

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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NICHOLAS ROERICH, HELENA ROERICH  
MAURICE M. LICHTMANN, SINA LICHTMANN  
and FRANCES R. GRANT

Plaintiffs,

-against-

LOUIS L. HORCH, NETTIE S. HORCH and  
MASTER INSTITUTE OF UNITED ARTS, INC.,  
Defendants.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK )SS:  
CITY OF NEW YORK )

ESTHER J. LICHTMANN being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am not a party to this proceeding. I am well acquainted with all the facts herein and have been intimately acquainted with all the parties to this proceeding for many years. I have read the accompanying affidavit of Mr. Louis L. Horch and I concur in everything he says therein.

As to the alleged illness of Mrs. Roerich, I do not believe it exists for the following reasons: In 1929 I was a guest of Mrs. Roerich in India. At that time Nicholas Roerich attempted to re-enter India but his request was refused by the British Government. Desiring to assist her husband's return to India, Mrs. Roerich thereupon feigned an illness and fainting spells proclaiming that she was suffering from "heart disease" and that therefore she could not travel. However, she refused to be examined by any doctor even at the request of the American and the British Governments. She finally agreed to be examined by a Russian doctor who was distantly related to her. This doctor was brought from Paris by Mr. Roerich. Because of this pretext he was permitted to accompany the doctor and re-enter the country. When the Russian doctor arrived he could not find any "heart disease" but said she was suffering from "lack of balance of the nervous system". As her guest I was compelled to substantiate her claims of illness, and I even accompanied the "sick woman" on a four day horse back journey to Little Tibet. Before this incident Mrs. Roerich had simulated a similar illness in an attempt to get the Chinese Government to permit them to pass through a certain forbidden route.

In view of the fact that Mr. Plaut does not say what illness Mrs. Roerich is supposed to have nor does he substantiate his statement with any proof, it is my belief that this is probably another one of Mrs. Roerich's feigned illnesses. If she were as ill as Mr. Plaut says, she would not be able to carry on her present activities and correspondence with Agni Yoga Publications, Inc. concerning the publication of a new book "Aum" which she claims to have received during spiritualistic seances.

For the foregoing reasons, I will believe Mrs. Roerich to be <sup>in</sup> good health unless credible proof is offered to the contrary.

Sworn to before me this  
9th day of November, 1936

Ann R. Elgar, Notary Public, Westchester Co.,  
New York Co. c1k1s no. 299

Esther J. Lichtmann

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