

October 15th, 1930.

REPORT N° XXIII.

Professor Nicholas Roerich's sojourn in Europe, during several months of the year 1930, has greatly contributed to the advancement of international understanding and to the development of the activities of the Roerich Institutions throughout this continent.

One after the other, the countries of Europe have paid their tribute of admiration to the great Master who, through the medium of his Art, of his writings, and of his personal appeal, is so powerfully promoting the cause of Beauty, Knowledge and Culture.

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In France, the message of Nicholas Roerich has struck numerous hearts and has kindled new enthusiasm for true culture. At the same time, Professor Nicholas Roerich's activities in this country have strengthened the links of friendship and coöperation which happily unite France and America, especially in the fields of Art and Science.

Professor Roerich has kept the United States Ambassador in Paris advised of the work done in the name of Franco-American amity, and the Ambassador has notified the Government in Washington about these achievements.

On the 17th of June, His Excellency Monsieur Gaston Doumergue, President of the French Republic, granted an audience to Professor Roerich : in the course of this interview, significant declarations have been exchanged between Professor Roerich and the Head of the French State, cementing the basis for a fruitful coöperation between the Roerich Institutions and the French cultural organizations. In his speech addressed to the Committee of the French Association

of Friends of Roerich Museum, at the meeting of June 21st, Professor Roerich spoke highly of His Excellency Monsieur Doumergue, the wise statesman who presides over the destinies of the great French Nation.

The members of the French Cabinet have also shown full comprehension of the importance of the Roerich Institutions activities and they have all manifested their good will in the sphere of their respective departments.

Following an interview with Professor Roerich, His Excellency Monsieur Pierre Marraud, Minister of Public Education, has issued a letter addressed to all French Educational authorities, instructing them to procure every facility for Professor Roerich's work and to render him all possible services.

His Excellency Monsieur François Piétri, Minister of Colonies, was also greatly interested in the Roerich Institutions' activities and after his interview with Professor Roerich, instructed the French colonial authorities to give Professor Roerich every possible help and assistance. In this connection, it is also a pleasant duty to recall the courtesy shown by the High Officials of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Monsieur Philippe Berthelot, Ambassador of France, Secretary General of the Ministry, Monsieur de la Boulaye, Assistant-Director of the Department of European Affairs, Monsieur Sicard, Comte Fleury, Monsieur Padovani, and others who ^{all} have/done their utmost to facilitate Professor Roerich's travels and achievements. His Excellency Monsieur de Fleuriau, Ambassador of France to the Court of St. James, issued a letter requesting the French frontier authorities to treat Professor Roerich and his party with especial deference.

The Under-Secretary of State for Fine-Arts (Monsieur Eugène Lautier) the Under-Secretary of State for National Economy (Monsieur François-Poncet), deserve also our heartfelt thanks for the precious support which they have given to our activities during Professor Roerich's sojourn in France.

The City of Paris has followed the example of the National Government in honoring Professor Roerich. The Municipal Council of Paris placed at the disposal of the Roerich Museum the Palace of Fine-Arts for an exhibition of Professor Roerich's paintings to be held there in 1931.

A luncheon was organized in honor of Professor Roerich and his party by the Marquis d'Andigné, President of the Municipal Council of Paris. At this luncheon, the Marquis d'Andigné, speaking in the name of the City of Paris, greeted Professor Roerich as a great leader of Culture.

Monsieur Louis Marin and Monsieur Georges Bonnefous, both of whom are Members of the Chamber of Deputies and former Cabinet Ministers, have deemed it an honor to assist Professor Roerich in his constructive activities in France. Monsieur Henri Verne, Director General of the National Museums, greeted Professor Roerich most cordially in the precincts of the ancient Louvre, and was happy to show him the latest improvements of this great Emporium of Art.

Professor Roerich has been elected an Honorary Member of a number of French artistic and cultural organizations, such as la " Ligue de la Défense de l'Art", la " Fédération Française des Artistes", les "Amis de Moret", etc...

The French Association of Friends of Roerich Museum has been

happy and proud to second Professor Roerich in his noble efforts to unite the Nations in the name of Culture.

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The Roerich Pact has made new progress. Hundreds of letters emanating from eminent personalities in all walks of life have brought a fresh tribute of sympathy and admiration for this great idea aiming at the protection of the Art treasures of humanity. On the occasion of his two trips to Geneva, in September, during the Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations, the Secretary General of the French Association of Friends of Roerich Museum has been happy to gather numerous proofs of the sympathetic response with which the Banner of Peace proposed by Professor Roerich has met in international circles.

