

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING
OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ADOPTION
OF THE ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE
HELD AT THE ROERICH MUSEUM, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.
DECEMBER 7, 1933.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE unanimously authorized by the THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION for the ADVANCEMENT OF ADOPTION OF THE ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE held its first meeting in the Trustees Room of the Roerich Museum at 8:30 P. M., December 7, 1933, the Members of the said COMMITTEE having unanimously accepted their appointment as such.

The Members of the said PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF ADOPTION OF THE ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE, as at present constituted are:

Professor Nicholas Roerich } - Honorary Presidents
Madame Helena Roerich }

The Honorable Henry A. Wallace, United States Secretary of Agriculture,
Honorary Chairman;

Mr. Louis L. Horch, Chairman;

Dr. Ralph V. D. Magoffin, Secretary General;

His Excellency, Senor Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, Minister of Panama;

Dr. Charles F. Fleischer, Dr. Henry James Forman,

Miss Frances R. Grant,

Miss Esther J. Lichtmann,

Mr. Maurice M. Lichtmann,

Dr. George Chklover,

Mme. M. de Vaux-Philippe.

Mrs. Nettie Horch,

Mrs. Sina Lichtmann,

Dr. Gil Borges,

Baron M. de Taube,

Those present at this meeting were:

Mr. Louis L. Horch, Chairman,

Dr. Charles F. Fleischer, Dr. Henry James Forman, Mrs. Nettie Horch,

Miss Frances R. Grant, Miss Esther J. Lichtmann, Mr. M. Lichtmann,

Mrs. Sina Lichtmann, Dr. Ralph V. D. Magoffin,

J. O. Snyder, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Committee.

Upon opening hereby the first meeting of the PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ADOPTION OF THE ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE, the Chairman bespoke the high tribute due Professor and Madame Roerich, Honorary Presidents of the THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION for the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, and originators of the great idea of the Banner of Peace as a symbol for the protection of the world's cultural treasures and cultural institutions. The Chairman referred to the Convention as an event in every way historic, dealing with nations, and as having achieved remarkable and gratifying success.

The Chairman said that he wished to express his high appreciation and most warm thanks to the Hon. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, for his splendid cooperation, and for arranging the appointment with the President of the United States on November 16, 1933, at which time Secretary Wallace, Prof. Magoffin, Dr. Gil Borges and Mr. Horch presented to the President the Roerich Pact, the Resolutions, the Banner of Peace, and all American and foreign endorsements, in a special book. The Chairman added that the delegation referred to was most cordially received by President Roosevelt, and that the President greeted most warmly indeed his old friend Prof. Magoffin on that occasion. The Chairman said that President Roosevelt displayed an attitude of great friendliness, interest, and approval with regard to the Roerich Pact.

The Chairman stated that upon opening this meeting, he felt it also fitting to offer his hearty and cordial thanks to the Trustees of Roerich Museum, to the members of the Organizing Committee of the Convention, and to the many friends who assisted, - the enthusiastic labors of whom, he said, were indispensable in achieving the splendid success of the Washington Convention. The Chairman emphasized the fact that this PERMANENT COMMITTEE, because it is dealing with nations, must exercise extreme care in all matters; the fact was recalled that representatives from eleven nations had stated at the Convention the readiness of their governments to support the Roerich Pact. The Chairman recalled also at this time the Resolutions unanimously passed at the Convention, one of which authorized the presentation of the Roerich Pact to President Roosevelt and at the same time the request that the President sponsor the adoption of the Roerich Pact by the nations of the world, - and other Resolutions for direct presentation to all nations by the Chairman of the Convention. The Chairman read one of the latter Resolutions verbatim which he held to be of especial importance, as follows:

WHEREAS the principles embodied in the Roerich Pact and Banner of

Peace lend themselves to adoption or adhesion by unilateral action through proclamations of the executive, by bilateral action through international agreements, and by multilateral action through declarations of international conferences, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Convention be directed to transmit copies of the Resolution recommending the adoption of this measure by all nations, through the proper channels to the Governments, to international conferences, and to international organizations working for peace and culture, for such action as they may consider appropriate."

The Chairman next reported having carried out the instructions of the Convention by transmitting the Resolutions of the Convention together with a draft of the Roerich Pact to each nation of the world, and also reported having received acknowledgments of the transmittal from the following governments through their embassies and legations:

Spain, Denmark, Venezuela, Mexico, Czecho-slovakia, Uruguay, Chile, Venezuela, Germany, Switzerland, China, and Paraguay.

