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Translation

To the
Germanischer Mission
150, rue de la Paix
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Re: Financing of an Old-Aged-Support for the
German Christian Youth Committee

Upon request of the German Christian Youth Committee we ask you to send
the Germanischer Mission in English language, as line for line
year, to India to the following address:

German Christian Council Youth Committee
c/o, New York
London, Street, India.

All expenses will be met by the German Mission in Berlin.

With kind regards,

Signed: Rev. Martin Gossner

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI.

No. 439/67/PA-13

To

Dr. Christian Berg
Director Gossner Mission,
West Berlin.

Ranchi Dated 29th Aug. 1967.

04 SEP 1967

Encl: 1

Sub:- Student Hardugan More
Ref:- Your letter dated July 17th 1967.

Dear Brother Berg,

To day I searched for a copy which I presume to have written to you regarding the above subject with reference to your above mentioned letter, but nothing was found. May be my remembrance is wrong. Whatsoever it may be, let me express my heartfelt gratitude to the GM. for rendering help in the education of Mr. More in Germany and for bearing all necessary burden for him while staying in Germany. This I do on behalf of the Gossner Church. Though Mr. More has not completed his study there, I believe he has acquired sufficient knowledge and experience to enable him for the service of the Gossner Church.

Now Mr. More has returned to India safely. He is to-day with me here. Regarding his work at Amgaon, I accept your suggestion, that is he will be at Amgaon taking over charge of Sister Marlies Grundler's administrative work. This arrangement will take effect from 1 Sept. 67. He will be at Amgaon till further action of the KSS.

With brotherly love and Yishusahay,

Yours Sincerely,

CPM
Pranukh Adhyaksh,
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc; for information and needful to

1. Dr. Annie Bage.
2. Sister Marties Grundler
3. Shri Hardugan More.



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To

Dr. Christian Berg,

Director Gossner Mission

1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)

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West Germany.

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

From GELChurch Ranchi/Bihar/India

April 20th, 1967
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Mr. N. E. Horo
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Mr. Horo:

We in our Gossner House were very glad to hear from Rev. Seeberg that your candidature for the Parliament of the Federal State Bihar was successful, and that you will be active as an elected representative in the highest legislative office in Patna. Congratulations, we appreciate the confidence which was given to you!

In the next issue of our journal we will report to our friends about this event, which we appreciate as a sign that the members of our G.E.L. Church participate in the public responsibility in your country, and that they are not afraid of the difficulties, which such a political duty will include.

I realize a little, what this successful election will mean to you personally with regard to the discussions within the G.E.L. Church concerning you. I am especially glad for you, as this election means somehow a public rehabilitation of you.

You would do me as well as our friends in Germany a favour, if you would write us (about one or two typed pages), what you think about your most urgent tasks as a delegate in Patna. This would interest many people in Germany, to whom your name is not unknown. I hope you will not be too busy to comply with this request occasionally.

With kindest regards and again congratulations,

Very sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Christian Berg)

April 20th, 1967
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G.E.M. Church Command
Lancet, Bihar
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With kindest regards and again congratulations,
Very sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Christian Berg)

April 17

Mein hochw. Freund setzen wir für uns selbst den Rev. Seeborg
in Aussicht aufzunehmen, daß Ihre Kandidatur für das Parlament
des Bundesstaats sicher erfolgreich war und Sie als gewählter Vertreter
in den obersten Legislativ Organen in Action tätig sein werden. Hochw. Rück-
grüße für die Ihnen entgegengebrachte Gastfreundschaft.

Was dies, insbesondere Neß auf für Sie persönlich bedeutet, ersieht man
aus den Ausführungen, die in der Selbstbiographie mit Ihrer Mutter verbunden
sind, wenn auch eine kleine wenig. Auch das sollte für Sie sein,
weil dies Ihre Neß etwas wie eine öffentliche Rehabilitation darstellt.

Sie würden mir hier und allen in Deutschland eine große Freude bereiten,
wenn Sie auf eine bis zwei Arbeitseffizienz Tische ~~Sand~~ schreiben würden, wo
auch die Ihre vorzüglichen Aufgebau als Abgesandter in Petrus sein.
Daher würden Sie sich in Deutschland ~~interessieren~~ ^{interessieren}, wenn Sie keine jetzt un-
bekannt ist. Besonders erlaubt Ihnen Ihre hohe Frauengruppe jetzt
die plötzliche Stellung des Fitts

Yours sincerely
Christian Fey

S p e r r f r i s t: Frei ab
Sonntag, 19. Februar, 11.30 Uhr

Z u m Z e i t g e s c h e h e n

"Gott läßt sich nicht spotten"

Justizminister Heinemann gegen Verschärfung des Gotteslästerungsparagraphen

epd Bethel, 18. Februar 67. Gegen die seit Jahren im Regierungsentwurf zur Strafrechtsreform geplante Verschärfung des sogenannten Gotteslästerungsparagraphen, nach dem in Zukunft die Gotteslästerung nicht erst strafbar sein soll, wenn Ärgernis genommen wurde, sondern schon, wenn sie geeignet ist, Ärgernis zu erregen, hat sich Bundesjustizminister Dr. Dr. Gustav W. Heinemann ausgesprochen. In einem Fernsehinterview mit dem Westdeutschen Rundfunk erklärte Heinemann, er sei zwar an die Regierungsvorlage gebunden, Änderungen des Entwurfs seien aber während der Beratungen im Strafrechtsausschuß noch möglich. Nicht Gott sei Gegenstand staatlichen strafrechtlichen Schutzes, sondern der öffentliche Friede bei religiösen oder weltanschaulichen Auseinandersetzungen. "Wir sollten alle wissen, Gott läßt sich nicht spotten", sagte Heinemann wörtlich.

Gegen kirchliches Privileg

Der Bundesjustizminister wandte sich gegen ein kirchliches Privileg auf diesem Gebiet. Seiner Ansicht nach sind neben den Kirchen "alle Weltanschauungsgemeinschaften" in der pluralistischen Gesellschaft gleichberechtigt. Sie verdienten daher bei der öffentlichen Erörterung von religiösen oder weltanschaulichen Fragen strafrechtlichen Schutz in gleicher Weise.

Geltendes Strafgesetz genügt nicht

Zu der Frage, ob das gesamte geltende Strafgesetz der Bundesrepublik nicht schon ein Mindestmaß von Toleranz und Anstand gewähre und ob deshalb ein eigener Paragraph überhaupt notwendig sei, meinte Heinemann, es sei eben zu fragen, ob dieses Mindestmaß auch in "diesem sehr neuralgischen Bereich religiöser Auseinandersetzungen" hinreichend unter straflichem Schutz stehe. Eine persönliche Beleidigung bei solch einer Auseinandersetzung sei natürlich strafbar unter den beiden Personen, die es angehe; aber bei der Regierungsvorlage sei ja an die öffentlichen Diskussionen gedacht, an das "Hinauswirken durch große oder auch grobe Erklärungen in die Allgemeinheit hinein". Hier müsse unter Umständen doch eine strafrechtliche Grenze zu setzen sein. Der Minister lehnte damit die u.a. von dem Präses der Evangelischen Kirche im Rheinland, Prof. Dr. Joachim Beckmann, erhobene Forderung ab, den Gotteslästerungsparagraphen ganz fallen zu lassen.

Strafrechtliche Normen nicht beiseite schieben

Dem Einwand, daß bei Inkrafttreten des Paragraphen gerade durch einen großen Prozeß eine Gotteslästerung eine viel größere Breitenwirkung erhalten könne, als sie es sonst hätte, wenn man sie nicht mit aller Schwere des kriminellen Strafrechts ahnden würde, hielt der Minister entgegen, man könne nicht die strafrechtlichen Normen überhaupt beiseite schieben, nur weil ein Prozeß Aufsehen erzeuge.

drbg/br
Berlin 41, August 5, 1966

To the
Superintendent of the KSS Office
Mr. N.E. Horo
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR
India

Dear Mr. Horo,

I have not yet congratulated you on your appointment as Superintendent of the KSS Office in Ranchi. I like to do it today, all the more as already two letters have been sent by Rev. Toppo in which he protested against the decision of the KSS. I am very happy that you received majority of the votes of the KSS. May our Lord bless your service for our dear and manifold troubled Gossner Church.

I was also glad to hear from Brother Montag yesterday that the Children Aid Programm in and around Ranchi is running smoothly under your chairmanship and that much help can be given. I hope and wish that their will be no major difficulties until the end of October and that it will be completed successfully.

Could you, please, distribute the enclosed copies. I think that this task now also belongs to your new duties.

I hope that there will be a good cooperation between us.

With kind regards,
I am Yours in the Lord,

Encl.

Horo August 1866.

Lieber Bruder Minz.

2c. Your letter to the Prammth Adhyaksh from 25th of July
Mr. N. E. Horo's resignation resp. appointment as Superintendent
of the KSS office.

Ich möchte Ihnen mit herzlichem Dank Ihren Brief vom 25. Juli bestätigen.
Weil die Angelegenheit so ernst ist, habe ich es dankbar empfunden, dass sich
Ihr Brief so wohlthätig unterscheidet von 2 Briefen, die mir Rev. Toppo zu-
gehen liess in der gleichen Sache, die im wesentlichen nur erbitterte Feindschaft
gegen den christlichen Bruder N. E. Horo atmeten. Ihr Brief ist dagegen
entscheidend von der tiefen Sorge um die Zukunft & Einheit der Horo-
Kirche erfüllt. Das habe ich wohlthätig berührt & dankbar empfunden.

Das Protokoll der Juli Sitzung des KSS ist noch nicht in meine Hand. Ich
kann also nicht beurteilen, ob auch formelle Fehler bei der Wahl des KSS office Super-
intendenten gemacht wurden. Dass dieser Punkt am Ende der Sitzung, als schon
wichtige Mitglieder abgereist waren, verhandelt wurde, was nicht richtig war.
So ist ihr Postulate nach corroborative ~~Wörter~~ ^(für) aller Art sicher legitim
und sollte die Gelegenheit zur Wiedererwägung der stilligen Frage geben.

Was mich aus der Ferne an der ganzen Frage aber tief bekümmert
— und zwar geistlich — ist dies: Durch Japre hindurch lässt eine christliche
Kirche einem ihrer Brüder & Diener unter dem schrecklichen Verdacht, er habe
zu seinem Nutzen kirchliche Gelder in vielen Tausenden unterschlagen. Das wird
von Mund zu Mund geredet und in Memoranden geschrieben. Andererseits lässt
sich diese Kirche den Dienst dieses Mannes in vielfältigen Funktionen gefallen.
Weder diszipliniert sie ihn — wenn er schuldig war — noch rettet sie seine Ehre —
wenn er das nicht getan hat, was von ihm behauptet wird. Sie weicht einer
Entscheidung aus. Das ist ungeistlich gehandelt, vergiftend und betrübt den Heili-
gen Geist. Die Schwächung der wirksamen Administration im Zentrum der Kirche
ist die böse Folge dieser Unentschiedenheit. Dass diese ^{Sache} ~~Unentschiedenheit~~ ^{ein Aufheben und die Streitfrage} ~~Unentschiedenheit~~ ^{aufgehoben}
gottlob wurde, das war der Sinn & das Ziel meines Briefes Mitte April an den Präsidenten in dieser
Sache. Hoffentlich geschieht das jetzt — spät, sehr spät! — Ob nun Bruder Horo das Amt erhält
oder nicht, als christlichem Bruder sollten Sie alle als seine Brüder ihm das Recht widerfahren
lassen, ~~etwas~~ ^{etwas} er erwarten kann; ein kluges geistliches Urteil über sein Tun ~~zu fällen~~ ^{auszusprechen}.

Wissen Sie, dass wir diesem, erfüllen Sie alle, die die Verantwortung sind,
mit Weisheit, Mut und Friede! Ich wünsche Ihnen einen glücklichen
Christenfest.

