

P.O. Box 303  
Long Branch, N.J.  
July 23, 1948

Licenciado Daniel Villegas,  
Nápoles 5  
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Licenciado Cosío Villegas,

I was so happy to learn of your research project which will no doubt be a real contribution to Mexico and internationally.

*deviate* I wonder whether I could connect your "Crisis of Mexico" with a direct criticism of the Aliéman administration, but, of course, in a careful and tactful manner. I would point out, in your name, that in spite of his good intentions, efforts at industrialization, irrigation and other attempted improvements, it is none the less a retrogression, going back to Díaz, rather than advancing the march of the Revolution. Following your trend of thought, I would bring out what the philosophy of the Revolution should be, and in what sense Aliéman and his administration ~~dis-~~associate themselves from it. The "Crisis of Mexico" has its own momentum, but entering into Aliéman's administration brings it up to date. The criticism -- of a rather friendly nature -- would be directed solely towards their mistaken philosophy, and towards pointing to a more constructive road.

The more I read Mexican history, the more I realize the soundness of your position and of what service it would be to Mexico. Perhaps we may realize one day Plato's Utopia where philosophers will become the rulers and the rulers will be philosophers.

Even though I am continually reminded of some writing commitment, I shall brush all aside and start on your article as soon as I hear from you. I wonder what you would mention among the constructive efforts or benefits of Aliéman's administration. Is there any part of his program that could be commended by you? I am reluctant to burden you, knowing how busy you are, but I think a complete account of your views would be a real contribution.

We are ~~gall~~ glad indeed that Experience and Nature will be soon forthcoming. Our Committee would be delighted should you yourself find time to write <sup>a preface</sup> to the translation. We take much pleasure in dedicating the volume to you, and I shall mail you the wording as soon as I present it to our Committee which will meet within less than a week. Professor Kilpatrick offered to write a brief Foreword, and this too will not take long, about a week or so.

Professor Dewey is spending his summer vacation in Canada. As soon as I hear from him I shall let you know whether or not we can expect that Prologue. When I saw him before he left, he was busily engaged in an important major work. Some more honors were



bestowed upon him this spring. There is no American who received as many as he did during his long career.

I hope that Professor Jose Gaos is advancing steadily with his translation of the Logic and that he enjoys it as much as he did Experience and Nature. He told me how much he liked it and how congenial it is with his own way of thinking. It was hard to contact him, but I saw him for a few minutes at the University while I was visiting Professor Samuel Ramos. Professor Ramos too finds much inspiration in Art as Experience and he intends to finish the translation not later than the end of this summer.

I wish to tell you once more how fruitful and inspiring was to me my visit at your office, and how much I shall enjoy interpreting your thoughts. I hope you will find much pleasure in your new research project.

With best wishes and warm regards from our Committee and myself,

Sincerely yours

*Nina H. Adlerstein*



P.O. Box 303, Long Branch, N.J.  
July 27, 1948

Licenciado Daniel Cosío Villegas  
Napoles 5  
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Licenciado Cosío Villegas,

After I mailed you my letter of July 23rd, I read about the dropping of the Mexican Peso. I wonder whether you would care to express your thoughts on the subject so that I may connect them with your "Crisis of Mexico." Naturally I know that it was not to a financial crisis you were referring, but this may be one of the many expressions of it.

I shall write ~~you~~ you again within less than a week. Meanwhile my heartiest wishes for the success of your research project.

Sincerely yours,

*Kina H. Adlerblum*



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México, D.F., 3 de Agosto de 1948

Sra. Nina H. Adlerblum,  
P. O. Box 303,  
Long Branch, N. J.  
E. U. A.

Querida señora Adlerblum:

Me refiero a sus dos últimas cartas, de julio 23 y 27 respectivamente, que recibí hasta hoy por haberme ausentado de la ciudad una semana.

Quisiera yo rogarle a usted que tuviera en cuenta que mi artículo sobre la Crisis de México está fechado en diciembre de 1946, y que lo feché así intencionalmente, pues no quise hacer sino un juicio de lo pasado, sin aventurar ninguna opinión sobre lo que sería el gobierno del Presidente Alemán, gobierno que tomó posesión justamente el 1º de Diciembre de ese año de 1946. Por otra parte, el juzicar la obra de un gobierno es tarea tan complicada y delicada, que si llego a intentarla, preferiría hacerlo directa o personalmente. Y quizá lo haga, pero, por supuesto, cuando concluya su mandato.

También le ruego a usted tomar en cuenta que el Fondo está a punto, según he sido informado, de mandar a la imprenta Experiencia y Naturaleza, de modo que cualquier adición que el Comité de ustedes pretenda hacer, debe ser enviada pronto.

