

México, D.F., February 19, 1969.

Mr. Ritva Saaritsa
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Dear Mr. Saaritsa:

This time I have decidedly failed to answer promptly your last letter.

Since you kindly invite me to comment on the list of titles for the various lectures, allow me to say that I find it very complete, although a bit excessive. The two separate lectures on "Latin America and Foreign Capital" and "Latin America and Development Aid" could be combined. In a likewise manner, the three on political aspects: "Reform, Revolution and Conservatism", "Political Stability and Instability", and "Political Movements in Latin America", not to say of "The Power Structure".

I see two risks in going to such extremes: one, that you will not find lectures sufficiently specialized to deal with only one aspect of the problem involved, and the other overlapping the exposition of one with several others. Then, you will not get as rich and a useful discussion of the lectures if you divide up too much their subjects.

When I suggested Mr. Prebish name, I thought of his going to Geneva during ECOSOC's Summer meeting to present his report of UNCTAD. Since he has resigned his post of Secretary of this organization, and will live in Santiago, Chile, it seems rather doubtful whether he will be ready to make such a long trip only for the purpose of attending your meeting. However, you may try writing him to ECLA, at Santiago, Chile.

Yours sincerely

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Helsinki, February 26, 1969

Jyväskylän Kulttuuripäivät ry.

Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Dear Professor Villegas,

We were most delighted to receive your letter of February 19, 1969, and to recognize the interest that you so kindly show for the Congress on Latin America to be held in Jyväskylä, Finland.

We very much agree with the points you make in your letter about the topics we have suggested. In drawing up the programme we were very well aware of the fact that these titles will not be the final ones, and not being versed in these facts ourselves - and as we mentioned there are hardly any real experts on Latin America in Finland - this proposition was just a very rough one.

It has been our wish that the lecturers we have invited, themselves choose a specific subject of this outline. However, we are indeed very thankful for your remarks, and they will be of great help for us in determining the programme in detail. It is very true, as you say, that it would be difficult to find lecturers sufficiently specialized for only one or another subject, and secondly, the time - one week only - will not allow even for such a specialization.

As to Mr. Prebisch, we have been in correspondence with him, and he cannot, unfortunately attend the Congress because of his other engagements.

As we already mentioned, we were very obliged of your kindness in advising us, but on the other hand, we were also very eager to learn whether you would yourself consider it possible to attend our Festival and the Congress. In your earlier letter you stated that you have a lot of engagements for your time, but we still hope that it would not be impossible for you to visit Finland in the beginning of July. Please, let us know about your plans for the period, as we are very much looking forward to hearing your lectures at Jyväskylä.

Until further news, we send our best greetings,

Yours sincerely,

JYVÄSKYLÄ ARTS FESTIVAL
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México, D.F., March 18, 1969.

Mrs. Ritva Saaritsa
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Dear Mrs. Saaritsa:

Your good letter of February 26, which I am answering again a bit late.

I am extremely glad to hear you have proceeded so successfully in organizing your Festival. All good Latin Americans I am sure, will be grateful for your efforts.

As to my attendance, I am still hopeful, although at the time I wrote you the first time I have forgotten a commitment I had long before to attend a meeting in Paris at the end of next May, which will mean leaving my daily work for a week or ten days. In any case I would rather be sure there is no misunderstanding as to my possible participation in your Festival. You speak of my "lectures". Allow me to say that I could participate actively in discussing some one else's lectures, but I could not undertake to write a formal paper on any of the topics you are contemplating, and much less, of course, to write several papers so as to reach the plural of your letter.

Anyhow, if I may be of any service to you at some other stage of your work, I will certainly try to help you.

Yours sincerely

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Helsinki, April 15, 1969

Jyväskylän Kulttuuripäivät ry.

Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Dear Professor Villegas,

Thank you for your kind letter of March 18, which I am so sorry to answer at such a late date.

