

The Department of History

January 12, 1982

Professor Janos Bak
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Janoskam!

Buek! Enclosed you will find the typescript of your excellent study on Janus Pannonius as well as six pages of notes I took on the article.

First of all let me say that the article is very well written, witty and interesting. You have given an excellent picture of 15th century Hungary as well as a good biography of Janus.

The suggestions I have made are mainly designed to make the article smoother reading for an English speaking public. In some cases I have made the corrections on the page (although there are other "hands" evident before me), in other places I have indicated on the separate sheets what should be reworked or what alternatives I would suggest. Most of the things are minor and do not change the essence of your article. Only factual error, which must be an oversight occurs on p. 15, where you have Bourbon France instead of Valois France.

You might want to include my Vitez article in the bibliography, since studies in English are few.

It was with joy that I received the news that the Hunyadi-Rakoczi book shall be out in late spring. If all goes well 1982 should be a good year for me. Four other articles which I have prepared should be out this year. After a long hiatus I am also working on my Matthias book again. Akademiai Kiado has accepted it and it is in their printing plans.

I am very sorry that you will not take a more active part in the Hungary in the Late Middle Ages volume. Please remain the ppiritus rector behind it. I think it could be a good volume and would fill a need.

Enclosed you will also find a reprint of an atticle from Tortenelmi Szemle on a non-Hungarian, non-medieval subject based on a paper I read in Warsaw in a happier period. An English version should be published by the Polish Academy this spring under the direction of Aleksander Gieysztor. I am very worried about and wonder how he has survived the recent sad situation in Poland.

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Janoskam, sorry we could not meet at the AAASS in California. The state of Ohio finally passed a budget on November 15, 1981 and our travel funds have been restored, but obviously much too late to do me any good. Keep in touch. Best wishes for a successful academic year, I remain

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January 19, 1982

Dr. John F. Cadzow, Director
Ethnic Heritage Program
729 Wright Hall
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Dear John:

A few weeks ago I met one of our mutual acquaintances, Miss Martha Neag, who reminded me that I had promised her that I would send a few of my reprints to the Ethnic Heritage Center at Kent. To fulfill the promise made to her, I am enclosing a number of items in the hope that it will be of some use to the Center.

I am very happy to hear from Miss Neag as well as from Andy Ludany that the Transylvania volume is progressing well and that it should go to the printer soon. It should be a good contribution to scholarship and Kent State University Press should be highly commended for undertaking such a project. I will be looking forward to proof pages soon.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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January 14, 1982

Kedves Tibor,

Enclosed you will find the much delayed article. Every conceivable problem which could have arisen, did. I only hope that the article will reach you in time. I am sending it Express. Someday when I see you, I will explain what went wrong.

The study is in what I believe to be excellent German and you should have no problem with that. The translator, Frau Hildegard Schnuttgen, Reference Librarian at our university is a native of Germany. She has managed not only to give a simple translation but to make the work read well stylistically. I have also included a bibliography with a list of books and articles, including German translations of Hungarian titles. If the list is excessively long please feel free to eliminate items, or add anything which you think should be included.

The article concentrates on education and includes a segment on the attendance of Hungarians at universities outside the borders of the nation. I felt that this was an important consideration in rendering a true picture of intellectual and educational conditions in the fifteenth and sixteenth century. The shortness of the allotted pages makes it very difficult to treat the subject except in the broadest terms.

There might be one major area of disagreement between us Tibor, which is reflected in the study, namely about the Dominican studium of Buda. I have always been and remain convinced that this institution was never a true, functioning university. The documents do not support the view that it was. There is no Foundation Charter, no privileges, no list of graduates, no baccalarius from Buda has ever applied for admission to any other university, no indication of four faculties which a studium generale was supposed to have. The fact that Matthias might have had grandiose plans and might have begun the construction of major buildings does not change anything.

I am now hard at work on the Matthias book. Have incorporated most of the suggestions made by and by Erik in the already completed segments and should be finished with the political history to 1490 in about 608 weeks. Although there will be possibly some minor changes and revisions later, I will send you this segment of the manuscript while I continue with the next major portion.

Upon receipt of the German study please let me know that it has reached you safely. I sincerely hope that you will find it acceptable

both in content and in style.

Enclosed also a reprint from Tortenelmi Szemle on a non-medieval non-Hungarian topic. It might be of some interest to you.

With best regards to your family, I remain

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Dr. David C. Genaway
Director of the Maag Library
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear Dr. Genaway:

At a time when we are constantly surrounded by the mediocre, the inefficient and the incompetent, it is a great delight to have the opportunity to praise the excellence, the efficiency and the competence of one of the staff members at Youngstown State University, Mrs. Hëldegarde Schnuttgen.

A few weeks ago I approached Mrs. Schnuttgen with a problem and asked for her assistance. A lengthy article which I had written for publication in Europe had to be translated from English into German. Mrs. Schnuttgen most graciously offered her help in this difficult and urgent matter.

The work is now complete and the article has been sent to the printer abroad. I am personally very grateful to her, but feel that her superb work should be recognized by others and this is why I am writing this letter to you, as Director of the Maag Library, with the request it be placed in Mrs. Schnuttgen's permanent Personnel File.

To translate anything from one language to another is never an easy task. The text which Mrs. Schnuttgen translated for me was a difficult, scholarly article which required the skills of an expert in the German language as well as a person with a wide knowledge of intellectual history. Her linguistic abilities, together with her broad learning made it possible to produce a German text which in many ways was superior to my original study. She had worked many evenings on this project, has sacrificed her valued free time to complete the task for a colleague in need.

May I add, that this is not the first time that Mrs. Schnuttgen has gone far beyond the call of duty to be of assistance to me in my work. Since my area of research is rather esoteric, I have depended upon Mrs. Schnuttgen's abilities to secure for me Inter Library Loan books, Xerox copies of articles and other research material, often from distant places or obscure sources. There has never been an instant in the 17 years that I have known her, that she gave up a search or did not make an all out effort to secure the needed scholarly tools. She has done all of this

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graciously, with cheerfulness and the efficiency for which she is proverbial. My enthusiasm for her is shared by many of my colleagues in the History Department who have through the years benefitted from her expert help and professional skills.

I know that through the years Mrs. Schnuttgen has built up an excellent reputation among her peers at the Maag Library. I did want you to know, however, how ~~she~~ she is valued by members of the faculty. She is a professional in the noblest sense of the word and one of the great resources of the Maag Library.

Cordially yours

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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cc: Dr. Neil Humphrey
Mrs. Hildegard Schnuttgen

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January 21, 1982

Dr. Steven B. Vardy
Department of History
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Professor Vardy:

In response to your kind letter, I have read with great care the article of Dr. J. J. Janta-Pinter submitted for publication in the forthcoming volume on the Age of Louis the Great in Hungary (1342-1382).

Unfortunately a critical review of the study raises some serious questions in my mind about the scholarly soundness of the article. My reservations are based both on the format as well as the content of the study.

In order to facilitate your editorial work, I have summarized my findings in the following points.