The meeting was now thrown open for general comment.

A motion was introduced, seconded and carried, authorizing the Secretary of this Committee in preparing the Minutes of Meetings of this Committee to employ the term "PERMANENT COMMITTEE" when referring to the PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF ADOPTION OF THE ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE.

It was proposed by Dr. Henry James Forman that some resolution be entered into the Records of this Committee with special reference to the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Third International Roerich Peace Banner Committee, Mr. L. L. Horch, - as to the admirable skill, zeal and masterful performance of all of ~~his~~ his duties as Chairman of that Committee and also of the Convention.

The following Resolution was offered and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Permanent Committee extend its warm thanks for, and deep appreciation of, the signally able preparation, the zealous and superlative work, and the highly satisfactory conclusion which Mr. Louis L. Horch, its Chairman, brought to the Convention in Washington.

(For the brief period of discussion of the above Resolution, the Chair was given over to Miss Esther J. Lichtmann to avoid embarrassment on the part of the Chairman.)

The following Resolution was next proposed, discussed, and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Permanent Committee that, recognizing Professor Nicholas Roerich as the creator and inspirer of the idea of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, it gratefully and hopefully looks to him to continue his efforts on behalf of the idea whether with governments or individuals.

Dr. Forman proposed the following Resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Sina Lichtmann and unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Permanent Committee send a cordial and warm greeting to Professor Roerich from this first Meeting of the Committee, expressing the Committee's unanimous feeling of gratitude for the privilege of serving the cause of Peace and Culture through this great movement.

A motion was next duly made, seconded and carried as follows:

"The Permanent Committee, the outcome of the unanimous vote of the representatives of twenty-seven nations, and other participants, at the final session, November 18, 1933, of the Third International Convention for the Adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, at its first Meeting held at the Roerich Museum, December 7, 1933, begs to transmit its unanimous expression of gratitude to the Honorable Henry A. Wallace, United States Secretary of Agriculture, for the inestimable assistance rendered in connection with the historic Convention held at Washington, D. C., November 17 and 18, 1933."

Upon her request the floor was given to Miss Grant, who expressed the desire to interpose a few additional words concerning Secretary Wallace, that everyone on this Committee may know with what constant devotion he served. The facts here related by Miss Grant emphasized the very strong and constant personal effort put forth by Secretary Wallace and the tremendous importance of his ~~work~~ work.

Following her remarks on Secretary Wallace, Miss Grant made a motion that a vote of thanks be extended to members of the Organizing Committee of the Convention, all of whom contributed so consistently and constantly to every aspect of the Convention, and who contributed so notably to the success of the Convention.

Dr. Fleischer recommended that instead of the vote of thanks proposed by Miss

Grant, that it merely be desired on the part of the Committee to record our deep appreciation for the work of the Organizing Committee members as referred to in Miss Grant's motion.

Mr. Horch recommended that in connection with this expression of appreciation be also here recorded the names of the members of the Organizing Committee of the Convention.

Miss Lichtmann made a motion that the names be inserted as Mr. Horch recommended.

Miss Grant spoke of how much labor and yeomen's work went into the Convention, infinitely tedious and infinitely difficult, and said that she felt it unfair to include in this record the names of the Organizing Committee if not of the many others who contributed such noble and valuable service.

The Chairman thereupon requested Miss Grant to present a list of names of the others to whom she referred.

Miss Lichtmann moved that a vote of thanks be made by this Committee to be extended to the members of the Organizing Committee for their help in the work of organizing the Convention, and that the thanks be also extended to such others, as those to be named by Miss Grant, who have contributed to the success of the Convention, names of all of whom shall appear in the minutes of this Meeting.

Miss Lichtmann's motion was seconded by Dr. Magoffin and unanimously approved, to be entered as follows:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a vote of thanks be extended by this, the Permanent Committee for Advancement of adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace to the following:

Organizing Committee

The Hon. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, Protector of the Convention;	
Chairman, Louis L. Horch;	Dr. Felix Lukin, Latvia
Mrs. Bertha Kunz Baker;	Prof. Ralph V. D. Magoffin
Professor Joseph Campbell,	Sidney M. Newberger
Mrs. Katherine Campbell,	Miss Ada T. Rainey
M. Paul Chabas, France,	Dr. Frederick B. Robinson
Dr. Georges G. Chklaver, France,	Dr. George Roerich
Dr. James H. Cousins, India,	Svetoslav Roerich
Dr. Charles Fleischer,	Mrs. S. Schafran
Henry James Forkan,	Theophile Schneider
Ingeborg Fritchie,	J. Earl Schrakl
Frances R. Grant	V. A. Shibayev, India,
Mrs. Nettie S. Horch	Mary Siegrist
Dr. Frederick L. Kettner	Mrs. Florentine Sutro
Mrs. Emma Kraft	Baron Michel A. de Taube, France
Ether J. Lichtmann	M. Camille Tulpinck, Belgium

