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Paris October 4th 1934

Report N°208-

Mrs Nettie S. HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

- (1)- Our communiques concerning the Pact have been published in the New-York Herald (Paris Edition) Daily Mail (Paris Edition) the Journal des Débats , the Ere Nouvelle, etc...
- (2)- I have seen one of the Editors of the Temps, in order to place an article on the Pact in that important newspaper.
- (3)- I have written to the Editors of both Russian newspapers published in Paris, asking them to participate also in the present Press campaign for the Pact.
- (4)- Please find enclosed the trimestrial report on the European Press for the third quarter of 1934.

(5)- I availed myself of the brief sojourn here of Baron de Taube to confer with him on our latest moves in ~~the~~ the diplomatic spheres as regards the Pact. Our Friend Baron de Taube approved entirely the drafts of the letters which I am addressing on behalf of the European Center to 34 States to induce them to adhere to the Pact.

(6)- Dr James Brown Scott, one of the Directors of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has arrived here. We have written him to express our appreciation of his support and especially of his speech in favor of the Pact at the Washington Convention.

(7)- M. Monod-Herzen, a noted French author, has called at the Center and is willing to write an article on Professor de Roerich's Art. He greatly admired the paintings, and will reproduce in his magazine photographs of some of them.

(8)- A private meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held on Thursday September 27th.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris October 11th 1934

Report N° 209-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1) Tuesday afternoon, October 9th, as soon as I got a telephone call from the Ministry about the terrible tragedy which occurred at Marseilles, I proceeded to the Yugoslavian Legation, and expressed our deep condolences to the Charge d'Affaires. I was at the side of the Charge d'Affaires when the new King, Peter II was proclaimed.

In a letter to the Minister Plenipotentiary of Yugoslavia, I have expressed the feelings of our Beloved Master and of the Members of our Institutions who are all heartily at one with the Yugoslavian Nation and the Royal Family in their bereavement. Late in the evening, the United States Ambassador asked me to confer with him on the political situation and on the report

which was to be cabled to President Roosevelt. His Excellency Mr Jesse I. Strauss thanked me very cordially for the ~~work~~ service rendered to the American Embassy in this emergency.

I had received invitations to attend the various ceremonies which were to take place on the occasion of King Alexander's sojourn in Paris. The death of that noble Sovereign is a great loss to us all .

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter of condolences to the Yugoslavian Minister.

(2°)- On the occasion of the tragic death of M. Louis Barthou, I have expressed my condolences to the French Government and I have sent to the Ministry a special letter conveying our feelings of deep sympathy. I will attend , as representative of our Institutions, the national funerals of the late Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(3°)- The terrible events of this week have considerably changed the general situation. Friday October 5th I had an interview concerning the Pact with M. Vitalis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. October 4th and again October 8th, I had talks with M. Louis Marin ,who assured me that he had written three personal letters to M. Barthou on behalf of the Pact. Tuesday morning, October 9th , I had an important interview with M. Edouard Soulier, Vice-President of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Chamber of Deputies who is willing to intervene in favor of the Pact.

Now I have seen again M. Louis Marin on Wednesday October 10th: he told me that no final decision has been reached yesterday morning in the Council of Ministers, as to the appointment of a new Minister of Foreign Affairs. M. Gaston Doumergue has taken up the business of the Dept only provisionally. As soon as the new Minister is designated we will see the measures to be taken, to approach him. In any case M. Edouard Soulier's cooperation is assured and will be, we believe, a valuable asset in our campaign.

(4°)- One of the oldest Members of the French Association's Committee, M. Armand Dayot, has died, last week. I have conveyed to his Family the expression of our sympathy.

(5°)- His Majesty the Shah of Pershia has expressed His thanks for the Insignia First Class conferred upon Him. Please find enclosed a copy of the letter which the Persian Legation has addressed to us on behalf of His Imperial Majesty.

(6°)- Our communiques on the Pact have been published in the newspapers "Comœdia" (Paris), "El Diluvio" (Barcelona) etc..

(7°)- In accordance with instructions, I have arranged an interview with the representatives of the Japanese Embassy. The interview will take place on Friday October 12th. Our Delegation will consist of Baron de Taube, M. Ivan Kirilloff and myself.

(8°)- I wish to confirm my cable of Saturday October 6th : "Shatilov 19 Rue du Chemin Vert- Courbevoie-Seine".

(9°)- Dr Serafinine of Lithuania reports that the new Roerich Association has been registered by the local authorities. They have been overjoyed to receive a message of encouragement from our Beloved Madame de Roerich. They were also pleased to come into personal touch with M.Karl Sture our chief Representative in the Baltic States.

(10°)- I hasten to acknowledge receipt of your cable draft for Fcs 1130- .Please accept our sincerest thanks and kindly advise us whether the above mentioned sum is to be counted as an instalment of the July allowance or as part of the quarterly rent due October 15th.

(11°) To day I attended the funeral service for His Majesty King Alexander.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

P.S. One of our Friends here wishes to have a copy of Professor de Roerich's book "Altaï Himalaya" . Will you please kindly send us that book. We will forward to you the amount due immediately upon receipt.

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Paris October 18th 1934

Report 210-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
NEW-YORK

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- To day I attended the solemn service in memoriam of King Alexander I , celebrated at the Russian Church in the presence of M.G.Doumergue, President of the Council of Ministers, of all the higher civil and military authorities and of the Members of the Diplomatic Corps. I expressed our condolences to H.H.Princess Helena Petrowna, Sister of the late King, and also to the Members of the Yougoslavian Legation.

(2°)- On the occasion of the death of M.Raymond Poincaré, former President of the Republic, I have written to Madame Poincaré, conveying to her our feelings of sympathy in her bereavement.

(3°)- Following my interview with M.Edouard Soulier, Vice-President of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Chamber, mentioned in my precedent report; I have written a detailed memorandum which M.Soulier will submit to the said Committee and also to the new Minister of Foreign Affairs .

(4°)- The campaign for the ratification of the Pact is developing.

The Finnish Legation has replied that , in accordance with our request, the Government in Helsingfors will consider the Pact. The Danish Legation has expressed its willingness to submit the project to the Royal Government in Copenhagen.

The Siamese Legation is also willing to transmit to the Government in Bangkok our request concerning the Pact and asks for some additional information which I immediately conveyed to them.

(5°)- A private meeting of the group Affirmation has been held on Thursday ,October 11th.

(6°)- Sunday October 14th, I have attended a meeting arranged by the Russian Officers' Society to honor the memory of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the great war. Generals Erdely , Goulevitch, Golovin, and Admiral Roussin, delivered speeches. A Representative of General Weygand, Inspector General of the French Army was present.

(7°)- M. Camille Tulpinck has written about the progress of the negotiations concerning the house in which the Roerich Foundation of Bruges is to be located.

(8°)- M. Karl Sture of Riga reports that the things are progressing in a satisfactory way in Latvia and in Lithuania? I have received also a letter from Dr Serafinine about the development of the Society she has founded. Dr Serafinine requests me to help the new Society by advice and also to see the Lithuanian Minister in Paris on that matter.

(9°)- With reference to point 7 of my precedent report, I take pleasure in announcing to you that the interview with the Japanese Representatives, planned in accordance with instructions, has taken place on Friday October 12th. Our Delegation consisted of Baron de Taube, M. Ivan Kirilloff and myself. The Japanese side was represented by Mr Mitani, Charge d'Affaires and M. Suzuki, Secretary. The interview lasted for an hour and a half. I explained the general significance of Professor de Roerich's action and especially of His trip in the Far East. Baron de Taube supported my ~~explanations~~ statements and told of his impressions from his recent tour in Central Europe. M. Ivan Kirilloff spoke from the viewpoint of his Siberian Compatriots. The Japanese Representatives showed complete comprehension of the world importance of Professor de Roerich's activities and appeal. They will report accordingly to Tokyo. The Charge d'Affaires was particularly interested in the proposition tending to organize in Paris a Mandchukuo

Exhibition. The Japanese expressed their full sympathy with the moral and spiritual basis of Professor de Roerich's lofty teaching. We hope that ,as a consequence of the interview of October 12th, the authorities in Tokyo, as well as in Manchuria, will grant to our Beloved Master their unlimited support.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris October 23d 1934

Report 2II-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°-) Saturday October 20th, I had the honor of representing Professor de Roerich and our Institutions at the National Funerals of M.Raymond Poincaré ,Former President of the Republic. I was placed at the side of the Diplomatic Corps.

(2°)- In the name of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, M.Louis Vitalis has expressed his thanks for our condolences conveyed on the occasion of the tragic death of M.Louis Barthou, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(3°)- I am grieved to announce the sudden decease of our Friend General Bogaewsky, Ataman of the Don Cossacks. General

Bogaewsky, one of the most gallant Generals of the Russian Army of the World war, had the honor of being introduced to our Master in March last, and in 1933, he had sent a message, in the name of the Don Cossacks, to the Roerich Pact Conference in Washington. I am conveying our condolences to his family.

(4°)- We have received a letter from Madame Boeken, of Holland, who has visited recently Naggar-Kulu, and wishes to establish permanent connections with our European Center. I have furnished Madame Boeken with publications on our Institutions.

(5°)- A private meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held on Thursday October 18th. A meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday October 24th, and a big public meeting on Wednesday October 31st.

(6°)- In addition to the newspapers mentioned in my previous reports, the "Beaux-Arts" of Paris has also published our communique on the Pact.

(7°)- The campaign in favor of the Pact is developing. I have already mentioned replies received from several Legations. Now I take pleasure in announcing that the Royal Bulgarian Legation and the Royal Hungarian Legation have both informed us that in accordance with our request, they are submitting the Pact

to their respective Governments and will let us know the decisions of the Cabinets in Sofia and Budapest.

(8°)- I have been invited by the University of Salamanca (Spain) to deliver several lectures on the Roerich Pact and International Law. As the University pays all the travel expenses and as these lectures appear as an unique occasion to spread widely the Teachings of our Master, and the principles of the Roerich Pact, I have accepted the invitation in question. In a few days I will be back from Spain.

(9°)- Please accept our sincerest thanks for Fcs 3000- which we have received to day. This covers our rent due October 15th (Fcs 2500-) leaving Fcs 500- as an instalment on the monthly allowance for July.

Faithfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris November 2nd 1934

Report 212-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- With reference to the negotiations which I have conducted recently with the French Government , I am glad to inform you that the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has stated in the name of the Minister, M. Pierre Laval that the Pact which is already under consideration, is now the subject of an exchange of views between the various Departments concerned. The adhesion of the United-States and of other American Republics will be taken ,of course, into consideration. This official statement is the proof that the question of the Pact is advancing towards a solution . I will let you know of any further developments. In order to hasten a decision, I keep

in close touch with M.Louis Marin , with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with M.Edouard Soulier, Vice-President of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

(2°)- In other directions too, the campaign for the ratification of the Pact is developing. In addition to the replies from Bulgaria, Hungary ,Finland, and Siam, about which I already reported, the Greek Legation and the Legation of the Republic of Saint Marin have notified that ,in accordance with our request, they are submitting the Pact directly to their respective Governments. The Legation of the Irish Free State has also informed me that they have submitted the Pact to the Government in Dublin. I am writing to a number of other Governments to call their attention upon the Pact and upon the urgency of the question.

(3°)- In addition to other newspapers mentioned in my precedent reports, the German Daily published in Paris "Pariser Tageblatt" has published our communique on the Pact.

(4°)- Major Count d'Arnoux de Fleury de L(Hermitte, of the French Army ,is writing a book on the protection of Monuments and Works of Art in time of war. Upon my request, he will devote part of his book specially to the Roerich Pact and will mention all the latest data which I have communicated to him. The book will be presented to the Faculty of Law of the Paris University, as a Doctor's thesis, and Monsieur de La Pradelle will use it also , upon my request, as propagagda material for the Pact.

(5°)- A Bulgarian author M.Kalimenoff has written me asking for various information on the work of our Master and of our Institutions, in view of publishing an article in one of the Bulgarian periodicals. I am sending him the required materials.

(6°)- I have returned from Salamanca (Spain) where, upon the invitation of the University, I have lectured on International Law and the Roerich Pact. A large audience composed not only of Students of Salamanca, but of undergraduates of all the Universities of Spain attended these lectures, as well as a number of Professors. They were all very enthusiastic about the Pact and cheered our Master's name. I circulated also among them a number of booklets on the Pact. Thus the most ancient and glorious University of Spain will be a center for the spreading of our Beloved Leader's lofty Teachings.

(7°)- A meeting of the Committee of Affirmation has been held at the Center Wednesday October 24th. Wednesday October 31st, a big public meeting of the group Affirmation was held in the hall of the first floor. More than a hundred persons were present. Prince Chirinsky, M.Mikheev, Professor Alexeleff, Professor Fedotoff and others delivered speeches. The Russian newspaper in Paris published paragraphs on the meeting. They also noticed my lectures in Salamanca.

(8°)- With reference to point 10 of my report N° 209 of October 11th, I hasten to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mrs K.S.Campbell of October 23d, informing me that the sum

of \$:75- eabled October 4th is not to be counted in the instalment for the European Center.

On the other hand, we beg to acknowledge receipt of Fcs 1500- representing part of the monthly allowance of the European Center for the month of July.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

P.S. It will be necessary for us to have copies of the official letters informing you of the ratification of the Pact by the United States, and by the various other Powers of the New World. Copies of these documents would help us greatly in our campaign for the Pact. would you be so kind as to see that these copies be sent us as soon as possible.