First a few remarks concerning the format or external problems with the study:

1. It is quite obvious that the author has some serious problems with the English language. In case the article is accepted for publication, it would be necessary to do extensive rewriting in order to render the text into standard English. This, however, is not the major problem with the study.
2. The system of critical apparatus (footnotes, bibliography) used by the author does not conform to the usual scholarly format used either in the US or Europe. The footnotes would have to be completely redone with the titles of books and articles given in full, and not in a separate bibliography, which should be eliminated. This is not an unsurmountable problem and the author should be encouraged to make the needed corrections before resubmitting the study.

The following observations are of a more critical and substantive nature and deal with the content of Prof. Santa-Pinter's article.

1. The study is much too vague, too short and lacks indepth analysis. Less than seven pages are devoted to the treatment

of the Decretum unicum of 1351 and five pages to the Kassa Privilege of 1374. (Kassa or Kosice but not Koszyce). It is my understanding that an excellent medievalist, Dr. Janos Bak of the University of British Columbia, will be submitting an article on the Decretum unicum to this volume. If this indeed is the case, then Prof. Santa-Pinter should concentrate his attention on the Kassa Privilege in order to avoid duplication. In that case he should do extensive additional research, with far more analysis and the inclusion of considerable background material.

2. The analysis of the author of both the Decretum unicum and of the Privilege of 1374 is devoid of any depth and does not give a clear picture of the significance of the documents under consideration.
3. The author fails completely to place the two documents in proper historical perspective and therefore the usefulness of the study is greatly diminished.
4. Excessive amount of material is left in Latin, untranslated. Since the author includes the text of both the Decretum unicum and the Kassa Privilege in the Appendix (not Annex), it is unnecessary to quote lengthy Latin passages in the text. It is also unnecessary to refer to "jobagio," "decima," "nona," "Dieta," etc., etc. . . , when perfectly good English words are available to translate these terms.
5. The most serious criticism is the superficiality of the sources used by the author. There is an excessive reliance on old, outdated secondary sources, some of dubious value. At the same time the major studies on constitutional and legal history are missing from the study. To mention a few: Eckhart F. Magyar alkotmany es jogtortenet, (Bp. 1947; Bonis Gy. Huberiseg es rendiseg a kozepkori magyar jogban, kolozsvar [1947]; or even the venerable Timon Akos, Magyar alkotmany es jogtortenet, Bp. 1906, which is still unsurpassed in many ways. The author should also have consulted some of the studies of Szekely Gy., Malyusz E., Fugedi E., Engel P. and others on the social, economic and political condition during the reign of Louis the Great. Except for the study of Szabo Istvan in Szazadok, the author seems to be unaware of monographic studies or journal articles on the period under discussion. To quote newspaper articles (Deme: Magyar elet) or popular textbooks (Eckhart, Somogyi, Ferdinandy et al.) has no place serious scholarly article.
6. The author seems to be unaware that there is a new critical edition of the Decretum unicum which corrects many of the misreadings found in the Magyar torvenytar edition of 1899a. The new critical text is found in Dory-Bonis-Bacsikai, Decrets regni Hungariae, 1301-1457, II, Bp. 1976.

Dr. Steven B. Vardy

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Based on my serious reservations outlined above, I am reluctant to recommend that the study of Prof. Santa-Pinter be published in its present form. With fundamental revisions and a complete rewriting by the author of both the text as well as the footnotes, the study may become acceptable. Otherwise I would not recommend publication, for in its present state, the article does not meet acceptable scholarly standards for inclusion in a volume to be published by a reputable university press.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

February 9, 1982

Professor Gyorgy Ranki
Hungarian Chair
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Indiana University
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Kedves Gyuri,

We hope that the terribly cold and miserable winter of 1982 has not caused you and your lovely wife to have had second thoughts about living in the Midwest. We are all looking forward to the first signs of spring.

Since you are an extremely well informed person, I am turning to you to seek some news you might have about our mutual friend, Alekszander Gieysztor. The last letter which reached me from him was in late September when he wrote that was "still optimistic" about the Polish conditions.

All major news reports out of Poland indicated that many members of the Academy of Sciences were arrested after the imposition of martial law. I am very much afraid that he was among them and wonder what happened to him since.

My acquaintance with Gieysztor stems from our participation in the International Subcommittee for the History of Universities. In 1977 the meeting of the Subcommittee was in Warsaw and Cracow and both my wife and I became very fond of him. Subsequently he spent a semester at Harvard in 1978 and I had invited him to lecture here at the university. He came and spent three days with us during the course of which a major snow blizzard swept over the region and for two days we were completely snowed in. We spent a marvelous few days together at our home, cut off from the outside world, just sitting before the fireplace and talking about everything imaginable. Subsequently we kept in touch and he was also in the process of printing the papers delivered at Warsaw and Cracow in a volume to be published by the Polish Academy. If that will ever occur under the present circumstances is uncertain. The volume would contain the English version of my article on American Higher Education prior to 1820 which appeared in the Tortenelmi Szemle.

Please write a brief note or call if you have any information about Gieysztor. I will be most grateful to you if you could relieve my

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January 26, 1982

Dr. Lekai Laszlo, Biboros-primas
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Kedves Ersek Ur!

On March 2, 1981 I wrote you a long and detailed letter about Dr. Asztrik L. Gabriel, D. Praem., asking your kind support in gaining some meaningful ecclesiastical recognition for this outstanding Hungarian Mediaevalist.

Almost a year has passed and I am uneasy whether you have received my letter, since it was never acknowledged. Unfortunately correspondence between the U.S. and Europe often gets lost and I am affaid that this might have happened in this case.

Professor Gabriel has just celebrated his Golden Anniversary Mass in Toronto at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies. Several of us, former students and colleagues were present at this most beautiful event.

I would be very grateful to you, Your Eminence, if you would indicate in a brief note whether you have in-fact received my letter of last spring, and would inform me what steps have been taken in this matter.

As a devoted former student, as well as friend and colleague of Canon Gabriel, I would be most joyous to hear that some well deserved ecclesiastical honor will be bestowed upon the world famous Hungarian scholar in the near future.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially,

Laszlo Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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The Department of History

March 9, 1982

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President
International Commission for the
History of Universities
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University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia!

Just a brief note to let you know how happy I was about the news that Cardinal Lekai wrote to you and that you will be invested with the office of prepositus of the Premontre Church on Margaret Island. It would be a fitting tribute to a man who exemplifies the best in the tradition of scholar-priests.

It was so good to see you again in New York. Your suggestion that we take Kati to the Piarist Ball was excellent. It was indeed an evening she will remember for a lifetime. My special thanks go to you for bestowing the Order of Templars upon me. The decoration is most impressive and now I will no longer feel "naked" when all around me everybody has something hanging around their neck. Many sincere thanks.

The other evening I was reflecting upon the lovely day I spent in Toronto in December to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of your Ordination. It was a nice feeling to be able to share that special day with you. As always everything was very elegant and in excellent taste. I was particularly impressed by the kindness of the Bedolfe family and the devotion of your former students from Godollo. Miss Barbara Bedolfe is a specially charming woman. It is over twenty years now that I have known you. You were not an easy man to work for and to study under but you gave me a firm foundation for life and a solid base for scholarship. My one ~~regret~~ regret is that I can not send my son to study under you. He would greatly profit from a few semesters under a tough task master with a heart.