M. M. Lichtmann,
Mrs. Sina Lichtmann,

Mme M. de Vaux-Phalipau, France,
Katherine Linden, Recording Secretary,
Jess Snyder, Recording Secretary;

Other Individuals:

Miss Grant, next reporting on the South American countries, spoke of the significance of the Pan American Congress now being held at Montevideo, and said she felt it to be of extreme importance that this Committee devote some time to the promotion of our idea through the instrument of that Congress. Miss Grant stated that she has herself carried on correspondence with several individuals with this aim in view, having received word in reply from Dr. Benjamin Cohen, Chilean Delegate to the Congress that he would try to find an opportunity of presenting the Roerich Pact before the Congress. In reply to a letter sent together with the Resolutions of the Washington Convention to the Secretary General of the Congress, Miss Grant said that he has indicated his willingness to introduce a motion at the Congress, and to ask his brother, also a Delegate, to support his motion. Miss Grant stated that she has translated into Spanish the Resolutions of the Washington Convention for transmittal to the South American representatives. The following cable was reported sent to Dr. Benjamin Cohen:

"Dr. Benjamin Cohen, Chilean Legation, Montevideo, Uruguay. Deeply appreciate your transmitting following message Pan American Congress quote Third International Convention for Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace with Participation thirty-four nations twenty-seven official delegates seven observers and delegates world cultural bodies unanimously passed resolution Washington November eighteenth recommending governments of world and international congresses adopt Roerich Pact and

Banner for preservation protection worlds archaeological artistic scientific cultural treasures stop therefore in name convention we ask Pan American Congress adopt this measure safeguarding Americas cultural treasures and furthering cause cultural unity of Americas signed Horch Chairman unquete mailed you airmail Resolutions spanish text draft stop profoundly appreciate your presentation this great humanitarian cause for adoption Pan American Congress."

Frances Grant.

Dr. Magoffin again emphasized the dire need for validity and complete jurisdiction in all dealings and questioned the authority of Miss Grant in carrying on the forementioned correspondence.

Miss Grant stated that this permission was granted by the Chairman of the Permanent Committee.

The Chairman stated that this permission was granted by him as Chairman of the Third International Roerich Peace Banner Convention, rather than of the Permanent Committee, having been ordered by the Convention to transmit through the proper channels the newly adopted Resolutions to all countries, international conferences, etc. Mr. Horch designated this permission as having been pertinent only to correspondence necessary in executing the said transmittals.

Miss Grant stated that she would like to be formally empowered by the Permanent Committee itself to carry on work with the Latin American countries in pressing the adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, in view of her connections and relations with persons in diplomatic service of South American countries.

Dr. Magoffin stated that the Permanent Committee has an opportunity of becoming ~~a~~ a Body of international importance, - that the said Committee should be kept small, that meetings should be held not too often, that a motion should be passed indicating that all letters that go to any government in connection with the Roerich Pact should go as unanimously approved by this Committee. Dr. Magoffin recommended therefore that Miss Grant be authorized by this Committee to carry on unofficial correspondence.

Dr. Fleischer remarked that the activities of Miss Grant have, apart from her great service in connection with the Convention, undoubtedly been of great importance to the country at large.

It was suggested by Dr. Forman that there be elected a Vice-Chairman of the Permanent Committee to act in the absence of the Chairman. Whereupon discussion ensued and the name of Miss Frances R. Grant proposed as the most logical person for the Vice-

Chairmanship.

An election followed which resulted in the appointment of Miss Grant to the office of Vice-Chairman of the Permanent Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Magoffin as follows:

"I move, Mr. Chairman, that the Permanent Committee here assembled, herewith authorize and empower its Chairman, Secretary General, or its Vice Chairman, as the only members of the Committee eligible to sign a unanimously passed resolution from the said Permanent Committee addressed to a government or duly accredited representative of said government.

The foregoing motion of Dr. Magoffin was seconded by Dr. Fleischer, and unanimously approved.

