

## CATALANS IN U.S.A.

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There are a number of Catalans in American universities (J. L. Sert at Harvard, Joan Coromines at Chicago, J. Roure Parella at the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Ferrater Mora, Duran Reynals, Rosend Carrasco, Folc i Pi, Jaume Pi Sunyer, etc.) Other Catalans are in the U.S.A. working for various international or Pan-American organisations (Quero Molares, Miquel Marin, Pere Comes, Palerm, etc.)

On the other hand there are American professors interested in Catalan studies (Miss Josephine D. Boer, Professor of Spanish, Berkeley University, California; Professor K. M. Setton, Columbia University; Lurline V. Simpson, Washington University; etc.)

In America there is no society like our Anglo-Catalan Society to coordinate the activities of these scattered scholars.

While some Catalans have remarked on the importance of creating some sort of organisation to bring them together, others have underlined the difficulties - distances that make meetings and conferences almost impossible, and, according to some, the lack of an enterprising person to get all these various individuals together.

The suggestion has therefore been made that the Anglo-Catalan Society might in some way help the Catalans or Catalanophile scholars in America to organise themselves.

No definite plan can be made at this stage, but some alternatives can be suggested for the consideration of members of the

Committee of the Anglo-Catalan Society:-

- a) To offer Catalan and American scholars in America the example of what has been achieved in Great Britain, and encourage them to form an American-Catalan Society.
- b) To establish some sort of relationship between the two societies (federation; or, each a branch of a wider organisation; or, independent and separate though related by similar aims and activities . . .)
- c) Or, considering local difficulties in America, to invite them to join our Anglo-Catalan Society as an autonomous group.

After our Committee has reached some conclusions in the matter, the scholars in the U.S.A. could be approached.

It seems that parallel plans are afoot in Mexico regarding Latin America. The scheme now under consideration there is to group Catalan scholars and writers together with South American friends in each Republic, and federate all the groups with H.Q. in Mexico.

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