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RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN,

NEW DELHI

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Thursday, the 27th April, 1961 7th Vaisakha, 1883 (Saka)

> PADMA BHUSHAN SHRI SVETO SLAV ROERICH

Shri Svetoslav Roerich is a highly distinguished artist. His paintings, in tempera and oils, cover a vast range of themes, and show not only great technical skill and intellectual power, but also creative imagination and spiritual insight. His landscapes, in particular, are like poems in colour.

His art received early recognition, and exhibitions of his paintings were held in U.S.A. and Europe where he received a number of top awards. At the invitation of the Soviet Government, his paintings were exhibited in the Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow, and the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad. His paintings are on show in the leading art galleries of the world.

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BANGALORE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 1964.

RUSSIA NAMES GLACIERS AFTER ROERICHS

The late Mr. Nicholas Roerich, the world renowned artist and his equally eminent son, Mr. Svetoslav Roerich have been honoured by the Soviet Government naming two glaciers after them.

The glaciers, hitherto uncharted, are in the Kirghiz Alatau mountain range in the basin of the Alamedin River.

The news of the tribute paid to the masters of the Himalayan landscape and portrait painting was received in Bangalore from the All Union Geographical Society of the U.S.S.R. in Leningrad.

Mr. Svetoslav Roerich accompanied by his wife, Smt.

Devika Rani Roerich, now settled down near Bangalore, visited the U.S.S.R. in 1960 on an invitation from that country. An exhibition of his works was held at The Hermitage in Leningrad. The Soviet Premier, Mr. Khrushchov visited a Delhi exhibition of his paintings in 1960.

Prof. Nicholas Roerich headed the Central Asian Roerich Expedition, painting and collecting data on Asiatic culture and philosophy in 1928-29.

In a high evaluation of the works of Mr. Svetoslav
Roerich it is written the artist "combines in his canvasses
the tradition of ancient Indian art with the artistic achievements of his father without losing in any way his own brilliant
individuality. In his art is reflected the richness of India's
nature beginning with the snowy vastness of the Himalayan peaks
and ending with the fertile plains of the "Southern Coast."

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MADRAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1961.

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REPUBLIC DAY AWARDS.

PADMA BHUSHAN
Svetoslav Roerich

Russia, Sweden, England and the U.S.A., represents in life and art a fine synthesis of East and West. He is a distinguished artist of vast range of themes and paints both in tempera and oils. His paintings are in leading galleries of the World and at the request of the Soviet Government he recently held a show of his paintings in Moscow and Leningrad....

MESSAGE FROM DR. HUMAYUN KABIR

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CORRECTED BY DR. S. RADHAKRISHNAN

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THE PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Inland and Foreign News Telegrams.

Message from Vice-President Radhakrishnan at the conclusion of his visit to the Svetoslav Roerich exhibition.

"We are fortunate in having this beautiful exhibition of paintings of the great artist, Mr. Svetoslav Roerich, for nearly a month. We find in him not only technical skill and intellectual power but also creative imagination and spiritual insight.

"His portraits are not mere representations but catch the spirit of the human face divine. His land-scapes are poems of colour.

"I have no doubt he will enrich our art and give joy to thousands of people. We wish him long life."

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A FEAST OF BEAUTY WITH EFFECT ON MIND

NEHRU OPENS EXHIBITION
OF ROERICH'S PAINTINGS

NEW DELHI. Jan. 20.

Prime Minister Nehru to-day inaugurated an exhibition of paintings by the well-known artist, Svetoslav Roerich, which he described as "A FEAST OF BEAUTY AND ONE WHICH LEAVES A POWERFUL EFFECT ON THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO SEE IT".

one hundred twenty paintings of Svetoslav Roerich, son of the famous Professor Nicholas Roerich, are displayed at the exhibition which will remain open for a month. The works include landscapes of the Himalayas, scenes from Indian life, portraits of Mr. Nehru, Vice-President Dr. Radhakrishnan and Mr. C.P. Ramaswamy Ayyar, and other imaginative creations.