Con mis mejores saludos de siempre, suyo

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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P. O. Box 303  
Long Branch, N.J.  
August 11, 1948

Licenciado Daniel Cosío Villegas  
El Colegio de México  
Napoles 5.

Dear Licenciado Cosío Villegas,

I wish to thank you for your letter of August 3rd, and I hope you would not mind my consulting you whenever I am in doubt. I fully realize your viewpoint, and I can assure you that there will not be the slightest embarrassing statement. Besides, I intend to submit the manuscript to you before publication, and I hope that you will find it satisfactory.

We are happy that Experience and Nature will appear shortly. Professor Dewey asked not to wait for his introduction, as he is in the midst of a work which he cannot interrupt. I know how overburdened he is, and it is remarkable that he can keep so active at such an advanced age.

The foreword by Professor Kilpatrick will not take more than a printed page. It bears primarily on the significance of the translation project for inter-American relationship. He would like to show the statement to our Committee, provided it will not cause any delay in your publication. Would it be possible to give this page to the printer when the rest is completed? If it is not troubling you too much, could you be good enough to let us know the ultimate date for it. This being vacation time, the members of our Committee are on some trip or other, and we had to postpone our meeting until their return which will not be too long. The dedication will be mailed to you together with the Foreword. We of course do not want it to be the cause of any delay, and if necessary we shall <sup>send</sup> you the material before the Committee meets.

With heartiest wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Kinda H. Adlerblum*

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México, D. F., 16 de agosto de 1948.

Miss Nima H. Adlerblum,  
P. O. Box 303,  
Long Branch, N. J.  
U. S. A.

Distinguida amiga:

Contesto a toda prisa su carta de agosto 11, pues mañana me ausento de la ciudad de México por unas 2 o 3 semanas. Le ruego a usted muy encarecidamente que comunique cualquier cosa relacionada con la edición de las obras de Dewey al nuevo Director del Fondo de Cultura Económica, Sr. Arnaldo Orfila Reynal.

Siempre con mis mejores deseos.

Daniel Cosío Villegas.



Post Office Box 303  
Long Branch, New Jersey  
October 29, 1948

Licenciado Daniel Cosío Villegas,  
El Colegio de México  
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Licenciado Cosío Villegas,

My article on the "Crisis of Mexico" is almost finished, and I wish I could tell you with what deep pleasure I wrote it. I have put it aside until after elections, as these are times when each and everyone ~~of~~ ~~is~~ is busy with some matter or other. I shall submit it to you before publication and shall be very glad indeed to incorporate suggestions you would wish to make.

I wonder whether the wording of the dedication to "Experience and Nature" was a felicitous one. We can of course make changes in it if the present form is not satisfactory. I felt that "intelligent direction" gives to "Inter-American relationship" a connotation different from the political one.

Our Committee, people of the highest prominence and most influential, wants to be clear of all politics, and base our inter-relationship on real understanding and disinterested, genuine friendship. We purposely limited the number of the membership for the present. We could enlarge it at any time, for there is hardly anyone of importance who would not welcome an invitation to join it.

I hope that your research work is advancing to your satisfaction and that you find much pleasure in it.

Professor Kilpatrick and our Committee asked to be remembered to you.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours

*Nina H. Adlerblum*

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México, D.F., 3 de noviembre de 1948

Sra. Nima H. Adlerblum,  
Post Office Box 303  
Long Branch, New Jersey  
U.S.A.

Querida señora Adlerblum:

Le agradezco a usted su última carta de octubre 29.

Con mucho gusto veré impreso su artículo sobre La Crisis en México si usted quiere hacerme el favor de enviarme un ejemplar de la revista en que se publica.

No conozco la redacción que el Comité de ustedes dió a la dedicatoria del libro de Dewey, pero estoy enteramente seguro de que será; acertado.

Mi investigación progresa en efecto solo que con una lentitud muchísimo mayor de la que yo esperaba.

Con mis mejores deseos, siempre suyo amigo

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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MERRY XMAS HEARTIEST WISHES FROM MY HUSBAND MYSELF AND KILPATRICK

NIMA ADLERBLUM



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México, D.F., 31 de diciembre de 1948

Sra. Nina H. Adlerblum  
Post Office Box 303  
Long Branch,  
New Jersey  
U.S.A.

Distinguida y fina amiga:

Deseo agradecerle de un modo particular su cable del 25 de diciembre con sus felicitaciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo.

Deseo asimismo agradecerle la dedicatoria del primer tomo de las obras de Dewey, que el Fondo de Cultura ha puesto en estos días en circulación, texto que solo en esta forma - he podido conocer, ya que llegó al Fondo el tomo después de haberme separado de él.