Pfadfinder "Zwischen Steinzeit und Atomzeitalter"

900 beim Landesmarklager in den Vogesen / Europa-Festival

epd Stuttgart, 2. August. "Zwischen Steinzeit und Atomzeitalter" lebten rund 900 evangelische Pfadfinder von 13 bis 17 Jahren, die am Landesmarklager der Christlichen Pfadfinderschaft Württembergs (CP) im Wormsatal in den Vogesen teilnahmen. Dieses erste schwäbische CP-Lager im Ausland, das heute zu Ende geht, hatte als Höhepunkt ein "Europa-Festival", bei dem die jungen Schwaben vor zahlreichen Gästen aus Württemberg und dem Elsaß ein buntes internationales Programm darboten.

Mit viel Fantasie und Einfühlungsvermögen verkörperten die Pfadfinder verschiedene europäische Nationen. Sie führten Volkstänze vor, sangen Lieder in Originalsprachen und bauten mit einfachen Mitteln ein großes Wikinger-Schiff und eine Windmühle. Sie übten sich ferner in der Kunst des politischen Kabarets und konnten Orff'schen Instrumenten auch Beatmusik entlocken. Weit über 1.000 Menschen erlebten vor drei großen Lagerfeuern den festlichen Abend mit.

Ehe es zu diesem Höhepunkt kam, mußten die Pfadfinder - es waren hauptsächlich Ober- und Mittelschüler - mit primitiven Mitteln eine zwar romantische aber unwirtliche Landschaft bewohnbar machen. Zwischen Geröllhalden und Felsbrocken schlugen sie auf Weidewiesen weit verstreut 160 Zelte auf. Sie bauten Brücken über einen Wildbach und schufen zahlreiche Kochgelegenheiten. Bei Pfadfindern ist nämlich Gemeinschaftsverpflegung nicht üblich. Jede Gruppe von etwa zehn Mann hatte den Ehrgeiz, ihr Leben selber zu gestalten. Einziger Wohnkomfort waren die Luftmatratzen. Den Kontakt zur Moderne stellten zahlreiche Transistor-Radios her.

104 koreanische Krankenschwestern in Deutschland eingetroffen

26 Schwesternschülerinnen werden in Bethel ausgebildet

epd Bethel, 2. August. 104 Krankenschwestern aus Südkorea trafen am vergangenen Wochenende, aus der südkoreanischen Hauptstadt Seoul kommend, auf dem Köln-Bonner Flughafen ein. Die Schwestern werden in den evangelischen Orthopädischen Heil-, Lehr- und Pflegeanstalten Volmarstein und in Krankenhäusern in Wanne-Eickel, Witten, Bochum und Dortmund eingesetzt, die sich um die Einstellung der Koreanerinnen bemüht hatten. Als Vermittler hatten sich die Diakonische Gesellschaft für Korea, das Sozialministerium in Seoul und die koreanisch-überseeische Entwicklungsgesellschaft zur Verfügung gestellt.

26 Schwesternschülerinnen aus Korea, die in den nächsten fünf Jahren in der westfälischen Diakonissen-Anstalt Sarepta in Bethel zu Krankenschwestern ausgebildet werden, sind am vergangenen Sonntag in Bethel eingetroffen. Die Evangelische Kirche in Südkorea hatte sich vor einiger Zeit an die v. Bodelschwinghschen Anstalten mit der Bitte gewandt, die jungen Mädchen im Alter von 18 bis 26 Jahren auszubilden. Das erste Jahr in Bethel soll der Eingewöhnung und dem Erlernen der deutschen Sprache dienen. Danach folgt eine dreijährige Ausbildungszeit in der Krankenpflegeschule. Die Lehrzeit schließt mit einem einjährigen Gemeindepraktikum ab.

Landesbischof Lilje nach Genf

epd Hannover, 2. August. Zur Teilnahme an einer Tagung des Exekutivkomitees des Weltrates der Kirchen, die vom 8. bis 11. August dauert, reist der hannoversche Landesbischof D. Dr. Hanns Lilje nach Genf. Die Konferenz wird sich mit Fragen der nächsten Vollversammlung des Weltrates der Kirchen beschäftigen, die 1968 in Uppsala (Schweden) stattfindet. Im Anschluß an diese Tagung leitet Bischof Lilje eine Studiengruppe des Exekutivkomitees, die sich mit dem Thema "Die Kirche und die Massenkommunikationsmittel" befaßt.

Die Gemeinden der Badischen Landeskirche haben die diesjährige Aktion "Brot für die Welt" mit 1.228.236 DM unterstützt. Dieser Betrag stellt gegenüber dem Spendenaufkommen von 890.500 DM im Jahre 1965 eine Steigerung um 38 Prozent dar. Da die Kosten für Organisation und Verwaltung von landeskirchlichen Stellen übernommen worden waren, konnte der gesamte Betrag seiner Bestimmung zugeführt werden. (epd)

OFFICE OF THE ADHYAKSH OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL G.E.L.CHURCH.

Rev. Bimal Minz,
Adhyaksh.

G.E.L.Church, Gumla.
25th July, 1966.

Ref.No.203/66/F-7.

Subject:- SRI.N.E.HORO'S RESIGNATION.

Eingegangen

- 8. AUG. 1966

Erfledigt:

To,

The Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

With deep hearted I want to let you know my comment on the above subject. I am very sorry that necessity compelled me to be absent from the KSS meeting when this matter was brought on the table on the last extended day. I had seen Mr.Horo's resignation out side meeting on the 9th instant and that is why I did not return on tat. day. I expected this matter on the day, but it was not tabled. I had in my mind to express myself fully on this matter before any decission takes place, but I could not.

Dear sir, in my observation the KSS has done blunder on the last day of the KSS meeting during your regime. This action of the KSS shows that the KSS, being the highest authority of the Church, does not like peace in the Church. There are thousands in the Church who do not like to see Mr.Horo in the KSS office, and especially as office superintendent, knowing which Mr.Horo himself wanted to be away from the office and so resigned. But the KSS, instead of accepting his resignation, rejected and appointed him as office superintendent. Now the KSS will see its re-action in the Church.

I am much more sorry that my note (suggestion to accept resignation) on this subject was of no importance to the KSS. The KSS should have given some importance atleast to it, as I sent the note before being absent from the meeting for some important reasons. I never did so in the past, but this time I did so only to help the KSS on right direction on this grave situation. The KSS should have accepted Mr.Horo's resignation and have given nice farewell. According to the situation of the Church, Mr.Horo did the right thing, but the KSS could not see it for which I am really very sorry.

Dear sir, perhaps you could have understood me that since the KSS took an oath to work for peace in the Church, I have tried my best to stand for peace in the Church, but the KSS did such thing which will surely revive the disturbances in the Church again, and therefore I cannot share with the KSS the blames to come. As I was absent from the KSS meeting with my note, I will stand with the KSS in this matter, rather I will also oppose every where. Please do not misunderstand me, I have nothing personal against Mr.Horo, but keeping in view the peace of the whole Church, it was good for Mr. Horo to be away from the KSS office and he did the right thing. It is the KSS which has done such blunder. This action of the KSS will never be for good of the Church, rather it will lead the Church towards bad to worse.

Lastly I request you sir, as the appointment of Mr.Horo as office superintendent of the KSS office will affect the whole Church, it must be sent to all Anchals for its corroborative decisions as per constitution. Vide-

- (1)- Art.4-Part.II-6(d)-(ii)-Page-4.
- (2)- Art.21.-II-(a)-Page-26.
- (3)- Corroborative votes are essential as it was a disputed matter for last 6 years.

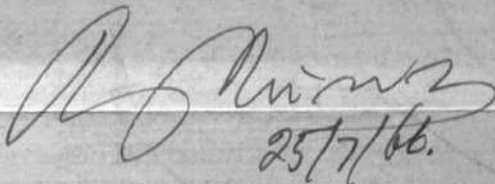
(P.T.O.).

Untill corroborative votes are obtained from the Anchals, no effect be given to this decision of the KSS, i.e. appointment of Mr. Horo as office superintendent of the KSS office rejecting hi resignation.

Copy to:-

- (1) The Secretary, KSS, Kadma Khunti.
- (2) The Treasurer, KSS, Chainpur.
- (3) The Adhyakshas, SE, Assam and Orissa.
- (4) The Secretary, NWA, Chainpur.
- (5) The Rev. C.G. Schmidt, Ranchi.
- (6) All KSS members of the NWA.
- (7) The Director C. Berg, Germany. ✓

Yours Faithfully,


25/7/66.

(B. Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal, Gumla.

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25. Oktober 1966
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Rev. Paulus Kerkhetta
G.E.L. Church Compound

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Lieber Bruder Kerkhetta!

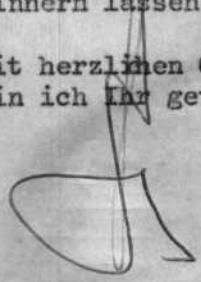
Ich darf gewiß deutsch an Sie schreiben, weil Sie immer noch einen Brief aus dem Gossner Haus sicherlich gut lesen können.

Angefügt ist ein Grußwort von Herrn Bischof Scharf und mir im Namen des Kuratoriums an Rev. C.B. Aind anlässlich der Übernahme des Amtes als Präsident der Gossnerkirche am 1. November 1966. Wir haben das Original heute gleichzeitig an ihn gesandt. Wenn ich es am selben Tage an Sie schicke, so deshalb, weil ich glaube, daß Sie sehr erfreut sind, es für die nächste Ausgabe des Gharbandu für den Abdruck mit vorbereiten zu können. Ob Sie das in englisch tun oder nochmals in Hindi übersetzen, möchte ich Ihnen bzw. dem Redaktionskomitee gern überlassen. Sicher werden viele Leser des Gharbandu diesen Gruß der Verbundenheit aus Berlin mit der Gossnerkirche gern lesen.

Ich freue mich sehr, daß uns nun seit einigen Monaten regelmäßig der Gharbandu hier im Gossner Haus erreicht, die Studenten ihn lesen können und sie so auf diese Weise mit der Gossnerkirche verbunden sind. Wir lassen uns immer von einem von ihnen von dem Inhalt berichten, da wir ja leider Hindi nicht lesen können.

Und nun werden ja bald Pastor Seeberg, Professor Vogel und Paul Singh bei Ihnen sein, und ich denke daran, wie gerade auch Sie sich durch diese Besuche gern an Ihre Jahre in Berlin erinnern lassen werden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr getreuer



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Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

School Building

HEADQUARTERS CONGREGATION RANCHI

Rev. C. B. AIND,
Pramukh Adhyaksh, Chairman

Sri B. KHESS, B. A.
Secretary

Sri J. HORO, B. A.
Treasurer

Assistant Pastors :-

Rev. S. SURIN

Rev. L. TETE

Rev. J. MINZ

Ref.....

Date.....

To,
The Mission Inspector,
Pastor See Berg,

Respected Sir,

As we have embarked upon a gigantic School Building Construction with sparkingly hopeful adventures. A promising youth with dynamic dash, like you, is certainly a proud asset for our church, encouraging us to develop the Institutions.

We are, indeed, sincerely and profoundly, grateful to the Mother Church, in Germany, for having contributed their maximum aid and guidance for developing our schools Institutions.

I, on behalf of the Head Quarters Congregation Ranchi, submit herewith the Plan and Estimates through your gracious co-operation for help.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely,

(Bh. Khess) *BK* 4.2.67
Secretary,

Head Quarters Congregation,
RANCHI.

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

HEADQUARTERS CONGREGATION
RANCHI

Rev. S. BURIN
Rev. L. TITH
Rev. J. MINN

Rev. G. B. AND
Rev. A. B. AND
Rev. B. KINGS, B. A.
Rev. J. TITH, B. A.

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We are, indeed, sincerely and gratefully, aware
that to the latter church, in Norway, for having contributed
their talents and knowledge to developing our schools
and churches.
I am confident that the good workers among you
will, with love and the best of intentions, return
our share of our attention.
Yours sincerely,
J. Tith

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To Dr Christian Berg
Rev Martin Seeborg.

Church of Christ in Thailand
14. Pramany Road
Bangkok
18th Dec 1967

21. DEZ. 1967

Dear Rev. Seeborg,

You must have received my letter which I wrote at the beginning of my sea-journey. I have reached the destination of my sea-journey and I shall stay here to-day and to-morrow to see some mangostin garden. I shall also visit the International Rice Research Institute under F.A.O.