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Paris, November 8th 1934

Report N° 213

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
NEW-YORK

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I beg to acknowledge your letter of October 25th. Many thanks for the copy of the statement issued by Secretary Wallace. That document will be very useful here, in connection with the negotiations in behalf of the Pact. We wish also to acknowledge receipt of the magazines "Inspiration" and "Thinker" for which, please, accept our sincerest thanks.

(2°)- With reference to the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that the Roerich Pact is being considered by the French Government, I have written to M. Edouard Soulier, Vice-President of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Chamber, asking him to hasten the proceedings. The political crisis will,

of course, result in a postponement of the decision. We are watching the situation very closely and as soon as the new Cabinet is in office, we will continue the negotiations which, as mentioned in my precedent report, have greatly progressed.

(3°)- In addition to the States mentioned in my precedent reports, Austria has also advised us that the Roerich Pact is studied by the Federal Government, in accordance with our request. Thus already 8 Governments in Europe and Asia are considering the ratification of the Pact.

(4°)- I have seen our Friend Baron de Taube who is returning to Germany where he will have interviews with several of the leading Statesmen, and try to obtain their support for the Pact.

(5°)- Dr Asseliev, of Yugoslavia, informs us that his magazine will be out in a few days. This number will include an article of Professor de Roerich and also my article on the Banner of Peace.

(6°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held at the Center on Wednesday November 7th, under my chairmanship. I delivered a brief speech, expressing the hope that our cooperation with the group will continue to develop. Prince Chirinsky and others expressed their devotion to our beloved Master.

(7°)- M.Michel Artemieff delivered a speech on Patriotism

(7°)- We beg to acknowledge receipt of Fcs 2500- representing the balance of the monthly allowance for July. Please accept our sincerest thanks.

We wish also to thank you for the schedule of events at the Roerich Museum, which we have posted in our offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris November 15th 1934

Report N° 214-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- Yesterday, November 14th, I received President Horch's cable informing me of our Beloved Leader's trip to China and requesting me to call at the Chinese Legation in that connection . This morning, November 15th, I called at the Legation. The Chinese Minister ,Mr Wellington Koo, is on leave in China. I saw the first Secretary Dr Seie-Ton-Fa, to whom I handed over a detailed note on the Personality of Professor de Roerich. I asked Dr Seie to cable to his Government that every aid and assistance should be extended to Professor de Roerich. The Chinese Legation will let me know the results.

(2°)- The Imperial Japanese Embassy has informed me that my communication concerning the Pact has been submitted to the Government in Tokio . They will let me know the decision of the Government. On that occasion, we have affirmed once more our common striving towards the strengthening of our bonds of friendship with our Nippon Friends.

(3°)- The German Embassy has also informed me officially that, following my request, the Roerich Pact is being submitted to the Government of the Reich. As soon as a decision is reached at Berlin, they will let me know .

(4°)- The Swiss Minister in Paris ,M.Dunant,has written me that he is deeply interested in the Pact for the protection of Culture, and that he is communicating the project to the Federal Government. I have thanked the Minister for his cordial cooperation and have asked him to inform me of the decision of the Swiss Government.

(5°)- In compliance with instructions, I have transmitted to H.E.Metropolitan Eulogios ,Professor de Roerich's article "The Saviour", and also Mr Schaldt's article : "The Religious Art of Nicholas de Roerich".

(6°)- Dr Asselev's magazine (N° 3) is out. This number contains an article by Professor de Roerich ,an article by Madame de Roerich and also an article of mine on the Banner of Peace. I am forwarding to you a copy of the magazine,under

separate cover , together with a dozen postcards representing Memling's painting : " God the Father glorified by the Angels" (on the breast of the central Figure, is to be seen the same sign which adorns the Banner of Peace).

(7°)- The Jubilee medal of Professor de Roerich is exhibited in the Pershing Hall of Paris at an Exhibition organized by the artists and sculptors (Anciens Combattants) and the American Legion.

(8°) Wednesday November 14th , a meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held at the Center. The audience was particularly numerous. Prince Chirinsky delivered a lecture on the present conditions in Russia.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris, November 22nd 1934

Report 215

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- With reference to my cable concerning the communication transmitted to the Chinese Legation ,I have the honor to report that after several days of arduous negotiations ,the Legation has consented to issue safe-conducts and letters of introduction for Professor de Roerich and Dr George de Roerich, addressed to the authorities in Peiping ,Shanghai, and Nanking so that our Leader will be assured of a cordial reception in all these places. I will forward to you the said official documents , respectfully requesting you to transmit them to His Excellency by the most rapid means. I must say that it has not been easy to obtain these results , as the Chinese were not at first very well disposed on account of Professor de Roerich's sojourn in

Nippon and Mandchukuo. However, this question is now settled in a satisfactory way . The Legation is also communicating directly with the authorities in China .

(2°)- I am glad to report that in reply to my renewed appeal ,H.E. the Minister of State ,M.Louis Marin has sent me the following message : " Dear Friend- I am writing an official note to Laval and as soon as he returns I will see him to hasten the decision on the Roerich Pact. -Yours affectionately devoted- (signed) Louis Marin ". As you see, the negotiations are proceeding steadily, and , as we have already a letter from the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that the Pact is under consideration, we may hope that a favorable decision will ensue.

(3°)- The Dutch Legation has informed me that they have submitted the Pact , following our request, to the Government of the Queen. They will let us know the decision reached at The Hague.

(4°)- Just before leaving for Geneva, were he will attend the Session of the League of Nations, M.Stephen Ossusky, the Czechoslovakian Minister ,has informed me that he has submitted the draft of the Pact to his Government, and that he will keep me advised of the proceedings at Prague.

(5°)- Our chief Representative in the Baltic States M.Karl Sture has asked me to instruct him as regards the negotiations to be pursued with the States to which he is accredited, viz.: whether these negotiations are to be conducted separately with each of the

Baltic Republics or with the Council of these States. I am sending Mr Stare all the necessary data and information.

(6°)- The Bruges newspaper La Flandre Maritime- of Nov.17. has several paragraphs on the urgency of ratifying the Roerich Pact and of establishing in its own premises ,the Roerich Foundation at Bruges.

It is curious to note that a French newspaper published in America the Courrier du Pacifique , of San Francisco, has reprinted from t the French Press, our communique on the Pact. (Oct.24th)

(7°)- In compliance with instructions, I have communicated to the Nippon Embassy the incident pertaining to the hostile article published in the Kharbin Times. The Embassy will report on the incident . They deplore very much that occurrence but it must be borne in mind ,they observed, that formally the Mandchukuo authorities and not the Japanese, are responsible , and secondly that there is no effective control of the Press in the State of Mandchukuo.

(8°)- Saturday November 17th, I attended the solemn service celebrated by Metropolitan Eulogios on the occasion of the 40th day of the passing of King Alexander. I also attended a parade of the Russian military organization held on that occasion, I have transmitted to M. Spalaikovitch, Minister of Yougoslavia, a copy of Professor de Roerich's article on King Alexander. Another copy of the same article has been sent to our Friends in Yougoslavia via

(9°)- Wednesday November 21st, a meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held at the Center. The wellknown philosopher Professor Berdiaieff delivered a lecture on "Christianity" and the Social Question". A numerous audience among which were Professors Alexeieff , Fedotoff, etc...attended.

Respectfully submitted.

Secretary General.

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Paris November 29th 1934

Report N° 216

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- Many thanks for your letter of November 16th
We are also in receipt of the schedule of events at the Museum
for the month of November. We have posted the schedule in our o
offices. We were very pleased to see an article on the Banner
of Peace in the "Current Digest" and to hear of the wide publi-
city throughout the U.S.A. for the Pact. It was also very in-
teresting for us to see that you have arranged a fine Japanese
Soiree at the Museum ,under the auspices of the Japanese Roerich.
Association. We will inform of this event the Nippon Embassy.
It was very gratifying to receive the letters of ratification of
several Sout-American Governments. These documents will be most

helpful for us. As regards the paragraph of your letter concerning the book of Major Count D'Arnoux de Fleury, I have already given to the author all information ~~xxx~~ concerning the origine of the Pact. But, as you suggest, I will write him again to emphasize the fact that Professor de Roerich has promoted since 1904 the idea of protection of Art Treasures.

In accordance with your wish, I will send directly to President Horch a report on our visit to the Embassy mentioned in my report N° 210 of October 18th.

(2°)- I am in receipt of President Horch's cable pertaining to the hostile newspaper campaign. In compliance with instructions, I will make new representations at the Embassy and I hope that they will find a means to stop these abominable intrigues. It would be useful, I think, to make simultaneously representations at the Embassy in Washington in order to strengthen the impression.

(3°)- I have transmitted to the Yougoslavian Minister a copy of Professor de Roerich's article dedicated to the Memory of King Alexander. Another copy of the same article has been sent to our Friends in Yougoslavia for the local newspapers.

The Yougoslavian Minister, M. Spalaikovitch, has written us that "He is deeply moved by the expression of sympathy which we have addressed him on the occasion of the tragic death of H.M. King Alexander 1st and of the immense bereavement of Yougoslavia" The Minister sent us his most sincere thanks.

(4°)- M.Philippe Berthelot, former Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has passed away. I have expressed our condolences to his Family. As you remember, M.Berthelot has always supported our requests at the Ministry, especially during the eventful year 1930.

(5°) Our good Friend, Professor Manoilovic of Zagreb has written me a beautiful letter, thanking for the message which we conveyed him, after the tragic events of October last. Please find enclosed a copy of that letter.

(6°-) It gives me much pleasure to announce to you the progress of the campaign in behalf of the Pact. The Irish Minister has written me that he is deeply interested in the Pact ? He asked for various new data which I have immediately forwarded to him, and which he has transmitted to his Government. Count O'Kelly requested me to keep in touch with him and to inform him of all progress achieved . He will also, keep me informed of the decisions reached at Dublin.

(7°)- The Royal Sweedish Legation has advised me officially that in accordance with my request, the draft has been submitted to the Government in Stockholm. They will let me know the decision of the Sweedish Government.

(8°)- I have written to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels, where we have some friends, asking to hasten the decision of the Belgian Government.

(9°)- Marshal Franchet d'Espérey has thanked us for the congratulations we addressed him on the election of his election as Member of the French Academy.

(10°)- Madame Van Loo has published an excellent article on "Nicholas de Roerich and the Oriental Landscape " in the Art Magazine : A.B.C. Five reproductions of Professor de Roerich's paintings illustrate the article which is a notable contribution to the literature on the Master's Art.

(11°)- Dr Serafinine has written about the development of her group in Lithuania. She hopes to place some articles on the Banner of Peace in the local newspapers.

(12°)- Our friend M.Lesmaries has called at the Center. He thanked once more for the Insignia Second Class which has been awarded to him. M.Lesmaries promised to resume shortly his campaign in behalf of the Pact in the northern regions of France.

(13°)- Saturday November 24th, we had at the Center a big French meeting. The Helena de Roerich Hall and even the other rooms were overfilled with an eager and enthusiastic public. Madame de Vaux-Phalipau attended this function . Our friend M.Marc Chesneau , the wellknown poet, made a splendid speech on Professor de Roerich's Personality , as Leader and Teacher . He showed the cosmic significance of Professor de Roerich's message to the world and extolled the beauty of the Master's pictorial creations.

Marc Chesneau's inspired speech was received with much applause. Then I made a speech on Professor de Roerich as Creator of the Pact and Banner of Peace. The idea of protecting the Treasures of Human Culture met with the enthusiastic approval of the audience. and the Master's name was unanimously hailed.

(14°)- Wednesday November 28th, a meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held at the Center. I delivered a lecture on "The Prospects of Russian Foreign Policy ." In this lecture, I developed the general lines of policy indicated by our Beloved Leader. The audience was much interested in the subject and several Members including Professor Alexeieff, took part in the debate after the lecture.

(15°)- The Art magazine A.B.C. (in which has appeared Mme Van Loo's article) has published a paragraph on the Banner of Peace.

Several newspapers ,including "Le Journal"- "Comœdia"- "Le Journal des Débats", have mentioned our meeting at the Center of November 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris December 6th 1934

Report 217

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Hoerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- Saturday December 1st, I had an interview with H.E.M.Louis Marin, Minister of State, who told me of his conversation with M.Pierre Laval, Minister of Foreign Affairs, regarding the Pact. There are certainly some foreign influences at work against the Pact, but with the support which we enjoy in the Cabinet, we can overcome all these obstacles. With patience and perseverance, we will obtain the recognition of the Banner of Peace even by those who are now objecting to it on the ground of unjustified and irrelevant arguments.

As regards the negotiations with the other Powers of Europe you have been aware from my previous reports. I will see also

the United-States Ambassador, Mr Jesse I. Strauss and ask him to support us in our negotiations in behalf of the Pact.

(2°)- Dr Serafinine ,President of our Lithuanian group, would like to have a complete list of the Roerich organizations in various countries ,in view of publishing it in the Lithuanian newspapers. we will send her a list of our groups in Europe, and request you to kindly forward to us a complete list of the Roerich Societies in U.S.A.,in Central and South America.

(3°)- M.Karl Sture wrote me ,thanking for the various data which I have communicated to him regarding the Pact and which he has transmitted to the Secretary General of the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr Sture is going to Tallinn ,where he will see the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the the three Baltic countries ,who are assembled in that City on the occasion of a diplomatic conference. A request to ratify the Pact has been presented by the European Center to the three Baltic States through their respective Ministers Plenipotentiary in Paris, November 2nd. Thus the European Center and our Chief Representative in the Baltic States work in complete harmony .

