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I sit today with a little temperature since morning 37.2, maybe a cold or maybe a light influenza. Yesterday we were at lunch in the American legation and when all present began to smoke various cigars and cigarettes I at once felt that this smokiness was unbearable. I shall sit today and tomorrow at home. Already the third week has passed since we left Harbin but outside of a little note from Vin. Grammatichikof nothing was received. It is strange that of all of our friends Vassily N. kolaevich, a man sick and chained to his bed, found it necessary and possible to write. According to his words, the persecution in the bloke of Japanese papers has ceased. But we must have in mind not only the cessation of the persecution, but also that our many friends should manifest constructive counteraction. It is strange to think that the so-called legitimatists and fascist group of Vonziatsky and Rodziavsky, has not decent people to recall. There exists one separate separate fascist group but it has nothing to do with Rodziavsky and company. In Military circles, one speaks about the legitimatists, that there are gathered all who were at one time condemned by Wrangel and Klotshak. Thus it is least of all astonishing that precisely these two mentioned groups could in no case be acceptable. The very falsity and brutality of their methods proves once again their inner substance. In the letter of yesterday (diary) was told about the school Kansas. I not only hope but am convinced that the plan Alatur will take place in a more fitting locality and we rejoice at it. There may be many branches, beginning from the public and that of state up to private. According to the present times will be easier, so let it be. Chiefly that something good be created. The forces of darkness are especially indignant when something good and constructive arises. In such cases it is especially needed that the Nicodemuses of the night should find strength within themselves strength and transform themselves into active warriors. It will be soon one year since I did not paint. During this time were created only two projects of the churches. But precisely this circumstance moved the satanic legions to accuse me of godlessness. Our friend Archbishop Nestor inscribes upon his portrait given to me, "Ti the 'god-loving and beautiful in soul'". Thus speaks the enlightened hierarch of the church and Rodziavsky and Co. call me anti-Christ. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Sometimes he who will read these published absurdities will be astonished at the deep grade of savagery which reigns also during our era.

Out side of striking remarks of Pushkin, I recalled in my memory bitterly just words of Gogol about the very same thing. Is it possible that each century does not refine at all the human consciousness. I am sorry that up to now was not sent to us the little newspaper 'awakening of Asia' from Tsientsin which is published on a Japanese concession. It is strange to see that precisely in this concession are permitted such immorally sacrilegious writings. Again, when sometime someone will read such "monuments of literature" will be sorry about that which has happened.

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We received a telegram from America about the successful actions of Adolph and delays of actions by Sachs. Until the receiving of the newspapers, themselves. From one side this desire to see the papers themselves is seemingly normal, but on the other hand it removes the actions from prolonged time, whereas judging the papers we received yesterday in the Harbin Times from Dec. 7, Shilof was still calling me and Grebenstchikoff 'agents of dark forces'. In the tsientsin newspaper which is published on the Japanese concession, all such attacks are continued all the time. It is very curious to know precisely what radical actions will be ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ conceived by Sachs if he is altogether friendly. We ourselves and our friends understand excellently that all this campaign has far deeper foundation. It is impossible to limit it by only some sort of low Russian criminals. Behind their backs is hidden something else. Only think that all these ugly attacks took place at the end of the sixth month of our stay in Harbin. All the false materials which are used by the slanderers are not at all new and chiefly relate to the stupid little magazine of long ago, published by Gortchakoff. 'Double headed Eagle'. This proves that this very same material could be put in use long before. But it seems that some sort of guiding hand moved this spring just during the last days of our stay there. Altogether from a point of view of the newspaper, it is unbelievable nonsense. It was just the Harbin times who wrote about the Flaming Chalice and other epithets which you have in newspaper clippings. Two weeks before the attack, this very paper asked me for an article and just placed Robots and the Letter to Friends. After this a correspondent of this paper Talisin, came with the request from the editor about new articles, which were promised to him. And three days later (Nov. 17) suddenly began an attack which incessantly continues up to now. Calculating