Referring again to the question of correspondence, Dr. Magoffin stated that there exist two ways of approaching a government, namely, (1) through the direct action of this Committee, which alone could be considered formal, and (2) through personal approaches, not to be considered ~~as formal~~ formal.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Permanent Committee hereby place its sanction upon the correspondence which Miss F. R. Grant has already carried on with regard to the promulgation of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace in Latin America.

Dr. Magoffin stated his desire to see nothing but state documents go out in the name of this Committee, and that all letters should have been discussed by this Committee and unanimously approved by it before they can be considered as formal documents.

Miss Grant stated that correspondence should be actively continued with regard to the South American question.

Dr. Magoffin stated that in his opinion letters could not properly be signed "Frances R. Grant, For the Permanent Committee for Advancement, etc." He stated that letters of sufficient importance should be submitted to the Chairman, Mr. Horch, who in turn would make it his duty to telephone and consult members individually.

Dr. Magoffin however moved that Miss Frances Grant be authorized by the Permanent Committee to pursue informal correspondence in connection with promoting the interests of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace movement in Latin America.

This motion of Dr. Magoffin was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion was next made by Mrs. Horch that the Permanent Committee authorize Miss Esther J. Lichtmann, Dr. Georges Chklaver, and Baron M. de Taube to informally pursue correspondence in connection with the promotion of the adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace.

The motion of Mrs. Horch was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Miss Grant that Secretary Wallace, Honorary Chairman of the Washington Convention, be fully empowered to act for this Committee in connection with the American Government.

The motion by Miss Grant was seconded by Mrs. Lichtmann and unanimously carried.

The Chairman spoke of the need for stationery in the name of the Permanent Committee.

Dr. Magoffin said he believed a very limited amount of stationery only should be printed at the present time with the view of acquiring additional names of representatives in different countries to appear on later stationery. He said it would be well to secure the name of one person of particularly important and suitable office from each of the signatory nations.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a small quantity of stationery be printed at this time.

It was agreed that a definite number of meetings a year should be established and that due and timely notice (approximately ten days) should be given every member prior to each meeting.

Dr. Magoffin advocated that a definite number of members be also decided upon to be a maximum number to constitute the Permanent Committee, and that consideration be made with a view of establishing a quorum within a radius of New York City, not too distant to prevent attendance of meetings, and in addition proposed that a Constitution and By-Laws be written up by which shall be governed the affairs and activities of this Committee.

The Chairman appointed Dr. Magoffin, upon the latter's expression of willingness and acceptance, to draft the Constitution and By-Laws of the Committee.

Miss Grant raised the question for future consideration of forming sub-committees of this Committee to function in different countries.

At this point in the meeting a motion was made by Dr. Forman that the Permanent

Committee render an expression of thanks and farewell to Miss Esther J. Lichtmann, whose departure for the Himalayas is scheduled for the coming week.

The expression above was unanimously expended to Miss Lichtmann.

Miss Lichtmann expressed her deep appreciation, admiration and profound gratitude to all members here, emphasizing her faith in them and her firm belief that something very great and constructive will result from this meeting. Miss Lichtmann said she knows that Professor and Madame Roerich will be most happy to hear of this meeting and of the important work initiated on this occasion by the Permanent Committee.

Dr. Magoffin moved that a letter embodying the Resolution passed earlier in this meeting, empowering Miss Lichtmann to pursue informal correspondence, be prepared on official paper and be signed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary General, which when properly engrossed with the seal of the Roerich Museum shall be ~~presented~~ presented to Miss Lichtmann to be taken with her on her trip to India.

The above motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Chairman addressed words of gratitude and farewell in behalf of the Committee to Miss Lichtmann.

Miss Lichtmann expressed her readiness to serve in every and any way possible while in the Himalayas, and said she would like her last expression in the presence of this Committee before departing for the East to be one of her high tribute to Professor and Madame Roerich for the privilege of participating in this great work.

With this the Meeting was adjourned.

J. A. Snyder
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING
OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE
FOR ADVANCEMENT OF ADOPTION
OF THE ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE, HELD AT
ROERICH MUSEUM, N. Y. - DECEMBER 27th, 1933.

The following members attended:

Mr. Louis L. Horch, Chairman,
Dr. Charles F. Fleischer, Miss Frances R. Grant, Mrs. Nettie S. Horch,
Mr. Maurice Lichtmann, Dr. Ralph V. D. Magoffin,
J. O. Snyder, Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 P. M.