(4°)- In my report N° 216, I mentioned the excellent article on Professor de Roerich's art published in the artistic Magazine A.B.C. over the signature of Madame Van Loo. I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of that magazine.

(5°)- Continuing the general cultural activities of

the European Center, we are organizing in our premises an exhibition of books and publications. The central place will be of course, occupied by all the books and publications by Professor de Roerich or dedicated to Him. The exhibition is arranged by the European Center in agreement and cooperation with the Russian Union of Poets and Authors. The exhibition will last from Jan 1st to Jan 15th 1935.

(6°)- Wednesday December 5th , a meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held in the Helena de Roerich Hall. Professor Fedotoff delivered a lecture on "Occidental Influences in Russian History and Culture".

Professor Alexeieff and myself also made speeches. I quoted Professor de Roerich's words on the Unity of East and West .

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris December 13th 1934

Report 218

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch.

(1°)- The present report will reach you on the eve of Christmas Day. On that occasion, I am sending you and all our co-workers, my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a happy New-Year. All our Members and Friends here join in expressing to you their cordial feelings. May the year 1935 be a year of great achievements for our Institutions. We wish also to thank you heartily for your constant goodwill towards the European Center.

(2°)- I am in receipt of a cable from Madame de Roerich asking that our Master's Name be inserted into the text of the Pact. In my letters to President Horch, I have already mentioned that I would take up that question. Accordingly, I submit to insert into the preamble of the Pact, between the paragraphs beginning with the words : " The Pact of renunciation to war.. "

and the paragraph beginning with the words : " Have resolved to conclude..." the following phrase:

" Adopting the propositions of Professor Nicholas de Roerich tending to create an efficient protection for all centers of culture."

I must mention however that the Name of the Creator of the Pact has been inserted by us in every letter or communication concerning the Banner of Peace. We have always called the Pact, the Roerich Pact. The Name has been used also in all the articles published in the European Press.

(3°)- Thursday December 6th I had a conversation with M.Suzuki ,Secretary of the Japanese Embassy. In the first place M.Suzuki told me that the Imperial Government is favorably inclined towards the Pact , but that they would prefer to deposit their ratification in a European capital rather than in Washington. I replied that every State is of course at liberty to notify its ratification in whatever place they please. I suggested that Paris could be such a place ,in view of the interest which the French Government has always manifested in the Pact. Further, M.Suzuki informed me that he expects that some exhibits from Mandchukuo will soon arrive at Paris. He said that I should a little later come in touch on the matter of the Mandchukuo Exhibition with M. Sakamoto who is here the unofficial representative of the State of Mandchukuo.

(4°)- As regards the attacks in the Press,M.Suzuki

personally had not yet seen any. He greatly deploras that occurrence, but ,in his opinion, it is for the authorities in Tokyo and Kharbin to act ,as doings of Mandchukuo journalists as of course, outside the province of the Japanese Embassy in Paris. However, they will report the disagreeable impression created here as a consequence of these abominable attacks.

(4°)- It is only yesterday through the courtesy of the Siberian Society that I had an opportunity to read the articles of Kharbin Times in which our Leader is so grossly calumniated This matter , in my opinion, deserves very serious attention and every effort should be made on spot , especially by M. Vladimir Roerich and the Members of the Kharbin Committee to contradict the scandalous libels of the above said newspaper. Only a vigorous counter-attack in Kharbin can prevent most dangerous consequences in the Russian Press here and perhaps even in the foreign press in general. If you have any news as to the measures taken in Kharbin, please communicate it to me, so that I may quieten the alarm which is spreading among our friends, and especially among the Siberians.

(5°)- Yesterday, too, I conferred with M.Ivan Kirilloff President of the Siberian Society, on our action in defending the Name of our Beloved Master. In Mr Kirilloff's opinion, it would be advisable to publish in the book on Siberia the short preface which he has written and which is strongly anti-communist. This says M.Kirilloff, would be a fitting answer to the allegation of

the Kharbin Times. Otherwise, says M.Kirilloff, the general political tendency of the book would be unsufficiently marked.

(6°)- M.Karl Sture ,of Riga, reports that he has had during his trip to Tallinn ,several interviews with the leading Statesmen of the Baltic countries. It appears that at present Esthonia and Lithuania (and may be also Finland) are favorably disposed towards the Pact. Some obstacles have arisen as regards Latvia. Mr Sture in Riga, and I in Paris, through the Legation are working to overcome these obstacles.

(7°)- Dr Serafinine of Lithuania, reports on the progress of the Work in that country. They expect that the formality connected with the registration of the Lithuanian Association, will be completed soon.

(8°)- I have received a letter from a Bulgarian friend, M.Christophore Klopoff , proposing to establish a Roerich Association in Bulgaria. It appears that the Bulgarian Government is studying the draft which I transmitted to them through the Royal Legation in Paris, and that a decision may ensue soon. I have written a detailed letter to M.Klopoff, advising him as to the measures which may hasten the ratification .

(9°)- The Rev.Nimboucheff,Baksha of the Kalmuks, called at the Center and assured me of the Kalmuks' devotion to Professor de Roerich.He wishes to present our Leader with a photograph.

(10°)- Wednesday December 12th, a meeting of the group

Affirmation was held at the Center. Professor Alexeieff delivered the first of his series of lectures on "The Critique of the Marxian Economic Doctrine".

(11°)- I am deeply grieved to announce you the sudden passing of the Son of our dear co-worker Baron de Taube. He was a bright boy of 16, and his death has been a great sorrow for us all. Madame de Vaux-Phalipau and I have attended the funeral and expressed to the Parents and Sisters of the lamented Alexander de Taube our deep sympathy and benedictions.

(12°)- I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the extreme danger which threatens the life of the European Center, as a consequence of a complete lack of means and the growing indebtedness of the Center. We can borrow no more and we have to refund the money borrowed until now. The last instalment was sent from New-York in October, and covered the expenses for the second half of July. Since then we have received nothing to upkeep the life of this Institution, and our anxiety is extreme. On the 15th of January we will have to pay the quarterly rent. The tax collector has written us that the taxes must be paid before the end of the year; other creditors are also demanding payment. Since more than four months we have given them only promises. If these circumstances begin to be known in wide circles in consequence of the agitation created by our unpaid creditors, this may react most disastrously on the prestige of the European Center upbuilt during all these years with so many efforts. Even the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

may change its attitude towards us, and you understand, of course, how important it is to avoid such a thing. The tax collector indeed, may advise the Ministry of Finance and the latter authority will then communicate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior who controls all Societies and Associations. Therefore I make again an appeal to you , in full agreement with Madame de Vaux-Phalipau and Baron de Taube to save the European Center .

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris December 20th 1934

Report 219-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of my General Report on the activities of the European Center for the year 1934.

(2°)- Saturday December 14th a meeting of the Committee of the French Association was held at the Center. I will forward to you a copy of the minutes of the proceedings.

(3°)- On the same day, later in the afternoon, the Annual General Assembly of the French Roerich Association was held in the Helena de Roerich Hall. I read the annual report. Our Treasurer M.H.Schaeberger read the financial report. Count de Rochefort and Madame Esther Van Loo have been elected

Members of the Committee of the French Association.

(4°)- Wednesday December 19th, a meeting of the group Affirmation was held at the Center. Prince Chirinsky delivered a lecture on the present situation in Russia.

(5°)- The Russian newspaper "Last News" has published December 18th a letter from their Kharbin Correspondent. I beg to enclose herewith a copy of that article : you will see that the whole "accusations" is ridiculed. As a consequence of the measures I have taken immediately upon receipt of the Kharbin newspapers, the other Russian newspaper published in Paris "Renaissance" will not even mention these calumnies. I hear that the bulk of the absurd allegations of the "Kharbin Times" have been taken from an American magazine published in San Jose (Cal) -July 1933- I mention this information, so as to enable you to take such measures as you will deem useful and advisable.

(6°)- The Lithuanian newspaper "Lietavas" Aidas" has published an article on the Fact. The same article has been reproduced by the newspaper "Stine" in ancient Hebrew language (Kaanas)+Lithuania).

(7°)- Tuesday Dec. 18th, following an invitation from the Imperial Persian Legation, I had the honor of representing the European Center of Roerich Museum at the celebration of the millenary of the Persian Poet Firdousi, at the Sorbonne. The meeting was attended by the President of the Republic, the Members of the Government and of the Diplomatic Corps.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paris December 27th 1934

Report 220-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11th. Many thanks for your good wishes which are heartily reciprocated by us all here. It was also very gratifying to read about all the new features of activity at the Museum. I will show to our Nippon Friends at the Embassy the invitation card for the Japanese soiree arranged by you with the cooperation of Madame Sawada and the Japanese Roerich Association.

(2°)- In my report N° 218, I have mentioned the phrase which , in accordance with your suggestions, I propose to insert into the preamble of the Pact. I wish to emphasize again that

we have always called the Pact "The Roerich Pact" and that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the Embassies and Legations have also followed that usage. It is not customary to insert the names of the authors of a Treaty into the text, in which generally are mentioned only the Heads of the signatory States and their Plenipotentiaries. However, from the viewpoint of International Law, I see no objection to creating a new precedent and to include Professor de Roerich's name into the text of the Pact. I think that this is highly desirable and most appropriate from every point of view. I will consult authorities on International Law, as you suggest, and prepare a memorandum on that question, which you may if you deem it advisable, submit to the State Dept in Washington.

(3°)- Please find enclosed copies of the minutes of proceedings of the Committee Meeting of Dec 15th, and of the General Assembly of same date. You will notice the election of two new Members of the French Committee Mme Esther Van Loo and Count de Rochefort.

(4°)- M.Tulpinck writes that the question of premises for the Roerich Foundation at Bruges are secured. He will communicate details later.

November 27th a meeting of the Royal Committee on Monuments was held at Brussels under the Presidency of M. le Chevalier Lagasse de Locht who proclaimed his faith in the Roerich Pact. M.Tulpinck thanked the distinguished President for the public homage rendered

to the Roerich Pact. The meeting was attended by Representatives of the Ministries of Public Education and of Justice and by more than 200 eminent Personalities of Belgium.

(5°)- I have written to M. de Manck, President of the Brussels Committee for the Roerich Pact, asking his cooperation, in our diplomatic campaign.

M.Karl Sture of Riga reports that the three Baltic States have decided to assume a common attitude towards the Pact. As Estonia and Lithuania appear to be favorable, we may presume that in the Council of the Baltic States, the Roerich Pact will be carried by a majority of votes.

I have written to Dr Serafinine of Lithuania, giving her directions as to her future action and recommending extreme caution in all proceedings. I have also instructed M. Klopoff, of Bulgaria, who is helping us in Sofia. I have also received a letter from another Bulgarian Friend, M. Kalimenov, Editor of the Magazine "Fraternity" who wishes to dedicate a number of his magazines to Professor de Roerich, and who thanks me for the materials sent by the European Center.

(6°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held in the Helena de Roerich Hall wednesday Dec 26th. Professor Alexeieff delivered his second lecture on the analysis and criticism of the Markian Economic Theories.

(7°)- M. Quillot has written a Doctor's thesis on The Protection of Monuments. In this thesis, which he presented to the Faculty of Laws of the University of Lille (France) he praises highly the Roerich Pact and expresses the wish that all Governments adhere to the Pact. The chapter in M. Quillot's book dedicated to the Roerich Pact, has been written on the basis of the data which the European Center had forwarded to him.

(8°)- Immediately upon receipt of President Horch's cable concerning the continuation of the slander campaign in the Far Eastern Press, I arranged a formal interview at the Nippon Embassy. The interview took place to day Dec 27th. I made an earnest appeal to the Embassy to intervene energetically in order to put an end to those scandalous libels. M. Suzuki and other officials of the Embassy declared once more that they are greatly surprised at these attacks which appear to them absolutely groundless. They will report to Tokyo. However, they point out that they "Gum - Bao", which is the official newspaper expressing the views of the Manchukuo Government, remains friendly, it is a proof of the friendly attitude of the authorities. The attacks of the Kharbin Times, in their opinion, must be ascribed to some personal animosity. Further, M. Suzuki stated that he is in a position to declare confidentially that the Nippon Government is favorably inclined towards the Pact. The ratification, however, may take some time, as the draft transmitted by the Embassy will have to be examined by the Privy Council. The Nippon Government, in conformity with the

Embassy's statement of December 6th , would prefer to address the ratification not to the State Dept in Washington, but to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of some European Power. In this respect, they agree with my proposition tending to choose Paris as the place for the exchange of ratifications, and signatures. All the above is strictly confidential.

Lastly, the Nippon and Manchukuo Governments are greatly interested in the Exhibition mentioned in my precedent reports. Further negotiations will be conducted on their side by Mr Sakamoto, Representative of the Manchukuo Railways who has received appropriate instructions. Some of the exhibits are already en route. The Exhibition will be under the aegis of the Roerich Institutions who will thus have an opportunity to be of service to Nippon , and this service will be remembered when questions of general policy will come to the front.

The diplomatic Representatives of Nippon , including Ambassador of Sato , just back from Tokyo, express their admiration and respect for Professor de Roerich . They assure us of their friendly feelings. Their good wishes for the New-Year are most cordial.

(9°)- I am glad to report that H.E. M.Louis Marin , Minister of State, wrote me that he has made some new steps in favor of the Pact at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. M. Marin says he would have been happy to bring us the ratification of the Pact, by France, as a New-Year present. However, he believes that he will obtain a positive result in the course of his conversations with M. Laval.

