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REPORT OF MR. L.L. HORCH'S AND MISS E.J. LICHTMANN'S VISIT
TO EUROPE AND
NORTHERN COUNTRIES

Upon our arrival at Oslo on May 20th we at once made efforts to reach the members of the Committee. We visited the Parliament to make an appointment with His Excellency, Dr. M. Member of Parliament and of the Committee. While presenting our cards, we met Dr. Swenson, Member of the Parliament, who introduced us to Dr. M. in the big hall. We presented to Dr. M. our letter of introduction, which he appreciated, and we laid before him all the latest developments of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace. We gave him the Proceedings, Duvernois, the pamphlet of the signing of the Pact which contains the addresses of President Roosevelt, Mr. Wallace, Dr. Alfaro and Mr. Horch made at the signing of the Pact, clippings, the photograph of the signing of the Roerich Pact at the White House, and other literature. He knew nothing about the Roerich Pact.

Upon laying these facts before Mr. M., he was very cordial, listened attentively to everything we laid before him about the Pact. We aroused his interest, and he concluded with the words: "This is a fine idea," referring to the Pact, and he asked us to see the Foreign Minister also, who is one of the Members of the Committee. We spoke to him extensively about the career of the creator of the Pact. He then asked various questions in regard to the Movement and gave us then his personal card, writing the name of the Foreign Minister upon it. He asked us to use the card as his introduction to the Foreign Minister. Before leaving him we asked if we could continue to communicate personally with him on all the latest developments, and he replied that he would be very glad to hear from us directly.

On the 21st we called on the Foreign Office to make an appointment with the Foreign Minister. We were received at once by the Minister. In greeting us he mentioned that he had received a letter of their Minister at Washington ~~in regard~~. He was cordial and sympathetic to the cause after we had laid all the merits and

significance of the Pact before him, saying that it was in tune with the policy of preservation of the treasures of humanity in his own country and he hopes that his country will also join in with the Americas in this Pact. We also asked him whether we may remain with him in direct contact, to which he cordially responded. He, too, knew nothing of the Pact, neither of the creator.

We then saw the third member, Dr. L., at the N. Institute, with whom we had arranged an appointment before. It was very difficult to secure this appointment. Dr. L. confessed that he knew nothing about the creator of the Pact, nor the movement of the Pact. (He is doctor of philosophy and did work at the Geneva). We laid before him very explicitly the entire project and aim and he asked questions about the objective of the Pact. We stressed, as we did with all other members, the significance of the Pact as the greatest peace movement. Dr. L. entered also profoundly into the subject from his angle and seems to understand its significance. He also wanted to know the nationality of the creator. We spoke at length about the life and activity of the creator of the Pact. We left all the literature with Dr. L., and he too expressed his interest to receive further communications from us about the project.

We then saw Mr. M., Secretary and Managing Director of the Committee and N. Institute. He knew all the details of the Movement and recollected at once his correspondence with Mr. Horch. Mr. M. was rather inquisitive as to the whereabouts, nationality, and position with the relatives. He asked also whether N.K. founded the Museum in New York in his own name; also if the Museum had its own building. Mr. M. asked in a peculiar way about Dr. Chkl., inquiring also whether he is a Pole. Dr. M. recalled that about fifteen years ago his wife saw at an exhibition in the North, N.K's paintings and he added that from the reproductions that he saw "they reminded him of Dostojevsky". He said: "I must tell you frankly no one here knows anything about the art of."

..... and it might be good to hold an exhibition of his paintings in this city." We presented him with all the latest data and great developments of the Pact. Of all the members, he seemed to be a typical politician. We, of course, gave him adequate replies to all his questions.

The fourth Member, Dr. S., is away on a six months' leave. So was the fifth Member absent on an extensive trip.

Fine personal connections were made by us with these Members, and each one possesses now a dossier of the data and progress of the Pact, and the intimate knowledge of the life and activities of the creator of the Pact. We shall keep up these fine connections and advise them continuously of all new developments. It was of greatest importance to go there personally and make these contacts, as the Members knew nothing of the peace movement, nor the creator of the Pact. It seems as if the Secretary kept away the data presented for ten years from the knowledge of the Members.

One of Mr. Horch's banking connections, an army officer and a cultured and refined man, belonging to a fine Norwegian family, has accepted to represent us at O. on behalf of the Movement. It will be most useful to have a representative of such fine standing there. Henceforth we shall not send news only to the Secretary, but we shall keep up personal contacts with each Member.

While at O. we gave out an interview to the newspaper about the Pact. It must have appeared on the day we left, and we hope to receive clippings.

It is of interest to note that our Am. ministers in Germany, Brussels, Holland, Denmark, ~~Sweden~~ and Norway were so greatly in favor of the Movement but our amb. at Stock. warned us by all means not to see the Members in person, but that everything should go in the routine way through the Secretary, in writing. He added that we would be "super-diplomats" if we secured an appointment with them. ~~XXXXXXXX~~

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