O! it was a wonderful experience in the sea with my 'Hai Hing', a Norwegian ship plying majestically braving against all stormy weather and waves. The rising of the sun, sun-set, the rising of the moon and the moon-set (my expression) over the sea were wonderful. And what was more, the quiet time to give serious thoughts not only for writing reports and planning but over God's plan of His wonderful works and our duties for the upkeep of His creation. First of all I thank God and thank Dr Berg also as I remember it was his original suggestion to me to return by ship.

On the 9th and 10th the weather was very stormy and so I got sea-sickness. But it was also good for the nerves and tissues as they got compulsory rest-for repair.

I have finished writing my report and my plan of work too. Altogether it is 20 pages. As it is too long, I shall get it typed in the first week of January 1968. This will also give me to re-read it several times for corrections or additions. I shall submit a copy to the Premukh Adhyaksh and copies to the members of the K. S. S. I am reaching Ranchi on the 21st Dec 1967. Thank you Rev. Seeborg for your arrangement of my study in Japan.

With kindest regards, Happy
Xmas & a Happy New Year.
Very truly, Yours, Herman
Lakra

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

11 December 1967
drbg/go

Rev. C. B. Aind, President
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind:

Just returned from a bigger one week ecumenical consultation in Yugoslavia, I am glad to find your letter of December 6th, in which you acknowledge receipt of the last remittances (rice for the theological institutions and for the planning commission) and on the other hand ask for Herman Lakra's safe return.

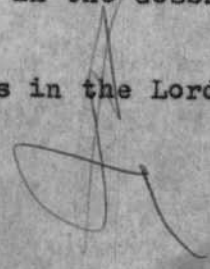
I hasten to send you the original document, in which Brother Lakra acknowledged the obligation to serve his church at least three years with agricultural work after his studies abroad, which he could finish with the help of the Gossner Mission.

However, a trip to Israel, as planned, could not be realized, but it became a trip to Japan, and the departure was delayed into the year 1967. Thus according to my opinion the period of his work for the G.E.L. Church would be from 1968 to 1970, but on principle he agreed to this obligation.

I suggest to consult with Director Bruns of Khuntitoli, how after his stay in Japan Herman Lakra's now improved abilities could be used best for the Gossner Mission. *Mark*

With kindest regards from all of us in the Gossner House and best wishes for a blessed Christmas,

Yours in the Lord,



Encl.

Rev. J. B. Allen, Secretary
G. F. L. Carson, Treasurer
R. H. L. Carson, Secretary
J. B. L. Carson, Secretary

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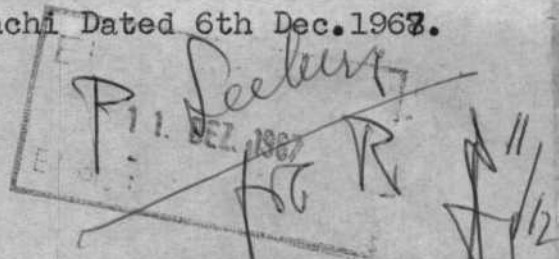
GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI.

No.636/67/PA-13

Ranchi Dated 6th Dec.1967.

To

Dr.Christian Berg
Director Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystr 19/20 West Berlin.



Subject:-Mr.Herman Lakra's work after returning from Japan.

Dear Brother Berg,

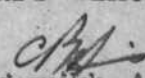
I am worried about the above mentioned subject. While I was in Berlin in Gossner House I told you that there is nothing in writing about Mr.Herman Lakra's future work after he returns from Japan.I faintly remember that you were suggesting to start farm at Jonha near Lali.May be you have expressed this view in some of your letters to Mr.Herman Lakra. If there is something in black and white in the office of the Gossner Mission,I shall be very much thankful to you to communicate to me the same.If at all a farm is to be started at Jonha,how to meet the initial expenses for the establishment of the farm together with the payment of Mr.Lakra and other workers like farm overseer to be appointed under him ? You are respectfully requested to write to me in full detail about all these things by return of post.

I have already received the invitation letter.I am indeed very grateful to you for it.Now I hope it will help me in obtaining the extension of my passport for which I am going to apply very soon.

On behalf of the Gossner Church I express heartfelt gratitude to the Gossner Kuratorium for the remittance of money to buy rice for the Theological institutions and also for the remaining amounts in the planning commission heads.

With best regards and compliments,

Yours Sincerely,


Pramukh Adhyaksh
GELChurch Ranchi.

cc; The Secretary Property Board.

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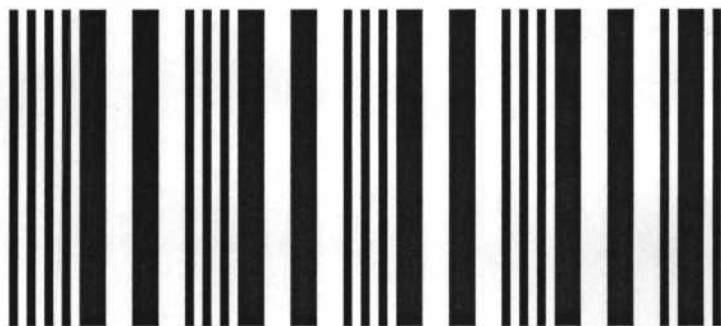
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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

C. E. Church
Ranchi/Bihar
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Rev. Martin Seeberg
Gossner Mission

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Sender's name and address

Harman Lakee

Osaka, Japan

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of the Ship who is a Norwegian Luth-
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ka, Kobe and Moje in Japan. And then
it will stop at Hongkong and then
finally at Bangkok. At Bangkok I intend
to stay for two or three days just to
observe the environmental conditions
of crops and fruit trees. I wish to
see some mangostin fruit trees for
which Thailand is famous. I like to
visit the International Rice Institute
under F.A.O. in Bangkok. After this I have
no alternative but to fly to Calcutta.
So I shall be at Ranchi before Xmas.

I thank our Lord God, the Father
of all mercies for giving me health,
energy and patience to study in
Japan. Let His name be praised and
I pray for more blessing and wisdom
so that I may be able to do for

October 24th, 1967
psb/go

Mr. Herman Lakra
Tsurukawa Rural Institute
2024 Nozuta
Machida Shi
Tokyo, JAPAN

Dear Mr. Lakra:

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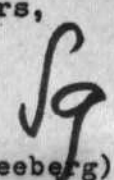
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Of course, the Gossner Mission - according to our agreement - will pay your return trip. Moreover, you wrote us a number of requests, especially concerning your agricultural work in Chotanagpur, which we would like to consider. As the Gossner Mission has many obligations towards the Gossner Church and has to fulfill many tasks, it is not easy for us to comply with your wishes.

However, we want to show you, how valuable we deem your training and how much we promote your start in Chotanagpur. Therefore, we decided to send you Rps 4000 of the amount you requested. We will remit the equivalent in Japanese Yen for you to the account of the institute. According to our experiences the money will be available for you after about two weeks.

With best wishes for your last weeks in Japan and for your return trip, I remain, with kindest regards,

Very truly yours,


(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

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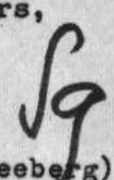
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Very truly yours,


(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

October 24th, 1957
Day 30

Mr. Norman Latta
Theodore Roosevelt
5255 Torrance
Marina del
Torrre, Calif.

Dear Mr. Latta:

I received your letter dated October 9th, and we were very glad to hear from you. I am very glad to hear that you are very much interested in the mission that your studies in Japan will be a success, especially as you are content with your experiences till now. We think your report about finishing your studies in Japan will give us more details. Then we will answer your questions more exactly.

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Of course, the Japanese Mission - according to our agreement - will pay your return trip. Moreover, you wrote as a number of requests, especially concerning your educational work in Chotanagawa, which we would like to consider. As the Japanese Mission has many children, we think the Japanese Church and are to fulfill many needs, it is not easy for us to comply with your wishes.

However, we want to show you how valuable we deem your training and how much we promote your work in Chotanagawa. Therefore, we decided to send you the \$500 of the amount you requested. We will send the equivalent in Japanese Yen for you to the account of the mission. According to our experience the money will be available for you after about two weeks.

With best wishes for your last weeks in Japan and for your return trip, I remain, with kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

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(Rev. Martin Latta)

Director Dr Berg.
Gossner Mission
Berlin, West Germany.

Iwukawa Rural Institute
2024 Nozuta
Hachida Shi
Tokyo, Japan
16. OKT. 1967
11th October 1967

Dear Sir,

My stay here in Japan is now six months. I am much thankful that my study for gaining more knowledge of agriculture was arranged here in Japan. The country is full of hills and dales and forest too like that of Chotanagpur plateau. There are many small and big rivers. In some places the soil is poor and in some places it is rich - some sandy, some loamy and some hard. As regards climate it is much more colder in some months. But it has its summer and rainy season. July and August were rather hot. From Sept we feel cold and now it has become very cold. It is increasing rapidly and I think by November it will be very much cold - at least for me who is coming from a tropical country.

Here agriculture has been developed much and in recent years it has advanced much. Thanks God that I have been sent here. Though only 29% of families are engaged in agriculture, Japan was not to worry much for feeding its population. In India more than 70% families are engaged in agriculture and still we have to face the problems of starvation. If we can teach the people the pattern of agriculture done here in Japan, I believe we shall be of much help to the poor people of Chotanagpur. God will surely help us in the ministry of feeding poor people when we are dedicating our works to God.

Up to June we received lectures on general agriculture. On rice cultivation we received special instructions by Govt. Experts.

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We also received instructions on horticulture, poultry, and piggery and dairy. Fine afternoons in a week we do practical works. In the month of July we visited in a group several agricultural schools, Agricultural experimental stations, Farm management schools, social centres, mission stations, small scale industries, some factories & garden and nurseries of private gardeners. After this we travelled individually and halted here and there for the study of our special individual projects. We stayed in some agricultural schools too. We travelled south-west and north in Japan. I have specialized in horticulture. Now from 16th September we are again in Tsurukawa to receive our theoretical lectures and to do some practical works too.

Besides agriculture we are also receiving religious instructions on worship, evangelism, pastoral care, concept of nature in old Testament and a critical study of St. Mark etc. At the end of the Session I shall give you a detail report of about 10 pages as instructed by you in the beginning.

The time has now come to arrange for my return to India. You had advised me that while returning back to India I should return by ship for two reasons—(1) to have an experience of the journey by ship and (2) the most important reason is that I shall have quiet time to prepare my final scheme for my future work.

I met the agents of the shipping company and they told me that on account of the Suez troubles the European passenger ships are not going to India. They are only touching Colombo. There are no Indian passenger ships and so I have decided to go by Indian cargo



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Ship. The arrangement is being done through 'H/S
 Hongkong & ^{Eastern} Shipping Company'. They told me that the
 passage money will be Rs 1575/-. I was told that
 the cargo ship named 'State of Gujarat' will leave
 Yokohama port on the 25th Nov. 1967. I want to take
 some agricultural implements and vinyl sheets.
 Vinyl sheets will be of much use in doing
 agriculture as I wish to do some pioneering
 works when I return to India. I also want to
 take two thousand small rubber gamlas (pots) for
 raising strong and healthy seedlings before
 transplanting the seedlings. It is growing cold
 very fast and so I need some warm clothes too.

I, therefore, request you to kindly send
 me the following amount as detailed below in
 the shape of U.S.A. dollar; and for this I shall be
 much thankful.

I Passage money (a) for cargo ship - - - - -		Rs 1575
(b) Transport charge for myself and my luggage in taxi from Institute to Yokohama Port		Rs 120
(c) Travelling expenses for about 3 weeks in a cargo ship - - - - -		Rs 250
(d) Expenses which I might have to incur while taking delivery of things - - - - -		Rs 100
(e) Travel expenses from Calcutta to Ranchi - - - - -		Rs 45
II Vinyl sheets of worth - - - - -		Rs 1000
III 4" Rubber gamlas (pots) for raising seedlings - - -		Rs 600
IV Small agricultural implements - - -		Rs 350
V For warm clothes - one coat, one long pent and one cover coat - - - - -		Rs 350
		<u>Rs 4390</u>

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May I also request you for some extra money for purchasing some things for my children and home.