(10°)- It is with deep beriegement that I have to announce that Madame de Vaux- Phalipau has notified her resignation as President of the French Roerich Association and of the European Center. Madame de Vaux Phalipau , our most honored and devoted Co-Worker during ten years (from Christmas-Day 1924 to Christmas 1934) has come to the conclusion that she cannot assume the moral and financial risk of an action directed by our creditors against the property of the European Center . As a matter of fact, we have been unable to pay the remainder of the taxes for this year, and a great number of other debts which have accumulated as I pointed out in many of my reports. The expenses of months of August, September, October, November and December have not been paid. Madame de Vaux-Phalipau, having given her signature and her moral support in order to obtain credit for the Center, fears that he own property and reputation may suffer in consequence of the complete lack of means to pay off creditors who can wait no more : viz.: the tax Collector, the telephone C°, the Post-Office (cable-address) the fees of our Secretary for several months, the cleaning of our offices, the lighting and heating, etc....etc.... You readily understand that up to this day, by all kinds of devices, we have postponed the payments. For months we have quieted our creditors with promises. But now, the situation has come to a crisis. Madame de Vaux-Phalipau's resignation is kept secret, so as not to disclose a situation which may reflect upon the great Name inscribed on the Front of our Institutions. All this is a most sad occurrence.

We must unite in our efforts to bring Madame de Vaux-Phalipau to cancel her resignation. I believe that in the higher interests of our Beloved Leader and of the great work He is doing for Humanity, in the name also of the great Future, you will spare no ~~possibility~~ effort in joining with me in a common endeavor to bring about a change in the situation which will enable Madame de Vaux-Phalipau, as we all hope, to continue her cooperation with our Institutions. I must add, that, while resigning her post, Madame de Vaux-Phalipau declared solemnly that her admiration for and devotion to Professor de Roerich have been in no way altered.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

P.S. I am under the obligation to remind that the quarterly rent for the premises (Fes 2500) is due January 15th.

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Paris January 3d 1935

Report 221

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I have received from H.E.M. Louis Marin ,Minister
of State, the following letter :

" Dear Friend- I thank you for your good wishes on the occasion of
New-Year. I am making new efforts as regards Laval, on behalf of
the Roerich Pact and I would have been happy to announce you, as
a New Year present, that France is going to sign. I hope that this
will come shortly, and meanwhile, I am sending you my most affec
tionate personal wishes". (signed) Louis Marin.

December 28th, I had an interview with M. Louis Marin and with
the Officials of his cabinet. The Minister confirmed that he
would do everything in his power to obtain the ratification of
the French Government.

(2°)- I had to day an interview with Count O'Kelly, Irish Minister in Paris. He said that the Dublin Cabinet is quite favorable. The minister will insist again in order to obtain a declaration from the Irish Government, approving the Roerich Pact. Count O'Kelly was very cordial, he showed great interest in the activities of our Institutions and promised to visit the European Center.

(3°)- To day also , I had an interview at the Turkish Embassy with Councillor Nebil. He told me that the Ankara Government has studied the Roerich Pact and greatly sympathizes with its aims. The Ambassador has reported to Ankara and they will let us know the decision reached by the Turkish Government. As with the Irish Minister, this interview has been most encouraging.

(4°)- The German Embassy writes us that according to information received by the Government of the Reich, the United States have ratified a resolution of the Montevideo Conference and not the Roerich Pact as such. I will call at the Embassy and elucidate the misunderstanding which seems to have its origin in a report from the German Embassy in Washington on the basis of data given out by the State Department. Could you inquire there about the situation .

(5°)- Tuesday January 1st, at 4 P.M. was opened in the premises of the European Center the General Exhibition of Russian Books. About 2000-books are exhibited. Numerous visitors ,including many prominent authors attended the opening ceremony. M. Hodasegitch, M. Slonim, M. Svatikoff , M. Felsen, spoke on

behalf of various Russian literary groups. Then, I made a speech in the name of our Master in which I emphasized His thought that spiritual values are immortal and prevail in all times, even when all material values break down. I saluted the organisers of the Exhibition which is the first cultural manifestation of the year 1935. My speech was much applauded and the name of Professor de Roerich was cheerfully hailed by the audience.

(6°)- A meeting of the group Affirmation was held in the Helena de Roerich Hall on Wednesday Jan 2nd. Professor Fedotoff delivered a lecture on "Eastern Influences in Russian culture"

(7°)- The apostolic Nuncio Mgr Maglione has addressed me a letter thanking me for Professor de Roerich's greetings. The European Center has received New-Year greetings from: The Apostolic Nuncio- The Ambassadors of the United States, Nippon, and Turkey and their staffs, from the Ministers Plenipotentiary of Greece, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, etc.,... from Deputies Bonnefous and D'Andigné, from Marshal Franchet d'Espérey from H.D.H. Grand Duke Andrew of Russia, H.H. Prince Gabriel of Russia, H.S.H. Prince de Medicis, Professors Alvarez, Le Fur, De la Pradelle, General Goulevitch, Prince Obolensky, etc, etc....

(8°)- With deep regret, I have to announce the passing of our Honored Friend H.E. M. Adatci, President of the Permanent Court of International Justice. The European Center is sending a letter of condolences to M. Taketomi, his Son-in-Law, who is Japanese Minister at The Hague.

(9°)- I beg to acknowledge receipt of Fes 3000- as a part of the monthly allowance of the European Center for the month of August 1934 . Please accept our sincerest thanks. I must mention again that January 15th, we will have to pay the quarterly rent for the premises.

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Paris January 10th 1935

Report N°-232-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- Please find enclosed a copy of the memorandum pertaining to the insertion of the name of "Roerich" into the text of the Roerich Pact. If you deem it advisable, you may submit this text to the State Dept .

(2°)- I beg to acknowledge receipt of President Horch's letter of December 27th, to which I am replying under separate cover. I wish to express here my sincerest thanks for the honor conferred upon me through my appointment as a Member of the Permanent Committee for the Advancement ~~and~~ of the adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace.

(3°)- I have written a detailed letter to the German Embassy, giving them copies of the statements to the Press emanating from the Hon. Henry A. Wallace, and of the text of the resolution voted by the Montevideo Conference. I explained to the Embassy the true significance of the adhesion of the United-States to the Roerich Pact. Thus, we hope that the objections raised in Berlin, and which appear to be based on erroneous information received from Washington, will be overcome.

(4°)- In compliance with instructions, I have prepared and sent to the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament in Oslo, a petition pointing out the merits of Professor de Roerich for the Nobel Peace Award. Please find enclosed a copy of the petition.

(5°)- We have addressed to H.E. M. Takahashi Taketomi Minister of Japan at The Hague and Son-in-Law of the lamented Dr Adachi, a letter of condolences on behalf of the European Center.

(6°)- Following our request, Dr Dobrovolsky-Zavadsky has written a message to be read at the Memorial Program for Madame Curie arranged by the Urusvati Himalayan Institute at the Roerich Museum.

I am sending the message enclosed in a letter to Mrs Lichtmann.

(7°)- Please find enclosed a copy of my letter to M. G. Tulpinck of Jan. 4th, and also a copy of his letter, Dec. 26th

(8°)- The Exhibition of Russian books in the premises of the European Center is very successful. A great number of visitors called at the Center during all these days. The Exhibition, at the request of the public, will be continued until Jan. 20th.

(9°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held in the Helena de Roerich Hall, on Wednesday Jan 9th. Professor Alexeieff delivered his third lecture on the "Critique of the Marxian Teachings".

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris January 17th 1935

Report N° 223-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I had an interview with the Minister of Norway who will write again to Oslo requesting the Royal Government to hasten the proceedings as regards the ratification of the Roerich Pact by Norway.

(2°)- A committee for the perpetuating of the memory of the late Rev. Father Spassky has been formed in Paris under the Hon. Presidency of H.I.H. Grand Duchess Xenia of Russia. As a Member of that committee, I have proposed at the plenary session of Jan. 11th, that Professor de Roerich be elected a Member of Honor. My proposal was seconded by H.H. Prince Gabriel of Russia, and by the R. Rev. Smirnoff, Curate of the Saint Alexander Cathedral, the Dean of the Russian Clergy in Paris. Thus,

Professor de Roerich has been unanimously elected a Member of Honor of the Committee and His Name will stand immediately after Grand Duchess Xenia, Sister of the late Emperor.

(3°)- The Section of Monuments of the Royal Archeological Committee of Belgium, has unanimously carried a resolution on the following points (Session of Saturday January 12th, at Brussels, under the Presidency of the Chevalier Lagasse de Locht):

- (a)-To request the Belgian Government to join the nations who have already adhered to the Roerich Pact.
- (b)-To send a Delegation to Geneva (in which M.C.Talpinck will be included)
- (c)- The organization of a Roerich Foundation at Bruges should be considered as an essential part of action in favor of the Roerich Pact.

Jan. 26th, the same resolution will be submitted to the Section for the Preservation of natural sites.

The resolutions will be transmitted to the Ministry of Public Education which will forward them to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to submit them finally to the Cabinet Council.

(4°)- Several paragraphs, pleading the cause of the Pact, and of the Roerich Foundation, have appeared in the Belgian newspaper : " La Flandre Maritime" of January 12th.

(5°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held in the Helena de Roerich Hall on Wednesday Jan. 16th.

(6°)- The Exhibition of Russian Books attracts numerous

visitors. Saturday Jan.13th, a number of Poets read their verses.

(7°)- We have received from Madame de Roerich a cable draft for Fcs 3500- for the rent which we had to pay Jan.15th and for the Government taxes. We are deeply thankful to Madame de Roerich who thus saved the Center from immediate collapse, but we must emphasize again that none of the current expenses for the last 6 months have been covered yet, and we have to face in the coming days a number of urgent payments, as for instance : lighting, cleaning, and heating of the premises, subscription for telephone and cable address, office expenses, etc, e te.....

(8°)- Please find enclosed 1 copy of the Review of European Press for the last part of the year 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris February 7th 1935

Report N° 224

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 10th. I am also in receipt of President Horch's letters of January 17th and 24th to which I will reply separately. Your letter of Jan 17th has also been duly received. Please accept our sincerest thanks for these letters and all the good news therein conveyed.

(2°)- I have the honor to report that the Nobel Award Committee of the Norwegian Parliament has officially acknowledged by letter dated January 24th the receipt of our petition asking that the Nobel Peace Award be given to Professor de Roerich. Thus our Beloved Leader's Name is again inscribed in the list of candidates for the award.

(3°)- Among recent visitors at the Center were Monsieur Petitjean, Chief of Cabinet of M. Louis Marin and Count de Rochefort, newly elected Member of the Committee of the French Association.

We have received greetings from H.E. Metropolitan Eulogios from General Count Grabbe and General Opritz.

(4°)- The Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Persian Court wrote me again that H.M. the Shah would like to have the painting by Professor de Roerich which has been promised to him, but that they are not willing to pay for the sending of same. In these circumstances, we think that we should follow Professor de Roerich's instructions and give the painting to the Lithuanian Government.

(5°)- Dr Sia-Tchean-Pao of Shanghai, who is an influential Chinese Personality, has written me, in response to my letter that Professor de Roerich will be assured of a cordial welcome in Shanghai if He chooses to visit that City. Dr Sia will do his best to ensure the cooperation of the Chinese authorities during Professor de Roerich's voyage.

(6°)- The Nipponese Minister at The Hague has written me a letter saying that he has been deeply moved by the condolences which I conveyed to him on the occasion of the death of his Father in Law, M. Adatci.

(7°)- The Estonian Legation in Paris writes that the

competent Estonian authorities have delivered opinions in favor of the Roerich Pact. The question of ratification has been subsequently examined at the conference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the three Baltic States but there, no decision has been reached as yet. The Legation will keep me informed of the farther steps taken by the Estonian Government.

(8°)- M. Quillot's book on the Protection of Monuments is out. A page of that book deals with the Roerich Pact. The author expresses the wish that the Pact be adopted by all the Powers.

The Lithuanian paper of Memel of January 3d has an extensive article on the Roerich Pact.

The newspaper "Meuse" of Liège, of January 25th has published an interesting appeal in favor of the Roerich Pact.

(9°)- The Silent Artists' exhibition at the Roerich Museum has been mentioned in the newspaper "Comœdia" of Paris. The Memorial Program in honor of Madame Curie has been mentioned in several French newspapers including "Le Matin", Paris, "Presse Libre" of Alger, "Courrier du Pas de Calais" of Arras, also in the "Daily Mail" (Paris edition). The great artistic Magazine "l'Art et les Artistes" has in its January N° a reproduction of Professor de Roerich's Jubilee medal.

A fine review of Dr George de Roerich's work has been published in the German magazine "Anthropos".

The "Revue Musicale" of Paris mentions in its January N° Professor de Roerich's Name, in connection with an article ~~of~~ the Russian Ballets. The article is by Igor Stravinsky.

(10°)- We are in receipt of the books on the Roerich Pact (Proceedings of the Washington Convention) and we wish to congratulate you heartily upon that achievement. The book is really very well edited and all the materials are of first rate interest. We will transmit copies of the book to various Personalities in France and abroad.

(11°)- It would be important for us to know whether the book on Siberia will be published or not. Officials of the Siberian Society and also General Golovin~~y~~ inquired several times already about the fate of that book.

(12°)- Meetings of the group Affirmation have been held at the Center Jan. 23d, 30th, and Feb. 6th. Lectures have been delivered by Professor Alexeieff, Mr Zinger, and Professor Fedotoff.

