

NOTES

May 11, 1965

Comrade Ambassador :

Since I didn't receive any reply on my communication of last October - sent by mail to the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. on the 22nd and submitted to your Mission at the United Nations on the 24th in person - have to bother Your office.

First of all - please convey my regards to your new heads of Government and Party, Comrades Brezhnev and Kosygin, especially to the first one because of his famous phrase: "Down with the protocol!" which certainly qualifies him not only for his present position but for any opening which leads to genuine and lasting friendship among nations. To me it sounded as the plain and cordial language of the good old Russians who once were on rather friendly terms with my people.

Secondly, recognizing certain difficulties regarding my direct return to my old country - but everlastingly young love - since it may cause mutual shock, I suggest herewith a solution of this Baltic problem which should be of some concern to Your Government as well. In short:

a place of quasi no-men's land should be chosen as near to the port of entry as possible and - taking as a laudable example the American Ellis Island in the past - prepared for the use as a cooling-off spot for all the hotheads who still are burning in their desire to be reunited with their beloved ones. I propose for this purpose the picturesque island in the Gulf of Riga, called Kuresaare (in Latvian - Ronyu Sala). It has many advantages:

- 1/ it lies outside the 12 mile zone claimed now and then by Your Government;
- 2/ its size is a pure bagatelle considering the hugeness of your country;
- 3/ although it has been a matter of some frictions between the Estonians and the Latvians after World War I, now it could serve the highly humanitarian needs of all three Baltic peoples in their final get-together. - The only obstacle could be the presence of the native population there (reportedly of ancient Estonian stock), but even they would only profit from such sudden influx of beriched tourists and/or homecomers.

As You might be aware, some influential people here are waiting just now for an unmistakable nod from London to start this long delayed step of all Letts abroad (to whom - or rather: to their ancestors - the Russian people should feel eternal gratitude because of the Old Strelykyi, known as Lattishee all over Russia during the years of Revolution).

Finally, this time I insist on faster handling of this matter since we have reached the middle of May and the harvesting time is not far which means that additional man- and women power will be in great need after a month or so. Follow Your leader, Comrade Brezhnev, and put aside the protocol, Comrade Ambassador, and I promise You considerably improved relations between Your and mine people. And - all smiles ...

Imperturbably,

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