

March 3, 1947

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Dear Sir:

We have just received a letter dated February 13th, in German, apparently written by one of your associates whose signature is not very legible. This letter enclosed a translation of the text of your notice placed in Latvian papers. This notice was issued in the name of the Roerich Academy of Arts, 200 West 57 Street, New York 19, N. Y., USA, and we must emphatically protest that you had no right to issue such a notice, using the name of our American Institution without first asking our permission. In previous letters, we asked you repeatedly not to place any such notices in the name of Roerich Academy in the Latvian papers.

The above mentioned letter of February 13th carries a strange tone of resentment and accusation towards us, while avoiding any explanation of the wilful actions committed by you without our sanction, such as your formation of a Roerich Academy of Arts and a Roerich Society in Leonstein, Austria. The voluminous correspondence received from you and your associates for over a year has made a very unfavorable impression on the Committee here, and we regret exceedingly that you have either completely misunderstood or chosen to ignore our letters in reply. While at the very beginning of our correspondence we encouraged your efforts towards formation of a Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee in Austria, we perceived subsequently from your letters that this was but one of many projects which you were determined to pursue independently. However this was the only project which we were ready to permit you to launch under our auspices. Finally, in our last few letters we definitely asked you to cease all activities using the names of our institutions, due to unsettled conditions in Austria. This same advice was also transmitted through us to you from Prof. and Mme. Roerich.

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I regret, therefore, to instruct you now on behalf of the Committee to cease all activities under the name of Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee in Austria, as well as of Roerich Society and Roerich Academy of Arts, and to withdraw these names from your various projects.

Very truly yours,

Dudley Fosdick,
Chairman.