(13°)- I beg to enclose herewith for your information a copy of my letter to the German Embassy in Paris, of Jan. 4th. (please see my report N° 221 of Jan 3d, point N° 4)

(14°))- We are in receipt of your draft for Fcs 1500- representing the balance of the allowance for the month of August 1934, and leaving Fcs 500- as part of the September allowance. Please accept our sincerest thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris February 14th 1935

Report 225-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I had an interview with H.E. The Minister of Norway, who told me that he had not yet received his Government's answer concerning the Pact.

In compliance with my request the Minister informed me of the present members of the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament (Storting)

President: Professor F.Stang

Vice- President: Mr C.B. Hanssen (Shipowner)

Members: J.L. Mowinkel (Former Prime Minister)

Professor H. Koht

Dr Christian Lous Lange

As mentioned in my reports since 1929, it appears that only by the

means of a campaign in the Scandinavian countries that we can hope to secure the Peace Award for Professor de Roerich. At present, M. Titulesco, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Roumania, has been nominated for the Award and he is of course backed by his Government and several other Powers. It is only on spot that one can efficiently succeed in spite of these official candidatures and of the pressure exercised by various countries in favor of their candidates.

(2°)- In my reports of last autumn, I mentioned that a distinguished French Officer, Captain of cavalry, Count d'Arnoux de Fleury de l'hermitte, was writing a thesis on the protection of monuments and works of arts in time of war. I furnished Count d'Arnoux with materials concerning the Roerich Pact to which he has dedicated one of the chapters of his book. Now, the book is out, and Count d'Arnoux has offered me a copy. It is worth noting that when the thesis was presented to a jury of the Faculty of Laws, of Paris University, under the Presidency of our Friend Professor de La Pradelle, a Member of the said Jury, Professor Basdevant, Legal Advisor to the Foreign Office, made a violent attack against the Roerich Pact, using such language that Professor de La Pradelle raised objections. Count d'Arnoux was awarded the Doctor's Degrees in spite of M. Basdevant's opposition. This incident shows what inveterate enemies we have in some quarters and with what difficulties we have to count in our efforts on behalf of the Pact.

(3°)- Please find enclosed a copy of the translation of an address which has been signed by the Russian Authors and Poets

in Paris. The address expresses the Authors Union's feelings of respect and gratitude towards our Beloved Leader. The document has been signed by the most prominent Representatives of Russian Literature, headed by ~~the~~ Dimitri Merejkovsky.

(4°)- Among recent visitors to the Center was an English Gentleman named Mr Barnett Conlan , who said that he had corresponded with President Horch, and who asked various informations regarding the activities of our Institutions. Please kindly let us know whether Mr Conlan is known to you.

(5°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held in the Helena de Roerich Hall Tuesday Feb.12th. Professor Alexeieff delivered the last of his series of lectures on the Critic of the Marxian Economic Theories.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris Feb. 21st 1935

N°226-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Museum
NEW-YORK

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 8th, and thank you for the information therein conveyed.

The change of the Pan-American Roerich Treaty into a World Pact will facilitate the adhesion of the States outside America.

(2°)- With reference to the modified text of the Roerich Pact, we will await the receipt of same before submitting a new draft as suggested in President Horch's letter of January 24th, so as to harmonize the proposed changes with the new text, the sending of which is foreshadowed in your letter.

(3°)- We have given to the Agence Havas a communique on the signature of the Pact by the States of the New World. To day,

the communique has appeared in the Russian newspaper "Renaissance"
We will keep you in form of the development of that press campaign
(4°)-
in the French newspapers, which, we hope will impress French public
opinion in favor of the Pact.

(4°)- In my precedent report , I mentioned the violent
hostility of M.Basdevant towards the Pact (M.Basdevant is Legal
Advisor to the Foreign Office). Now, M.Louis Marin told me that he
feels that these pernicious influences , together with pressure
coming from several powers , have resulted in preventing M. Laval,
(Minister of Foreign Affairs) from taking a definite decision con-
cerning the Pact. We can trace also evil intrigues on the part of
the notorious International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation,
and of certain organs in Geneva connected with it. M.Laval declares
that he willingly recognizes the nobleness of purpose of the Roerich
Pact, but that powerful influences prevent him as yet to take a
definite stand. Such is the situation according to our Honored Friend,
M.Louis Marin, who has written , as you know, two strong letters to
the Foreign Office ,demanding the immediate ratification of the Pact
by the French Government (letters of H.E. the Minister of State Louis
Marin to the Foreign Minister , of Nov.20th and Dec.18th 1934)
Needless to say that we will continue our efforts on behalf of the
Pact in France, remembering our Beloved Master's saying that every
obstacle should be transformed into a new possibility.

(5°)- Saturday Feb.16th I have attended a ceremony in
honor of the 17th anniversary of the Independance of Lithuania.

On that occasion, I had a conversation with the Lithuanian Minister Mr Klimas about the attitude of the Baltic States towards the Pact.

(6°)- I am glad to report that the Letters & Sciences' Section of the Royal Belgian Academy has passed a resolution urging the ratification of the Roerich Pact. The resolution will be brought officially to the cognizance of the Belgian Government. A Paragraph relating the Academy's decisions has been published in the "Journal de Bruges".

(7°)- M.Kalimenoff, of Bulgaria, writes me that he has received the cliches which we sent him for the special number of his magazine "Fraternity" to be dedicated to Professor de Roerich. The same cliches will be used afterwards in the Yugoslavian Press.

(8°)- Please find enclosed a copy of my letter to M.C. Tulpinck of Feb.16th, and also a copy of my letter to M. Karl Stare (Riga) dated Feb.19th.

(9°) We have received a beautiful article by Mr Svetoslav de Roerich on the Activities of the Himalayan Research Institute. That article will be read at a meeting of the Ethnographical Society.

(10°)- I beg to enclose a copy of my letter to H.E. the Japanese Ambassador in Paris, in the matter of the attacks of the Kharbin Press. The letter, of course, is of a strictly confidential character, and is forwarded for your own information exclusively.

(11°) A meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held in the Helena de Roerich Hall Wednesday Feb. 19th. Mr Andrew Kholodiloff has delivered a lecture on "Solidarity and Cooperation" as the Basis of the Doctrin of the group "Affirmation", in harmony with the spirit of the teaching of Professor de Roerich.

(12°) We beg to acknowledge receipt of your draft for Fcs 1500-representing part of the September allowance of the European Center. Please accept our sincerest thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris February 28th 1935

Report 227

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- We have been very happy to welcome Miss Esther J. Lichtmann at the European Center. Miss Lichtmann has seen Madame de Vaux Phillips and Baron de Taube. You will certainly hear from her all the details concerning the problems we have to face at present.

(2°)- A communique on the ratification of the Pact by the United States and the other American countries has been published in the Russian newspaper "The Russian Voice" (Belgrade) of Feb.17th.

(3°)- An article on Professor de Roerich and the Institutions has been published in the "Riga Magazine" : "Dlia Vas"

(4°)- I have secured the original of the letter addressed by the Foreign Minister, M. Pierre Laval, to M. Louis Marin, the contents of which I have mentioned in my previous report. Please find enclosed a copy of that letter (another copy has been given to Miss Lichtmann, and a third one will be forwarded to Madame de Roerich).

(5°)- Friday Feb 22nd, I have seen M. Louis Marin and discussed with him the steps to be taken in the future, as regards the diplomatic situation.

(6°)- Saturday Feb. 23d, and Monday Feb. 25th, I have seen Professors de la Pradelle and Alvarez, and examined with them various measures concerning the Pact and the Nobel Prize.

(7°)- Our friend Marc Chesneau asks whether it will be possible to send him a photograph of Professor de Roerich which he would like to hand over his desk.

(8°)- I am in receipt of President Horch's letter of Feb. 15th with enclosure, to which I am replying under separate cover.

(9°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held at the Center on Wednesday Feb. 27th. The well-known philosopher Professor Berdiaieff delivered a lecture on "The Russian National Idea". The lecture was attended by a numerous audience. At the end of the meeting, I have delivered a short speech on behalf of the Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris March 7th 1935

Report N° 228

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I have called at the United States Embassy where they have assured me that the French Government would be notified as soon as the State Dept will let the Embassy know of the official ratification of the Roerich Pact by the United States Government. The Embassy in Paris will certainly support our efforts in order to secure a change in the attitude of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(2°)- The Spassky Memorial Committee has addressed a letter to Professor de Roerich advising Him of His election as Honorary Member of the Committee. As mentioned in my previous reports, the Committee is under the Honorary Presidency of H.I.H. Grand Duchess Xenia of Russia.

(3°)- I have written an article on the Roerich Pact and also some book reviews for the next issue of Dr Asseiev's magazine which will appear shortly. In these articles I review the volume on the proceedings of the Washington Convention and also the works of M. Quillot and Count d'Arnoux inasmuch as they are concerned with the Roerich Pact.

(4°)- We have received a cable from Madame de Roerich instructing us to arrange for the cancelling of the Mandchukuo Exhibition which is considered untimely. Accordingly, I will take steps to liquidate that question in a friendly manner without creating any friction with the Nippon Embassy.

(5°)- We are in receipt of Miss Frances R Grant's letter pertaining to the book on Siberia. I have advised accordingly Mr Ivan Kirilloff, President of the Siberian Association.

(6°)- A meeting of the group Affirmation has been held in the Helena de Roerich Hall Wednesday March 6th. Professor Fedotoff has delivered a lecture on " The Russian National Idea and Messianism".

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris March 14th 1935

Report N° 229-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I am glad to report that the Town Council of Bruges has decided to put the wellknown ancient building in the Van Eyck Square, at the disposal of the Roerich Foundation. I beg to enclose a copy of M.Tulpinck's report in which he points out the various problems which spring up in connection with the new developments regarding the Foundation.

(2°) On the occasion of President Masaryk's 85th anniversary, I have presented, in the name of the European Center, our best wishes and congratulations to H.E. M.Stephen Ossusky, Minister of Czechoslovakia, who thanked us heartily on behalf of the President.

(3°)- I have placed in a Russian publication dedicated to the memory of King Alexander, an article of Professor de Roerich , entitled "Blessed are the Heroes!" I am forwarding to you under separate cover three copies of that newspaper, to which the best representatives of Russian culture have contributed articles.

(4°)- Sunday March 10th, I have represented the European Center at a meeting organized by the Russian Colony in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the death of Admiral Koltchak. Our friend M.Alexander Kirilloff delivered a remarkable speech.

(5°)- Dr Serafinine has placed an article on the Roerich Pact in the German newspaper "Ostsee Beobachter", of Memel (Lithuania).

(6°)- A Miss Barrett, of England, has written us , asking for information concerning the activities of the Center. She refers to Melle Arnaudet, of New York, who is alleged to be connected with the work of the Roerich Museum there. Will you please let us know whether you know Miss Barrett.

(7°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held Wednesday March 13th. M.Makaroff delivered a talk on Present Day Aviation.

(8°)- I am glad to report that in consequence of our negotiations with the owners of the house where are located our premises, the rent from April 15th will be Fcs 8800-per annum, instead of Fcs 10.000-; thus, April 15th we will have to pay Fcs-2200- instead of Fcs 2500-

J.C.

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Paris March 21st 1935

Report 230

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- In a few days , we will celebrate the glorious day of March 24th. On that occasion, I am sending you my cordial congratulations and best wishes. Sunday March 24th, we will have a meeting at the European Center . Speeches will be delivered on the Roerich Pact and on the achievements of our Institutions.

(2°)- Please find enclosed a copy of the letter which the Spassky Memorial Committee has addressed to Professor de Roerich, informing Him of His election as Honorary Member.

(3°)- I hear from the Dutch Minister in Paris Baron Loudon that in consequence of representations made by Great Britain to the Hague Government, Holland thinks fit to adopt a reserved attitude , for the time being, as regards the Roerich Pact, although they are in complete sympathy with the noble initiative of Professor de Roerich. We have reasons to

believe that similar steps have been taken by the British Government and also by the Soviet Government in several European Countries. However, we will counteract in April as soon as the Pact is signed in Washington: the U.S. Embassy in Paris is in complete accord with us and the official measures taken by the Embassy (notification addressed to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs) will be synchronised with our own steps.

(4°)- Count de Rochefort , a Member of our Committee and formally a Delegate at the Bruges Conference, has delivered to day a lecture on the Roerich Pact and the Art Exhibition held in Bruges in 1932, in connection with the second International Roerich Pact Convention.

(5°)- Professor Micheleff, of Riga, is editing a book on Ancient Russian Legends under the title of "Dove Book". He asks whether he can be permitted to reproduce on the cover of that book a photograph of Professor de Roerich's painting : "The Dove Book". (which he has in his possession).

(6°)- Dr Serafinine of Lithuania reports ~~the~~ favorable development of the activities of her group .

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris March 28th 1935

Report 231

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- With reference to the signing ^{of} the Roerich Pact on the 15th of April next, we would be very thankful to you if you were to communicate to us immediately after the ceremony, the exact text of the treaty and the list of the signatory Powers, so as to enable us to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassies and Legations of the Foreign Powers in Paris.

(2°)- On the Great Day of March 24th, a big meeting has been held in the Helena de Roerich Hall. I made a speech on the Work of the Institutions and the activities of our Beloved Leader on behalf of Peace and Culture. Mr Dzamboulat Dzanty delivered a talk on his reminiscences from the Washing-

ton Roerich Pact Convention. Extracts from the speeches of President Louis L. Horch, Secretary Henry A. Wallace, and from other speeches at the Convention were read. The audience hailed enthusiastically the Name of Professor de Roerich and the Roerich Banner of Peace.