Looking at some of the pictures, Mr. Nehru said, he felt "A STRANGE SENSATION - ONE OF BEAUTY ONE OF HARMONY AND ONE OF SOME DEPTH". He was sure that most of the people who saw the exhibition would feel the same way.

Mr. Nehru said that he had met Svetoslav Roerich with his father, Nicholas Roerich, and mother, some 18 years ago when he was invited to the Kulu Valley with his daughter.

"SVETOSLAV ROERICH, Mr. Nehru said, IS A RETIRING AND RESTRAINED PERSON WHO DOES NOT PUSH HIMSELF ANYWHERE. HE WORKS ACCORDING TO HIS GENIUS, TRYING TO PUT HIMSELF IN

HARMONY WITH THE SURROUNDING BEAUTY, WHETHER IT IS THE SNOWY PEAKS OF THE HIMALAYAS OR ANY OTHER PARTS OF INDIA. ON THE ONE HAND, HE PUTS HIMSELF IN TOUCH WITH HIS ENVIRONMENT AND, ON THE OTHER, LEAPS FORWARD IN ALL DIRECTIONS, THE FUTURE, PAST AND PRESENT TRYING TO MIX THEM UP INTO ONE COMPOSITE WHOLE.

WHICH LEFT A PERMANENT IMPRESSION ON THE MINDS OF THOSE
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pelhi and it was a privilege that people in Delhi and those
who came here would be able to see these paintings done
during the last twenty years. He hoped that many people
especially artists, would see them and draw inspiration
from them and that Roerich would produce many more
beautiful and lasting paintings in the future.- (PTI)

To
SVETOSLAV ROERICH
for the Inauguration of
THE SVETOSLAV ROERICH EXHIBITION
on the 11th of May, 1960
AT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.

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India has been for centuries a great centre of art and culture, where many traditions have met and mingled. This synthesis has been best expressed in the work of individual artists and Svetoslav Roerich is true to the tradition of India which has welcomed influences from abroad while remaining steadfast to her own ideal. We find in his life and art a union of the rich and varied traditions of Russia and India with all their variety and manifoldness.

Roerich, son of Nicholas Roerich, a great master in his own right, should be shown to the citizens of the Soviet Union. Svetoslav Roerich has inherited the purest and the best in the Western tradition of art and has at the same time been deeply moved by Indian thought and philosophy. The spirit of India has been fused with the body of the West and we find in his work an astonishing range that extends from the Biblical stories of the Old Testament to the idylls and scenes of Indian village life.

The paintings have often an ethereal quality while they are always true to nature. This combination of apparently alien elements is symbolic of the peace and unity which art can bring into the world of politics and economics. Svetoslav Roerich's rich and powerful art transcends national, historical and geographical boundaries and provides a focus of unity for mankind.

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individual and at the same time an embodiment of the universal spirit of man.

I am confident that this exhibition of paintings of human themes by an Indian citizen of Russian origin will strengthen the bonds of fellowship and understanding among our peoples by interpreting in terms of beauty the aspirations which are common to the people of India, the Soviet Union and the rest of the world.

(HUMAYUN KABIR)

April 27, 1960.

INAUGURATION OF

SVETOSLAV ROERICH'S EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS
AT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS - MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.

on the

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AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO THE U. S. S. R.

"... The paintings of Roerich show conclusively that art rises above all national and political frontiers. In Roerich's art two worlds meet, the world of India and the world of Russia. This is not surprising, because he himself belongs to both worlds. Roerich was born in Russia. But, we would like to claim him as an Indian. He is an Indian by marriage - by marriage to one of the most beautiful and accomplished women of India. Thus, by heredity he is Russian; by environment he is Indian. I hope this will not raise the old controversy as to which is stronger, heredity or environment! If this question is raised, I am afraid Roerich's paintings will provide no answer. In his paintings, heredity and environment, the inspiration of Russia and the inspiration of India, are beautifully and harmoniously blended..."