Espero que para estas fechas, en los próximos días reciba usted algunos ejemplares de esa obra, y que tanto usted - como los demás miembros del Comité encuentren satisfactoria la presentación de ella.

Con mis mejores deseos, suyo amigo

Daniel Cosío Villegas



P.O. Box 303  
Long Branch, N.J.  
February 21, 1949

Licenciado Daniel Cosío Villegas  
El Colegio de México  
México, D.F.

Dear Licenciado Cosío Villegas,

I meant to write to you since long, but days passed me by so rapidly, almost unawares.

I hope you received Professor Kilpatrick's letter thanking you for the fine edition of Experiencia y Naturaleza, and conveying to you the genuine pleasure of our Committee in dedicating the first volume to you. There seems to be a real affinity between your way of thinking and those of us in this country who look upon Professor Dewey as the guide to our perplexed world. We hope that our efforts, joined with yours, will bear outstanding fruit. Our Committee was thankful to me for giving them the content of your article on the United States and Mexico, as they were for the one on the Crisis of Mexico. There was complete understanding of the depth of your point of view.

I think that my article on your "Crisis of Mexico" will be to your liking. It cannot be outdated from the manner in which it is written, but I am sorry for the delay. To my regret I did not submit it yet for publication, but shall do so in a short while. From the time I completed the draft of it until now, I did not have a single free moment. I was prevailed upon to do a piece of volunteer work, to which I reluctantly yielded. It was deemed urgent and important by people in whom I have much faith and who co-operated with me, also at a sacrifice. At the time I did not realize how difficult and time-absorbing it was, and I have hardly yet emerged out of it. To this was added the joy, and the emotion that goes with it, of the birth of a second grandson, and also the moving into a new home.

Hitherto our main stay was in New York City, with Long Branch for the good weather periods. We liked Long Branch so much, however, with our home directly on the ocean, that we have reversed the order, and plan to be in New York only in the very cold months. Our commuting from here to New York City is easy and pleasant.

I hope you find your research agreeable and progressing to your satisfaction. I want to thank you again for your invaluable efforts on behalf of our translation. We are looking forward to a prologue by you at any time you see fit.

The Columbia University Press made a de luxe binding for the copy to be presented to Professor Dewey. Our Committee requested them to make an exactly identical one to be presented to you and autographed by Professor Dewey.



We shall, of course, give due publicity to the Fondo de Cultura, but we thought that it might perhaps be more advisable to connect it with our planned elaborate celebration of Dewey's ninetieth birthday.

I hope that Professor <sup>A</sup>amos is far advanced in his translation of Art as Experience which he planned to finish by last summer, and that Professor Gao may find the time to complete the Logic.

With heartiest wishes for the success of your research, and with warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Kim H. Adlerblum



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México, D.F., 1º de marzo de 1949

Sra. Nina H. Adlerblum  
Post Office Box 303  
Long Branch,  
New Jersey,  
U.S.A.

Querida señora Adlerblum:

Me refiero a su carta de febrero 21 que, como siempre, me trae muy gratas noticias de usted y de su Comité, noticias que debo agradecer, también como de costumbre muchísimo.

Con mis mejores deseos de siempre, suyo amigo

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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P.O. Box 303  
Long Branch, N.J.  
April 4, 1949

Licenciado Daniel Cosío Villegas  
El Colegio de México  
México, D.F.

Dear Licenciado Cosío Villegas,

As Professor Dewey is on a trip to Jamaica, there will be a little delay in obtaining his autograph for the copy of Experiencia ~~et~~ Naturaleza which our committee is looking forward to present to you.

I suggested to our Committee that we order from the Fondo de Cultura and charge to our account a copy of Experiencia ~~et~~ Naturaleza for each of our members -- as listed in the Preface -- plus four additional volumes. One of our anonymous members is of utmost prominence in the United States and in all other countries. I am writing this request to <sup>Mr.</sup> Arnaldo Orfila Reynal.

It would be much appreciated if Art as Experience and the Logic could appear at the time of Dewey's birthday celebration, which is assuming an international character. I am a member of the Celebration's inner Committee and chairman of the Latin-American Division. If it is not asking too much I should like to present to you my plans when formulated and I would much appreciate your advice and suggestions.

I noticed lately at the Columbia University Library your "La Cuestión Arangelaria en México." I read it to my husband whose specialty is economics and it really interested him very much. One, I think, is always impressed by an approach uniquely your own.

With warmest regards in which Professor Kilpatrick and also my husband join me,

Cordially yours

*Kima H. Adlerstein*

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México, D.F., 27 de abril de 1949

Sra. Nina H. Adlerblum,  
P.O. Box 303  
Long Branch, N. J.  
U.S.A.

Querida señora Adlerblum:

Me refiero a su muy amable carta de abril 4.