When your ecclesiastical honor becomes official, please let me know. I would very much like to be present at your installation in Budapest as well as at the lecture you plan to deliver at the Academy. Someway, somehow from somewhere I must scrape up the money (about \$1,000) so that I could accompany you on this historic journey. I am hopeful that it will work out in some way. I am old fashioned and still believe in miracles!

Enclosed you will find a picture from the ball. When others become available I will send you some again.

There is a small favor I would like to ask you. In May of 1980 I gave a paper entitled "The Problems of Medieval Hungarian University Foundation" at the Midwest Slavic Studies Conference. It was very well received and several friends and colleagues have encouraged me to publish it. I am thinking of possibly sending it to the American Catholic Historical Review or to Speculum. I am sending you only the text, the footnotes are still in manuscript form and I do not want to spend a lot of time putting them in order, unless you believe that the article is indeed publishable. It is a critical study, free of any embellishment, and examines the universities to determine what we know and what we do not know, what has survived and what has not, what existed and what did not. Although the tone of the study is rather negative, it is, I feel the unadorned truth. I am very much interested to have your reaction, after all you are the "dean" of university historians.

With the usual warm devotion, your "ancient slave,"

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March 9, 1982

Dr. Klaniczay Tibor akademikus
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet
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H-1118 Budapest XI, Hungary

Hedves Tibor,

Thank you for your most kind and interesting letter. I was much relieved to hear that the article I sent to you has arrived in Budapest. Naturally I was also happy to hear that the study was basically what you had hoped for and will fit well into the volume which is to be published for the Schallaburg exhibition.

In connection with this forthcoming book I would very much appreciate if you would answer the following questions for me:

1. Please give the bibliographical description of the volume: title, editors, publisher, place of publication.
2. When do you think the volume will appear. Would you please ~~make~~ make certain that I get a copy soon after publication. If I would need several copies of the book, how could that be arranged.
3. Will there be any reprints available for the authors. If yes, how many. If no, do you think there would be any objection if I had reprints made by our university for distribution to colleagues.

It was with great interest that I read your comments concerning the Universities of Pozsony and of Buda, and am happy to see that no substantive difference is evident in our positions.

Last year I gave a presentation at a conference held at the University of Cincinnati, in which I discussed the "Problem of Medieval Hungarian University Foundations." It is a critical piece, an analysis of what we do not know, what has survived (which is not much) and what has been lost or possibly never existed. It was meant to be an evaluation of the problem, i.e. an "etat de question." Although the tone of the article is rather negative, I feel that it is an honest reflection of truth. The presentation was very well received, and was welcomed since solid information on our

medieval universities is not widely available outside of Hungary. I am thinking of submitting the study for publication, but before I do, I would like to have your honest opinion of the work. I do value your judgment immensely and would incorporate suggestions you might have in the final version of the article. As you can see the article lacks critical apparatus (footnotes). They were never typed up and are in abbreviated manuscript form. I do have to complete them and have them typed before the whole article is submitted to a prospective publisher.

The Matthias Corvinus book is progressing. The revisions recommended by you and Erik are being incorporated into the revision of the first part of the political history section. This part will be mailed to you before the beginning of summer. The cultural-intellectual part will be finalized this summer. I am also anxious to get this work behind me and to start another major project, namely a synthesis of the period from Matthias to Mohacs.

Eva joins me in sending you and your family our warmest greetings. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

March 9, 1982

Dr. Erik Fugedi
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Hungary

Dear most learned Sir Erik and lovely ladies!

Your most welcome and amusing letter arrived a few days ago and contrary to my usual slow response, I am writing to you immediately. This way I can avoid for once starting my letter with: "Another year has passed. . . ." We were delighted to read that you are all well and are looking forward to spring, just as we are, after a horribly long and cold winter.

The fact that Edina has left her previous employment does not surprise us. We remember that she was most unhappy with the situation there, and vividly compared the conditions with what is politely called a "house of ill repute." Both Eva and I wish her the best of luck in her new position as well as her efforts at weight control through regular exercise. We also continue to be hopeful that Krisztina will indeed outgrow her "intrinsic" asthma.

The news that you will possibly come to Rutgers had reached me last fall from Janos. He spoke about a stay of a year. In October Held Joska and I met at a conference and he told me that it will probably be for a semester. These stories made us most happy and we were already making mental plans how we would come and pick you up in New Jersey, bring you here to Ohio for a few days, have Erik give a lecture at the University, and even have a bacon roast to evoke memories of Leanyfaln. I was sorry to hear that his latest letter sounded negative. I will be calling Joska on another matter and will discuss the situation with him and naturally hope that I can encourage him to reconsider the decision not to bring you to Rutgers at this time. If the final decision is negative, it is entirely due to financial considerations. Believe me, the situation is really very bad in the American academic world and the cuts in spending go deep. In a most enlightened way, state governments are cutting the budgets of education whenever there is a financial crisis. I will try to do whatever I can, you can be certain about that.

Dear Erik, enclosed you will find the footnotes of the article which I left with you. I sincerely hope that Vigilia has not lost interest in the project and that you can persuade them to publish the study shortly.

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Any help you can render in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

1. In the ~~text~~ that was left with you, there are numbers typed in for the footnotes. Except for a few which were moved slightly, the footnotes enclosed will correspond with the numbers in the text.
2. There are a few slight revisions in the text. These are indicated in color on the copy of the text, which I am sending.
3. You have full editorial control over the article. If you want to change anything, add or delete, please feel free to do so. I have complete trust in your scholarship and good judgment.

~~Other~~Otherwise nothing much to report here. The great ball season is over and Kati had an enjoyable evening both at the ball in Cleveland and also at the Piarist Ball in New York. Now all that is needed is for her father to recover financially. Enclosed a small photo.

With the usual warm wishes of affection and friendship, we remain

The Department of History

March 2, 1982

Mrs. Zoltan Weisz
511 Oakwood Drive
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

Dear Mrs. Weisz:

Thank you for your most gracious letter and the copy of Righteous Gentile. I remember you well from the Bloomington Conference and was even impressed by your dedication to such a vital and noble cause. You are right, what happened in Europe in the 1930s and 1940s can not be forgotten and we must do all in our power that such outrage shall never be repeated.

I have read the book with great deal of interest and find it to be factual and accurate. In the last decade I have been in Budapest on several sabbatical trips as guest of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and had the opportunity to develop close friendship with several people who survived the horrors of the Budapest ghetto. Their accounts and the story of the plight of the Jews as described by John Bierman are identical. Why human beings can be so beastly and cruel to each other is one question which has caused me much thought. History can not adequately explain these abhorations.

Having read the book, I passed it on to my dear friend and colleague Dr. Saul Friedman, who is our expert on the Holocaust. Although he has heard of the book he had not read it. Prof. Friedman has written several books on the plight of 20th century Jewry and has also edited a volume of recollections by survivors of the Holocaust. You can be certain that the Righteous Gentile will be passed around the Department and its content made part of the material we present in class.

Thank you again for your kind gift. I do promise to send you a copy of the book which I am writing at the present on Matthais Corvinus and the Hungarian Renaissance. It should be out in about two years. The book will deal with a more fortunate age than you and I lived through in our childhood. Maybe there is yet hope for mankind. (See last sentence of Madacs, Ember tragediaja).