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Numerous articles have been published on Professor Roerich and the Roerich Institutions, in the European Press. We will mention here especially those published in Comoedia, Paris-Presse, London Illustrated News, Berner Tagblatt, Zuricher Zeitung, etc...

An article with photographs will be published in the "Illustration" (Paris)

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Professor Baron de Taube has founded an Institute of Oriental Studies of which Professor Nicholas Roerich has been elected Honorary President.

This Institutions which, we feel certain, is called upon to become a most vital center of Science, will have its permanent headquarters under the shelter of the French Association of Friends of the Roerich Museum, in Paris.

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The new premises of the French Association of Friends of the Roerich Museum have been installed in the ancient mansion of the Marquis de Lauryncie, 12 rue de Poitiers, Paris VII^o. The French Association has to thank Professor Roerich and the American Society of Friends ^{of Roerich Museum} for their generous support which allowed the Association to extend its activities.

A Russian Section, formed of eminent personalities has been founded in Paris and will closely cooperate with the French Association.

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During Professor Roerich's stay in Paris, he has had several interviews with high dignitaries of the Churches.

Monseigneur Baudrillard, Archbishop of Laodicea, Member of the French Academy, President of the Catholic Institute in Paris, Monseigneur Chaptal, Co-Adjutor of the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Metropolitan Eulogius, Head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Western Europe, Bishops Sergius of Prague and Vladimir of Nice, have expressed their admiration for Professor Roerich's Art and for his work on behalf of the spiritual advancement of men.

Albums of religious paintings by Professor Roerich have been presented to His Holiness the Pope Pius XIth, to His Eminency Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State, and to His Excellency Monsignor Maglione, Archbishop of Cesarea, Apostolic Nuncio in Paris. In response, Professor Roerich has been honored by a message from Cardinal Pacelli, conveying His Holiness' Apostolic Blessing, and stating that the Pope implored in His prayers "an abundance of divine favors " for Professor Roerich.

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Nor have Professor Roerich's activities been confined to France. In a series of interviews with diplomatic representatives of various countries, namely with the Ministers plenipotentiaries of Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania, Sweden, Tchechoslovakia, Yougoslavia, etc, the links of friendship with these Nations have been strengthened.

New branches of the Society of Friends of Roerich Museum have been started under the auspices and the direction of the European Center of the Society in Paris.

The Bulgarian Branch has been established in Sofia, under the presidency of M. Blagoi Mavroff,

The Latvian Branch has been established at Riga, under the presidency of Dr. Felix Lukin.

The Lithuanian Branch has been established in Kaunas, under the presidency of Professor Leon Karsavine.

The German Branch has also started its activities under the patronage of Her Highness the Grand-Duchess of Mecklembourg-Schwerin, and under the presidency of Herr Richard O. Koppin.

The British Federation of Arts has decided to become a "correspondent" of our Institutions in Great-Britain.

The Kondakoff Institute of Archaeology in Prague, which has already rendered such distinguished services to scientific research, has elected Professor Roerich as its Honorary Protector, and a Permanent Representation of the Institute will be established under the shelter of the European Center of the Society of Friends of Roerich Museum in Paris.

nd Preparatory steps have been taken for the establishment of a

Swiss Branch in Geneva, and of an Italian Branch in Rome.

Copies of works of Professor Roerich (Himalaya and Altaï - Himalaya) and also Insignia of the Roerich Museum have been handed over to a number of Sovereigns and Heads of State in Europe and Asia. In this connection, we would like to mention the most gracious autograph letter written to Professor Roerich by His Majesty King Alexander of Yougoslavia, and inviting Professor Roerich to visit this country.

Thanks and appreciative messages have been received from many Monarchs, Presidents, outstanding Statesmen and Leaders of Culture.

Respectfully submitted.

/signed/ Dr. George G. Chklaver
Secretary General.

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October 22nd, 1930.

REPORT N° XXIV.

Mrs. Nettie HORCH,
President,
American Society of Friends of the
Roerich Museum.

- 1° - The installation of the new premises of the French Association of Friends of the Roerich Museum is being completed. Three valuable pieces of furniture have been donated by Princess Catherine Czertwertska.

The French Association has been happy to inaugurate its "Hélène Roerich Room", where two paintings by Professor Roerich and twenty colored reproductions of paintings by Professor Roerich are now on view.