all the circumstances, one somehow comes to the conclusion about something which was planned and conceived with a purpose which is intangible as yet for us. Therefore is demanded also to plan and without stop to bring also from our side the investigation of this unheard of episode. Yesterday the secretary of the local Japanese legation Muto, visited us, and transmitted the regret of that which happened from the Japanese embassy in Tsientsin. During the visit he gave us five newspaper clippings which were placed by the agency of the embassy about us as friends of Japan passing through. But it was very apparent that this news in the Harbin Times was not placed, but in the Japanese edition of this newspaper it was placed but in a considerably cut form. Of course we said to Mr. Muto that these notes do not clear up the substance of the incident and we ask the investigation of that which happened, because even after these notes, the persecution in the Harbin Times still continued on December 7. I repeat that without someone's permission or encouragement, Russian bank would not dare to such unheard of attacks. We are writing now to Tokyo to Mr. Amo asking him to start investigations. Our representative in Harbin did not give us much pleasure today by a laconic telegram, 'inform about your health' -- and we waited with tension all these days some practical news. We are also astonished that it is more than three weeks and we have no news from Tcherkoff. Because the unheard of ugly forms of these attacks demand corresponding counter attacks. Otherwise if our forces will be silent it will be formed some sort of an non-living space. The more curious is to investigate these attacks because our position in it was so easily defensible and without any doubts. Presuppose for a moment that some magazine will publish either mutilated portrait of mine or a falsified letter of mine or reprinted from other publications article -- you may ask in what matter can I be responsible for all these falsifications. Besides where is it heard that not my books were quoted under my name. In all these attempts is felt some sort of an malicious intention, and the duty of our institution is to patiently and with planning, to strike and dissipate these darkness. It is known to us that in the American consulate in Harbin was translated the resume of these attacks in which often was also the dignity of the United States. I am sorry that I have not the Tsientsin paper in order to sent to you. You would be very astonished in learning that I am a "tibetan with a French passport" and out of the article Kabala, you would learn something absolutely absurd. Yesterday in Tsientsin paper, Our Dawn were the pages of my diary 'Svetochi'. Yesterday also due to the request of the editor was sent a Christmas article 'Sacred Tree'. I can imagine what a new wave of malicious slander will this diary leaves evoke which are only humanly well wishing. Thus let us by all measures stand up for truth. I do not doubt that also in this case as well as many other, the triumph of truth and justice will be brilliant.

December 15

I am enclosing here with the letter to Tcherkoff, from which you can see my considerations of the origin of an evident lack of comensurement. In order not to repeat myself I shall only stress my sincere puzzle because of such crude lack of comensurement that someone should because of a small gang of the criminals in three doubtful little papers, would risk the good name of 86 various cultural institutions. It is absolutely impermissible to picture such shortsightedness to prefer a gang of evident criminals to so much an amount of institutions throughout the whole world. And if we shall add to these institutions all academies and societies which elected me their member, then it is more than strange to think about such lack of comensurement, even from a purely practical for someone side. I hope that Saw. absolutely understands all these circumstances and will take all measures in order to explain to him for him it is necessary, how this matter stands in reality. Why should someone regret it, later when it is so easy to correct that which has happened now? It is very regrettable that amidst all other most tense and hurried activity we all have to give so much attention to such an unnecessary vile episode. But let us look into the substance of the thing and we shall see that every new ploughed pasture will bring its useful harvest. During the constantly growing measures are unavoidable someone's cramps of envy and hatred. We again heard from a lady who arrived an affirmation that the shameful newspaper attack created many sympathetic new friends. Thus it always happens. Through Col. Bendersky (chief of the 11 military union in Tsientsin) I send a letter and a copy of the memorandum to Archbishop Nestor. The colonel asked permission to make a copy of the memorandum and letter in order to read it to some of the members of the union. I am permitting him to do this, because I am confident that he will do it only in useful cases. Now you have all the papers and Saw. can see them. A question may be asked who will translate to him all this endless vile nonsense. Yesterday evening again the temperature was more than 37. The irritation of the throat



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and head cold still continue in spite of painting the throat and gargling. It is a fine sunny weather and it is pity to sit at home. We have very good visitors.