Enclosed a small token of my esteem. In the hope of seeing you again sometime, somewhere, I remain

Cordially,

The Department of History

March 11, 1982

Dr. Andrew Ludanyi
Professor of Political Science
Ohio Northern University
Ada, Ohio 45810

Kedves Andriskam!

Thank you for your kind call and for the letter with the good news that Kent State University Press will indeed publish the volume on Transylvania. Keep the pressure on the bastards otherwise they will delay things even more. I sincerely hope that everything will go smoothly for you from now on.

Englosed you will find the biographical sheet with very minor modifications, which you can accept or reject.

I am also sending a reprint of an article from Tortnelmi Szemle (Budapest). It is non-Hungarian and non medieval but the subject might be of interest to you and to lovely Panni.

We are all well and looking forward to spring. With warm affection to all of you from all of us.

June 9, 1982

History Department

Mr. Fred R. Taylor
Vice President, General Manager
Best Western Motor Inn and Motel
5551 Murray Street
Niagra Falls, Canada L2G2J4

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 26, 1982, and excuse the long delay in answering. Unfortunately in the course of correspondance between Youngstown, Phoenix and Niagra Falls my name which is Dr. L. S. Domonkos has been shortened to L..S. Kos and this has proved to be a problem. By strange coincidence we have a J. J. Koss on our Economic faculty and your letter was delivered to him. He was obiously mystified by its content and was about to return it to you, when in a last ant of desperation he inquired if the letter might not have been ment for me. So at long last your note reached me a few days ago.

I have always maintained that people of reason and civility can communicate with each other, and your letter certainly reaffirms this belief. I feft that I had a gegitimate ccomplaint and wanted someone in authority to recognize this fact. Your gracious letter accomplished that purpose.

Your kind invitation to my wife and myself to spend a night at your motel in one of the whirlpool suites is very much appreciated. Sometime in the fall I will get in touch with you about arrangements to visit Niagra Falls. I would like to delay this for two reasons. First, our immediate plans do not include a trip anywhere near Niagra Falls area in the near future, and second, I also realize that this is your high season with thousands of honeymooners and tourists descending upon you. I do not want to take undue advantage of your kindness and we will avail ourselves of your offer only when the main season is over, late in September or early October. When the time comes, I will either call or write you a brief note.

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I am delighted that ~~his~~ whole matter will be resolved
in an amicable fashion.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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cc: Ms. Ronda Tatum, Manager
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The Department of History

June 10, 1982

Dr. Klaniczay Tibor akademikus
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H-1118 Budapest XI, Hungary

Kedves Tibor,

Two of your letters are before me, one a very long and detailed, containing your most welcome comments on my study concerning the universities and the other dealing with the financial aspects of the Schallaburg project.

First of all allow me to express my sincere gratitude for the thorough and detailed observations on the universities article. Although most of the items you mentioned were familiar to me, there were some which were not, and thus will be incorporated in the final copy which I am in the process of finishing.

I was also very much interested to read accounts in the Hungarian press concerning the discovery of the probable cite of the University of Pecs.

Thank you again for your excellent critique. As always, I value your judgement immensely.

As far as the 3500 Schillings are concerned, it does not look as if I will be able to spend them in Vienna or Salzburg in the near future. If it would be possible, I would appreciate if provisions could be made to have the amount sent to me in a bank check and I would have one of the local banks convert it into dollars and pay me the amount.

I was delighted to read that you will be in New York in late August. Unfortunately that looks like the time we will be away on vacation. Since we have not had a regular vacation since our European trip in 1979 we are looking forward to spending a quiet week at a lake. Please let me know the exact dates that you expect to be in the USA. I would very much like to invite you for a few days to visit us here in Youngstown. The university will not be in session until late September but you might enjoy relaxing a few days away from your usual hectic schedule. If possible, I would also like to give you the finished portions of the Matthias Corvinus book.

Yesterday I received from the Akadémiai Kiadó a copy of the fine

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study of Veke-Glirius by Dan Robi. I hope that it will be well received by critics. It is a very fine piece of scholarship.

I will be in touch with you during the course of the summer. With best wishes to you and your family, I remain

The Department of History

June 8, 1982

Sister Ann Marie Butler
Principal
St. Christine School
3125 S. Schenley Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Dear Sister Ann Marie,

It is out of character for me to write a "fan letter" since I am generally critical, in fact overly critical, and a cynic.

Having heard you speak on two occasions recently, namely the St. Christine Sports Banquet and the graduation ceremonies on Monday evening, I am moved to write you this brief note to express my admiration for your excellent presentations.

Your words were clearly motivated by the love you feel toward the young people attending St. Christine. Love, however, is not enough in Christina education, it must be wedded to intellectual excellence. You have obviously found this perfect mixture and know how to use it. You were profound without being obscure, intellectual without being condescending or patronizing. What you said was meaningful and devoid of the kind of theatrics or "trendiness" that some adults employ in their attempts to reach young people. Education should raise the intellectual horizons of individuals, it is not the descent to the lowest common denominator. You have clearly shown that this can be effectively achieved, and are a credit to the name "Christian Educator."

May God continue to bless your work and keep you in his love so that generations os students might profit from your wisdom and affection.

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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cc:=Father Thomas Kelly, Pastor



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

May 26, 1982

Dr. Bernard J. Yozwiak, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
Youngstown State University

Dear Dean Yozwiak,

As a former Walter and Caroline Watson Distinguished Professor award recipient, I would like to encourage you to nominate Dr. George D. Beelen, Associate Professor of History, for a Watson Foundation Merit Award.

Professor Beelen is an outstanding member of the YSU academic community, and exemplifies those characteristics which the University should encourage and reward.

I have known George Beelen for over fifteen years and have followed with interest his academic and professional growth. He is a respected member of the History Department and has been recently re-elected as Chairman for the second term by an overwhelming majority of his colleagues. He has guided the department with skill and fairness. The result is a peaceful, tranquil and pleasant working environment, which is quite unique in the contentious academic world. Dr. Beelen has an excellent rapport with his colleagues as well as with students. His teaching has been consistently of the highest calibre, and he has been able to arouse the interest of countless students in his speciality, the history of Latin America. His students have shown admiration for his intellect and affection for him as a person.

Since his appointment to the faculty in 1966, Dr. Beelen has served this university well, and has made important contributions to its growth and development. For many years he has been on the University Senate and is a member of the Graduate Faculty. At the present time he serves as Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Scheduling, the historical Committee for the Diamond Jubilee of YSU and also as the Chairman of the Faculty Forum.

For three consecutive summers he has provided an Institute for Local Government for area social studies teachers, under the sponsorship of the Ohio Department of Education. As Chairman of the History Department, he has been instrumental in making the yearly History Day a success. This event brings hundreds of students to our campus,

creates excitement for our discipline and encourages further academic development. Beelen has also given of his time and support to several campus organizations. He is advisor to the Hispanos Unidos, the Voice of the Third World, and the Young Democrats. He is the Chairman of the Los Buenos Vecinos Scholarship Committee, is member of the YSU Pin Selection Committee, the Vindicator Social Science Award and the Truman Scholarship Committees. His good judgement and professional expertise are valued by all who have been associated with him on various committees and organizations.

