

Sofia, May 29, 1933 .

Association for the Protection
of Nature in Bulgaria.
Dr. S. Petkoff, President,
D.I. Zagoroff, Secretary,
Beltsheff, 14,
S o f i a .

Gentlemen :

Permit me to inform your honorable organization that I was greatly pleased by the visit of your distinguished President Dr. S. Petkoff, on May 27, 1933, and his presenting to me your letter enclosing copy of resolution passed at the meeting of your Association on May 18, 1933 .

I feel that by promulgation of this resolution a great step will be made towards preserving many interesting and valuable forms of wild animal and bird life, now falling victims to the poison put out to destroy wolves . As for wolves, they can be kept in control by hunters, without resorting to a method which is revolting to humanity, and so destructive to many other creatures, including the lammergeiers, to-day only found in Bulgaria of all European countries.

In order to show my deep appreciation of your noble efforts for the protection of wild Nature in Bulgaria, and my personal admiration for your officers and Members I would like to suggest offering the following prizes for essays of 2000 words in the upper class of the Bulgarian progymnasiums on the subject of "The Necessity for the Creation of Primitive Areas for the Protection of all forms of wild animal and bird life, scenery, trees and plants in Bulgaria ".

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| The first prize to be | 1500 | levas . |
| " second " " " | 1000 | " |
| " third " " " | 500 | " |
| " fourth " " " | 400 | " |
| " fifth " " " | 100 | " |

and 15 prizes of 50 levass each for essays deemed worthy of mention . The total of prizes offered will be 5000 levass .

These prizes to be submitted to your Committee at the close of the present school year the end of June, or if not time this spring then the first of November, 1933 .

If agreeable to your honorable Association a mimeographed circular letter could be sent by your organization to the principal of each progymnasium in Bulgaria, explaining the purposes and terms of the contest .

The Judges to be one each from the various Societies forming your Association .

Thanking you again for your generous response to my appeal for the preservation of wild life in Bulgaria, and with assurances of my very high regard

Henry W. Shoemaker,
American Minister .