It is very unfortunate that we have been so unclear in our terms, in giving you such an impression that we would be asking you to give several lectures at the congress. In fact we were just very interested in asking you to lecture about the general history of Latin America, as we knew that your works in this respect have been considered very excellent. In order to avoid any misunderstandings we wish to state that this congress is open to the great public and actually designed for it, as our aim is to increase the knowledge about the actual situation in Latin America today. We in Finland have today too little knowledge and insight of all the problems that this continent is experiencing, and in furthering this knowledge we hope to create more solidarity towards these peoples.

In other words our purpose is not to create a meeting where the experts change views with each others, but do distribute them to the people who do not have this knowledge. This is why we would consider it so important to be able to offer a lecture instead of a mere discussive contribution. We hope that you understand this point of view of ours. Of course we are striving for discussions too, but with the very little knowledge that we have here in Finland, mere discussions would not do so much good, as they require a certain specialization into the matters, which in fact does not exist.

Regarding the public, which is not a highly knowledgeable one, x) it is our conviction that a lecture would certainly not present a lengthy task for a person of your wonderful background in history.

We really do hope that you would not consider this our query as very imposing on your other work, and as something that could not be effected without a very lengthy work process.

We hope that you will give your opinion on this point, and wish all the best for your trip to Paris.

Yours sincerely,


Ritva Turunen

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is concerned

México, D.F., May 7, 1969.

Mr. Ritva Turunen
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Dear Mr. Turunen:

I see for your last letter of April 15 that I have misunderstood all along what you had in mind about your meeting on Latin America.

I am sure now that you are entirely right. So, I wish you all the success you deserve.

Yours sincerely

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Jyväskylä Arts Festival

Helsinki, June 9, 1969

Jyväskylän Kulttuuripäivät ry.

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México

Dear Professor Villegas,

Further to our earlier correspondence, we wish to express our great regret about the fact that you did not find it possible to participate at the Congress on Latin America at Jyväskylä.

We do appreciate the kind interest you have shown for the Congress and the assistance we received from you in the early phase of our preparations.

We wish you a pleasant summer-time, and remain,

Yours sincerely,

JYVÄSKYLÄ ARTS FESTIVAL



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Jyväskylän Kulttuuripäivät ry.

Mr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Dear Mr. Villegas,

It was a very pleasant surprise for us to receive your letter of October 22, 1968, containing such precious advice for us. It was also very encouraging to hear that in principle, there might be a possibility of your attending the Congress on Latin America next summer in Finland. We hope indeed, that in spite of your being very tied elsewhere, we could persuade you to visit our Festival.

In this connection we have to apologize for not having contacted you earlier, but due to some bureaucratic procedures, which were beyond our control, we were not able to proceed in the preparations as actively as we had planned.

We send you enclosed a list of titles for the various lectures: this is however no binding list, but just a loose directive for the subjects to be dealt with. We have deemed it better that each lecturer would more or less freely choose his own subject, and then give us two or three alternative suggestions (even these are not necessary), so that we would be able to do some co-ordination if some of the subjects overlap too much. At the same time we would very much appreciate your comments on the enclosed suggestions. The titles in the list are very general, and it is of course perfectly acceptable that they be framed more specifically, for instance to deal with a certain area etc. as long as it would have some more universal or typical traits applying to Latin America, or on the other hand showing its complexity.

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Not being experts on Latin America, we are well aware of the fact that we may have omitted some very important aspect, and maybe given too much emphasis to some other.

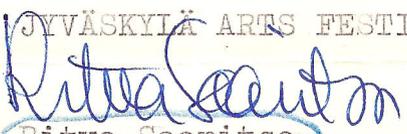
As to the names that you so kindly gave us in your letter: We have an initial promise from Celso Furtado, with whom our Mr. Alho negotiated on his voyage to Paris. Mr. Prebish we have not unfortunately reached yet, and Mr. Quintanar and possibly Mr. Urquidi we will be contacting presently.

Of other names that so far have confirmed their attendance we would like to mention Josué de Castro and Irving Horowitz (USA).

We will keep you posted regarding the arrangements of the programme - and if your visit will realize at your end - also about the details of your travels and your stay etc. First, however, we are awaiting for your news, and remain, wishing you all the best for the year 1969,

Yours sincerely,

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