Upon opening the Meeting, the Chairman stated his desire to bring first to the attention of the members present a communication received from the Egyptian Government. In this communication the Egyptian Government indicated its interest in the purposes for which the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace was designed, yet its inability to support this project for the stated reason of its being "privately initiated". Relative to this objection, the Chairman quoted the remark of Secretary Wallace that "Christianity began with the initial and individual efforts of one man, Christ, - as well as practically all other great world movements". The Chairman requested that a decisive letter be drafted here by which the PERMANENT COMMITTEE would reply to the Egyptian Government.

A discussion followed in which the main points for embodiment in the proposed letter were decided upon. It was stressed that the most essential consideration in the formulation of the reply rests in its being of such character as to permit the Egyptian Government to reconsider and enter the Movement in the future without any feeling of indignity.

Dr. Fleischer hereupon moved that the Chairman of this Committee be authorized by the Committee to write the letter to the Egyptian Government along the lines here discussed. This motion was seconded by Miss Grant and unanimously approved.

The Chairman next presented the case of the Hungarian Government with relation to the THIRD INTERNATIONAL ROERICH PEACE BANNER CONVENTION held at Washington. The facts related were that the Foreign Office of the Hungarian Government had notified the European Center of Roerich Museum in Paris of the appointment by that Government of an Observer to attend the Washington Convention. When the above notification was referred however by Roerich Museum to the Hungarian Legation in Washington, D. C., the Legation there stated that it had received no information of such an appointment.

The above matter was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that, in view of the official notification served the European Office of Roerich Museum by the Hungarian Government, that Government should be classified in all records among those nations by whom Observers were appointed.

A letter from Professor Roerich to this Committee was next read by the Chairman.

The words of greeting from the HONORARY PRESIDENT of this COMMITTEE proved most stimulating and inspiring. They entreated the Committee to proceed with its work in positive determination, - to ascertain all those countries which are understanding and friendly to our project, and to concentrate the greatest effort toward securing adoption of the Pact and Banner by those countries. Other suggestions herein offered by Prof. Roerich were individually taken up for discussion. (Copy of Prof. Roerich's Message hereto attached.)

A motion was made by Dr. Fleischer, seconded by Dr. Magoffin and unan-

MINUTES, PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEETING, Dec. 27, '33, Continued.

imously carried, that in accordance with Professor Roerich's request, a letter designed to stimulate their further and concrete activities toward adoption of the Roerich Pact and display of the Banner of Peace be sent to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of all nations participating in the SEVENTH PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS at Montevideo.

A motion was next made by Dr. Fleischer, seconded by Miss Grant and unanimously approved, that a letter be sent to the foreign offices of all nations of the world, informing them of the adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace by the SEVENTH PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS at Montevideo.

It was decided that drafts of the above two letters should be prepared by the Chairman and copies submitted to the Committee Officers for criticism or suggestions.

Several members strongly urged that consideration be given to securing as soon as possible a loyal and important person in each country to represent the PERMANENT COMMITTEE in that country. It was also urged by Miss Grant that in order to bring the most influence to bear upon foreign governments, letters be sent to all friends in foreign countries, requesting them to address their respective government officials in favor of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace.

A motion was made by Dr. Magoffin, that the Chairman of this Committee prepare a typewritten list of the countries of the world together with a list specifying the loyal friend or friends of Roerich Museum in each of the countries of the world, through whom the PERMANENT COMMITTEE might make its initial efforts in furthering adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace in each nation. This motion was seconded and approved.

Reference was made by Mrs. Herch to the representatives of this Committee, already functioning as such in Paris, Dr. Georges Chklaver and Baron M. de Taube. The question was thereupon raised as to how these gentlemen should be requested to limit their activities. Dr. Magoffin stated his belief that they should be asked to do all possible among friends, but not to attempt any official negotiations themselves with governments, or not to interfere with the actions of the PERMANENT COMMITTEE representatives to be appointed in various countries.

With reference to the above question, Miss Grant stated her belief that Dr. Chklaver and Baron de Taube should be made representatives-at-large of this Committee, to act in cooperation with the particular representatives to be appointed in each country.

A decision was made to write the gentlemen here discussed, Dr. Chklaver and Baron de Taube, asking them for their own opinions and suggestions as to how they can best serve the project of this Committee.

Miss Grant said that she believed care should be exercised by the PERMANENT COMMITTEE to avoid confusion in its actions with those of L'UNION INTERNATIONALE POUR LE PACTE ROERICH and other Committees as well functioning in the interest of the ROERICH PACT.