I am keeping well through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hope you and Rev. Seeborg are all hale and hearty.

With kind regards + wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

Hermon Lakra.
10/10/67

My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 10th and
am very glad to hear from you. I am well and
hope this finds you the same.

I have been thinking much lately of the
many of our dear friends who have
gone to the other side and the work
that is being done for them.

Yours truly,
John Gossner
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June 23rd, 1967
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Director Toshihiro Takami
Tsurukawa Rural Institute
2024 Nozuta
Machida Shi
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Director Takami:

We were very glad about your letter of June 13th from which we learned, that Mr. Hermann Lakra is well established in your institute, and that he as the eldest participant of the course has an inspiring influence upon the younger members of the group. We can imagine that in spite of his age he will with great interest learn the new theories and methods of agricultural work, which you in Japan are in a position to teach him. Also we hope, that later Mr. Lakra like Mr. Kandulna now in Khuntitoli will use this knowledge for the blessing of his church und for the welfare of his needy country India.

It was of special interest for us, that you will at the end of June on your way to New Delhi stay also in Ranchi, Bihar, in order to make the acquaintance of the church, from which you accepted now the second student. Unfortunately our agricultural expert Mr. Bruns will not be present in Khuntitoli, because he is in Germany for a short vacation, but we hope, that you will be able to contact his friends and to arrange some helpful assistance with regard to occasional sending of seeds. We wish you a pleasant stay in Chotanagpur and then in Alahabad and New Delhi.

We regret that because of the late departure of Mr. Lakra from India the \$500 fee for the course were not sent in time. The amount will be sent immediately today. We received with thanks the acknowledgment of the receipt of \$100, for which you will kindly equip Mr. Lakra with pocket money.

Grateful for the cooperation with your institute, dear Director Takami, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Director Dr. Berg)

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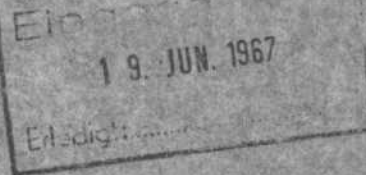
June 13, 1967

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TOKYO, JAPAN

TEL. (0427) 32-8775

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Dr. Christian Berg, director
Gössner Mission
1000 Berlin 41
Handjerystraße 19 - 20
Germany



Dear Dr. Berg:

We have received U.S.\$100.— from your office and have forwarded the same in Japanese currency to Mr. Hermann Lakra for his pocket money.

It is indeed our pleasure to have Mr. Lakra with us at Tsurukawa Rural Institute. Being 59 years of age he is by far the eldest in our group. But his enthusiasm and interest in our common task is giving significant influence upon the younger members of the South East Asia group. It is our hope that his experience with us will be some help for his people in India.

I wish to inform you that I will be visiting the Gössner Mission Station in Ranchi, Bihar, India on the 30th of June on my way to Alahabad and New Delhi. I will be bringing some vegetable seeds for experiments. If these seeds prove to be helpful for the people in that area we would hope to offer our assistance by sending more seeds. It will be good for me to visit the area where Mr. Lakra and Mr. Kandulna work.

Previously, you have agreed to send us U.S.\$500 for Mr. Lakra's tuition, field practice and field trip expenses. If you will do so in the near future it will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Toshihiro Takami
Director

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Tourism Bureau Rural Institute

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June 13, 1967

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Dr. Christian Berg, Director
Gossner Mission
1000 Berlin St.
Homburg, 19 - 30
Germany

Dear Dr. Berg:

We have received U.S. \$100. — from your office and have forwarded the same in Japanese currency to Mr. Tetsuo Iwano for his pocket money.

It is indeed our pleasure to have Mr. Iwano with us at Tourism Bureau Rural Institute. Being 59 years of age he is by far the eldest in our group. But his enthusiasm and interest in our common task is giving significant influence upon the younger members of the South East Asia group. It is our hope that his experience with us will be some help for his people in India.

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Previously, you have agreed to send us U.S. \$100 for Mr. Iwano's tuition, field practice and field trip expenses. If you will do so in the near future it will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Toshiko Iwano
Toshiko Iwano
Director

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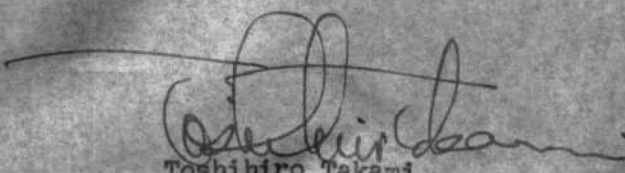
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Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of U.S.\$100.--
for Mr. Hermann Lakra which you sent on behalf of the
Gössner Mission Zut. 27\$ A/6 through the The Bank of
Tokyo Ltd., Head Office in Tokyo. We received
36,130 Japanese yen, equivalent to \$100.--, from the
Bank of Tokyo on the 23rd of May and forwarded the sum
to Mr. Hermann Lakra.

Thank you very much for your kind service.

Cordially yours,


Toshihiro Takami
Director

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✓ cc: Rev. M. Seeberg

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18 JUN 1957

Urban Ministry Council

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This is to acknowledge the receipt of \$100.00 from the Japanese Christian Community of the City of Tokyo, Inc., 1000 Hawaiian, Honolulu, Hawaii, for the purchase of a new car for the use of the Japanese Christian Community of the City of Tokyo, Inc. The car is being used for the purpose of transporting the members of the community to and from the church and other places of interest.

Thank you very much for your gift.

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May 2nd, 1967
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Mr. Toshihiro Takami
Tsurukawa Rural Institute
2024 Nozuta
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Tokyo, Japan

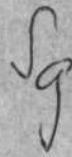
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From Mr. Herman Lakra we heard that after some difficulties he has joined your institute, and we are glad that Mr. Lakra -just as formerly Mr. Kandulna- is now in the position to find knowledge and experience in your institute, which will be very useful for him in his future service in India. The Gossner Mission is very grateful that your institute offers this occasion for an agricultural training.

Today we asked the treasurer of the Gossner Mission to remit the amount of \$ 100 to you, which shall be pocket-money for Mr. Lakra.

Very cordially yours,

(Rev. M. Seeberg)



cc: Mr. Herman Lakra

May 2nd, 1937
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Tokyo, Japan

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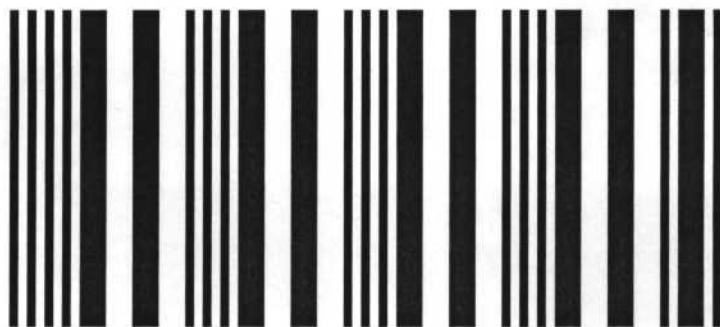
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Very cordially yours,

[Handwritten signature]

(Rev. H. ...)

cc: Mr. ...



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Einverständnis

28. APR. 1967

Erläutert:

Tsurukawa Rural Dist.
2024 Nozuta
Machida Shi
Totejo, Japan
23-4-67

To Rev. Seeborg

Dear Sir,

As the Japanese consulate at Calcutta could not issue visa for more than six months, they sent cable to Japan and ~~so~~ it took 15 days to get the reply. Then came the question of Reserve Bank & foreign Exchange and in this way I was delayed full three weeks in Calcutta. This could not be helped. Any way thanks God I reached here on the 18th April 1967.

This place is nice. People too are good. But I have to adapt myself according to their Japanese ways of life and food habits. Our Director Takami is very good & sympathetic. I hope to learn many

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 Tokyo, Japan.

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 many necessary things.

I hope yourself and ~~all~~
 Dr. Berg are all well. I am
 keeping ^{well} through the mercy of
 our Lord Jesus Christ.

I request you to kindly
 send me the pocket money
 through Dr. Takami.

With-kind regards to you
 and to Dr. Berg.

Your brother in Christ.
 Harman
 23/4/67

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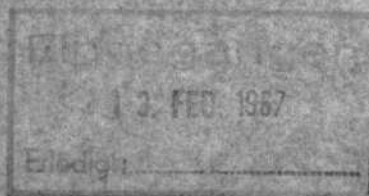
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Rev. Martin Seeberg
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi/Bihar
India



3-1-1967
Jan 13

Dear Rev. Seeberg:

This is to inform you that we have sent several copies of a statement of admission and a letter of invitation direct to Brother Lakra. Every assistance you may offer to Mr. Lakra in making travel arrangements will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,


Toshihiro Takami
Director

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✓ cc: Dr. Christian Berg, director

Tourneaux Rural Institute

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SOUTH EAST ASIAN CHRISTIAN RURAL LEADERS' TRAINING COURSE

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are application forms for the 1967 session of the South-East Asian Christian Rural Leaders Training Course of the Tsurukawa Rural Institute of the United Church of Christ in Japan. Please have the applicants complete the forms and have the statement by the church and two letters of recommendation sent to us as soon as possible.

During the past years some candidates have not been able to receive passports or visas to arrive here in April when the course begins. Therefore all applications must arrive here before October 30, 1966 in order to be considered for the 1967 session (which will be held April 3 to December 9, 1967).

Your thoughtful cooperation in selecting and recommending worthy candidates for the 1967 session of SIAC will be deeply appreciated.

May God continue to bless you and your work.

Sincerely yours,

Toshihiro Takami

Toshihiro Takami
Director

Tanukawa Rural Institute

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SOUTH EAST ASIAN CHRISTIAN LEADERS TRAINING COURSE

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are application forms for the 1967 session of the South East Asian Christian Leaders Training Course of the Tanukawa Rural Institute of the United Church of Christ in Japan. Please have the applicants complete the form and have the statement by the church and two letters of recommendation sent to us as soon as possible.

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Your thoughtful cooperation in selecting and recommending worthy candidates for the 1967 session of SLAC will be deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Please return to please you and your work.

Sincerely yours,
Tanukawa
Tanukawa
Director

SOUTH-EAST ASIA CHRISTIAN RURAL LEADERS' TRAINING COURSE

**Tsurukawa Rural Institute
The United Church of Christ in Japan**

To the Applicants for SEAC:

The following information will help you as you prepare to come to TSURUKAWA.

PASSPORT & VISA APPLICATION

1. Apply for passport and visa immediately. It may take several months for you to secure passport and visa.
2. Please apply for a student visa which allows you to stay in Japan for six months. The student visa is renewable for additional six months when you are in Japan. Please DO NOT apply for a TOURIST VISA which allows you to stay in Japan just two months and is renewable only once for two more months.
3. When you have applied for your Japanese visa, tell us immediately the date and place of application and your passport number.

Travel

1. Please inform us as soon as possible regarding your travel plan: the means of transportation, the place and date of your arrival in Japan, etc. Our Cable Address: SEACOURSE MACHIDA, Japan.
2. Travel lightly, you will have more things to carry when you leave Japan for home. Come prepared to WORK IN THE FIELD. Work clothes are available on the Japanese market for a moderate price. But you will save money if you will bring some of your old work clothes. Over coats, winter underwear, and heavy clothes are available for your use.
3. Bedding will be provided by the institute.
4. Send us 1 copy of your most recent photograph (passport picture) for identification purpose.
5. Write down the name of the SEAC director, the address of the Institute and the phone number and have it with you all the time. After arriving in Japan and before meeting someone from Tsurukawa the immigration officer will ask you your destination in Japan.

Rev. Toshihiro Takami, Director
South-East Asia Christian Rural Leaders' Training Course
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OUT-POST AND DISTRICTS WITH TRAINING COURSE
Tennokawa Rural Institute
The United Church of Christ in Japan

To the Applicant for BSA

The following information will help you as you prepare to come to TENNOKAWA.