Quedo en espera de sus planes para la celebración del aniversario del profesor Dewey, así como de la participación que pudiera tener las publicaciones del Fondo de Cultura.

Con mis mejores deseos de siempre,

Suyo amigo

Daniel Cosío Villegas

DCV:mme



Post Office Box 303  
Long Branch, N.J.  
May 6, 1949

Licenciado Daniel Cosío Villegas  
El Colegio de México  
México, D.F.

Dear Licenciado Cosío Villegas,

Thank you so much for inquiring about Dewey's birthday celebration. It will be a very elaborate one, of national and international nature. Our Birthday Committee will meet on May 16th to discuss the details in full, and I shall be happy to impart them to you. I hope you may find it possible to take part in it in any form you see fit. The Fondo de Cultura will occupy a prominent place in our program, and we shall be glad to carry out any suggestions you may wish to make.

Professor Dewey has just returned from his trip. We instructed the bookbinder to forward the copy of Experience and Nature directly to him, so that he should autograph it before we mail it to you.

Professor Kilpatrick will be glad to comply with your wish and that of Mr. Arnaldo Orfila Reynal, to have the Bank of México accept your or his signature, whichever is convenient.

I shall refrain from speaking to you about the article on the "Crisis of México" until it is actually published.

I hope your research work is progressing to your satisfaction.

With warmest regards and heartiest wishes,

Cordially,

*Nina H. Holbrook*

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# JOHN DEWEY 90th BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE

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Please address reply to: Mrs. N. H.  
220 Ocean Avenue Adlerblum  
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Honorable Alfonso Reyes

Dear Honorable Alfonso Reyes

On October 20 of this year the North American philosopher, Professor John Dewey will be 90 years of age. A Birthday Committee is actively at work to secure the appropriate celebration of the occasion. In the celebration stress will be given to democracy which has played so large a part in Professor Dewey's philosophy, and to the understanding and shaping of which he has made such significant contributions. We hope not to limit the celebration to the United States, but to enlist also the cooperation of other countries and so make the occasion a truly international celebration.

In the United States the birthday is being celebrated by a three day conference beginning with a large and representative dinner on October 20 to which President Truman is planning to send a congratulatory message. Participants in the conference will include General Dwight Eisenhower, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and other outstanding figures. The universities, colleges, and public schools, will hold simultaneous meetings on the same day. The sponsoring committee includes Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Justices of the United States Supreme Court, United States Senators, governors, scholars, educators, (including such university presidents as Conant of Harvard, Seymour of Yale, Stassen of Pennsylvania, Hutchins of Chicago, Bowman of Johns Hopkins), and many, many others. The Chairman of the Committee is Professor William H. Kilpatrick, one of the most outstanding educators, the one who applied Dewey's philosophy to education.

It has been suggested that friends of Professor Dewey in other countries will secure from their universities, learned societies, and governments, appropriate greetings and other specific recognition of Professor Dewey. Among the various suggestions made to us are greetings from government heads and outstanding people, honorary degrees, governmental honorary awards, conferences on the same day, articles and notices in the press, and the additional translation and publication of one of Professor Dewey's books.

We would especially appreciate your own greetings.



There is no need for us to say anything about Professor Dewey's importance in the world. The Voice of America will celebrate the occasion; UNESCO will broadcast a special Dewey program in three languages. Regarding this, Director General Jaime Torres Bodet says that Professor Dewey is "one of the great figures of our age--one of the world's most noble and distinguished citizens. In honoring Professor Dewey your committee is honoring, and thereby helping to uphold, world civilization. Henry S. Commager, Professor of History at Columbia University, says, "Now that Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Justice Holmes are gone, Professor Dewey is, I suppose, without question our most distinguished citizen."

It is in the knowledge of your fine contribution to cultural interrelationships that we are prompted to write to you and hope that you will obtain the participation of your country in any way you see fit. We shall greatly appreciate anything that you may do to help us make the celebration a great international event, with Latin American as our most active and outstanding participant.

Should you wish to have some material we will be happy to furnish it to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Nina H. Adlerbloom*

Dr. Nina H. Adlerbloom  
Chairman of Latin America



Comité John Dewey 810

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México, D.F., 10 de octubre de 1949.

Mrs. N. H. Adlerblum  
220 Ocean Avenue  
Long Branch, New Jersey

En nombre del Colegio Nacional del Colegio de México de la revista Cuadernos Americanos de la casa editorial Fondo de Cultura todas ellas altas instituciones mexicanas y en nombre propio ofrezco nuestra más cordial adhesión en la celebración de los noventa años del Profesor John Dewey, gran filósofo y educacionista, honra del Nuevo Mundo, maestro y civilizador meritísimo

Alfonso Reyes