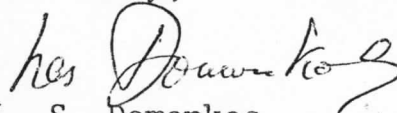
In marked contrast to many "ivory tower" types, Professor Beelen is most willing to share his special skills with people outside of the narrow academic community. He has been invited to speak to numerous school groups, civic and church organizations. He has lectured extensively on conditions in Latin America, as well as about the workings of the United Nations. There can be no doubt that the sound scholarly foundations of these popular presentations leave a very positive impression not only of the speaker, but the institution that he represents. It is these types of contacts between the academic world and the community at large, which bring more prestige and recognition to this university than any kind of organized public relations hype would accomplish.

Unlike so many of us who just complain about the mediocre quality of political leadership, Dr. Beelen went out and did something about it. He has been a trustee of Austintown Township since 1974. His skill and unimpeachable integrity have already gained for him a state-wide reputation. In these trying times that our area is experiencing, George Beelen has been an active participant in several organizations which are attempting to revitalize the Valley. For the past six years he has been involved in EDATA and is active in the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation. He has also been elected Chairman of the Eastern Ohio Heart Association and is a member of OCCHA, the Hispanic Cultural and Civic Organization.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge honored him with a metal in 1981.

It would be fitting and proper recognition of the tireless dedication of Dr. George D. Beelen to this institution if he would be presented with a Watson Merit Award at the June Commencement. He is an outstanding scholar, teacher and administrator, but above all a man of impeccable integrity and decency. The University would honor itself by honoring him.

Cordially,



L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Watson Distinguished Professor, 1970

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cc: Dr. Bernard T. Gillis
Vice President, Academic Affairs

The Department of History

November 5, 1982

Dr. Gottfried Stangler
Niederosterreichische Landesregierung
Kulturabteilung Abt. III/2
Herrengasse 9
A-1014 Wien, Austria

Dear Dr. Stangler,

Two months ago I received a letter from Prof. Tibor Klaniczay in which he informed me that the catalogue from the Matthias Corvinus exhibition which was held at Schallaburg had been mailed to my address in July. Unfortunately the book has not arrived although it is now the first week in November. In the meantime the honorarium has been received, for which I am most grateful.

Would you please be so kind Dr. Stangler, and check into this matter at your earliest convenience. Since I was one of the contributors to the volume, I naturally would very much appreciate if the catalogue could be sent to me without delay. There is also another problem with which I am turning to you. Please advise me if there is the possibility to get 100 reprints from my article, and if yes, how much would this cost. If that presents a problem, would there be any objection if my university would reproduce the article in 100 copies for distribution to colleagues and friends. I would, however, need written permission from you to proceed with the preparation of the reprints so that there would be no copyright infringement.

Please be free to write in German when you reply to my letter. During the academic year 1963-1964 I was student at the University of Vienna as a Fulbright scholar, one of the happiest periods of my life (I was in the seminar of Prof. Heinrich Fichtenau). Although I read and speak German quite well, I am not brave enough to attempt to write a letter, but certainly would have no difficulty with your German reply.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

The Department of History

June 4, 1982

Editors, TIME Magazine
Time and Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, NY 10020

To the Editors:

For over three decades I have been an avid reader of TIME and have found your reporting to be generally accurate and perceptive.

Unfortunately the article entitled "A Pope on British Soil," (June 7, 1982) written by Mr. Richard N. Ostling, does contain a major historical error. (page 47, column 1, paragraph 1)

Thomas Becket was not "slain by the Anglican King's men for his loyalty to Pope and Church," as stated by Mr. Ostling. Becket was killed during the reign of the Angevin king Henry II, and not for his loyalty to the Pope. The dispute between the archbishop and the monarch was concerned with the rights, privileges and immunities of the English church and had nothing to do with the papacy. The first Anglican king, Henry VIII, did not reign until more than three and a half centuries later.

It is unfortunate that this inaccuracy marred the otherwise very well written article on the papal visit and its implications for Christian unity.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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Telephone: (216) 783-0501

The Department of History

November 15, 1982

Professor Gyorgy Ranki
The Hungarian Chair
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Professor Ranki,

Thank you for your kind note in which you inform me about the Renaissance Conference planned for April 7-9, 1983 at Indiana University. I would be very much interested in being included on a session dealing with the "New Learning" in East-Central Europe.

As a preliminary, working title I would like to propose the following: "The Renaissance in an Unlikely Place: The Character of Hungarian Humanism."

My sincere gratitude for thinking of me in this connection. As the time of the conference approaches, I will be in touch with you for further details. In case the topic does not fit well into the "profile" of the planned session, please write or call and we will make the appropriate correction.

Sorry that I shall not see you in Washington at the AHA meeting. I am giving a paper on Louis the Great and am up to my neck in preparing the presentation. It is a fascinating period, but a little outside of my own field of interest.

With best wishes to you and your dear wife, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 19, 1982

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President
International Commission for the History
of Universities
P.O. Box 578
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear and most Distinguished Magister,

You can't imagine how happy I am that you are back in the United States after your long and triumphal trip through Europe. Thank you for bringing up my name in your presentation at the MTA and also in your conversation with Gieysztor.

As I told you in our conversation ~~that~~ night I have received some funds to travel to Notre Dame to use the library. Although I could come December 3-5, I would actually prefer a later date for the following reason. As I told you, I am making steady progress on my Matthias book. Between January 2 and March 28, 1983 I will be on a research sabbatical and will conclude the political history of the Age of Corvinus (about 550 pages). I would prefer to come in late February or early March to use the library and take care of querries which will develop in the course of the writing process. What I do need, however, at this point are three books which I would Xerox for my use and return to you immediately. These are the following:

Stephanus Katona, Historia critica regnum Hungariae, Vol. IX/16,
Buda 1793.

Emericus Kelcz, Epistoàae Matthiae Corvini Regis Hungariae, Vol. I
and II, Kassa, 174?

I have used the Epistolae at the Institute and if my memorydées not fail me Katona is also there. I have a complete set of Hist. Critica for the age of Matthias with the exception of volume 9/qu. 16. You would be of immense help to me if you could somehow get these volumes to me in the near future.

Simultaneously I am also sending you a volume which has just appeared as a small token of my affection.

As always, I shall call you again soon.

Eva and the children send their love and would like to see you sometime. With best regards.

The Department of History

December 2, 1982

Rev. Daniel Wenclarik
Assistant Principal
Ursuline High School
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear friend,

This is just a brief note to commend you and your students for the superb production of "Joseph . . ." which I saw at Ursuline two weeks ago.

The play was well performed and the students showed a high degree of proficiency. What was most obvious, however, was the immense enthusiasm of the participants. This generation of students is often accused of being passive and unresponsive to anything. The young people of Ursuline High certainly demonstrated that they take great pride in what they do, and they do it well. This was a quality performance.