Reference was next made by the Chairman to that part of Prof. Roerich's letter dealing with the problem introduced by the Austrian Government. This problem arises out of a plan, patterned by one of its countrymen after the plan of the Roerich Pact, now receiving the support of the Austrian Government, and having been presented by that Government to the League of Nations.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved, that the Chairman draft a letter as soon as possible to send to the League of Nations from this Committee, calling the attention of the League to the action of the SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN STATES at Montevideo, and also seeking to establish the precedence of the Roerich Pact.

MINUTES, PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEETING, Dec. 27, '33, Continued.

A motion was introduced, seconded and unanimously supported, that the thanks of this Committee be extended to Professor Roerich for his beautiful and inspiring words of address to this Committee Meeting, and for his splendid and helpful suggestions, all of which have been dealt with in the business of this meeting.

A motion was made by Miss Grant that this Committee extend its thanks to Dr. Gil Borges for his efforts in promoting the adoption of the Roerich Pact by the Pan American Congress at Montevideo.

After having been amended by Dr. Fleischer to include a provision that the letter be written by Miss Grant, the above motion was duly seconded and approved.

Mr. Lichtmann set forth a proposal for future consideration, that the name of this Body be changed from "PERMANENT COMMITTEE" to "ROERICH FOUNDATION".

Dr. Fleischer made a motion recommending that the BANNER OF PEACE be sent out henceforth with all cultural exhibitions sponsored by Roerich Museum. This motion drew the enthusiastic praise and support of all members of the Committee.

Mrs. Horch referred to the proposal of Mr. Lopes (Colombian Delegate to the Washington Convention) that events be arranged at the Roerich Museum at which the various national groups associated with the Museum would be presented with the Roerich Banner of Peace, which they in turn could send to their respective governments together with recommendations for its adoption. It was decided that further consideration would be given to this suggestion at a later date.

After a brief discussion of the subjects upon which it bears, Dr. Magoffin introduced the following motion which was duly seconded and unanimously approved: THAT the design of the BANNER OF PEACE be duly copyrighted as soon as possible, and further, that consideration be given by the PERMANENT COMMITTEE to the matter of different sizes of the BANNER OF PEACE and when and how they shall be displayed, - further, that the manufacturing of the BANNER OF PEACE be given to one company and that the said company shall sell or dispose of no such flags except upon authorized order, and that arrangements be made with the said company whereby a fixed percentage of incomes from sale of the Banners shall be returned to the PERMANENT COMMITTEE.

With the passing of the above motion by Dr. Magoffin the Meeting was declared adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

J. O. Snyder

J. O. Snyder, Acting-Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCE-
MENT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROERICH PACT AND
BANNER OF PEACE, HELD FEBRUARY 15, 1935
AT 8:30 P. M.

The following members were present:

Mr. L. L. Horch, Chairman,
Mr. M. M. Lichtmann, Miss Frances R. Grant, Mrs. Sina Lichtmann,
Mrs. Nettie Horch.

J. O. Snyder acted as Secretary.

The Chairman opened the meeting and stated that he has received letters from the Hon. Dr. Alfaro, Minister of Panama, and from the Hon. Dr. Gil in-Borges, Assistant Director of the Pan American Union, expressing their regret at their inability to be present at the meeting. Dr. Forman likewise informed Mr. Horch that he could not be present.

The Chairman then advised the members present of the great progress that had been made with the Roerich Pact since the last meeting. The Chairman stated that the Proceedings Book had been published on December 15th. Mr. Horch stated that highest commendations had been received from governments and leading cultural institutions.

Mr. Horch presented a list indicating the general distribution of the Proceedings Book. Each Government was presented with two copies. Thus far 506 copies were sent out.

The Chairman stated that he is happy to announce that excellent changes have been made in the International Pact for the Protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions and Historic Monuments of the Pan American Union. In the Preamble the Name of the Roerich Museum and Roerich Pact have been inserted, and into the Pact itself was also inserted that the Roerich Pact is of equal importance in war times as well as in peace times. These changes were made upon the advice of Madame de Roerich, and the Chairman wishes to express his deepest thanks to Madame de Roerich for her direction in this.

The Chairman read the draft which had been sent to the Chairman of the Permanent Committee by Dr. Rowe; also the letter from Dr. Rowe transmitting this instrument. A copy of this instrument was sent to Dr. Chklaver.

