

November 28, 1959.

Mr. John Fizer
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Dear Professor Fizer:

We would like to inform you that for twenty years there has existed in Mexico City a non-profit, private institution dedicated to higher education and to research work in the field of humanities and in some of the social sciences. Its name is El Colegio de México and it is directed by a group of well known personalities.

El Colegio de México has been publishing for thirteen years, besides its teaching and research activities, a hispanic, literary and philological reviews and a historical one, for ten years. It intends now to initiate a quarterly publication on international affairs.

This, of course, would be a periodical devoted to give to the Spanish-speaking readers, that is to say, to Spain and to the nineteen Latin-American countries, a notion of their own international problems and of those of the main nations or regions of the world. These problems are not only juridical, but political, economic, social and cultural as well.

The review would have an initial section dedicated to the publication of articles, of an average length of 4,500 to 9,000 words, in which a particular subject or theme, the presentation of which could be of international interest, would be dealt with. It would have a book-review section and another of documents, where those which could have a notable international repercussion would be reproduced.

El Colegio de México intends to pay the contributions it publishes: it offers a fee of 40 American dollars for an article, and from 10 to 20 dollars for a book-review, according to its extent. El Colegio does not pretend to acquire through these payments exclusive literary rights, that is to say, in all languages, but only in the Spanish language. In this manner, the authors who write in a language other than the Spanish, would be free to use those same articles for publications in reviews or periodicals in their own language.

El Colegio de México would like to invite you most heartily to send a contribution, perhaps on some of the topics you usually cover in your courses, as, for example, Theory and practice of the USSR endeavor in history and literature. We would like you to consider yourself a

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permanent collaborator of its periodical, so that you may send, without further invitation, those articles and book-reviews that may come forth from your habitual work of activity, with the certainty that they will be most welcomed.

El Colegio de México would also appreciate very much if you could indicate to us the name and address of friends or colleagues of yours, whom you consider liable to be interested in cooperating with us.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, we remain

Sincerely yours

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Prof. John Fizer

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January 4, 1960

Señor Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Dear Señor Villegas:

Thank you very much for your letter dated November 28, 1959 and your kind invitation to contribute to your quarterly. It is indeed a very farsighted idea on your part to give in your journal special attention to the Communist world which directly or indirectly relates itself to the entire area of the Spanish speaking countries. I would be happy to take part in this worthy endeavor and, in my modest way, add to its success. I gather from your letter that you already know that I specialize in the Communist cultural policies. My publications are mostly along this line.

Herewith I am sending you a short article discussing the Leninist concept of the nationality question condensed in a motto: "national in form, socialist in content." My opinion is that currently this concept is but a farce intended for a propaganda export to those foreign countries in which there still remains an exploitation of nation by nation or one ethnic group by another. Contrary to the Soviet propaganda, in the Soviet Union the non-Russian groups are continuously and persistently russified. I attempt to show this on the basis of the Soviet statistical data.

I also have an article on the last Congress of the Soviet Writers in which I contrast the Stalinist with the post-Stalinist trends in the literary politics. Should you be interested in it, kindly let me know.

I am sure a number of my colleagues, specialists in their respective fields, will consent to help you out with articles and book reviews. Shortly I shall approach them with this idea and mail you their names.

Hoping to hear how you progress with your plans, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Fizer

January 11, 1960.

Prof. John Fizer
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Dear Professor Fizer:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 4th. and the first contribution to our journal on international affairs.

I certainly would like to have the other note you refer to on the last Congress of Soviet writers.

Although we have ahead of us sufficient time, it would mean progress if you send me at your earliest convenience a short note on your curriculum vitae. We intend --as Foreign Affairs and so many other Journals do-- to give our readers a brief idea of what our collaborators have done in the field of international relations.

With thanks again,

Yours sincerely.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
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February 18, 1960.

Prof. John Fizer
University of Notre Dame
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Dear Professor Fizer:

On January 11 I sent you a note advising you we had read with considerable interest your commentary on the Leninist concept of the nationality in question, and we would like to have the other one you referred to in your letter of January 4th. on the last Congress of Soviet writers.

We have not heard from you since. Did you not receive my letter?

Sincerely yours.

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University of Notre Dame

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John Fizer

Department of Modern Languages

March 11, 1960

Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas
Apartado: 2123
Mexico, D. F.


Dear Professor Villegas:

I beg your indulgence in my belated answer to your letter of February 18, 1960. I lost my manuscript and, as you see, it took me several weeks to locate it.

I am glad you liked my note on the nationality problem in the USSR. Herewith I am mailing my article on the last Congress of the Soviet writers. I hope you will be pleased with it.

Again accept my apology for my unexcusable delay.

Cordially yours,



John Fizer

Assistant Professor of Slavic Philology

March 24, 1960.

Mr. John Fizer
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Dear Professor Fizer:

Many thanks for your letter of March
11th.

What really counts is to receive on
time your essay on the last Congress of Soviet
writers.

I am sending you herewith a draft for
\$40.00, a token payment for your two notes.

With best wishes

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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Dr. John Fizer

Department of Modern Languages

April 21, 1960

Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Mexico, D. F.

Dear Professor Villegas:

Enclosed is a short study of recent developments in Soviet law and Soviet law enforcement. It analyses the new criminal and procedural codes and also provides us with an insight into the real meaning of the "transition to Communism" under Khrushchev.

I hope you will find this study interesting and will be able to publish it in one of the issues of your journal. This study is an original research piece and was done by Professor George Brinkley of the Department of Political Science and member of the Center of the Soviet and East European Studies here at the University.

I suggest that you correspond directly with Professor Brinkley concerning this work.

Sincerely yours,


John Fizer

Enclosure: manuscript

April 25, 1960.

Dr. John Fizer
University of Notre Dame
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Dear Professor Fizer:

Many thanks for your good letter of April 21, and your action near Professor George Brinkley to secure his study on Soviet law.

We are certainly interested in publishing it in our journal. So, I am writing directly to professor Brinkley, as you suggest.

With my renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely

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June 20, 1960.

Prof. John Fizer
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Dear Professor Fizer:

I am sending you under separate cover one copy of the first issue of our journal FORO INTERNACIONAL in which your article appeared. I hope you will find satisfactory both its translation and its printing.

Hoping to receive at your earliest convenience your next contribution to our journal,

Yours faithfully

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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July 27, 1960.

Prof. John Fizer
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Dear Professor Fizer:

I am happy to know through your letter of July 186h. that you found well rendered into Spanish your article.

As to the study of Dr. Markus, the subject, indeed, looks promising, but my concern is about the cost of the translation into the Spanish by your Argentinian student. I am sure we could secure said translation more cheaply here in Mexico. At the same time, it would be a great advantage to have it made under the author's supervision.

As soon as you let me know about this point, I may be able to reach a decision. Thanks you anyhow for your interest in our journal.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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