

April 15, 1935

[Treaty on the Protection of Artistic and Scientific
Institutions and Historic Monuments]

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FOR THE PRESS

April 13, 1935.

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CAUTION:

The following remarks of the President to be delivered on Monday, April fifteenth (15th) during the ceremonies incident to the signing of the Treaty on the Protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions and Historic Monuments, MUST BE HELD in strict confidence until released for publication.

RELEASE UPON DELIVERY, expected about noon.

NOTE: - Please safeguard against premature release.

STEPHEN EARLY

Assistant Secretary to the President

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STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary to the President

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This Treaty was prepared by the Pan American Union in pursuance of a Resolution of the Seventh International Conference of American States meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, adopted on December 16, 1933, and recommending the adherence of all States members of the Pan American Union.

April 15, which is Pan American Day, was chosen as a fitting date for the signature of the Treaty. After today the Treaty will be open to signature by all nations of the world including those not members of the Pan American Union.

The Treaty provides for the protection of historic monuments, museums, scientific, artistic, religious and cultural institutions in time of peace as well as in time of war. It provides also for the deposit with the Pan American Union by each signatory nation of a list of the monuments and institutions for which protection is desired. It is the duty of the Pan American Union to furnish all adhering nations with copies of such lists.

Following the President's address, speeches will be made by the Honorable Henry A. Wallace, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Ricardo J. Alfaro, Minister of Panama to the United States, and Dr. Louis L. Horch, President of the Roerich Museum of New York.

Those present at the ceremony will include: The Secretary of State, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, Mr. Edwin C. Wilson, Chief of the Division of Latin American Affairs of the Department of State, Mr. Richard Southgate, Acting Chief, Division of Protocol and Conferences of the Department of State; Mr. Sydney Y. Smith, Department of State; Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Director General, and Mr. E. Gil Borges, Assistant Director, Pan American Union; the members of the Governing Board of the Pan American Union, and the Officers and Trustees of the Roerich Museum of New York.

(NOTE: Further information will be given by the Pan American Union. This will include an advance on the address to be delivered by Secretary Wallace and texts of other speeches.

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PRESS RELEASE

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At the conclusion of the ceremony of signing the Treaty the President ^{will make} the following remarks in an international radio broadcast:

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Nations signing Roerich Pact-April 15, 1935

✓ United States			
✓ Brazil	Mr. Oswaldo Aranha (Amb)	Potomac	1034
✓ Chile	Senor Don Manuel Trucco (Amb)	North	0747
✓ Dominican Republic	Senor Don Rafael Brache (Min)	Adams	6745
✓ Ecuador	Senor Capitan C E Alfaro (Min)	National	8954
✓ El Salvador	Senor D H David Castro (Min)	Columbia	5786
✓ Guatemala	Senor D A Recinos (Min)	Decatur	2340
✓ Honduras	Senor Don M Paz Baraona (Min)	Columbia	2000
✓ Mexico	Senor D F Castillo Najera (Amb)	Columbia	4914
✓ Nicaragua	Senor D Henri De Snyle Charge d'Affaires	Potomac	3263
✓ Panama	Senor R J Alfaro (Min)	Potomac	3780
✓ Uruguay	Mr. J. Micling (Min)	Me	0831
✓ Bolivia	Senor D E Finot (Min)	Na	0812
✓ Venezuela	Senor D P Manuel Arcaya (Min)	Potomac	0675
✓ Cuba	Senor G. Patterson y de Jauregui (Amb)	Columbia	7984
✓ Costa Rica	Senor Don Manuel Gonzalez- Zeledon (Min)	Columbia	2773
✓ Haiti	Mr. Albert Blanchet (Min)	North	9256
✓ Peru	Senor Don Manuel de Freyre y Santander (Amb)	Potomac	3404
✓ Colombia	Senor Alberto Gonzalez-Fernandez (Secy. of Legation and Charge d'Affaires)	National	7125