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Dear Mr. Svengalis,

Your letter of the 21st May 1954, addressed to the Director-General, was received on 1st June 1954. I regret that due to a most unfortunate oversight it has not been possible to answer your letter until now.

I am glad to inform you that the importance of the Roerich Pact has not been underrated by Unesco. On the contrary, Unesco has made special reference to it in a document entitled Historical Note, concerning the Draft Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict, a copy of which has been mailed to you separately. This Note lists the sequence of events that led up to the Convention signed by 39 countries at The Hague in May of this year. The Roerich Pact, in which you are especially interested, is outlined as follows: "In 1935, a Pact concerning the protection of art and science institutions and of historic monuments was signed in Washington (Roerich Pact). However, this was signed only the States of America. It was also confined to the protection of buildings, which were to be marked by a distinctive flag. No provision was made for international control. On the other hand, the Pact contained some very extensive provisions; it applied not merely to historical monuments and museums, but to all institutions devoted to science, art, education and culture, and almost amounted to prescribing complete neutrality for such properties. These provisions, though appropriate in the case of a continent whose territory has hitherto been fortunately spared most of the horrors of modern warfare, do not altogether serve to cover conditions in other parts of the world.

I should also like to point out that it is not the purpose of the Convention to take the place of previous international agreements. Article 36 of the Final Act states that it will be supplementary to the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907 and to the Washington Pact (Roerich Pact) in the governance of relations between States bound by those instruments.

With renewed apologies for the long delay in sending this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Voice of the People

The Roerich Peace Pact

Editor Post-Tribune:

The letter by Mahlon J. Plumb, chairman, Gary United World Federalists, titled "What Route to World Union" in a recent "Voice of the People" contains some interesting points, to which I would like to add a few personal observations.

Of the numerous organizations working for world peace, or referring to themselves as peace movements, only those which can stand the test of time and critical analysis will succeed. In fact, several of the most constructive of these organizations might merge into one powerful constructive force concerned with maintaining world peace.

Those which are subversive and therefore negative, or others whose ideas are simply negative, will eventually drop by the wayside. Of the two groups in the above mentioned article, the "United World Federalists" is definitely the more positive, for the other group mentioned approves of the idea of keeping the world in separate armed camps, which can only lead to another terrible world conflagration.

Permit me to bring into the discussion still

another organization which has created an enviable record for itself in seeking to bring about peace through cultural means. This is the "Roerich Peace Pact and Banner of Peace committee" with headquarters in New York.

The late Nicholas K. Roerich, who originated the pact bearing his name, worked for world peace all his adult lifetime, or a total of over 50 years, through the medium of lectures, writings, through his paintings and the numerous fields of endeavor into which his broad personality led him. He forcefully expounded the teachings of international brotherhood. In 1929 his name was submitted for the Nobel peace prize award.

Many countries have already become signatories to this pact and leaders in all prominent fields of endeavor have come forward to approve it. This pact is the answer to the question "What Route to World Union?" for on what other basis can the world's nations eliminate hate and suspicion to become organized into a peaceful world community.

—FRANK A. SVENGALIS.

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Orchids for the School Board

Editor Post-Tribune:

I have read your article on "Use of School Buildings Put on New Basis" as it appeared in the Jan. 11 issue of The Post-Tribune.

I am proud of our school board members who were far-sighted enough to see that renting school auditoriums to communists is wrong.

Hitler worked on the youth of Germany and led them into a horrible war. Don't the communists in this country realize the meaning of dictatorship? Don't the communists realize it means "you do as I say or else"?

No one has a right to give such orders to anyone. Anyone having any common sense at all can see that one man cannot rule the world.

I hope the parents in this country will continue to fight communism, rather than wait and have to send our sons off to war again.

—A MOTHER

The group also decided to meet the first Thursday of alternate months. Mrs. Richard Tillitt, 5625 East 3rd place, will be hostess at the March 2 meeting.

Reports on the Thanksgiving and Christmas project were given at the recent meeting of the Mothers club of Girl Scout troop 1 in the home of Mrs. John Marks, 5614 East 4th.

It was decided that the group will assemble one of the "Kits for School Mates Overseas," which has been adopted as a national project. Mrs. John Wilds will entertain the group at the March 6 meeting.

Mrs. George Delich was elected president of the Mothers club of Brownie troop 31 at a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. John Henry, 4461 Pennsylvania.

Others elected to serve for the ensuing year include Mrs. J. F. Mahorney, vice president; Mrs. Raymond Coffman, secretary, and Mrs. Henry, treasurer.

Mrs. Henry Lough and Mrs. D. A. DuBeau, leaders of the troop, asked for volunteer workers to assist the Brownies in making cookies for the valentine party. Mrs. Mahorney served as co-hostess at the meeting.

CHILI SUPPER

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 5-7 p. m., Evangelical United Brethren church, 8th and Rhode Island.—adv.

THE KNIT SHOP
HAZEL ARNOLD



IDEAL BRIDGE LUNCHEON—Giving a bridge or canasta luncheon? If so, serve this wonderful shrimp and mushroom salad.

BY GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Staff Writer

Giving a bridge or canasta luncheon? If so, serve this wonderful salad as the main dish:

Curried Shrimp and Mushroom Salad

(4 servings)

One cup shelled Brazil nuts, one 3-ounce can sliced broiled mushrooms, one 5-ounce can shrimp, $\frac{1}{4}$

Cover and let stand in cold place for at least 2 hours. When ready to serve, add celery. Blend together and stir in mayonnaise, salt and curry powder. Serve on lettuce and garnish with watercress. Here's another novel salad you will like:

Fruit Salad Plate (Serves 1)

1 ripe Anjou pear 3 orange