(3°)- Wednesday March 27th a meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held. Professor Alexeieff delivered a lecture on "Social Ideals". I also made a brief address. A great number of Members were present.

(4°)- A very able article on the Roerich Pact, by M. Rudzitis of Riga has been published by the local paper "The Voice of the People" (in Russian). The same author who is one of the outstanding co-workers of our Latvian Society, has published another article on the Pact in the Riga Magazine *Dlia Vas*.

(5°)- I am under the obligation to mention that the quarterly rent for the premises of the European Center is due April 15th. The rent amounts to Fcs 2200- (instead of Fcs 2500)

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris April 4th 1935

Report N° 232

Mrs Nettie Horch
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I beg to acknowledge your cable (received to day), pertaining to the signing of the Roerich Pact in Washington April 15th. On the eve of that day, on Sunday April 14th, we will hold a special meeting at the European Center and I will point out the great significance of the historical event which is to take place in the United States capital. As mentioned in my previous reports, the United States Embassy in Paris will let us know when they receive a notification from the State Dept, so as to enable us to make simultaneously with them appropriate steps regarding the ratification of the Pact by European Powers.

(2°)- Many thanks for sending us printed material concerning the events at the Museum. The program ~~of events~~ will

be posted in our offices.

(3°)- Please find enclosed a copy of the confidential memorandum which I have prepared at Professor de Roerich's special request. I am sending another copy direct to President Horch.

(4°)- Saturday March 30th I represented the European Center at the annual meeting of the Siberian and Far Eastern Society .

(5°-) Wednesday April 3d, a meeting of the group "Affirmation " was held at the Center under my chairmanship. Professor Fedotoff delivered a lecture on " Religious Ideals of Ancient Russia".

(6°)- (April 1st)
We have received/a cable from Madame de Roerich telling us that she is cabling us for 3000- for the quarterly rent and sundry expenses. as soon as the money is received we will let you know .

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

(7°)- Please find enclosed a copy of the trimestrial report (Jan-Feb-March 1935) on the European Press.

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Paris April 11th 1935

Report N° 233-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I have called at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to inform them fully of the present proceedings as regards the Roerich Pact and of the signature of the Pact which is to take place at the white House April 15th. It appears that if the U.S. Government asks officially the French Government to join, the question of the ratification of the Pact may be re-considered in a favorable light. We are sending out to the Press a number of communiques on the great event of April 15th.

(2°)- The bulletin of the Touring Club of Belgium has published the text of the address presented to the Belgian

Government by the Royal Commission on Monuments in favor of the ratification of the Roerich Pact. The Commission gives a general survey of the arguments on behalf of the Pact and requests the Belgian Government to grant its approval without delay.

(3°)- The wellknown Belgian newspaper "La Libre Belgique" of April 7th has a good article in favor of the Roerich Pact and advocating support for the Roerich Foundation at Bruges.

(4°)- In connection with the letters exchanged by Professor de Roerich and the Nippon Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the one hand and the Hon. Henry A. Wallace and the Nippon Embassy at Washington, on the other hand, I will call at the Nippon Embassy in Paris, in order to obtain a renewal of their assurances as to the measures taken by the Nippon authorities in stopping the vile campaign pursued as yet by some Far-Eastern newspapers.

(5°)- Dr Asselev, of Yugoslavia, has advised me that the articles which I have sent him have duly arrived and will be published in the fourth issue of his magazine.

(6°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" was held at the Center, on Wednesday April 10th. A general debate on the present international situation took place. A particularly numerous audience attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

Report 236

Mrs Bettle HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- Our communique on the Pact has been published in the Swiss newspaper Gazette de Lausanne.

(2°)- The magazine "Arts et Metiers" has published an appreciation of the Silent Artist Exhibition held at the Roerich Museum.

(3°)- The magazine "Ethnographie" has published Professor de Roerich's and Dr George de Roerich's communications read at the meeting of the Ethnographical Society at the Sorbonne, under the Presidency of M.Louis Marin.

(4°)- A meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held under my chairmanship on Wednesday May 8th. M.Makaroff

delivered a lecture on the economic state of Russia. May 15th another meeting has been held at the Center.

(5°)- I have represented Professor de Roerich at two Russian military meetings, Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 12.

(6°)- As usual, our Friends continue to gather at the Center every Wednesday afternoon, when Madame de Vaux Phalipau holds her reception. We have had a meeting with our Friend Baron de Taube to discuss the general affairs of the Center.

(7°)- Please accept my sincerest thanks for your letters of April 17th and May 2nd, ~~xxx~~ We have taken good notice of all the information and advice therein contained.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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May 2nd 1935

Report 235-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 17th with enclosures. We were very happy to read about the magnificent ceremony of the signing of the Roerich Pact at the White House. All our thoughts are with you in these glorious days. Many thanks for sending us the beautiful address delivered by President Horch on the occasion of that historical event.

(2°)- I have given an interview to the newspaper La Tribune des Nations in which I have given an outline of Professor de Roerich's personality and work , of the history of the Roerich Pact and of the international conferences held at Bruges and at Washington. I have mentioned also the present Expedition headed by our Leader. In conclusion, I have

explained the great significance of the signing of the Pact and have expressed the hope that all the other Continents will follow the example of the Americas. The interview has been published April 18th.

(3°)- In addition to the information conveyed in my report N° 234, as to the newspapers which have published our statement on the Pact, I hasten to mention that the Paris newspapers Paris-Midi, Aujourd'hui & Demain, and also the Brussels newspaper La Nation Belge of April 26th have published our statement. La Nation Belge has added a few commentaries.

(4°)- Our friend, M. Lesmaries has sent us a copy of the newspaper Le Nord Maritime of Dunkirk, in which there is a paragraph on his lectures concerning the Roerich Pact.

(5°)- I had the honor to represent Professor de Roerich at the meeting of the Spassky Memorial Committee on April 28th.

(6°)- The Roerich Foundation of Bruges has been honored by a message of goodwill from H.M. King Leopold III of Belgium. The King has authorized the Foundation to bear the sub-title "In Memoriam Alberti I Regis Belgarum" to be inscribed after its name.

(7°)- A meeting of the group Affirmation has been held at the Center Wednesday May 1st. Professor Fedotoff has delivered a lecture on "Social Ideals in Russian Philosophy".

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris April 18th 1935

Report 234

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- Sunday April 14th, on the eve of the signing of the Roerich Pact, we had at the European Center a big meeting dedicated to that historical event. I made a speech on the significance of the Pact, and on the greatness of Professor de Roerich's work. Then, Mr Alexander Kotomkine read a poem which he has written on the Banner of Peace. A musical program followed.

(2°)- As announced in my precedent reports, we have started a campaign in connection with the adoption of the Pact by the nations of America. We have sent out a statement to all the newspapers in Paris. The first results of this campaign are already extant. Our communique has been published in the most

French newspapers, such as "Le Temps"- "Le Journal des Débats" "l'Echo de Paris"- "l'Excelsior"- "Comœdia" etc... The communique has also appeared in the Russian newspaper "Renaissance" and in the "Daily Mail" (Paris Edition).

(3°)- Our Bulgarian Friends report that their local committee in Sofia has petitioned H.M. King Boris to graciously accept the title of Honorary Protector of the Bulgarian Roerich Pact Committee. It is hoped that the King will be pleased to give a favorable reply to this request. This would greatly help the work of the committee in Bulgaria. In connection with these steps, the committee asks for full powers enabling it to act on behalf of the Institutions and of the permanent committee in New-York. Please kindly advise me whether it is expedient that such powers be granted.

(4°)- In compliance with Professor de Roerich's instructions, I have informed the Chinese Minister in Paris, of the election of Hon. Dr HOU and Dr ZEN as Members of the Roerich Society. I availed myself of the occasion to ask again the Minister to inform the Chinese authorities of Professor de Roerich's expedition so that our Beloved Master would be met everywhere with deference due to Him.

(5°)- Thursday April 11th I called at the Nippon Embassy and brought to their cognizance the tenor of the letters written by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nippon Embassy in Washington. The Japanese representatives assured me that in view

of the attitude assumed at present by the Gaimusho the attacks on Professor de Roerich will certainly be stopped. They deeply regret that such attacks have taken place, and since I first called their attention to these deplorable facts, they have insisted in Tokyo that measures should be taken in order to put an end to such abominable calumnies. They are now extremely glad that the responsible Japanese authorities have taken the matter in hand.

(6°)- Wednesday April 17th, a meeting of the group "Affirmation" has been held at the Center. A general debate on "Modern Social Ideals" has taken place, with the participation of Prince Chirinsky, Professor Alexeieff, and many others.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

Paris May 31st 1935

Report 237

Mrs Nettie MORCH
President
Roerich Society of New York
New-York

Dear Mrs Morch,

(1°)- It gives me pleasure to announce that an article by Professor de Roerich and also an article on the Roerich Pact have appeared in the Riga newspaper (Voice of the People) --(May 7th and 11th) Our Riga friends have also issued a booklet on Professor de Roerich ,in Latvian language ,of which they have kindly sent several copies for the European Center.

(2°)- One of Professor de Roerich's articles have been placed in the Bulgarian newspaper "Fraternity". My article on the Roerich Pact (translated into Bulgarian) has been published in the same newspaper, in the issue of May 15th.

(3°)- Friday May 17th I had the honor to represent the European Center at the Inauguration of the Baltic Art Exhibition. On that occasion, the Estonian Minister M. Strandman, the Latvian Minister M. Grosvald, and the Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires, M. Motkevicius, have expressed to me their friendly feelings towards our Institutions.

(4°)- Sunday May 19th, We had in the Helena de Roerich Hall at the European Center, a big meeting at which M. Alex Kotomkine, the poet, recited his poems of which several are dedicated to our Beloved Master.

(5°)- I had an interview with M. Paul Chabas regarding the general course of affairs at the Center.

(6°)- With M. Ivan Kirilloff, I have examined the situation and as regards our cooperation with the Siberian Society and the Sokol organisation, as well as the question concerning the Far-East.

(7°)- A private meeting of the Members of the group Affiliation was held at the Center Wednesday May 29th.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General.

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Paris June 20th 1935

Report 238-

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- In addition to the newspapers and magazines mentioned in my previous reports, the magazine "Art et Artistes" in its May issue has published our statement on the signing of the Roerich Pact.

(2°)- Saturday June 1st, a meeting of the Ethnographical Society, was held at the Sorbonne. Madame de Vaux Phalipau read a very interesting paper entitled " Flowers and Songs of Lahul in the Himalayss". The paper is based on the mate-

rials published in the Urasvati Journal and on the results of the work of the Roerich Himalayan Research Institute. The communication was greeted with much applause from the numerous audience who hailed the name of our Beloved Master!

(3°)- I am glad to report that in accordance with a communication from Dr Serafinine the Lithuanian Roerich Society has been approved by the Lithuanian Government following a request which I submitted through Mr Klimas, Minister of Lithuania in Paris. Dr Serafinine is making preparations for the first Assembly of the new Society.

(4°)- The Sunday Times, of London, June 9th, has a fine article on Professor de Roerich art. The author deplors that no paintings by Professor de Roerich figure at the Russian Art Exhibition organized in London by the Duchess of Kent.

(5°)- "Occultism and Yoga", Dr Asselev's magazine has issued its N° 4. This number contains an article by Professor de Roerich, another by Mr Shibayev, and also my articles on the Roerich Pact as well as reviews of French books dealing with the Pact.

(6°)- Many thanks for the booklets on the signing of the Pact which you have kindly sent me.

(7°)- A meeting of the Committee of the group Affirmation was held at the Center Wednesday June 19th.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary General

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH
URUSVATI.

Reviews of Dr. G. de Roerich's Book ("Trails") have been published in:

La Meuse, April 30th. 1934
La Revue des Lectures, May 15th. 1934
Larousse Monthly, May 1934
Kunst (Gent) Nos 2 & 3, 1934
La Revue d'Anthropologie, 1934
La Revue Babillon, 1934
Anthropos, Germany, 1935

The Memorial meeting arranged by Urusvati in New York in honor of Madame Curie has been reported in:

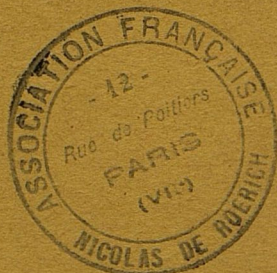
Le Matin
La Presse Libre
Daily Mail, Paris
Courrier du Pas de Calais.

Professor de Roerich's and Dr. George de Roerich's communications have been published in l'Etnographie.

June 1st 1935, at the meeting of the Etnographical Society of Paris, at the Sorbonne, two new communications from Professor de Roerich and Dr. Georges de Roerich have been read.

The exchange of publications with various French scientific bodies, viz. La Société d'Etnographie, l'Institut d'Anthropologie, la Société de Géographie Commerciale, etc. has been maintained.

The activities of the Himalayan Roerich Institute have been mentioned at various meetings held at the European center of Roerich Museum.



N° 5941

Paris, July 18th. 1935

REPORT 239

Mrs. Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New York,
NEW YORK.

Dear Mrs. Horch,

- 1° We have received copies of Professor De Roerich's article "Gifts of the East" which we have forwarded to our Kalank Friends for their magazine.
- 2° Dr. Serafinin reports that the first meeting of the Lithuanian Roerich Society has taken place at Kaunas. I have congratulated Dr Serafinin upon that achievement.
- 3° June 28th., I have ~~XXXX~~ had an interview with H.E. Mr. Kileas, Minister of Lithuania. I thanked him for his support as regard our Society in his country. I also asked the Minister to put again the question of the ratification of the Roerich Pact before the Governments of the Baltic States.
- 4° A statement of the Roerich Pact has been placed in

the "Express de Midi" of Toulouse of July 2nd.