- 2° - A Banner of Peace has been handed over by the French Association to the President of the German Association in Berlin, and we have received in response the German Association's cordial thanks together with their wish that "The Culture consciousness of the World should be at last awakened."

Professor Baron Michel de Taube now at Berlin, is acting as liaison officer with the German Association.

- 3° - Exchange of correspondence has been continued with our Branches in Bulgaria and Latvia, concerning various organizational questions.

- 4° - It has been suggested by Professor Roerich that the names of the outstanding donors and benefactors who have powerfully supported cultural enterprises and institutions should be included in the list of those to whom the Roerich Museum Insignia, 1st Class, are being awarded.

- 5° - We would be very thankful to the American Society if they were to send us some stationary for the correspondence of our European Center in Paris with the Branches established in the various countries of Europe. It has been suggested by Professor Roerich that the address of the European Center (12 rue de Poitiers Paris VII°) should be mentioned on the letter-heads of the American Society.

- 6° - I feel it my duty to bring to your notice that some bookshops in Paris (for instance Povolozky & Co) are selling coloured reproductions of Professor Roerich's paintings at Frs. 20 a piece. These reproductions are taken from plates published in the volume "Himalaya". It appears that the reproductions in question are being sent here by a certain Mr. Ieremenko, of New-York, who has unlawfully retained a number of clichés.

It has been suggested by Professor Roerich that measures should be taken in New-York to put an end to this abuse.

- 7° - I have the honor to forward herewith a translation of the fore-word to the Banner of Peace written by Professor Roerich and which is to take place in front of the preface written by myself (and handed over to the President of the American Society on the day of her departure from Paris).

- 8° - We have come to an agreement with the printers regarding the publication of the "Messenger Français du Roerich Museum". The book, which will appear in a form similar to that of the "Message of 1929", published by the Roerich Museum, will be ready by the beginning of November next.

Respectfully submitted.

/signed/ Dr. George G. Chklover

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October 28th, 1930.

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To the President
of the American Society of Friends of Roerich
Museum.

- 1° - The sum of \$ 300, loaned by the American Society of Friends of Roerich Museum, has been received with thanks.

The cheque for \$ 200 for the expenses of the French Association of Friends of Roerich Museum for the month of October has also been received.

- 2° - We have received in our new premises the visit of Princess C. Czertwintsky.

- 3° - In accordance with Professor Roerich's suggestions, we have subscribed a Season-ticket for the Concerts organized by the "Société Philharmonique de Paris", in the salle Pleyel, Paris. The tickets will be allotted to Members of the Association.

- 4° - It would be extremely desirable to have here for sale some reproductions of Professor Roerich's paintings :

a) in post-cards form,

b) in form of colored plates (from clichés taken for the book "Himalaya"). We feel certain that a number of these post-cards and plates could be sold here, especially if they reach us sometime before Christmas.

- 5° - We could also undertake the sale on commission of a certain number of books issued by the Roerich Museum Press. Would you consider sending us copies of the following works ?

ADAMANT.	6 copies.
ALTAI-HIMALAYA	3 "
FLAME IN CHALICE.	6 "

HEART OF ASIA.	6 copies.
SHAMBALA THE RESPLENDENT.	3
CATALOGUE OF THE ROERICH MUSEUM	6
THE MESSENGER	6
ROERICH DAY	6
ROERICH (catalogue published by Redfield & Co)	6
ROERICH (a monograph)	6
WORLD OF ROERICH	6
AMERICAN ARTISTS Vol. I	6
FOUNDATIONS OF BUDDHISM	6
MESSAGE OF 1929	6
ON EASTERN CROSSROADS.	6

It is advisable to send the books in small packages, and not all the packages at the same time, so as to avoid excessive custom-duties.

- 6° - We would be very thankful if you were to send us a copy of each of the books announced by the Roerich Museum Press, including a copy of "Himalaya", for the library of our Paris Center.

Considering that we act here in the quality of representatives of the Roerich Museum Press, it would be most useful to have a certain number of copies of the "List of publications, Roerich Museum Press".

We are planning to have the books of the Roerich Museum Press on display on a special table in our offices.

- 7° - Madame Tchéco-Potoska, who has sent last year a certain number of paintings to be exhibited in the Roerich Museum would like to get these paintings back. Mme Tchéco-Potoska will communicate further on the subject either directly with you, or through our medium.