PASSPORT & VISA APPLICATION

1. Apply for passport and visa immediately. Several months for you to secure passport and visa.
2. Please apply for a Japanese visa which allows you to stay in Japan for six months. The student visa is renewable for additional six months when you are in Japan. Please do NOT apply for TOURIST VISA which allows you to stay in Japan for two months and is renewable only once for two more months.
3. When you have applied for your Japanese visa, tell us immediately the date and place of application and your passport number.

Travel

1. Please inform us as soon as possible regarding your travel plans: the name of transportation, the date and date of your arrival in Japan, etc. Our office address: OMAGORI, NAGASAKI, Japan.
2. Travel lightly. You will have more things to carry when you leave Japan for home. Second baggage is NOT IN THE FIELD. Work clothes are available on the Japanese market for a moderate price. For you will have money if you will bring some of your old work clothes. Overcoats, winter underwear, and heavy clothes are available for you.

3. Nothing will be provided by the Institute.
4. Send us a copy of your most recent photograph (passport picture) for identification purposes.
5. Write down the name of the BSA director, the address of the Institute and the phone number and have it with you all the time. After arriving in Japan and before leaving from Tennokawa the immigration officer will ask you for identification in Japan.

For Enrollment in Tennokawa, Director
Tennokawa Rural Institute
Tennokawa, Nagasaki, Japan
Telephone: 092-32-8775
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H. Lakra

February 1st, 1967
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Director Toshihiro Takami
Tsurukawa Rural Institute
2024 Nozuta
Machida Shi
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Director Takami:

Thank you very much for your letters of January 23 and 24, from which we were very glad to learn, that you will kindly comply with our request of the middle of December to accept Mr. Herman Lakra from Ranchi, India.

We appreciate it very much that a second member of our Gossner Church in India will have the opportunity to study agriculture and broaden his mind in a brother-church of Asia, and that he will certainly add to his present knowledge new experiences in Japan, with which -as in the case of Mr. Kandulna- he will later serve his church in his home country.

There are still some details to be observed:

1. Rev. Seeberg or Mr. Herman Lakra himself will write you about Mr. Lakra's departure from Ranchi, India, and the time of his arrival in your institute, as you kindly sent Rev. Seeberg upon my request a copy of your letter to Berlin.
2. We agree with you about the payment of \$ 500 for Mr. Lakra's tuition, field practice and field trip expenses. The remittance will follow as soon as we know the date of Mr. Lakra's departure from India.
3. We will equip Mr. Lakra with some pocket-money, and we hope to make it possible for him to purchase important articles, which would intensify his service in India.

We think Mr. Lakra -like Mr. Kandulna- will stay in Japan for 9 to 10 months from March to December 1967. As already mentioned, Brother Seeberg or Brother Lakra will write you the details from India, or you will hear from here again in the middle of March, as we expect Rev. Seeberg to be back in Berlin at that time.

Thanking you again for your support of our work in India promoting important coworkers, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

cc: Rev. Seeberg

(Director Dr. Berg)

February 10, 1957
London

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Dear Director,

Thank you very much for your letter of January 23 and 24, 1957. We were very glad to learn that you will kindly comply with our request of the middle of December to accept Mr. Lamm's letter from London, India.

We appreciate it very much that a second member of our London branch in India will have the opportunity to study agriculture and broaden his mind in a brother-church of Asia, and that he will be able to do his present knowledge of new experiences in Japan, with which we are in the case of Mr. Lamm - he will later receive his church in his home country.

There are still some details to be observed:

1. Rev. Lamm of Mr. Lamm's letter himself will write you about Mr. Lamm's departure from London, India, and the time of his arrival in your Institute, as you kindly sent Rev. Lamm's letter to Berlin.

2. We agree with you about the payment of \$500 for Mr. Lamm's tuition, travel expenses and living expenses. The expenses will follow as soon as we know the date of Mr. Lamm's departure from India.

3. We will send Mr. Lamm with some pocket-money, and we agree to make it possible for him to purchase important articles, which would intensify his service in India.

4. We think Mr. Lamm will stay in Japan for 10 months from March to December 1957. As already mentioned, Mr. Lamm's departure from London will write you the details from London, India. You will hear from him again in the middle of March, as we expect Mr. Lamm to be in Berlin at that time.

Thanking you again for your support of our work in India, I remain, very cordially yours,

(Director, Mr. Lamm)

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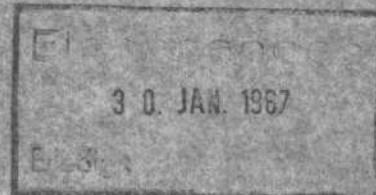
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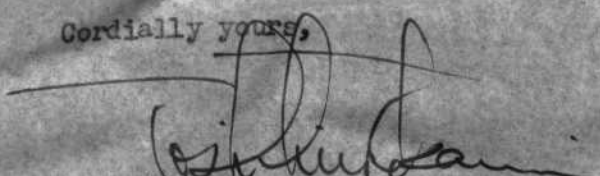


Rev. M.A.Z. Rolston
Secretary
Economic Life Department
National Christian Council of India
Nagpur - 1, Maharashtra
India

Dear Rev. Rolston:

In August, 1966 we sent you several application forms for the 1967 session of the South East Asian Christian Rural Leaders' Training Course (SEAC) at Tsurukawa Rural Institute. Your acting secretary responded, in your absence, informing us that as much as you would wish to have some Indian nationals take up this opportunity to study with us at Tsurukawa various circumstances in India would not allow them to do so. Recently we have received a communication from Dr. Berg, Director of Gossner Mission in Germany that they are offering a scholarship grant to a certain Mr. Lakra of Ranchi, India for participation in 1967 session of SEAC. Mr. Lakra has been working with the Gossner Mission in India. He is a coworker of Mr. Kandulna who participated in the 1965 session of SEAC on a scholarship given by the Gossner Mission. Under the circumstances we trust that you would approve of our accepting Mr. Lakra from India to take part in 1967 session of SEAC on the Gossner Mission scholarship. Unless we hear from you in the near future we will proceed to make preparation for inviting Mr. Lakra over to Tsurukawa.

Cordially yours,


Toshihiro Takami
Director

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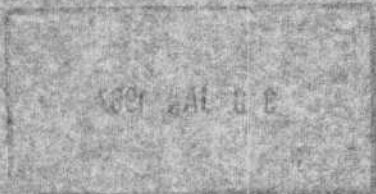
cc: Dr. Christian Berg
Rev. Martin Seeberg

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Dr. Christian Berg, director
GOSSNER MISSION
1000 Berlin 41
Handjerystrasse 19/20
Germany



Dear Dr. Berg:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 15, 1966. We will be glad to accept Mr. Herman Lakra from Ranchi, India as a participant of the 1967 session of the South East Asia Christian Rural Leaders' Training Course (SEAC) at Tsurukawa Rural Institute, which begins on April 3, 1967. Application forms are available from the NCC office in India but in order to save time we are sending a set of forms by air mail direct to Rev. Martin Seeberg in India for Mr. Lakra.

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As it was the case with Mr. Kandulna, we would like to ask you to send us \$500 to cover Mr. Lakra's tuition and field practice and field trip expenses. Please send the sum to Mr. John Fairfield, field treasurer, Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan 4-2 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, specifying that the sum is a scholarship grant for Mr. Lakra of SEAC, Tsurukawa Rural Institute. We will offer a grant in aid for room and board and incidental expenses which amount to \$500.

Mr. Lakra will most likely need additional personal expenses for purchasing some articles which might be useful for his work in India after returning from Japan. For example audio-visual aid equipment, a soil-testing kit may be quite useful. After consulting with Mr. Lakra (while he is with us) we might ask for your further help in this respect.

We are very glad to hear that Mr. Kandulna is doing well in his work with your Mission; and we are grateful that we had some part in offering Christian service in India.

Thank you very much for all you are doing for the Church's work in India.

Very cordially yours,

Toshimiro Takami
Toshimiro Takami
Director

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cc: Rev. Martin Seeberg
Mr. John Fairfield

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to Mr. Martin Speer in India for Mr. Speer.
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forms are available from the WOC office in India and in order
Annual meeting, which begins on April 8, 1967.
Consultant and Lecturer, Training Course (SAC) at Tanjore
as a participant of the 1967 session of the South East Asia
We will be glad to accept Mr. Martin Speer from Ranchi, India.
Thank you very much for your letter of December 15, 1966.

As it was the case with Mr. Katsuragi, we would like to ask you to send us \$300 to cover Mr. Katsuragi's tuition and field practice and field trip expenses. Please send the sum to Mr. John Fairchild, Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan, 1000 University Avenue, Tokyo, Japan, specifying that the same is a scholarship grant for Mr. Katsuragi of SACC, Tenrikyo Rural Institute. We will offer a grant in aid for room and board and incidental expenses which amount to \$200.

Mr. Larus will most likely need additional personal experience in purchasing some articles which might be useful for his work in India after returning from Japan. For example, anti-aircraft equipment, a self-loading rifle and some useful, light arms. Consulting with Mr. Larus (while he is with us) we might ask for your further help in this respect.

It was very kind to hear that Mr. Kanneke is doing well in the work with your Mission; and we are grateful that we had some one in offering Christian service in India.

Thank you very much for all you are doing for the Church's work in India.

Very cordially yours

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H. Lakra

December 15th, 1966
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Mr. Toshihiro Takami
Director
Tsurukawa Rural Institute
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Machida Shi
Tokyo /Japan

Dear Brother Takami:

How quickly the time passes! One year ago our dear Mr. Kandulna from Khuntitoli was still in the Gossner Church of India with you and then returned a short time before Christmas happy and with more knowledge to his home country, where he -by the knowledge he acquired at your place- became a good assistant of our agricultural director A. Bruns. We are really obliged to thank you for the academic training and practical experience he gained at your institute.

Therefore you will not be surprised when we ask you, whether or not you would accept in your institute a colleague of Mr. Kandulna, who would get one of our scholarships. He is some years older than Mr. Kandulna and has a higher degree. We would likewise arrange for him a vacation of 10 months for studies abroad and deem it best for him to stay with christians in an asiatic country - of course, we thought immediately of you in Japan. You would again oblige us very much, if you would accept Mr. Herman Lakra from Ranchi (India), who has already a lot of agricultural knowledge, however, he will and shall get more experience.

In case your answer will be positive, please inform us about the conditions and terms of your institute. Moreover, we should like to know, whether he would have the occasion to see also other institutes, which are different from your institute, and where he could see other methods of cultivating soil, gardening, and animal-breeding.

Please be kind enough to send a copy of your answer to this letter also to Rev. Martin Seeberg, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi/Bihar (India), as my coworker Rev. Seeberg has gone to India for some months. After he has got your copy, he will be able to discuss the whole program with Mr. Herman Lakra personally. I authorized him to take care of this matter.

With kind regards and best wishes,
I remain, very sincerely yours,


(Director Dr. Berg)

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Therefore you will not be surprised when we ask you, whether or not
we shall accept in our Institute a collection of the 200,000, who
do not get out of the school building, as in some years other than 1911
and 1912 and 1913, when the school building was empty for the
vacation of 1911, 1912 and 1913, for students moved and been in best for him
to stay with children in the private country - of course, we thought
naturally of the 200,000. You would have a very good
you would accept it. (The 200,000 from the school) who has already
a lot of children in the school. However, we will not start too many
experience.

in case your answer will be positive, please inform us about the conditions and terms of your assistance. Moreover, we should like to know whether we would have the opportunity to send other investigators, which are different from your institution, and where we could see other schools of cultivation of oil, rapeseed, and animal-breeding.

PLEASE BE KEPT ADVISED THAT TO SEND A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER TO THIS LETTER, AND TO ADVISE US OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, PLEASE ADVISE US BY RETURN MAIL OR BY TELEPHONE. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS APPRECIATED.

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Director, FBI

October 6th, 1966

Mr. Harman Lakra
Raja Bungalow
G.E.L. Church Compound
Main Road
Ranchi, Bihar
INDIA

Dear Mr. Lakra:

Subject: Your Study Abroad

Your letter of September 28th in the pending affair and my letter to President Dr. Bage crossed. In the meantime Dr. Bage will have told you about the contents of my letter, that till now we did not think it was time for "green light" for your departure.

