

*Dr. Man second class*

# THE HUMANISTS

6128 SELMA AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 28, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE: HOLLYWOOD 9-8736

OFFICE HOURS:  
10-12 AND 2-4 WEEK DAYS  
10-12 SATURDAYS

June 19, 1950

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Dept. of Bio-Physics  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Szilard:

As the diagram in the enclosed bulletin shows, The Humanists have acquired a new home for themselves at 2307 South Union Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

In our earlier correspondence during the last two years, I pointed out to you the aims of our educational organization, its purposes, and its development, which in less than two years provided for a growth from a few members to about 4,000 in Los Angeles alone.

With the practical application of the new humanistically, reinterpreted scientific attitude - a behavior pattern proposed for humanity in harmony with the sense of recent developments in social and physical sciences - our organization has embarked on a long range project through which the cultural survival of mankind may be achieved in spite of the present socially destructive tendencies.

With survival at stake and with knowledge of social responsibility and the gravity of the world situation, The Humanists believe that their pioneering work along the aforementioned socially applied scientific attitude, which includes the "whole man" (with his intellect as well as his feelings and desires), will be a catalytic agent for human betterment, and will have its impress felt in a much larger circle of humanity than from the mere size of our membership one could otherwise foresee.

With the new facilities at our disposal - an auditorium for 600 persons, a dining room for over 200, and about 15 additional rooms, - we believe that our socially necessary work will be intensified and accelerated to a great extent. Lectures, concerts, social meetings, classes, community work, research, seminar groups, preparation of a larger bulletin, and so on - all this, and many other phases of our work leading, we believe, to a happier and better world, will gain impetus with our increased facilities.

We wish to start our work in the new building with a formal and festive opening on September 24th at 8 p.m. It is important that on that occasion someone of your standing and achievement should give weight to our work in which many eminent scientists, world renowned artists and well known educators have already participated.

Dr. Szilard  
June 19, 1950  
Page Two

May I ask you therefore to kindly consent to deliver an opening address for The Humanists at the aforementioned place and date on a subject of your own choosing and connected with the general welfare of mankind as a whole. I greatly appreciate the sacrifices you may have to make in order to accept this invitation, and I assure you that your unselfish assistance and help will not only stimulate a worthy and socially important cause, but it will greatly contribute, I hope, to the intensification of our objective work for survival and progress.

Sincerely yours,

*D. M. Morandini*

D. M. MORANDINI

Present Director of The Humanists

DMM/K

second class

July 11, 1950

Mr. D. M. Morandini  
The Humanists  
6128 Selma Avenue  
Los Angeles 28, California

Dear Mr. Morandini:

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 19.  
Unfortunately I do not plan to be on the West Coast  
in September and will, therefore, not be able to  
deliver the address suggested in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

WV

# THE HUMANISTS

2307 SOUTH UNION AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 7, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE: PROSPECT 3569

OFFICE HOURS  
10-12 AND 2-3 WEEK DAYS

August 29, 1950

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Institute Radiobiology and Biophysics  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Doctor Szilard:

Our splendid new home at 2307 South Union Avenue, Los Angeles, will be officially dedicated for Humanist use on September 24th. During the past months an intensive program of beautification and redecoration has been going on. We are very proud of our new quarters, and I am sure that all of our friends will be happy with us.

In this divided world of ours, it is essential that all endeavor be urgently employed to work for survival and the saving of essential human values. With faith in Man and the belief that the scientific attitude, when supplemented with good will, feeling, and ethical integrity, The Humanists have succeeded in creating in people a very deep interest in our work, and are acting as catalytic agents in the development of an attitude for world unity and the betterment of life on earth.

In our regular weekly programs, Sunday after Sunday, as well as in our numerous other activities, we shall continue to work for survival and human betterment both in our material and spiritual aspects, and we need the support of everyone whose thoughts and endeavors are working constantly for aims similar to ours.

May I ask you, therefore, to assist the launching of our new program on September 24th by sending us a few kind lines of encouragement which we could read to our large audience at the opening meeting in September.

With most sincere thanks for your unselfish assistance of a worthwhile cause.

Sincerely yours,

*A. M. Morandini*

D. M. MORANDINI

Director - The Humanists

DMM/K

Julius V.

Einhorn <sup>WO 2-</sup>  
-4291

41 Park Row

Place

J. W. Laboratoris  
Inc.

Mr. Mosher

A. J.

A. G. Bratt

Walker Lamenting  
Re 72060

55 / 1230