- 8° - I am sending you herewith a copy of the account of the makers of the Jubilee Medal, for fifty medals and boxes made in accordance with your orders in March 1930, and forwarded at that time to the Roerich Museum. The account amounts to Frs. 1.150. Please kindly forward to us the above-stated sum or address it directly to the firm in question : Canale 37 Quai de l'Horloge, Paris IV°.

- 9° - The President of the German Association reports that he has addressed two letters to Professor Roerich, c/o Roerich Museum, New-York. He asks whether these letters have been forwarded to Professor Roerich.

- 10° - Negotiations are proceeding as regards the organization of a Branch of our Association in Geneva.

- 11° - A copy of Professor Roerich's book "Altaï-Himalaya" has been offered to His Royal Highness Prince Consort Henry of the Netherlands.

Respectfully submitted.

(signed) Dr. George J. Chelover

Secretary General.

November 4th, 1930.

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Report N^o. XXVI.

Mrs. HORCH,
President of the Society of Friends
of Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New-York City.

- 1^o - The European Center of the Society of Friends of Roerich Museum has been happy to accept from Her Sereen Highness Princess Czetwertinsky the following donations offered in the memory of Princess Tehibheff, this great lover and promotor of Art :

PAINTINGS by Professor Nicholas Roerich.

	Frs.
1 ^o - Madonna	8.500.
2 ^o - The Fairy's izba	7.000.
3 ^o - Pine-trees	5.000.
4 ^o - Treasure of the Angels	10.000.
5 ^o - Saint Alexander Newsky	9.000.
6 ^o - Archangels	8.500.
7 ^o - Guests from Overseas.	5.000.

PIECES OF FURNITURE.

1 ^o - Ancient English cupboard (work of Adams)	5.000.
2 ^o - Whatnot (work of Milutin, Talashkino)	2.000.
" 3 ^o - Table with marble-plate (Talashkino)	1.000.
" 4 ^o - Glass-case with bronze ornaments and marble-plate	2.500/
5 ^o - Oak book-shelves	1.500.
" 6 ^o - Mahogany Sofa	4.000.

(" will be handed over in December)

I have expressed to Princess Czetwertinsky our sincerest thanks for this generous donation.

- 2^o - We are in receipt of the photograph of the President

of the Roerich Museum and are very thankful for it. This photograph will be the beginning of a collection of portraits of the Presidents of our Institutions and Branches.

- 3° - We have received a woodcut colored plate representing Professor Roerich's coat of arms. This plate is the work of Baron Tiepolt.

- 4° - General Potocky had handed over to us twenty Roerich Museum Insignia IInd Class (blue rosette) Could we have also a corresponding number of crosses IInd Class (of the kind prepared in America) to distribute among Honorary Advisors and other persons entitled to this Class, in accordance with the Statute of the Insignia ?

May I suggest that these Crosses should be entrusted to Mr. George Grebenstchikoff when he comes to France, end of November ?

- 5° - We have received in our new headquarters a number of visitors among whom Mlle Alléon, Mme Aneuille, M. Balleroy, Mlle Barbet de Vaux, Mme Combes, M. Ernest Diggelmann, of Switzerland, member of the American Society, Mme Lozina-Lozinsky, Mme and Mlle Potocka, Mme Rey-Gaufrès, Baron de Taube, Baron Admiral Tiepolt, etc

- 6° - The first meeting of the Administrative Board of the Committee of the French Association of Friends of Roerich Museum in our new premises will take place on Saturday November 8th. I enclose herewith the agenda of the meeting.

- 7° - On September 19th, Miss Bathrick, of the Roerich Museum Press, advised us of the sending on consignment of 125 greeting-cards (monotonnes) and 75 greeting-cards (4 color) for the gross total value of \$ 23. 75. Up to now, we have no news of this sending. Will

you please kindly let me know whether these cards have been sent on the above-mentioned date ?

- 8° - The organizer of our Swiss Group of Friends in Ascona (Tessin)-Mme Olga Fröbe-Kapteyn - is at present in Berlin where she is working in contact with Herr Richard O. Koppin, President of the German Branch.

Upon Mme Fröbe-Kapteyn's request, we have sent her a reproduction of Professor Roerich's portrait.

- 9° - In accordance with the requirements of ^{French} ~~French~~ Law, we have subscribed an insurance policy for our new premises. The contract has been made with the Insurance Company " L'Union ", 9 place Vendôme, Paris, which is one of the most reliable in this country.

Respectfully submitted.

/signed/ Dr. George G. Chklaver

Secretary General.