5° A communiqué on the Roerich Pact has been published by the Belgian newspaper, l'Etoile Belge of July 4th.

6° I had an interview with Mme Van Loo about the placing of two articles on Professor de Roerich's Art in French magazines.

7° Our friends of Riga have sent us several copies of the excellent new booklet which they have issued and which contains very good articles on our Beloved Master.

8° The Yugoslavian Minister in Paris, Mr Spalaikovitch, is quitting his post. On that occasion, we have written him a letter expressing our gratitude for the support and sympathy which he has constantly granted to our Institutions.

9° Meetings of the Group Affirmation have been held at the Center, June 26th. and July 15th. Mr. Savinkoff has delivered a lecture, and the program of activities for the next season has been settled. A resolution thanking Professor de Roerich for His support and inspiration has been unanimously carried.

10° Please find enclosed the trimestrial report on the European press (April, May, June). From that report you may see that a number of articles and statements has been placed in the local Press during these months.

11° We have thankfully acknowledged receipt of an advance received from Madame de Roerich to cover the quarterly rent for the Center's premises.

Respectfully submitted

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Paris Dec 12th 1935

BOOKS OF AGNIYOGA SERIES.

Since the report N° 5957 of July 24th 1935, the following books have been given out from the Center:

<u>Hierarchy-</u>	(M.Roubissoff	2 copies
<u>Heart-</u>	M.Roubissoff	2 "
	Mme Starikoff	1 "
<u>Fiery-World-</u>	(vol.1)	
	Riga-	22 copies
	M.Roubissoff	1 "
<u>Infinity-</u>	M.Roubissoff	2 "

Paris, August 1st 1935

N° 5965

Report 240

Mrs Nettie S. HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1) I am grieved to report the sudden death of ~~the~~ Baron de Gaiffier d'Hestroy, Ambassador of Belgium, who has always been a true friend to our Institutions and has helped ^{us} not only as regards the Roerich Pact and the Bruges Conferences, but also in our relations with the lamented King Albert and with the present King of the Belgians. We have conveyed to the Belgian Government our sincerest condolences.

(2) I have written to our friends in Brussels about the Decoration to be awarded to Professor de Roerich

(3) Our friend, Count Grabbe, who has more than once visited our Center and has expressed his admiration for our Beloved Master, has been elected Ataman of the Don Cosacks (in the place of the late General Bogayevsky). In behalf of the European Center of Roerich Museum I have sent to Count Grabbe our congratulations and best wishes.

(4) I have had an interview with His Eminence Metropolitan Eulogios who sends to Professor de Roerich and to His Family his cordial greetings and blessing. At my request the Metropolitan will counteract any attempts to spread in Church circles calumnies or gossip about the Head of our Institutions.

(5) "L'Echo de Paris" of July 29th has an article on the Russian Art Exhibition in London, in which Professor de Roerich is incidentally

mentioned. Please find the clipping enclosed. On the same day, I have sent to this newspaper a protest against the erroneous information which the French journalist has evidently borrowed from his English acquaintances.

(6) Professor Boris Shatzky, Director of the Public Law Institute of Concepcion University, Concepcion (Chile) has expressed the wish to come in touch with our Institutions and to have some of our booklets. In my reply to Prof. Shatzky, I have asked him to write to Miss Frances R. Grant who is in charge of the Latin-American Affairs. Will you please kindly request the Press Dept. to send some literature to Prof. Shatzky, to the above-stated address.

(7) A Member of our Group "Affirmation", M. Ianovsky, has presented our Beloved Master with a copy of his newly issued book.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary-General

Report 241Paris, August 15th 1935

Mrs. Nettie S. Horch
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York

Dear Mrs. Horch,

(1) Friday, August 2nd, as a result of my negotiations with the Yugoslavian Legation, I was invited by the Charge d'Affaires to confer with him on the drafting of a Report pertaining to the Roerich Pact and which is to be submitted to the Prince-Regent and to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

I have of course looked to it that the conclusions of the Report be formulated with utmost precision and force, so as to bring full pressure upon the Yugoslavian Government in favor of the ratification of the Pact. Please consider the above information as strictly confidential.

(2) In reply to the congratulations which I addressed to the newly-elected Ataman of the Don Cossacks, General Count Grabbe, I have received from the Ataman the following message:

"I look with great sympathy upon the activities of your Institutions which are striving to strengthen and develop Russian Culture under all its aspects, and I request you to avail yourself of my cordial gratitude for your kind felicitations."

(3) I have had an interview with Prince Krasinsky, son of H. I. H. Grand-Duke Andrew, with whom I have discussed the attitude of certain Russian groups, both here and in the Far-East, towards our Leader and our Institutions.

(4) In compliance with instructions, I have asked Mr. Christophorus Al. Klopoff, of Sofia, to form a Roerich Pact Committee in Bulgaria, in

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view of inducing that country to ratify the Pact.

(5) Dr. Assejev, of Yugoslavia, informs me of his plans concerning No. 5 of his Magazine which will have several features dedicated to the Roerich Pact.

Respectfully submitted
/signed/ J. Chel...
Secretary General

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Report #242.

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Paris, September 12th 1835
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Mrs. Nettie J. Horch.
President.

Rochester Society, New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch,
1) I am grieved to inform you that the Marquis
d'Audigne, Member of the Chamber of Deputies and
of the Paris Municipal Council, one of the Honorary Pre-
sidents of our French Association, has passed away.
The Marquis was a staunch supporter of all our
endeavors and a great admirer of Professor de
Rocher. He presided over the functions arranged
by the City of Paris in honor of our Leader. It
was upon his proposal that the Municipal
Council offered to Professor de Rocher the Palace
of Fine-Arts for an Exhibition of paintings
from the Rocher Museum. On many other
occasions the Marquis d'Audigne who held an
outstanding position in French Society gave
us tokens of his interest in and friendship
for our Institutions and their aims.
As soon as I heard of the Marquis's demise, I
sent to the Marquis a letter in which I
conveyed our condolences and the expression
of our feelings of sympathy.
2) Immediately upon the receipt of the sad news

of the tragic death of H. M. Queen Astrid, August 29th. I called at the Belgian Embassy and was one of the first to express condolences to the Charge d'Affaires. The Embassy invited me to attend the solemn service at Notre-Dame de Paris celebrated in the presence of the President of the Republic and of the Diplomatic Corps. I represented officially our Institutions at the ceremony.

2/ The Royal Yugoslavian Legation asked me to attend the Thanksgiving Service on the occasion of the birthday of H. M. King Peter II. Thus, under the new Minister, Mr. Bojidar Pouritch the relations of our Center with the Yugoslavian Legation will remain, we presume, as friendly as in the time of Mr. Spolai'kovitch.

4/ Professor de Roerich's beautiful article on Mongolia has been placed in the Kalmuk journal "Koryeny Volny". A certain number of copies of this issue ^{will} be forwarded to the Far-East.

5/ An excellent review of "Trails to Innermost Asia", by Dr. Montandon, has been published in the last issue of the magazine "Ethnographic". The reviewer mentions the general significance of the Roerich Expedition and also pays a tribute to Professor de Roerich's Art.

6/ I have conferred with M. Alexander Kiriloff, Secretary General of the Siberian Society,

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Paris September 26th 1935

Report N° 243

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York
New-York

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- The Marquise d'Andigné has written us to express her gratitude for the sympathy conveyed to her on the occasion of the passing away of the lamented Marquis. She says that she particularly appreciates the fact that M. d'Andigné's memory will be preserved in the annals of our Institutions.

(2°)- I am very sad to announce that our Honored Friend Baron de Tsabe has decided to resign the functions which had been entrusted to him by the Roerich Museum in 1930. He has written to that effect to President Horch. The fact is

that Baron de Taube having been promoted to a permanent professorship in the University of Münster (Germany) will be henceforth under the obligation to reside there almost the whole year. Our friend will of course keep in touch with us, and our cordial relations with him will in no measure suffer from his official retirement.

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Madame Lejeune d'Alleergssasheque

wrote me that, in accordance with our arrangements, a report on the Roerich Pact will be laid presently before His Majesty King Leopold III of Belgium.

(4°)-

September 21st, I had an extended conference at the Lithuanian Legation with the Charge d'Affaires M. Motkevicius who communicated on the 'phone with the Foreign Minister and the Lithuanian Envoy M. Klimas, both at present in Geneva. We examined the whole situation as regards the Roerich Pact, and the foreign Minister L. Lozoraitis promised to communicate with the delegations of the other Baltic States in order to move them to ratify in common the Roerich Pact. Whatever may be the attitude of Latvia and Estonia, the Lithuanian Government is very much in favor of a speedy ratification of the Pact. The Legation will keep me informed of the course of events.

(5°)-

I hear from Bulgaria that Mr. Klopoff has duly received the powers granted to him by President Horch. Thus the Bulgarian Committee will be in a position

to represent us officially and to urge the Bulgarian Government to ratify the Roerich Pact.

(6°)- Please find enclosed a copy of a poem which its author M. Alexander Kotomkin~~z~~ has dedicated to Professor de Roerich and the European Center.

(7°)- I am completing an article on the Roerich Pact for the next issue of Dr Assoliev's magazine which will be published ~~in~~ in October.

(8°)- Will you kindly send us a few copies of the booklet "Ceremony of signing, of the Roerich Pact." We are in great need of that booklet.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Dr. George G. Chklaver

Secretary General.

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Paris October 10th 1935
12 rue de Poitiers

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Mrs HORTIE HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.

Dear Mrs Horch

Report 244-

(1°)- In accordance with instructions, I have transmitted to Prince Chirinsky a Message, which our Beloved Master has been pleased to address to the group "Affirmation" and for which they are deeply thankful.

(2°)- I have sent to Dr Asseiev my article on the signing of the Roerich Pact, for the 5th issue of his magazine.

(3°)- September 28th, I had an interview with Metropolitan Eulogios who assured me of the goodwill of the ecclesiastical authorities ^{towards} Professor de Roerich and ~~our~~ our Institutions.

(4°)- The big French illustrated magazine "Voilà" is willing to publish, free of charge, an article on Professor de Roerich's Expedition to Gobi. However, it is essential to have several good photographs illustrating the article. If you have some photographs from the Expedition, ^{please} send them as soon as possible.

(5°)- October 4th I had an interview with General de Lannurien, who has just been appointed Chief of the Military Academy. I gave him all information concerning the latest developments as regards the Pact, and he promised to report same to the Minister of War.

As you know it is most important for us to ensure the cooperation of the military authorities.

(6°)- Among recent visitors to the Center, was Prince de Medicis whom I also informed of the new departure regarding the Pact.

(7°)- Sunday October 6th I represented ~~the~~ our Institutions at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of our Friend General Goulévitch's promotion in the Army. The message which I addressed to him in the name of the Center was read from the platform and General Goulévitch expressed ~~thank~~ his especial thanks. All the leaders of the Russian colony and several hundred people were present.

(8°)- October 7th I had an interview with M. Louis Marin who said that he is, as ever, ready to support all our endeavors in behalf of the Pact and in other respects.

(9°)- October 9th, on the anniversary of the tragic death of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, ~~represented~~, (following invitations from the Yugoslavian Legation and the City of Paris), I represented our Institutions at the solemn service in the Russian Church and at the laying of the foundation stone of the monument erected in honor of Kings Peter and Alexander of Yugoslavia.

(10°)- M. Tulpinck reports that the Roerich Foundation in Bruges has obtained the right to display the Royal Crown on its letterheads. The premises in the house on the Van Eyck Square

are definitely secured. The committee of the Foundation is at present constituted in the following manner:

Honorary President: Professor de Roerich-

President: M. Camille Tulpinck

Honorary Members of the Committee: Count Carton de ~~Villars~~ *Viant*
M. Jeanson
M. Jules Destrées

(all three Ministers of State)

M. Pirenne

(President of the University of Ghent)

and: the Governor of West Flanders, the General Commanding the Province of West Flanders, the Bishop of Bruges and the Burgomaster of the City of Bruges

M. Tulpinck asks me whether it would be possible to get from the United States any gifts of works of art, engravings, photographs, etc., for the Roerich Foundation at Bruges.

(11°)- The retirement of Baron de Taube and also the determination of Madame de Vaux Phalipau to bring into effect her resignation tendered in December 1934, finally the death of the Marquis d'Andigné, compels us to envisage a reorganization of the personnel of the European Center. We hope that M. Paul Chabas will accept to become President, M. Marc Chesneau, Vice-president of the French Association, and that Professor Riabouchinsky, a wellknown personality in the scientific world, will accept the Presidency of the Russian Committee.

(12°)- Madame de Roerich has been pleased to advance to the European Center Fcs 2000- for payment of the quarterly rent.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ *Dr. George G. Chelakov*
Secretary General.

GENERAL REPORT.(Confidential)

One of the chief tasks of the European Center during the past months has been , in accordance with instructions from the Supreme Command, to fight the numerous hostile elements whose activity has been in many cases stimulated by the happenings in the Far East. We can confidently advance that this task which has been extremely difficult ,and beset with obstacles of all kinds, has been fulfilled : not one hostile article has been published in the European press, in spite of the fact that some of our avowed enemies occupy positions at the head of newspapers , including both Russian papers published in Paris (M. Milukoff , editor of Last News, and M.Semenoff Editor of Renaissance). The same work in defense of the Name of our Master and of our Institutions has had to be done in various circles of French and Russian society. This has entailed an enormous number of interviews ,calls, and attendances at various meetings. In this respect, too, we ~~have~~ may say that we have succeeded in quelling hostile propaganda and in establishing good relations with the leading personalities and organizations, especially in all the Russian circles indicated in instructions : ecclesiastical, military, etc...