I hope that the desire for excellence shown in the play can also be translated into the academic area. There is nothing undemocratic or elitist in being outstanding. Students can be challenged to greatness and they respond, as your play clearly demonstrates. A few years ago I gave the main address at the Youngstown State University Honors Convocation. There was a marvelous quotation, which I used, from the 15th century humanist scholar Pico della Mirandola which is so appropriate:

To To man is granted to have whatever he chooses, to be whatever he wills. God endowed him from birth with the seeds of every possibility. . . .

Congratulations to you and to your talented students. You took the seeds of possibility, nurtured it with care, and brought forth something quite unique. Continue to seek excellence and your rewards will be great.

With best wishes for all of your future efforts, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.

The Department of History

December 2, 1982

Dr. Gyorgy Szekely, Director
Budapesti Torteneti Muzeum
Budavari Palota,
H-1250 Budapest, Hungary

Dear and most Distinguished Colleague,

Thank you for your kind cards which arrived this week. I was most pleased to read that steps are being taken at the MTA to recognize the work of our mutual friend Asztrik. Your efforts in his behalf are greatly appreciated and I know that in case the final vote in May is not positive, it is not because you did not exert your influence. I am delighted to hear that the bio-bibliographical material I sent to you is of help in this matter. Gabriel has told me of the marvellous few weeks he spend in Budapest, his lecture at the Academy, and his installation as "Prepositus Ecclesiae Sancti Michaelis."

Please accept my most sincere congratulations on your appointment as the new Director of the Budapest Historical Museum. I am delighted to see that the Hungarian government recognizes scholars of great ability and find reputation. I wish you much success in your new position and know that under your superb guidance the Museum will grow and prosper.

In the spring I will send you reprints of three articles which fall into the area of the Hungarian Renaissance. I am waiting for the reprints. My study of the reign of Matthias Corvinus is progressing well. The political history from 1450 to 1490 shall be finished by the end of March, (over 500 pages plus notes) and the cultural-intellectual history will be complete by the end of August. If all goes according to plans, I hope to be in Budapest the first 3 weeks in September making final arrangements for the publication of the volume by the Akademiai Kiado. Naturally I would be delighted to meet with you and discuss problems which will undoubtedly arise and where your expertise would be of great help to me.

With best wishes for the approaching Holiday Season, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

The Department of History

April 8, 1982

Mme. Angela Borsos, Librarian
MTA Tortenettudományi Intezete
Uri utca 51-53
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Kedves es szep Angela!

Thank you for your kind Christmas note as well as the latest shipment of books which arrived safely. Most of them were of direct interest to me and I am very grateful to you for always coming up with such excellent volumes.

In the last few months I have also again managed to find over a dozen volumes which I am sending to you. The list is enclosed. I hope that these will not be duplicates and that they will be a welcome addition to the Institute Library.

We are well and hope that the same is true of you, your children and husband. Will you be coming to Bloomington again? If yes, we hope that it will be possible for you to visit us for a few days. There are at this time no plans for us to be in Europe in the foreseeable future. My son is in Budapest now and it is possible that he will meet you at the Institute since he plans to visit several of my dear friends there.

In the hope that we will meet again soon, somewhere, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

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The Department of History

April 8, 1982

Dr. Janos Bak
Department of History
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Kedves Janoskam!

Thank you for your letter concerning the volume on Hungary and Europe. The proposed idea is excellent and I wholeheartedly support the venture.

As my contribution, I would like to present an essay on the peculiarities of Hungarian Humanism. There is the obvious problem of the backwardness of Hungarian society and culture, the lack of an educated upper middle class of professionals, wealthy merchants, bankers, etc. . . . The base on which Humanism could be grafted was indeed extremely narrow. At the same time the whole concept of "Nepi humanizmus" proposed by the late Kardos Tibor is an absurdity and should be treated as such. I feel that a good essay on the subject, exploring the extent and the limits of Hungarian Humanism could be a good addition to the volume.

How is the Hunyadi-Rakoczi project progressing? When do you think the volume will be ready?

Hope you are well. I presume that you will be in Europe again this summer. I sincerely envy you!

The Department of History

April 7, 1982

Dr. Steven B. Vardy
Professor of History
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15282

Kedves Belam,

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 1982 in which you indicated that the proposed panel on Louis the Great has been approved for the AHA Convention in Washington.

Upon more extensive research I find that the original title I gave is excessively restrictive and narrow. I would like to change the title to the following:

"The Influence of Italian Campaigns of Louis the Great on Hungarian Cultural Development."

I hope that this will not cause problems for you and that the topic is acceptable in this form.

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

November 8, 1982

Dr. Janos Bak
Department of History
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada V6T 1W5

Kedves Janoskam,

In the confusion following the break-up of the Nagy Lajos panel, I missed you and did not have a chance to congratulate you on the fine presentation. As always you were excellent.

It was good to spend a few minutes with you the night before, but time was short and I wish we had more opportunities to share a few thoughts. I had promised to take my dear friend Vida Pista home with me for the weekend and so we left immediately after our Nagy Lajos panel.

Once more let me thank you for the superb job you and Bela did on the Hunyadi to Rakoczi volume. The articles are generally of excellent quality and the physical appearance of the book is most pleasant. It is a welcome addition to the growing number of works on Hungarian history in English.

Since my health is greatly improved I am now looking forward to the completion of my Matthias Corvinus book. Although my original aim was to write a cultural history, I have modified my plans and have undertaken to write a new Matthias Monograph, similar to what Heymann or Odlozilik did for King George of Podebrady. You will agree that a new interpretation of Matyas is greatly needed. Fraknoi is blinded by clericalism and excessive nationalism and the work of Elekes has its own defects. A new critical study is needed which throws light on the series of fatal mistakes of the reign of Matthias while recognizing his obvious brilliance in some areas. By drawing on far more material than was used by Fraknoi, I hope to present a much clearer, balanced picture of the Age of the Hunyadies in Hungary. I know that there will be many Hungarians, both here and there, who will not be at all pleased with my "verdict", but the English speaking world would, I hope, gain a good insight into the history of Hungary from about 1450 to 1490. As soon as my concluding chapter on the political history is complete, I would like to send it to you to test your reaction. I value your judgment and would like to see what you think of it.

Dr. Janos Bak

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November 8, 1982

Enclosed you will also find the text of a paper which I delivered at the Midwest Slavic Conference two years ago, and which I submitted for publication in a forthcoming Festschrift. Beside stating what we know and what we do not know about Hungarian universities it also answers the questions you raised years ago in your review of Gabriel's book on Pecs and Pozsony. I am interested in your reaction.

Janoskam, Vale! Hope to hear from you soon. With best wishes, I remain

Prof. Leslie Domonkos
USA

1982 április 26.

Tisztelt Munkatársunk!

Az elmúlt héten a schallaburgi kiállítás katalógusának utolsó ivét is sikerült imprimálni, s jelenleg már a fűzés és kötés munkálatai folynak. A nagy-alaku katalógus több mint 800 lapon, 86 színes és több száz fekete-fehér illusztrációval, valamint számos térképpel, táblázattal minden remény szerint a kiállítás megnyitásának napjára (május 7.) megjelenik. Mielőtt a magyar félnek járó példányok Budapestre érkeznek, a katalógus valamennyi munkatársa kap majd egy tiszteletpéldányt.

