute to a noble life.

Dudley Fosdick, Chairman

(correction)

(to live long is not as lofty a goal as to live perfectly.)