As a consequence of that constant activity, the evil effects of the abominable campaign waged by the dark forces in the Far-East have not been manifested in Paris. On the contrary, all the responsible leaders here have condemned the odious calumnies which have been so widely spread in Far-Eastern newspapers and public meetings.

Along with that defensive action which, as will be easily understood, has absorbed much of our time and efforts, we have continued of course, our constructive work.

It is well known how difficult it is to deal with the press here when one has no inducement to offer them in reward ^{for} to their services. However, through many efforts, and owing to personal relations, we succeeded in placing a certain number of articles and paragraphs in the European press. A list of them has been submitted in our trimestrial press reports. However we will mention here the big interview in La Tribune des Nations, the articles in Russia Abroad, Fraternity, Kovilny Volny, in the Lithuanian Press, and also the Flandre Maritime, Touring Club de Belgique, Libre Belgique, Nation Belge, Etoile Belge, Gazette de Lauzanne, Revue Musicale, Art et Artistes, Vozrojdienie (in spite of oppositions!) Paris-Midi, Aujourd'hui, Arts et Métiers, Express du Midi, Echo de Paris, etc.... Every communique, [for instance, ~~on~~ ^{arduous} on the signing of the Roerich Pact] has been placed after ~~arduous~~ negotiations, ^{but} and without spending a penny.

The European Center has induced two authors to give a laudative accounts of the Roerich Pact in their Doctor's thesis:

Count d'Arnoux and M. Quillot. Both books have been published and have been noticed by juridical circles.

Still new reviews have been placed in connection with "Trails to Inmost Asia": for instance in Anthropos, and the extensive and brilliant review written by Dr Montandon for the magazine Ethnography.

The President of the European Center Madame de Vaux Phalipau, has delivered a most interesting lecture on the Urasvati Institution, at a meeting of the Ethnographical Society, June 1st, at the Sorbonne.

In order to illustrate our action as regards the Russian colony, I may mention my association with the life of the Cossacks, Kalmuk, Siberian, Caucasian organizations, as well as with the military societies. I will recall in that connection my ~~xxxx~~ participation, as a representative of our Institutions, at the meeting to the memory of Admiral Koltchak, Siberian meetings, the Cossack Guards' Meeting, the Russian Officers' meetings, etc, etc... Recently, on the occasion of the election of the new Ataman of the Don Cossacks, I have reported the exchange of messages with Count Grabbe, attesting the friendly relations established. In the same way, I have maintained close and cordial relations with the ecclesiastical circles and in particular with Metropolitan Eulogios.

The high rank secured for the European Center has been manifest at the opening of the present year when we received congratulations from practically the whole Diplomatic Corps

including its Head, the Papal Nuncio .

We have addressed to Oslo a new petition for the granting of the Nobel Award to Professor de Roerich; and we have obtained from the Nobel Committee an acknowledgement that the petition will be taken into consideration.

We have secured the election of Professor de Roerich as sole Honorary Member of the Father Spassky's Memorial Committee presided by H.I.H. Grand Duchess Xenia. In that connection, I may mention also the good relations maintained and extended with the members of the Imperial Family residing in Paris and with the leaders of the local Young Russians' Association; *this again improved our general position in Russian circles.*

The eminent position occupied in the Paris official world by ~~the representation of~~ our Beloved Master, has further been exemplified by the invitations extended to his ^{Representative} to attend various functions and solemnities, as for instance, the memorial services for Queen Astrid, or for the late Belgian Ambassador, the ~~late~~ Te Deum service for King Peter of Yougoslavia, the opening of the Baltic Exhibition, etc, etc.... Each of these occasions has, of course, been used in order to enhance the Name of our Master.

A constant flow of visitors has been welcomed at the Center.

In January, as will be remembered; a Russian Books Exhibition has been solemnly inaugurated in the premises of the Center. Hundreds and hundreds of visitors came to the

Center and admired Professor de Roerich's paintings. An address to Professor de Roerich was voted by the Russian Authors' Society. The Secretary General of the European Center delivered a speech at the opening of the Exhibition, showing the greatness of Professor de Roerich's work on behalf of World Culture.

Siberian meetings have been held at the Center, as well as meetings of our Caucasian Friends.

The meeting of April 14th, on the eve of the signing of the Pact, the meeting of March 24th, on that Great Day for ever remembered, the meeting of May 19th, may be specially mentioned.

The group Affirmation, under the able direction of our friend Prince Chirinsky, has pursued its regular meetings, accounts of which have been given in my reports. The meetings have been held with remarkable regularity, many noted personalities have lectured at these gatherings and the attendance have always been numerous. Resolutions hailing our Beloved Master, have been unanimously carried at the beginning and at the close of the lectures' season. The Secretary General of the European Center has also had occasion to deliver lectures at these meetings.

Articles for Dr Asseiev's magazine have been prepared by the Secretary General.

After much correspondence, and various steps taken by the European Center, the Bulgarian Roerich Pact Committee and

the Lithuanian Roerich Society have been inaugurated. The European Center keeps in constant touch with them.

The European Center also keeps in touch with the Roerich Foundation in Bruges, *with Riga etc.*

On the occasion of two trips to Brussels made by the Secretary General, many new connections have been established in Belgium, and arrangements have been made to submit a report on the Roerich Pact to H.M. King Leopold.

Many conferences have been held with H.E.M. Louis Marin in connection with the Pact.

Promoting the Roerich Pact has been one of the constant aims of the European Center. It is impossible to enter here into the details of the negotiations with the diplomatic representatives of the European Powers in Paris. Mention of them has been made in my regular reports and letters to Professor and Madame de Roerich. But it may be worth while to remind of the correspondence and negotiations with the German Embassy, the Legations of Esthonia, Norway, Lithuania, Ireland, Yougoslavia, etc, etc... Developments regarding especially Lithuania and Yougoslavia have been depicted in recent reports.

Close relations have been maintained with the United States Embassy and also, of course, with the French Foreign Office.

We may also mention the negotiations with the Japanese Embassy in connection with the happenings in the Far-East and the dealings which we had to maintain with various administrative authorities in order to secure the necessary official papers for Professor de Roerich and the Members of His Family.

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As regards the future, we intend of course, in accordance with the Spirit of our Institutions, to develop and extend the work of the Center, in as much as our very scarce means will allow. This question of lack of means should, of course, be very seriously considered.

In the first place we will continue the defensive action depicted in the first part of the present report. So for instance ~~k~~ in October, we intend to participate in the ceremony organized by 15 Russian Societies in honor of General Goulevitch. On occasions like this one, we can make the voice of our Institutions heard, and secure the friendship and support of various personalities and organizations. It will be our constant care to bring new people and new organizations in touch with the center. Thus we will prevent the spreading of all the falsehoods ejaculated in Far-Eastern newspapers.

As regards the press, we will apply all our energy to prevent any eventual hostile outbursts and to place our articles and communiqués, as we have done in the past, although the question of money ^{as} so often explained in my reports and letters, plays ^a paramount part in dealing with the European Press.

The meetings will be resumed and we hope to make them as interesting and significant as possible. My special

aim will be to spread among all our friends a clear understanding of the main line indicated in our Master's instructions.

With regard to the Pact ,we will inaugurate a new vast diplomatic campaign as soon as the Ambassadors and Ministers will be back at their posts. Our plan for the nearest future is based mainly on a close cooperation with the U/S.Embassy. Decisive steps will be taken concerning the Baltic States and the Petite Entente. Hungary and Persia will be urged again through appropriate channels to ratify the Pact. New pressure will be brought upon Belgium. Then,we will devise again measures concerning the Great Powers. Holland,Spain,Portugal and the Scandi^{na}vian countries will be all brought to play a part in that campaign. As regards the diplomatic ways and means by which these steps will be effected (some of them as you know, have already been taken) information may be found in my regular reports,mentioning interviews at Embassies' and Legations the notes addressed to the Representatives of the Powers in Paris etc...

The proceedings, as I wrote recently in a confidential letter to New-York,will have to be harmonized with the general diplomatic situation which is changing almost daily. We will have also to take into account the present international complications which react on the mutual relations of the various States/.In a word this will have to be a delicate and complicated work of which the Supreme Command will be informed as developments take place .

As foreshadowed in my recent letters, a reorganization of the personnel of the European Center (Honorary President, Vice-President,) will have to be envisaged.

*Respectfully submitted
George Chklaver*

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116
12 rue de Poitiers
Paris October 24th 1935

Mrs Nettie HORCH
President
Roerich Society of New-York.
New-York.

Report 245-

Dear Mrs Horch,

(1°)- We are in receipt of President Horch's letter of October 10th. It is a matter of great concern for us to learn that the present financial situation in the United States prevents the Roerich Museum to support the European Center. We are referring this question to H.E. Professor and Madame de Roerich. But we sincerely hope that the situation mentioned in President Horch's letter is only provisional and that the Museum will be in a position to give us again its support as soon as the financial situation in America will have improved.

(2°)- Many thanks for the booklets on the ceremony of the signing of the Roerich Pact. We were just short of these.

(3°)- We have received biographies of Professor de Roerich in Mongolian language. Copies have been sent out in compliance with instructions.

(4°)- Among visitors who called recently at the Center, there was Professor Daltry Vergoun, a noted savant

and prominent social worker of Prague. Using materials which I forwarded to him sometime ago, Professor Vergoun has delivered in Prague a lecture on the Roerich Pact. Now he is willing to found a Roerich Pact Committee in Czechoslovakia. We hope that the necessary authorizations will be given and that the new Committee working in close conjunction with the European Center will promote the Pact in Czechoslovakia.

(5°)- October 12th I had an interview with H.E. M. Pouritch, Yougoslavian Minister in Paris. I asked him to report the question of the Pact to H.R.H. the Prince Regent when the latter will be in Paris. The Minister expressed his deep sympathy for our efforts on behalf of the Pact and promised his entire cooperation.

(6°)- Wednesday October 16th a meeting of the committee of Affirmation was held at the Center. The program of the regular meetings for November has been settled. The formal opening of the Season will take place on October 31st.

(7°)- October 17th I attended as Guest of Honor, a meeting and banquet of the Don Cossaks. Ataman Count Grabbe drank Professor de Roerich's health and I made a speech on the numerous links of friendship between our Beloved Leader and the glorious Cossaks.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Dr. George G. Chelaver
Secretary General.



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Paris, November 7th 1935

Report- N°-246-

Mrs Nettie S. MORCH
President
Roerich Society
NEW-YORK.

Dear Mrs Morch,

(1°)- I had an interview with the United States Ambassador and asked him to make again representations to the French Foreign Office regarding the Pact. All this time, I have been in close touch with the American Embassy. Mr Jesse Strauss informed me of the reply of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As in the letter which the Prime Minister M. Pierre Laval wrote to M. Louis Marin, the French Government declared to the American Embassy that they agree to the principle of the Roerich Pact, but that they see some technical objections, viz.: concerning the night signalling of monuments. Ambassador Strauss will keep me informed of the replies which other European Governments may communicate

to the American Embassies and Legations which will act in this matter in accordance with the instructions they received from the State Dept.

(2°)- I have seen the Japanese Chargé d'Affaires M. Mitani and have received from him the renewed assurances of their regret as regards the happenings in Kharbin. The Embassy disapproves absolutely the conduct of the local authorities towards our Beloved Master.

(3°)- Professor Vergoun whom I mentioned in my precedent report has returned to Prague, where he has come in touch with several important people, ~~xxxx~~ including our friend General Klecanda. He hopes to organize a Czechoslovakian Roerich Pact Committee and asks that full powers be sent him. Would you please send him these powers in the same form as those forwarded to M. Klopoff in Bulgaria. The European Center is also sending powers to Professor Vergoun. His address is -Buckova 29 -PRAGUE -19°- (Praha-Czechoslovakia)

(4°)- I have received a letter from Dr Asseiev saying that the next issue of his magazine containing my article on the Roerich Pact will be out by the end of November.

(5°)- Among recent visitors to the Center was Baksha Nimboucheff, Chief of the Kalmaks, to whom I communicated Professor de Roerich instructions regarding Far -Eastern affairs. I am sending you two copies of the Kalmaks' Magazine in which I have placed Professor de Roerich's article "Gifts of the Orient".

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(6°)- Concerning the reconstruction of our French Association, I had an interview with M. Paul Chabas . He is, of course, deeply devoted to our Institutions, but his advanced age and the state of his health ~~do~~ not permit him to assume the presidency. In December of this year, he is even resigning the numerous offices which he now occupies. However, he will remain Vice-President of our French Association. As to the Presidentship, we will have to consider the election of some other personality.

(7°)- Thursday October 31st, in the big hall of the ^{ground} first floor of our building, took place the opening meeting of the group Affirmation. More than 150 people were present, including many wellknown personalities. I opened the proceedings by a speech in which I extolled the cultural work of the Roerich Institutions under the guidance of our Beloved Master, whose Name was greeted with enthusiastic cheers. Speeches were delivered by Prince Chirinsky , Professor Alexeieff, Professor Fedotoff, M. Antonoff, M. Bounakoff, etc....The meeting was indeed a success and has created a sensation in Russian circles in Paris. It has shown also how many devoted supporters we have secured here for Professor de Roerich's lofty ideals , especially among the younger generations.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Dr. George G. Chklaver

Secretary General.