A katalógus osztrák és magyar szerkesztői ezúton kérik valamennyi munkatársunk szíves elnézését és megértését, amiért a rendkívüli rohammunka során nem volt mód a fordításokat, illetve a korrekturákat a szerzőknek megmutatni, s az óhatatlanul szükséges apró szerkesztői egységesítéseket, kiegészítéseket külön-külön mindenkivel megbeszélni. A katalógusnak mintegy 70 munkatársa van, s minthogy egységes művet kellett létrehozunk, a szerkesztők számára elkerülhetetlen volt, hogy formai egységesítést érvényesítsenek, kiküszöböljék az ellentmondásokat és ismétléseket, biztosítsák a megfelelő arányokat, gondoskodjanak az esetleg hiányzó információk pótlásáról. A korrekturákra rendkívül kevés idő állt rendelkezésre (gyakran csak egy-egy éjszaka), az utolsó hetekben pedig a korrigálást már a helyszínen, az osztrák nyomdában, a szedéssel szinte egy időben kellett végezni. Hogy ennek ellenére az esetleges sajnálatos hibák száma minimális, az elsősorban az osztrák nyomdászok gondosságát és intelligenciáját dicséri. Aki végiggondolja, mit jelent egy sok-sok szerzős terjedelmes könyvnek a megjelenítése úgy, hogy miközben egy részét németül már nyomják és fűzik, azalatt más részeit még magyarul írják, az nyilván megértéssel lesz a szerkesztők és nyomdászok iránt.

Mint korábbi levelemben jeleztem, a katalógusban való közreműködést az osztrák fél honorálja. Az Ön által írt tanulmányok, cikkek vagy katalógustételek honoráriumaként a Niederösterreichische Landesregierung kulturális osztálya
Önök Hármezeröttszáz

Schillinget fizet.

Akik a kiállítás megnyitásának napjaiban Schallaburgba látogatnak, azok a helyszínen veszik fel a honoráriumot. Aki a későbbi hetekben vagy hónapokban, a kiállítás nyitvatartásának ideje alatt (tehát november 1-ig) Ausztriába látogat, az a honoráriumot személyesen felveheti Bécsben. Aki viszont itthon akarja megkapni az összeget, azok számára a Szerzői Jogvédő Hivatal útján a pénzt Magyarországra utalják. Kérek ezért minden érdekeltet, hogy postafordultával közölje velem írásban, hogy a két utóbbi lehetőség közül melyiket választja.

A katalógus szerkesztői nevében még egyszer megköszönve értékes közreműködését, maradok tisztelettel:

Klaniczay Tibor sk.

Kedves barátom!

Somorai szível értesítlek hogy nagybátyád, Dini bácsi, augusztus 9-én meghalt. Szorán volt a temetése és a youngitovani magyar ismerősei és barátai kísérték utolsó útján.

Dénes bátyám már kb. két éve nagyon gyenge állapotban volt és a múlt jár hónapban erősen romlott az egészsége. Az utolsó pár hetet már csak ágyban fekve tudta észrevenni mert anyira erőtlen volt. Korábban Erzsébet néni, kit úgy tudom ismeresz, és én voltunk vele utolsó éjszakán ahogy szépen csöndesen meghalt. Erzsébet néni volt gondos, kedves barátja Dini bácsinak és szegény Bába néninek. Sűrűn látogatta őt az öreg otthonban és mikor még Dini bácsi bírta, autózni is vitte hogy egy kicsit ki kerüljön a négy fal közül. Erzsébet nénivel intéztük a temetést és az ilyenkor elintézni való dolgokat.

Dini bácsi édesapjának volt jó barátja és bajtársa. Én mint gyerek ismertem meg őt és Bába nénit. Nagyon szerettem mind ketőjüket és mintán Dini bácsi bekerült az öreg otthonba rendszeresen jártam hozzá egy kicsit beszélgetni vele. Végzetlenül kedves, jó és okos ember volt, kit nagyon nagyon becsültem. Sokat mesélt a családról és így úgy érzem hogy Te is valószínűleg ismerlek. Szegény nagyon restelte, hogy testi gyengesége miatt nem tudott nektek már levelet írni. Még múlt héten apóval beszélünk, hogy diktálni fog egy pár sort, hogy még lárt kinyitok felőle. Sajnos őre már nem került sor.

Mellékeltek egy \$1.000 checket. Dini bácsinak volt egy élet biztosítása melyet tavaly beváltatott velem és az összeget bankba tettük. Kérte, hogy ha vele valami történik, úgy küldjem ezt

The Department of History

October 13, 1982

Prof. Bela Kiraly
P. O. Box 568
Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

Kedves Bela,

This is just a brief note to thank you for the superb work you and Janos put into the Hunyadi to Rakoczi volume. The articles are of high calibre and the physical appearance of the book is attractive. You are to be specially commended for promoting the publication of studies dealing with the history of Hungary. For many years there was a serious lacuna in the treatment of Hungarian history in western languages. Slowly this void is being filled and your part in this work is recognized by all of us who know your great dedication and excellent abilities.

The program of the Duquesne History Forum indicates that you will be in Pittsburgh at the end of this month. I am also serving as a Moderator of a panel on "Greater Moravia" and plan to be there on Friday and Saturday. I am looking forward to seeing you again.

My own work is progressing well. I have five articles in various stages of publication and they should appear in the next twelve months. This summer I have also resumed serious work on my study on Matthias Corvinus. As of October 1, 300 pages are typed (plus about 100 pages of notes) covering the background of the events leading to the election of Matthias and his reign to 1476. As the story unfolds for the next 14 years (until 1490), it will probably require about 250 more pages. I foresee a volume of about 500 to 600 pages (plus notes) covering the political history of Hungary from roughly 1450 to 1490. The cultural, intellectual and socio-economic aspects of the age will probably require another 500 pages and thus, if all goes well, the work might require two volumes. As you know, the last serious study devoted to Matthias was done by Fraknoi 90 years ago and was excessively clerical and nationalistic. I have undertaken to produce a political history which is far more critical, takes into account new studies and fresh material. The picture which emerges from all of this is less flattering to Corvinus but more realistic.

Fortunately I have received a sabbatical of one quarter during the academic year and will be able to complete the political history by the end of March. (The sabbatical runs from January 2 to March 28). Since I have written several studies on the cultural history of the

Prof. Bela Kiraly

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October 13, 1982

Age of Matthias, I hope to finish the second phase of my work by the end of the summer of 1983.

In the hope of seeing you in person in a few weeks, I remain

The Department of History

December 9, 1982

Dr. Bela Kopeczi
Minister of Culture
Budapest, Hungary

Dear and most distinguished friend,

It was with great joy that I heard the good news a few months ago that you have assumed the important position of Minister of Culture. It is most reassuring that the Hungarian government recognizes and rewards scholarship and intellectual leadership in such a fashion. Although I fully realize that such matters as budgetary constraints place a limit on what can be accomplished, yet I know that in your most capable hands the continued cultural growth of Hungary is a certainty, and that the arts and scholarship will flourish.