We have been advised that the Pact to be signed on April 15th by the United States and South American nations, will be made a World Treaty after that date, and that the Pan American Union will act as a Depository for the signatories.

Mr. Horch has also been advised that the Baltic States would also shortly enter into an international agreement for the Roerich Pact. According to the Resolution passed at the Third International Convention in Washington, the Roerich Pact lends itself to bilateral, unilateral action, and to international agreements, - and therefore the Chairman suggests that after the Pan American Union has sent out its letter on April 15th to all the nations of the world, stating that their treaty is open to signatures by other nations, the Committee should announce that if some nations prefer to change the Pact suitably to their own special purposes, they are within their rights to do so; also that they may choose their own depository.

We have been advised that the members of the Permanent Committee will receive an invitation to be present on April 14th.

The Chairman read the Resolution of the Pan American Union inviting Prof. Nicholas Roerich to be present at the signing of the Pact on April 14th.

A message was received from Prof. Roerich to be read by the Hon. Henry A. Wallace on April 14th.

The Chairman was very happy to announce that active Committees for the Roerich Pact have been organized in Roumania, Latvia and Bulgaria.

A letter received by Mrs. Lichtmann from Roumania was read.

In Roumania the National Federation of Business and Professional Women is planning a Public Festival Meeting in the presence of their officials and diplomatic corps, in order to show the importance of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, and is asking for information as to how the Pact is being put into practice in the countries which have adopted it.

The Chairman reported that the Buffalo Museum of Science has hoisted the Banner of Peace over their Museum, and has sponsored several releases and articles on the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace.

A letter addressed by Dr. Rowe to Prof. Roerich was read. Dr. Rowe invited Prof. Roerich to be present at the signing of the Roerich Pact on April 14th at Washington.

The Chairman presented a Report prepared by him indicating the work carried out by his office from November 24th, 1933 to December 24th, 1934.

Two communications were received from Harbin speaking of the Roerich Pact activities there, also news clippings.

A Report was received from Dr. Chklaver about the formation of the Roerich Foundation at Bruges, of which the Chairman will be Mr. C. Tulpinck. Mrs. Lichtmann reported that this Foundation has among its members Governors of Belgian Provinces and the Cardinal-Primate of Belgium.

The Chairman suggests that another letter should be sent to those South American Governments which have thus far not adhered.

Miss Grant believes that a previous suggestion of hers to send a letter direct to the Foreign Ministers should be carried out.

Miss Grant proposed that, in line with a thought expressed by Mr. Horch for the authorizing of a governmental committee, we plan to promote the official recognition of the Permanent Committee by the Government. The members highly approve of this idea.

Mrs. Lichtmann proposes to inaugurate a committee of sustaining members with \$10. yearly membership fee, in order to support the financial needs of the wide activities of this Committee.

The members will consider various means for collecting funds.

In line with her above suggestion, Miss Grant suggests that also a governmental appropriation be asked for the execution of the work.

Miss Grant suggested that the Committees of the various countries should work under the authorization of the central Committee in New York and send reports of all meetings held.

Miss Grant proposed consideration of the question of additional members for the Permanent Committee who could help in advancing its work.

Mrs. Horch urged a special concentration at this time of all efforts toward publicity for the event of April 14th through which a more widespread interest and knowledge concerning the Pact can be gained. A general discussion was held on the manifold means and agencies for publicity purposes.

Mrs. Horch reports that she is making efforts to place articles in many magazines and periodicals.

Miss Grant has prepared a communiqué which she will send out. Miss Grant will also begin to visit magazine publishers next week.

Mrs. Lichtmann will send out publicity to the Russian Press.

Mrs. Lichtmann states: Mr. Molder in Estonia reports that he is preparing a series of articles on Roerich Pact for the Estonian Press. He requested that the Proceedings Book be sent to him which was done.

Mr. Horch states that he spoke with Miss Genauer, Art Critic of the World Telegram, who promised to insert an article on April 15th in the World-Telegram.

There being no further business the date for the next meeting of this Committee was set for Friday evening, March 1st, and the present meeting adjourned.

Louis J. Horch
Chairman

Nettie S. Horch

Frances B. Grant

Sina Lichtmann

M. M. Lichtmann

14

MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROERICH PACT
AND THE BANNER OF PEACE

Held on April 25th, 1935 at Roerich Museum, N.Y.