SPEECH BY MADAME E. BELASHOVA, Secretary of the Board of Union of Artists of U.S.S.R.

"... We are proud to know that Svetoslav Roerich, with the characteristic depth of the Russian soul could so profoundly evaluate the life of the people of this great country and reflect in his art its spiritual essence, culture and the unique nature of India, in creating paintings full of life - poetic and lyrical. In them is subtly revealed the beauty of the people of India and the grandeur of its nature.

Reality, powerfully disclosed through images of art, always moves the soul of people ..."

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Bangalore, Oct. 13 (UNI) Sixty year old Russian artist, Svetoslav Roerich, who is now settled in Bangalore is one of those to be honoured by the Mysore Government on Vijayadasami Day, Oct. 16.

Five others to be honoured on Vijayadasami
Day are Mr. Bendre (Literature) Miss. Pandari Bai (Acting)
Mr. U.S. Krishna Rao (dance) Vidwan Devendrappa (Music)
and Mr. Subbakrishna (painting).

Son of the world famous Prof. Nicholas Roerich, whose 90th birthday was observed in world art centres on Oct. 9, Mr. Svetoslav Roerich is a worthy son of a worthy father and is a noted artist. He represents a fine synthesis of East and West, and while maintaining his individuality, has imbibed the high artistic tradition bult by his illustrious father. His works are marked by high technical skill and intellectual power and deep spiritual insight. His landscapes have been accalaimed by those competent to speak on art, as poerms in colour. Mr.Roerich has truly international background.

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LIFE SKETCH OF SVETOSLAV ROERICH

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Recognition came to him early and he has been the recipient of many top awards, including the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial award which came to him when he was twenty-one years old. Exhibitions of his paintings have been held in the U.S.A. and Europe. Invited by the Soviet Premier, Mr. Khrushchev, he held exhibitions at the Fine Arts Museum, Moscow, and the Hermitage Museum, Leningrad, in 1960. Nearly half a million people visited the exhibitions in six weeks.

Art Centre, New York, and was actively associated with the conclusion of the International Pact for the Protection of Cultural Treasures in time of War and Civil Commotions, initiated by his father in 1929. He was also Vice-President of the Roerich Museum, the Master Institute of United Arts and the Himalayan Research Institute and is connected with a number of organisations in India and abroad.

Svetoslav Roerich lives in Bangalore and the Kulu Valley in the Himalayas where he works unceasingly on his Art and conducts his researches. He was awarded "PADMA BHUSHAN" by the Government of India in 1961 for his outstanding achievements in the fields of Art and Culture. He is a nominee of the Government of India on the Central Lalit Kala Akademi, the National Academy of Art.

Recently, two hitherto uncharted glaciers in the Kirghiz Alatau in the basin of the Alamedin River in the U.S.S.R. were named after Nicholas and Svetoslav Roerich.

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, President of India, and the late Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, have hailed Svetoslav Roerich as a Great Artist.

Speaking of his Art, Dr. Radhakrishnan said:"--- His portraits are not mere representations but catch
the spirit of the human face divine. His landscapes are
poems of colour ---"

Jawaharlal Nehru inaugurating his exhibition of paintings at New Delhi said:- "--- We have here in this exhibition something very remarkable and something not only beautiful, but lasting which will leave a powerful effect on the mind of those so see it --- "

Describing his Art, Dr. Humayun Kabir said:"--- Svetoslav Roerich's powerful art transcends national,
historical and geographical boundaries and provides a
focus of unity for mankind ---".

In a message to him, Mysore's Chief Minister, Mr. S. Nijalingappa, says that the recognition being accorded to the artist is "overdue".

A congratulatory message has also been issued by Mr. R.M. Patil, Home Minister, who refers to the "Valuable and Meritorious Service" rendered by Dr. Roerich in the field of painting.