Please excuse the delay in writing this congratulatory letter. I have been hard at work on my Matthias Corvinus book during the summer and teaching has also taken up much of my time since the end of September. I am happy to report that over 300 pages of the text, plus notes, are complete. From January to March 30, I will be on a research leave from the university and hope to finish the political history to the death of Matyas.* ~~ABUSONG~~ ~~th~~ that part is finished (about 550 pages) I plan to send it for review to the Akademiai Kiado. During the summer vacation I hope to complete the cultural history part of the monograph. If my plans succeed, I should be finished with the book by the end of August. At that time, if finances permit, I will fly to Budapest to consult with the lector on the sections which he has finished reading by that time, and deliver the final portion of the manuscript. If all goes according to schedule, I should be in Hungary between September 1 and September 22. It would be delightful if at that time we could have a brief meeting to review events since we last saw each other.

My family joins me in wishing you the very best in your new position. May the fruits of your labors be many.

With warm regards, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

The Department of History

December 9, 1982

Dr. Erik Fugedi
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Budapest, Hungary

Distinguished Scholar Erik and lovely Ladies!

We hope that these lines find you in good health and splendid spirits. It seems quite unreal that over three years have passed since we last saw each other. It is only in looking at our children that we realize how rapidly time flies. Yesterday we celebrated the birthday of our twins Kati and Istvan and it seems like they were just born a few years ago, yet they are now 18 years old. Your little Krisztina has probably blossomed into a lovely young lady. We hope that her health is improving and that her asthma attacks are less frequent and less severe.

I talked with K. Tibor in September and he mentioned that you were involved with the preparation for the visit of my "ancient maitre," Astricus Ladislaus Gabriel de Quinqueecclesiae. I am very much interested in the reaction to his visit among our friends. In many ways he represents the perfect "Baroque abbe" or "chanoine" with his flamboyance and "grand seigneur" style. He was very much impressed with the fine historical and literary work being done in Hungary.

In my conversation with Tibor I also told him that the Matthias project had made major strides in the past year. I have regained my momentum and have worked hard on the book. Over 300 pages, plus notes are typed. I have a research leave from my duties at the University until March 30. This will give me time to complete the political history of Matthias to 1490 and to make the changes recommended by you and Tibor. You should have the revised manuscript (500-550 pages) in your hands by mid April. I will complete the intellectual-cultural part (about 200 pages) by August and might come to Budapest in early September to work out problems which might arise from your reading of the manuscript. These could be ironed out much more efficiently if we can sit down a few days and discuss them instead of lengthy and slow trans-Atlantic correspondence.

on a related matter: What is the fate of the article I left with you for Vigilia. I did send you the footnotes, you had indicated that they had translated it into Hungarian. Will it be published? If

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Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor, President
The Polish Academy of Sciences
Warsaw, Poland

Dear Aleksander,

We hope that our mutual friend Astrik has conveyed the warm greetings we sent to you. Upon his return to the U.S. "Mr. le President" reported that he found you in excellent health, which is a great relief. We had been much concerned about your well being.

I am happy to report that we are all healthy and busy. Yesterday we celebrated the 18th birthday of our twins, yet neither Eva nor I feel that old. Both of us are teaching now which seems to work out well. Eva teaches natural child birth classes at the local hospital and I continue my courses in Medieval and Renaissance history at the University. This past year has been quite productive and my book on Matthias Corvinus has taken a giant step toward conclusion. If all goes well I should complete the manuscript by the end of August. The Hungarian Academy in cooperation with an American University Press (either Columbia or possibly Indiana) will publish it.

Speaking of publication, I wonder what has happened to the plans to print the papers delivered at Warsawa and Krakow in 1977. In your last letter you indicated that the articles were already in proof form. I certainly hope that the project was not abandoned and that you will be able to send me the volume soon. Please advise me on the fate of the enterprise.

In my next letter to you I will also include some reprints which might be of some interest to you. Unfortunately the reprints are not ready, when they become available I will send you a few items.

If you plan a visit to the U.S. in the near future, please let us know. We would be delighted if you could spend some time with us again.

Please convey our greetings to your dear wife. We all wish you a blessed Christmas and a happier New Year. As always, I remain

Cordially,

yes, when. Your intercession in my behalf with the editors will be greatly appreciated.

In the spring I talked with Held Joska about the possibility of your visit. Unfortunately things do not look optimistic. The serious economic conditions in the U.S. are reflected in the academic world as well and funds for anything but the absolute necessities are almost impossible to secure. Maybe next year things will improve and the chances for your coming will also increase. You can not imagine how happy we would all be if we could welcome you here one day.

Briefly about the family: The twins are in the last year of their school before entering the university next fall. Piroška is a first year student at the high school (gymnazium) and Andriška is a second grader. We all have enjoyed a good year in the area of health, with no major problems. With both of us working we have managed to keep up with inflation, but with four children life is not easy, and the expenses are always large. We are most fortunate that both of our jobs are fairly immune from the threat of unemployment and so we have, so far, managed to survive the economic crisis, which is very real. There is over 20% unemployment in the city of Youngstown, 15% in Ohio and 11% nationwide. Especially hard hit are the older areas of heavy industrial concentration, such as our region.

The Department of History

April 15, 1982

Tax Examiner
Internal Revenue Service
Cincinnati, Ohio 45999

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed you will find my tax return for the year 1981.

There is a considerable amount of research related travel which I am claiming. The major reasons for this is as follows:

1. At the present time I am engaged in research on two books and number of articles for journals, encyclopedias, etc.
2. Because of the severe budget cuts instituted by the State of Ohio the amount of university supported travel in 1981 was greatly curtailed, in fact for a while no out of state travel was funded at Youngstown State University.
3. Since February of 1981 my wife who is a nurse (RN) has been working as a parent educator and teaching classes in natural childbirth. She also had some professional expenditures which are calculated in the return.

Thanking for your consideration, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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The Department of History

June 9, 1982

Sister Susan Shorsten, M.H.A.
Executive Director
St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Dear Sister Susan,

A few weeks ago members of the Hungarian-American Community requested me to give a brief speech at ceremonies honoring St. Elizabeth on Saturday, June 4, 1982. I accepted the invitation and prepared a brief essay on the spirit which motivated this remarkable woman.

Enclosed you will find the text of my remarks. You might find them to be of interest since they do touch upon the Hospital as well as the Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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Dr. Taylor Alderman, Vice President-Personnel
Services

November 1, 1982

Leslie S. Domonkos, Professor of History

Faculty Seniority

In response to your letter of October 22, 1982, I am able to provide some documentation which gives a close approximation to the date of my acceptance of the position in the History Department at Youngstown University.

During the academic year 1963-1964 I was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Vienna, in Austria. I had negotiated for a position with the University of Vermont, which, fortunately or unfortunately, fell through. At that point I wrote to Dr. David M. Behen, asking if he knew of any openings in my field.

On June 4, 1964 I received a telegram from Dr. Behen, offering me a position on the Youngstown University faculty. At the time the telegram arrived, my wife and I were traveling in Italy. We returned to Vienna around June 10, and I immediately wired my acceptance to Youngstown. The telegram, according to subsequent reports from Prof. Behen, arrived here around June 12, 1964.

Enclosed you will find a Xerox copy of the telegram with the date (4-VI-64) circled.

I hope that this will be of help to you in determining faculty seniority in the History Department.

If you need any further information, or clarification, please call me.