Present: Louis L. Horch, Chairman; Mrs. Nettie S. Horch, Secretary;
Miss Esther J. Lichtmann; Dr. Charles Fleischer; M.M.M. Lichtmann;
Mrs. Sina G. Lichtmann; Miss Frances R. Grant

- 1) Dr. Fleischer pointed out most enthusiastically how beautifully the ceremony at the White House came over the air on the broadcast, and that the spirit of the occasion reached the very heights of beauty and solemnity. He highly commended President Roosevelt's address as well as the other speakers, and spoke of the occasion as one of the greatest spiritual significance.
- 2) Mr. Horch read a full report of the entire ceremony which took place at the White House.
- 3) Mr. Horch announced that he and Miss Lichtmann are going abroad to further the adoption of the Pact in European countries, following the great success at Washington.
- 4) Mr. Horch announced that a few copies of a booklet on the ceremony have been printed for Mr. Horch and Miss Lichtmann to take abroad. This will be amplified for a later printing.
- 5) A letter from a student of Van Hornesville High School was read, expressing a desire to organize a student body to further the Roerich Pact.
- 6) Dr. Fleischer offered to visit the Van Hornesville School to further the idea presented by the student's letter. Miss Lichtmann thereupon suggested to invite a body of those students to visit the Museum, also to approach other schools as well.
- 7) In line with the letter received, Miss Grant proposes the organization of a Junior League for the Roerich Pact, which was approved.
- 8) Miss Grant reported that the Pan American Union had sent out certified copies of the Treaty to all countries on the 15th and 16th of April.
- 9) Mr. Sture, President of the Latvian Roerich Society, has sent cables of congratulation upon the signing of the Treaty at the White House. Mr. Sture has been working for the ratification of the Baltic countries.
- 10) Mrs. Lichtmann read a letter from the Russian Committee on the Roerich Pact in Harbin.
- 11) Mrs. Horch presented the motion that inasmuch as Miss Lichtmann has contributed so much to the furtherance of the Roerich Pact, and will travel extensively in behalf of its adoption in other countries, Mrs. Horch nominates Miss Lichtmann as Vice-Chairman of the Permanent Committee. The nomination was seconded and unanimously carried.
- 12) Miss Grant proposes that a Pan American Cultural Congress, the first of its kind, be held in this country to promote the closest contact between these countries.

The members will give consideration to Miss Grant's suggestion, whether such activity pertains to the purposes and scope of the Permanent Committee.

- 13) Mrs. Lichtmann reported the correspondence with Madame Alexandrescu, Secretary of the Professional Woman's League in Roumania, in connection with the Pact.
- 14) Mrs. Lichtmann reported about the contact and meeting with Admiral Grayson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Freser, of the Red Cross, and the promise of cooperation made by them.
- 15) Professor R.V.D. Mageffin and Dr. H.J. Forman expressed their regret at not being able to be present at this meeting.
- 16) Mrs. Lichtmann expressed, in behalf of the Committee, the heartiest wishes to Mr. Horch and Miss Lichtmann for a great success in their coming journey on behalf of the furtherance of the Roerich Pact.

Miss Lichtmann and Mr. Horch thanked the Trustees and Members heartily for all their good wishes.

Mitthe S. Horch
Sina Lichtmann

WHEREAS the World's cultural achievements constitute the greatest treasures of the human race, and are the common heritage of all humanity,

AND WHEREAS any injury to these treasures is to be regarded as an act of violence against the common benefits of mankind and of the future,

AND WHEREAS the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace have been ^{designed} created by Nicholas Roerich, internationally renowned artist and cultural leader, for the protection of churches, all religious monuments, temples and shrines, museums, libraries, universities, and other monuments and treasures of cultural and all natural sites and their designation by the Banner of Peace as inviolable and neutral at all times,

AND WHEREAS the Roerich Pact has been adhered to by twenty one Republics of the Americas and unanimously endorsed by the Representatives of thirty five Nations at the Third International Convention for the Roerich Pact at Washington as well as by the International Museum Committee of the League of Nations and by numerous Governmental and learned bodies and numerous leaders in the World of Culture.

And AND WHEREAS the principles embodied in the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace ^{themselves} to adoption or adhesion by unilateral action through proclamations of the executive, by bilateral action, through international agreements, and by multilateral action through declarations of international conferences and the Efficacy of this cause depends upon its adoption and application by the Nations.

THEREFORE the Government of India accepts the principles, as laid down in the original four articles of the said Pact and pledges itself to implement its acceptance by suitable legislation and by the creation of a body to supervise the practical application and working of the Pact.