December 16

Yesterday, the 14th of December, we received a package from Washington forward to Hongkong Shanghai Bank, sent from America on Nov. 19. We hoped still to have yesterday from you something through the very same bank, because if from Washington a package could already reach -- how much more it could reach from New York. Let us hope that tomorrow will be something from you. I am sending you diary leaves 'Danger of Destructions'. You can place it somewhere in the local press. The passing year 1934 took away many friends of the 'Act'. The Kings: Albert and Alexander, Metropolitan Platon, Archbishop Johan, Father George Spassky, Dr. Lukin and in Tsientsin, we heard about the death of Philip Berthelot. These are all very substantial losses. We hope that with the Lord's help, these departing friends will be replaced by new ones for the sake of the work. Of course, the new attention of Roosevelt and the last steps of Wal and the actions of Gil Borges and other South American friends gave a new impetus to the 'Act'. But as regard Europe we see very little from here in what occurred useful movements. All these mentioned losses are precisely have to do with Europe, and therefore the renewal must first of all occur also there. I hope that the last or recent newspaper episodes are being realized in all their justice. And new benefit is derived because of them. Today is Sunday. All is closed. Besides it is snowing and we all are sitting at home. For some reason all these days we are awakened about two o'clock at night. Where and what can take place at this time? At Naggar it is about 10 in the evening. Today there is a strong feeling that somewhere something is being done, but as often happens, when a great deal is occurring it is difficult to relate it to something definite. Of course again there is no news from Harbin and we are sort of used to the fact that this part is now cut off. In any case its study is quite instructive. Because first of all, one must have knowledge. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Chk/

December 17

In these parts have gathered many people whom we met before. In Tsientsin is Gmirkina. Her husband was last March executed in Urumchi. She came to visit us; according to outer appearance she must have means. G. Lubin also appeared. He said that all fileness were told not by him but by Protzniagin. And he seemingly only wanted to get his money back from Kardashevsky who persuaded him to place it in this way. Finally here in this hotel are leaving Cleather and Crump. They are not trying to see us for which I am not astonished because the 300 rupies which they received from us they never returned. The Mrs. herself is very energetic and the both cavaliers have changed very little. Today and maybe still tomorrow we both will stay at home so that the throat and nose should entirely recuperate. We still hope today to receive some sort of news either through Hongkong Shanghai Bank or through Harbin. In regard to the second possibility we are very skeptical, because outside of all difficulties, apparently also local fears have taken possession of our representative.

Again the weather is beautiful. I am looking at the sun and at the ridges of the Pekin Wall and am sorry that so many days I have to stay at home. I hope that you all are well and valiant, and have used the newspaper episode as was necessary. Already this fact that this campaign began Nov. 17, reminds us about the date which is significant in many ways. It is more than interesting as to how exactly will Sawada decide to act about this matter. Of course you will hint to him that all our 86 institutions are exceedingly aggravated and insulted by this conduct. Let him move his brain as to how to compensate for what has happened. Sometimes in such cases many are trying to get rid of this only through expressions of regret and excuses but to limit oneself by this would be absolutely impossible. Precisely in these very papers should occur and impressive manifestation because everybody absolutely understand that without someone's permission all these attacks would not have taken place. For the small and cowardly souls such manifestations will be necessary. Many will not understand that my book 'Sacred Watch' fully prophesies what has happened but you will evaluate completely. And so until the next mail. Just now we received one more malicious clipping from a Nipponese paper Harbin Times. Of course no attempt on my life took place altogether, and you will understand once more the depth of lies of this paper. Do give pleasure to Sawada with such "worthy coworkers".