Evidently our views and thoughts about the purpose of your journey differ, especially as your planned stay in Israel obviously cannot take place, which we very much regret. We think of a concentrated study especially in a country which shows similar problems with regard to agriculture and which has advanced experiences in comparison with India. You obviously think of a tour through several countries, where you could gather different impressions without going deeper into details. We deem Holland during the next winter absolutely unsuitable for gathering experiences, which you could apply successfully in India. You evidently think to find in Holland useful stimulations. After the negative answer from Israel, we did not yet arrange suitable contacts, discussion partners, or a study place in another country, as also clear settlements about the duration of the stay and the financial obligations would belong to it. You seem to think it possible to travel through several countries in order to make short visits here and there, without firm projects being made.

Dear Mr. Lakra, our opinions about your study abroad are very divergent. Next week I will report this matter to the board and inform you about the resolution. Finally, this is an affair about thousands of Deutsche Mark including the traveling expenses. Mission Inspector P. Seeberg will at the end of November explain the resolution of the board to you and again discuss the whole project of your study abroad with you. Please do not expect a quick decision. Good things take their time. We wish that your study abroad will have a real good result, as it was the case with Mr. Kandulna from Khuntitoli in Japan. The expense of several thousand marks for your trip has to be justified and shall have success.

Thus I can only ask you again to be patient and to fulfill your daily tasks with devotion. No matter how the affairs at the Property Board will develop, also Lali will certainly bring you enough pleasant daily work. At any rate, after the vain efforts for months regarding your journey to Israel, I am not in the position to give you today another information.

cc: Direktor Bruns, Khunditoli
cc: President Dr. Bage, Ranchi
cc: Herrn P. Seeberg

With kindest regards,
I remain yours sincerely,



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Raja Bungalow
G. S. L. Church Compound
Main Road
Ranchi, Bihar
India.
28th Sept. 1966.

Director Dr. B. J. J.

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Dear Sir,

I hope you have already arranged for my practical study in the field of agriculture in Holland and subsequently in a few other highly developed countries of Europe you know best. I am going to Rourkela to-morrow for a day to see one Rev Father Herman who comes from a village of Holland and who is, I understand, very much interested in the improvement of agriculture. I hope to gather sufficient information about Holland from him.

My pass-port has come. Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Lebanon and United Arab Republic are the countries for which my pass-port is valid. I am now ready in all respects and anxiously waiting for the passage ticket.

With kind regards & good wishes,
Yours truly
Harman Lakshya
28/9/66



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Gossner Mission House
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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

Harman Lakher
Ranchi (Bihar)
India.

Rev. Dr. M Bage
Pramukh ADhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi /Bihar
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Betrifft: Studienreise für Herrn Hermann Lakra

Lieber Bruder Bage!

Herr Hermann Lakra ist ungeduldig, was schließlich zu verstehen ist nach monatelangem Warten. Daß die Schuld dafür nicht bei uns liegt, ersehen Sie aus der Fotokopie des Briefes, den Herr Probst Grüber nach zweimaliger Mahnung von der Botschaft des Staates Israel in Bad Godesberg Anfang dieses Monats erhalten hat. Sie mögen ihn Herrn Lakra übersetzen.

Erst nunmehr können wir an eine Alternativlösung denken. Mir ist ziemlich klar, daß ein halbjähriger Aufenthalt im kalten Holland während des Winters wirklich nicht das richtige ist, um Herrn Lakra vertiefte Kenntnisse in der Landwirtschaft zu geben, die er für Chotanagpur braucht, denn in Holland wird in den nächsten Wintermonaten Treibhauskultur getrieben. Was soll er damit in Dokad anfangen? Und nur um das Prestige von Herrn Lakra zu erhöhen, daß er einmal im Ausland einen Studienkurs absolviert hat, dazu können wir nicht etliche tausend DM-Scheine gewähren.

Ich will mich in den nächsten Tagen mit einem erfahrenen Tropenlandwirt hier in Berlin nochmals beraten, welche Zeit und welches Land er empfiehlt. Ich denke dabei mehr an Japan. (X)

Daß Herr Lakra sich schon das Visum für Holland via Libanon und Frankreich hat ausstellen lassen, ist etwas voreilig. Er soll nicht nur in einige Länder oberflächlich seine Nase stecken, noch in Rom und Israel ein paar Tage weilen, sondern ein strenges und klares Trainingsprogramm an einem Ort absolvieren, der für ihn und die zukünftigen Aufgaben in Dokad nützlich ist. Ich kann es also nicht helfen, Herr Lakra muß noch weiterhin Geduld haben.

Wenn die Sache zu Stand und Wesen kommt, läßt sich Ihre Bitte vom 1. Sept. durchaus erwägen, daß in das Studienstipendium auch sein Gehalt während dieser Zeit eingeschlossen wird; denn schließlich muß ja seine Familie leben. Ob in vollem Umfang oder nur zu 3/4, weil er selbst ja dann vom Stipendium lebt, wäre dann noch auszumachen.

Von diesem Brief schicke ich Herrn Lakra keine Kopie und bitte Sie, ihm den Inhalt in der Weise zu eröffnen, wie Sie es für gut befinden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr

Anlage

(X) Im übrigen müssen wir - ob in Holland oder in Japan - erst ein Institut finden, das ihn aufnimmt; wobei in Holland das Schwierige ist, daß dort wohl einige Leute englisch können und sprechen, aber das Idiom des Trainings zweifellos die Herrn Lakra fremde holländische Sprache ist.



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Berlin, 26 September 1966

Rev. Dr. M. Bage
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR
India

P. Seeberg 3 KLB
Sg 27/9.

Subject: Study trip of Mr. Harman Lakra

Dear Brother Bage,

Mr. Harman Lakra is impatient which we can actually understand as he has been waiting for some months. But, it is not our fault as you can see from the copy of a letter which was sent to Propst Grüber by the Embassy of Israel in Bad Godesberg after two reminders at the beginning of this month. You may translate it to Mr. Lakra.

Only now can we think of an alternative. I am pretty sure that Mr. Lakra does not profit much from a six month's stay in Holland during the winter-time. During this time, things will be raised in hot-houses in Holland. But, he does not need that at Dokad, doesn't he? We cannot pay some thousands of DM only to increase Mr. Lakra's prestige by staying abroad for studies for some time.

I shall talk the matter over again with an experienced agriculturist on tropics here in Berlin in the next few days and shall ask him which time and which country he would recommend. I am rather thinking of Japan. Anyway, we still have to find an institute - if in Holland or in Japan - which would take Mr. Lakra. There would be difficulties in Holland as the course would surely be held in Dutch, although some people may understand and speak English.

I think that Mr. Lakra has acted a bit too hastily as he has already applied and received his passport for Holland en-route Lebanon and France. He should not only receive a superficial picture of some countries, nor should he stay in Rome and Israel for a few days. He should rather go through a strict training programme at one place which will be of use to him and his future work at Dokad. I cannot help but say that Mr. Lakra has still to be patient.

When things are clear, your request of 1 September to also take over the responsibility of paying the salary of Mr. Lakra besides his scholarship during his stay abroad, could, then, be considered, for he has to support his family. If we can take over the full amount or only $\frac{3}{4}$ of his salary, since Mr. Lakra could, then, live on his scholarship, this would still have to be discussed.

I am not sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Lakra. Please, let him know my comments as you may find it appropriate.

With kind regards,
Yours Sincerely,

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From : Mr. Harman Lakra.
Manager, Board of Properties.
Raja Bungalow.
G.E.L. Church Compound, Ranchi
P.O. Ranchi. Bihar. INDIA.

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22. SEP. 1966

To : Director Dr. C. Berg.
Gossner Mission.
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau).
Handjerystraße 19/20.
West Germany.

Dear Sir,

In your absence from Berlin I got Mr. Seeberg's letter of 1st Sept' 1966. I hope you have received the letter of Dr. Bage, Pramukh Adhyaksh, GEL Church. My Pass-port is ready now. My Pass-port is for Holland en-route Lebanon and France. Visa will be for Germany and Holland. If necessary I shall get it endorsed for other neighbouring countries in Holland. I would like to have a transit visa for Rome for a day if the air-line is via Rome. On my way back I shall come to Israel if permission is given. I am told here that there will be no difficulty in getting Visa for Israel through High Commissioner of India in Netherland.

I request you to make arrangements for my travel.

Thanking you.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely

Harman Lakra
19/9/66
(HARMAN LAKRA).

Memo No. BPR/25/167/66.
Ranchi the
19th September, 1966.

To :
Director Dr. C. E. Rupp
Post Office Box 10/20,
Lafayetteville, N.C.
Rural Station

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General Mission
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From :
Mr. Arthur L. Ford
Manager, Board of Directors
Board of Directors
The Church Corporation, Raleigh
N.C. 27601

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Commissioner of Labor in Netherlands.
will be no difficulty in getting Visa for travel through Japan
to reach if permission is given. I can tell here that there
is no air-line to Rome. On my way back I shall come
Willing. I would like to have a plastic visa for some time for
I shall not be engaged for other neighboring countries in
France. Visa will be for Germany and Holland. It necessarily
very now. My passport is for Holland on route London and
of U.S.A., Russia, Alaska, and Canada. If passport is
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I request you to make arrangements for my travel.

THEIR: YOU.

Ученый секретарь

1946 September, 1947
March 1948
June 1948, 87/32/17/48

Eingegangen

- 9. SEP. 1966

Erledigt:

Raja Bungalow

C. E. L. Church Compound

P. O. Ranchi.

Bihar (India)

J. P. Singh & Co.

To
Director Dr Christian Berg

Dear Sir, I hope you are in receipt of my letter and Dr Bage's letter too. To-day I am starting for Calcutta for my passport and visa. Within two or three days, I believe everything will be ready. I am also getting myself ready for the flight. I need not stay abroad for six months. In my opinion three to four months comparative study, taking statistics from economic and business point of view. I am also interested in small industries relating to agriculture, dairy and poultry which might serve as a cottage industry. On my way back by sea I wish to be in Israel for a month or so. If this has not been arranged as yet, I hope it can be arranged from Holland through High Commissioner of India (or The Consulate General of India). I may visit the Po-valley of Italy if the suits me for the study of paddy cultivation. Any date after the 18th Sept. will be suitable for my travel by air either first to Germany or direct to Holland as you prefer.

P. J. O.

So I request you to kindly book my
ticket for air passage accordingly.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely
Norman Laksh.
5/9/66.

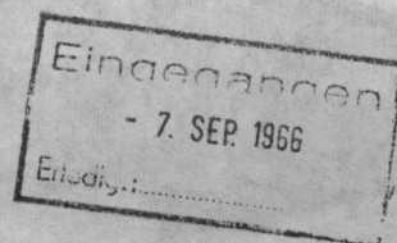
Dr. Christian Berg

Ref. No. 647/66.

From :- Rev. Dr. M. Bage,
Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church.

To,

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director,
Gossner Mission Society,
Berlin - Friedena u,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
West GERMANY.



Ranchi, the 1st. Sept. '66.

Dear Brother Berg,

A few days back your letter of invitation as well as of financial guarantee for Mr. Herman Lakra reached me. The next morning I handed over the same to Mr. Lakra. Since then he had been trying to comply to all the formalities in the Government offices for obtaining his passport. About the country he prefers to visit, I think, he has already written to you. As he ~~think~~ informed me to-day he expects to get his passport within a week or two.

As he expects to get his passport soon what he now needs is tickets for his travel, I hope you are already arranging for the same.

While mentioning the progress made so far for Mr. Lakra's travel abroad I would like to mention one thing here for your consideration: Could the G.M. help the Gossner Church by taking over the responsibility of paying the salary of Mr. Lakra also during the period while he is abroad? This may be too much to ask for but if this could be done this would be a great help to the Gossner Church, particularly because we have introduced new pay scale for the Church workers which means additional expenditure. So far the Property Board is concerned this is on a process of being decentralised as Mr. Montag had suggested. We know that you have clearly stated that when Mr. Lakra comes back to start the new project at Dokad his pay will be included in the budget of that project. Therefore, what I have mentioned above is a request not a claim.

