

New York, August 17th, 1935

STATEMENT BY LOUIS L. HORCH

Since none of the entries pertain to the issues raised at the 149th meeting held on August 17th, 1935 of New York - entries made by Mrs. S. Lichtmann and Miss Francis R. Grant - Mr. Horch wishes to state the following:

In regard to Mrs. Lichtmann's and Miss Grant's entry in paragraph 5, Mr. Horch wishes to remind the Trustees that he has raised the question as to how the Trustees envisage to support the European Center. Mr. Horch has brought up this point so as not to give any false hopes nor false promises in regard to this matter, ~~and in order~~ in order not to involve Mme. Roerich in any further expenses. The times are very strained and Mr. Horch wishes the Trustees to view this obligation honestly and without bluff. Since Mrs. Lichtmann and Miss Grant seem to think that they will be able to contribute funds for the European Center, it will be their responsibility to Mme. Roerich and Dr. Chklaver to do so. ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Horch does not wish to mislead Mme. Roerich in making her lay out funds for the European Center and Urusvati.

The budget of the Master Institute of United Arts was not fulfilled in the past year. Mrs. Lichtmann has applied for financial help, and this was given to her as mentioned in previous minutes. These payments were made possible only by deferring sums which were needed for urgent payments, for debts. At that time Mrs. Lichtmann did not choose to send the money she received to the European Center, but applied this money for the Master Institute of United Arts.

In reply to Miss Grant's and Mrs. Lichtmann's entry in paragraph 7, that the Trustees thrived since the inauguration of the Institute. Mr. Horch wishes to remind the Trustees that the Institution began to thrive when Mr. Horch began to advance his entire fortune. The names and fame of the Trustees grew when a great building was put up to honor the name and provide high positions for the Trustees. The ground on which this building stands was donated by Mr. Horch. If the Museum which honors the artist is in existence, it is due to Mr. Horch having purchased ~~the~~ the paintings.

The entire Central Asiatic Roerich Expedition was financed by Mr. Horch.

The various trips of Mr. and Mrs. Lichtmann to Moscow, Mongolia, India and Europe, as well as Miss Grant's first trip to South America were financed from the same source.

When the American Bond and Mortgage Company failed, and threatened to stop the completion of the Building which would have meant the loss of the entire building, Mr. Horch contributed his last savings to carry through the work to its completion.

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Miss Grant and Mrs. Lichtmann quickly forget as to who has financed the Pancosmos Corporation, the Beluha Corporation, the Ur Corporation, the News Syndicate, and Alatas, Master Institute, etc. for which large sums of money were given by Mr. Horch. Miss Grant and Mrs. Lichtmann forget the ones who helped cover the deficits in former years. The donations secured by Mr. Horch from his friends are also forgotten. Mr. Horch has vouchers at his disposal to substantiate the facts.

Mr. Horch wishes to go on record, that he deeply and heartily appreciates any assistance given to the Institutions by any of the Trustees or from any of our friends *and does not forget any good deed done by anyone*

Mr. Horch states that, having been the subject of constant underminings, harrassings and persecutions for thirteen years by some of the Trustees, he feels that he has not been associated with true "disciples of Light." The Source of Light we shall forever venerate, but the thirteen years of association with some of the Trustees (whose names I shall be ready to mention at any time), have taught us a bitter lesson of how under the guise of spirituality, the most unjust and unbelievable actions were committed. It is not enough to preach the Gospel, one has to live it. - Precisely, we never saw this principle enacted during these thirteen years.

In regard to expenditures which were permitted during the thirteen years, Mr. Horch wishes to state that despite the fact that the Institution opened in 1929 with debts, and a \$75,000 loan from a bank, expenditures were permitted by our Leaders which would never have been permitted in any other organization. Professor and Mme. Roerich ~~was~~ assumed complete guidance, and their Indications were carried out by us in the most minute way. Every word from Professor Roerich was accepted as law, without questioning it.

When thousands of dollars were spent yearly beyond our means, Mr. Horch protested to Professor Roerich and constantly to the Trustees at New York - but I was regarded as an "Enemy of Culture" because I dared to tell the truth and summon the co-workers to build up the institution on an honest basis, within our means and without injuring other people.

Mr. Horch regards the entries of Miss Grant and Mrs. Lichtmann about <sup>Trustees</sup> "the Shields and their undying devotion" as highest hypocrisy. All present will recall how Mrs. Lichtmann seemingly enjoyed listening to the statements of Miss Grant during February, March and April, when Miss Grant, being embittered through the letters of Mme. Roerich on the matters of the Expedition, accused Professor Roerich in order to vindicate herself concerning the failures of the Expedition with regard to the botanists, etc., stating that they were solely the fault of Professor Roerich and Mr. G. Roerich. ~~She~~ Miss Grant stated that not only McM., but no botanist, could get along with Prof. Roerich and that they should have gone alone. Miss Grant's entries into the minutes in regard to these matters of the Expedition were accompanied with "remarks" which did not arouse Mrs. Lichtmann's protest or indignation at that time.

We also recall Miss Grant's criticism that the Institutions were being forced to expand too rapidly. Likewise, Miss Grant questioned the high expenditures of Professor Roerich and Mr. G. Roerich as regards boots, watches, tents, etc. etc. for the present expedition. Mrs. Lichtmann was present when Miss Grant made these statements and she showed a benevolent attitude toward them.

We also recall Miss Grant's statement that the American Press had lost trust in the Roerich Museum because of some of the statement which had been issued to them by the Museum. Miss Grant gave as an example the statement that Professor Roerich had gone to Abyssinia, which had been given to the press at his suggestion. etc. etc. etc.

We also remember how Miss Grant ~~and~~ expressed her indignation at not having received sufficient details about Kansas from Professor Roerich and Mr. George Roerich. This all occurred in presence of Mrs. Lichtmann.

We also recall how the leadership of the Vicarress was not readily accepted by Mrs. Lichtmann and Miss Grant, because they did not wish to accept Mme. Roerich's Leadership. Miss E.J. Lichtmann and Mr. and Mrs. Horch had to stand up for Mme. Roerich.

The reminders as to the Highest Source by Mrs. Lichtmann and Miss Grant are laughable, for they are ~~not~~ by no means examples of highly principled spiritual disciples, and if they think that we have forgotten their utterances and attitudes at various times, ~~the~~ they are greatly mistaken.

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