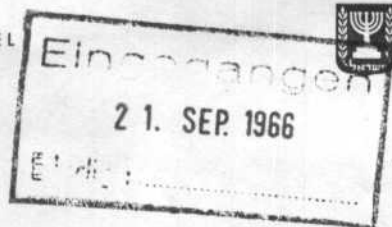
With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(M. Bage),
Pramukh Adhyaksh, G.E.L.
Church, Ranchi.

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AMBASSADE D'ISRAEL



שגרירות ישראל

Bad Godesberg, 1. September 1966

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Herrn Dr. Heinrich D. Grüber
Gossner Mission
Leiter
HJ

Herrn
D.Dr. Heinrich Grüber
Propst zu Berlin
1000 Berlin 37
Teltower Damm 124

Sehr geehrter Herr Propst Grüber,

Wir nehmen Bezug auf unser Schreiben vom 27. April 1966,
betreffend Herrn Lakra.

Unsere Dienststelle in Israel, das Aussenwärtige Amt
in Jerusalem hat uns mitgeteilt dass sie den Antrag in
Bombey überprüfen lassen. Da im allgemeinen solche Anträge
nicht von einzelnen Personen, sondern von Gruppen oder Insti-
tutionen gestellt werden, befürchten wir dass wir eine ab-
schlägige Antwort erhalten werden.

Hochachtungsvoll

Z. T.

Zwi T. Shomrat

Attaché

Presseabteilung

I want to see you, I want to see you, I want to see you

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Berlin-Friedenau, 1 September 1966

Mr. Herman Lakra
Raja Bungalow
G.E.L. Church Compound

P.O. Ranchi / Bihar
INDIA

Dr. Berg have R

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Dear Mr. Lakra,

Mission-Director Dr. Berg just left for his holiday for a couple of weeks when we received your letter of 19 August 1966.

He will consider your new suggestions after his return on 20 September and will, then, inform you when we shall be in the position to make the necessary preparations for your trip.

With kind regards,
Yours Sincerely,

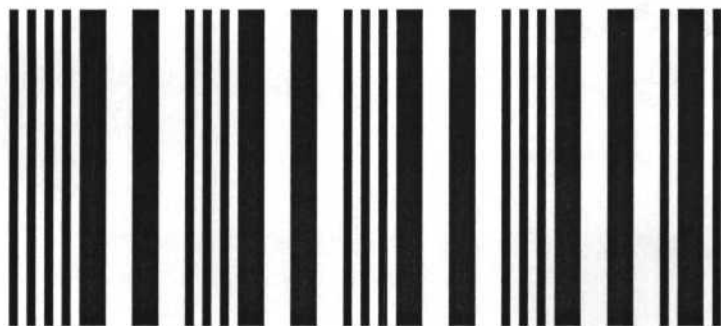
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Raja Bungalow
G.E.L. Church Compound
P.O. Ranchi, Bihar, India
19th Aug. 1966.

Dr. Berg,
Gossner House,
Berlin.

Eingegangen

24. AUG. 1966

Erledigt:

Dear Sir, This is to let you know that now my passport will be ready by the 7th Sept. 1966 as all formalities are complete.

I do not prefer Japan. Japan is famous no doubt for Japanese method of paddy cultivation. But here in Bihar my method of paddy cultivation has proved better than the Japanese method. My book on paddy cultivation was published in 1947 and it sold like hot-cakes. In 1955 my book was approved by the Government for the libraries of Bihar.

So I prefer to go to Holland which is famous for Dairy, Poultry, and co-operative and other development works. I may come to Israel after a few months on my way back for a month or so. I have been told that it would be easier for me to get a place of study if I try from Holland through the Indian Embassy.

P.T.O.

In my passport I have given
the name of Germany and Holland
enroute Lebanon and France.

I have been told that now
there will be no difficulty in
getting passport and visa. Next
week I am going to Calcutta for
the passport etc.

I request you to kindly arrange
for the air passage immediately.

~~etc~~

With kind regards

Yours Sincerely

H. Lakua
19/8/66.

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME



Dr. Christian Berg
Gossner House

1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystrafie 19-20
West. Germany.

SECOND FOLD

NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

H. Lakua.
Raja Bungalow
G. E. L. Church Comp.
P. O. Ranchi
Bihar, India.

10. August 1964
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Herrn
Probst D.Dr. Grüber

1 Berlin 33
Im Winkel 5

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Herrmann Lakra*

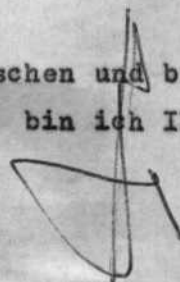
Lieber Bruder Grüber!

Sie werden gewiß verstehen, daß ich mich nochmals melde, weil eigentlich die Zweifel unüberwindlich werden, ob aus der Sache noch etwas werden kann, daß unser Landwirt aus der Gossnerkirche eine halbjährige Studienmöglichkeit in Israel bekommt. Sicherlich haben Sie es an den notwendigen Bemühungen nicht fehlen lassen, und ich hätte gewiß schon von Ihnen Nachricht, wenn die Sache sich verwirklichen ließe.

Es hat mich dieser Tage jemand darauf aufmerksam gemacht, daß zwischen Indien und Israel politisch doch soviel Spannungen herrschen, die es verständlich machen, wenn man von Israel aus in einer solchen Frage spröde sei und lieber kein konkretes Angebot mache, selbst wenn natürlich kostenmäßig die betreffenden Stellen in Israel nicht belastet werden würden. Meine Frage ist heute eigentlich nur diese: Könnte das zutreffen? Ob Sie das einmal eruieren können? Dann brauchten Sie sich nicht mehr zu bemühen und wir hier nicht mehr zu hoffen. Ich würde mich dann nach Japan oder Holland wenden, um Herrn Lakra den erwünschten Studienaufenthalt zu ermöglichen. Jedenfalls wird sonst, wenn wir aufs Ungewisse hoffen, die Sache nachgerade peinlich für uns, weil wir die Hoffnungen bei unserem indischen Freund geweckt haben, die sich nicht erfüllen lassen, so sehr ich nach wie vor wünschen möchte, daß er gerade in Israel eine Vertiefung seiner landwirtschaftlichen Kenntnisse erhielte.

Jedenfalls merken Sie, daß ich nochmals für ein kurzes Wort, wenn Sie dazu etwas sagen können, dankbar wäre, um gegebenenfalls anders disponieren zu können.

Mit den besten Wünschen und brüderlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr



drbg/br

Berlin 41, den 5. August 1966

Rev. Dr. M. Bage
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR
India

3.7. H. Lakra
d. Aug.

Lieber Bruder Bage !

Hier das erbetene certificate für Herman Lakra. Ich hoffe, es genügt zur Erlangung des Passports. Leider bin ich trotz erneuten Drängens noch ohne ein Echo aus Israel. Ich wurde dieser Tage darauf hingewiesen, daß das Zögern möglicherweise zusammenhängt mit Schwierigkeiten in den Beziehungen zwischen Indien und Israel. Wenn weiterhin keine Antwort kommt, müssen wir erwägen, ob eine Einladung nach Japan oder Holland vielleicht vorzuziehen ist. Mit freundlichen Grüßen an Herrn Herman Lakra möchte ich ihn herzlich bitten, daß er Geduld hat.

Dann die gute Nachricht, daß Pastor Soreng am 2. August gut von Herrn Weissinger in Mainz-Kastel in Empfang genommen wurde und sich zur Stunde schon in Filsum bei den Schwieger-eltern von unserem Freund Bruns befindet. Möchte sein Aufenthalt erfolgreich und gesegnet sein.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr

Anlage
Certificate

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5 August 1966

J. I. A.
Herman Lakra

To whom it may concern

We herewith certify that Mr. Herman Lakra has been invited by the Gossner Mission Berlin for a six months study abroad to deepen his knowledge in agricultural science and gain new experiences at highly developed agricultural fields. The Gossner Mission will meet his travelling expenses for going abroad as well as the cost of his stay, whether the country to go will be Israel, Holland or Japan. This question could, unfortunately, not be settled yet.



(Dr. Christian Berg)

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June 8th 1966

Mr. Hermann L a k r a

G.E.L.Church-Compound

R a n c h i / Bihar

Dear Sir,

This is only for information that Dr. Berg has tried and just now reminded twice to get a study centre for you in Israel.

Unfortunately we did not get any answer up till now. So we as well as you must have patience and wait for an answer from Israel before we can fix the date of your ~~exit~~ departure and the period of your stay in that country.

Many greetings from Dr. Berg too,
yours sincerely

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To

G. E. L. Church,
Ranchi, Bihar
India.

Dr Ch. Berg, Director,
Gossner Mission Society
Berlin - Friedenau

Eingegangen

1st June 1966

6. JUN. 1966

Erliegt:

Dear Sir,

I hope you have received my letter which I sent in the first week of May 1966. Written agreement - that I would serve the Church for at least three years was also sent along with that letter.

I believe that by this time arrangements for my stay and study in Israel have been made. I shall need a letter from any institutions in Israel that I shall be welcomed there for the purpose of study in the agricultural fields.

As regards the help I was expecting from the Welfare Department, there is no

hope. In connection with the passport I have been told to produce a letter of financial guarantee from the Gossner Mission that you will meet all the expenses in Israel including passage money. I need three copies of such a letter for passport, Clearance certificate etc. kindly arrange for the air passage too.

Here the days have become very sultry.
Hope you are in good health.

With kind regards and good wishes
to you and to Mrs. Berg. Gishusahay.

Yours Sincerely

Shakera
1/6/66.

Director Dr Berge.
Gossner Mission,
Berlin.

G.E.L. Church
Ranchi, Bihar, India
May 5th, 1966.

10. MAY 1966

Dear Sir,

Enough thanks for your kind letter in which you have expressed your good wishes for making arrangements for my stay abroad in Israel for deepening my knowledge in the field of agriculture. I believe it is the work of God and it is my earnest prayer that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will fulfil my dream of doing some pioneering work in this tribal area of Chotanagpur. I am much thankful to you and to the Gossner Mission. It is really a blessing to me personally and to the Gossner Church here.

I have signed the agreement which you sent in duplicate to me and I am herewith enclosing. I shall submit a report of my study and experience gained in Israel as well as a programme of investments in Dokad immediately on my return from Israel. These will be prepared on my journey in ship when I shall have calm moments at my disposal. I am ready to begin my work from the beginning of January 1967. Let us see whether I shall get Rs 2000/- from the Tribal Welfare Department. I have not been able to contact the authorities as yet as

I was on tour. Dr Bage, our Phramukh Adhyaksh was also away on tour and to London and hence the delay in replying to your letter.

I talked the matter with Dr. Bage and he advised me to make all necessary enquiries for the passport. He is standing, as the Head of the Church as a guarantor. I was told that I need a letter from you as a foreign financier. It would be better if the passenger fare is paid from there. So I request you to do this for the sake of convenience. This arrangement may be done with any travel agent or Air Company.

I shall also need a letter from Israel that I am welcomed there for the purpose of study. It should be in the following manner:—

Arrangements for studies in practical agriculture to Mr. H. Lakra, Manager, G. E. L. Church properties in Chotanagpur and Assam with reference to the letter of ----- dated -----.

If we have the pleasure in informing you that we are glad to welcome ~~him~~ Mr. H. Lakra

Manager of the G. E. L. Church in Chotanagpur
and Assam, Ranchi, Bihar, India for the purpose
of studies in practical agriculture for a period of
five to six months on his arrival here in
Israel. We have made all arrangements
for his study here.

Kindly intimate and confirm date
of ~~arr~~ his arrival.

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With good wishes & kind regards,

Yours Sincerely

St. Lakshmi
5/5/66.

To the Gossner Mission Berlin

I herewith confirm that I shall serve for at least three years in the Gossner Church on one of its agricultural compounds after my return from a study trip to Israel from beginning July until beginning of December 1966 for which I shall receive financial support.

Ranchi, the

Herman Lakra 4/5/66.
.....
(Hermann Lakra)
MANAGER,
Board of Properties,
G. E. L. CHURCH
in Chotanagpur & Assam,
RANCHI.

to the Gossner Mission Station

Received from the Gossner Mission Station
the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of
the purchase of land for the purpose of
the establishment of a mission station
in the territory of the Gossner Mission
Station.

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MANAGER,
Board of Trustees,
G. E. L. CHURCH
in Charge of the
RANCH.

Mid-April 1966

To the
Manager of the Property Board
Mr. Hermann Lakra
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR
INDIA

Subject: Stipend for Mr. Lakra's study abroad
Your letter of 21st March 1966.

Dear Mr. Lakra,

I like to refer to your letter of 21st March asking for a grant to a study trip abroad as well as to our conversation in Ranchi on 24th of March.

President Dr. Bage agreed to it, although the KSS has not discussed your request and an official agreement is not available.

I want to inform you again about the points of view on which the Kuratorium of the G.M. would be ready to help.

1. You know my firm conviction that your abilities and gifts are not used in the right place. Everyone who is interested in the Gossner Church and you personally should help getting you back for pioneering work in the agricultural field. That is why we want to help you deepening your knowledge by a stay abroad.

2. In your second letter you suggested to limit your stay to Israel for five months. We are glad about your suggestion, for you would not gain too much if you visited too many countries (West-Germany, California, Japan); but only increased expenses would be the result.

I could provide you a place for study in two agricultural co-operative societies through friends who know Israel well.

3. You would have to oblige yourself to work at least for three years at an agricultural promising compound of the Gossner Church. We thought of Dokad. You would have to dispense with a service for the Government or any political activity.

You would start your work in Dokad on 1st of January 1967 after your return from Israel to Chota Nagpur beginning of December 1966.

4. The Gossner Mission would expect from you a report of about 7-8 pages on your study and experiences gained in Israel as well as a programme of investments in Dokad.

The Gossner Mission would be ready to grant a sum up to Rs. 40.000 in the year 1967 from the fund of the Ten-Year's Building Plan, if proved applications were submitted. Your salary would be included in this sum.

We could discuss again a further, smaller investment for 1968 to be granted by us, if it becomes apparent ^{in 1967} that further support is needed and if the project is developing well.

5. Could you - under these conditions of your study trip - ^{also} rely on receiving the requested Rs. 2.000,- from the Tribal Welfare Department ?

P.T.O.

I hope, dear Mr. Lakra, that you will accept our offer. I think it would be a blessing for the Gossner Church. I also think that it would satisfy you more if you worked on the agricultural pioneering field.

Please let me know of whether you agreed to it. We could, then, start with all necessary preparations.

With kind regards,
Yours Sincerely,

Encl.

- a) letter to D. Dr. Grüber
- b) your possible letter of promise to serve in the GEMA for three years.

cc/ President Dr. Bage
Chairman of Property Board
Secretary of KSS
Director A. Bruns

14.4.1966
dr.bg/Su.

Herrn Propst

D.Dr.Heinrich GRÜBER

1 B e r l i n 33 (Dahlem)

Im Winkel 5

Lieber Bruder Grüber,

darf ich mich an Sie als den besten Kenner und Freund Israels in unserer Kirche mit der Bitte um Rat und hilfreiche Vermittlung in folgender Angelegenheit wenden:

Wir haben in der Goßnerkirche in Indien einen überdurchschnittlich befähigten und erfahrenen Landwirt, der als Adivasi auch von den indischen Regierungsstellen sehr respektiert und u.a.zu Rundfunkvorträgen herangezogen wird.

Er hat den brennenden Wunsch, seine Kenntnisse noch zu vertiefen, und wir möchten ihn hier im Goßnerhaus darin fördern, um auf einer der ländlichen Besitzungen der Goßnerkirche pionierhaft Möglichkeiten der Kultivierung und des Anbaues wichtiger landwirtschaftlicher Erzeugnisse für seine Landsleute demonstrieren zu können.

Ich war sehr froh, daß er von seiner ursprünglichen Bitte Abstand genommen hat, nach Westdeutschland, Kalifornien oder Japan reisen zu dürfen, seine Wahl vielmehr auf Israel fiel. Mir - und Ihnen vollends - ist ja absolut deutlich, daß man dort in 4-5 Monaten eine Menge sehen und lernen kann. Meine konkrete Bitte ist eine doppelte:

- 1./Könnten Sie im Landwirtschaftsministerium von Israel einen Mann benennen, an den sich Herr Hermann L a k r a aus Ranchi/Bihar wenden könnte, nachdem Sie ihn eingeführt oder mir für ihn ein Einführungsschreiben gegeben haben?
- 2./Könnten Sie 1 oder 2 Kibuzim nennen, in denen Herr Lakra, der außer seinen indischen Sprachen nur Englisch spricht, je 2 Monate aufgenommen werden könnte, um als Gast mitzuarbeiten?
Diese beiden Plätze sollten wahrscheinlich verschiedenen Charakter haben. Der eine, an dem Tropenklima herrscht und ein entsprechender Anbau erfolgt; der andere vielleicht mehr im Neuland gelegen, wo der Anfang der Kolonisierung und landwirtschaftlichen Nutzung erfolgt. Möglicherweise ist es zuviel von Ihnen verlangt, diese beiden Plätze zu benennen. Der Rat des Gewährsmannes im Ministerium wäre wahrscheinlich auch hier ausschlaggebend und am besten zu befolgen.
Kurzum, es wäre sehr hilfreich, wenn Sie dem Glied einer jungen christlichen Kirche in Indien, die uns hier in Deutschland sehr nahesteht, einen wichtigen Vermittlungsdienst leisten könnten, damit er die Frucht dessen, was er in Israel, einem der wichtigsten Länder für die aktive Entwicklungshilfe heute, zum Wohl seiner Landsleute und seiner Kirche mit nach Hause bringt.

gesehen und gelernt hat,

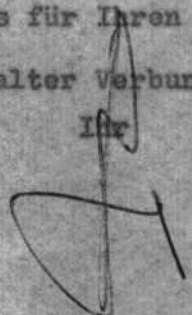
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Der Plan ist, daß Herr LAKRA etwa zwischen dem 1. Juli und Mitte
Dezember d.J. in Israel weilt, um mit Beginn des neuen Jahres
seine Tätigkeit an einem dafür geeigneten Platz im Bereich der
Goßnerkirche aufzunehmen.

Mit herzlichem Dank im voraus für Ihren Mittlerdienst bin ich

in alter Verbundenheit

Ihr



Co. Mr. Hermann LAKRA, Ranchi/Bihar

(Dr. Bage or Prof. Surin will translate this letter for you.)

BOARD OF PROPERTIES G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.
HEAD OFFICE : G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI. P.O. RANCHI (BIHAR).

Ref. ; BPR/26/57/66.

Enclosed

Date : 21st March, 1966.

To

Dr. C. Berg.
Director, Gossner Mission Society, Berlin.
Camp G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Sir,

I beg to bring it to your kind notice that I have applied to you for my visit to some foreign countries for the sake of gaining ideas of the practical workings of the Agricultural Farms and Research Stations - Government and private.

Agriculture is a vast subject and the more one adds to his knowledge, it is better. It will be of immense help in organising our vast landed properties of the G.E.L. Church.

The climate of this sub-montane area of Chotanagpur Plateau has been described as somewhat similar to the mediterranean climate on account of its dry air and being situated on a higher altitude of above 2,000 feet above sea-level. The mediterranean climate is famous all over the world for producing varieties of best fruits. Chotanagpur being a sub-montane area and having this favourable climate we can produce many kinds of fruits and vegetables of tropical and sub-tropical zone abundantly. There is a big prospect of growing Coffee and this will be good for foreign-exchange. It is an established fact ^{That} vegetables of various kinds can be grown all the year round.

For the reasons stated above I wish to visit Israel, California and Hawaii Island. These countries are either touched by tropic of cancer or they are nearer to it and so the climate of these countries are similar in many respects. The Topography too is to some extent similar.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES G.E.I. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.
HEAD OFFICE : G.E.I. CHURCH, RANCHI, P.O. RANCHI (Bihar).

Ref. : BPE/26/27/ee. Date : 21st March, 1966.

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There is no denying the fact that Israel has made the desert speak and bloom. It has developed a most up-to-date method of cistern system of irrigation round about the hills. I am interested in olive trees and extraction of olive oil which is used for medicinal purpose. Their system of several families working together in their farms is a unique challenge to the Communist countries. I want to study this as our adivasi system (Madait) of working together is based on such principles.

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Yours faithfully

H. Lakra 21/3/66

(H. LAKRA). Manager.
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Board of Properties,
G. E. L. CHURCH
in Chotanagpur & Assam,
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Copy to : Dr. M. Bage.
Chairman of the K.S.S.
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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Dated Ranchi the
25th January, 1966.

Yours in Christ

Harman Lakra 25/1/66

(HARMAN LAKRA) Manager.
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in Chotanagpur & Assam. RANCHI.

बिहार सरकार,
मंत्री, जन जाति कल्याण का कार्यालय

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प्रिय महोदय,



दिनांक 26/2/66 का आपका पत्र मंत्री, जन जाति
कल्याण को प्राप्त हुआ। उचित कार्रवाई के लिये उसे मिनिस्टर, कल्याण विभाग
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आगे इस सम्बन्ध में पत्र व्यवहार आप वहीं से करें।

आपका विश्वासभाजन,

प्राप्त 18/2/66

आपके मंत्री, जन जाति कल्याण के
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Shri Harman Lekra,
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Despatcher,
Office of the Minister, Welfare,
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Dr. C. Berg,
The Gossner Mission,
1 Berlin 41, (Friedenau),
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Subject: H. Lakra, Manager, Property Board.

Thank you for your letter of 8th February, I was in Calcutta during its arrival and had no time to answer until today.

I would like to make the following points in connection with the application of the above mentioned for a trip to Germany, U.S.A. and Japan:-

- 1) It is quite obvious to me that one of the reasons for this application is the very fact that Mr. Kandulna has arrived back from Japan, and according to Mr. Bruns has become very active and doing fine work around the villages.
- 2) It is inconceivable to me that Mr. Lakra could possibly hope to visit countries which are continents apart, thoroughly investigate their systems of agricultural produce, and hope to learn something in a period of two months. It is my opinion that if such a trip were to be of any benefit at all to Mr. Lakra and the G.E.L. Church, such a world-wide trip would take at least, and I stress at least, one year.
- 3) You already know, without me having to point out, that Mr. Lakra fought very hard to retain his position as Property Board Manager, he objected very strongly to the appointment of Mr. Bhengra as Manager for the business side of the Property Board, and he, himself, as Agricultural Manager. The last resolution of the Property Board on this whole question was that both managers share all the work in the Property Board, equally, regardless of its nature. As you are already aware, I ceased to pay Mr. Bengra from my budget on the 1st January, 1966, and very reluctantly the Property Board resolved in their last meeting to pay the salary of Mr. Bhengra themselves. Mr. Bhengra is totally dissatisfied with the fact that although he is in an equal position with Mr. Lakra, his salary is almost half of the amount being paid to Mr. Lakra, and in these circumstances, he has told me

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many times that he will not remain in his present position, I think he will be making an application for the post of Auditor in the G.E.L. Church.

Under these circumstances I cannot see that it will be possible for Mr. Lakra to undertake such a tour which he has applied for.

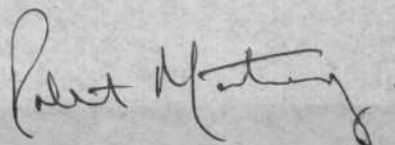
4) I have spoken to Dr. Bage about this case and it is not a fact that the K.S.S. resolved to present Mr. Lakra's application to the Gossner Mission. However, I am very certain that when this application is put before the K.S.S. they will resolve to forward it to the Gossner Mission with the remarks as you so aptly state "highly recommended".

In the light of the foregoing, I have no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that it would be an absolute waste of money for the Gossner Mission to finance this proposed tour of Mr. Lakra's.

I would like to point out that if it were possible for Mr. Lakra to undertake a tour such as he proposes for at least one year, I am pretty ^{certain} that he would derive great benefits, but I am not very certain whether he is the right man to utilise these benefits for the Gossner Church.

I would like to point out to you that it could be very possible that Mr. Lakra has made the same application to the L.W.F. in Geneva. I leave it entirely up to you whether you think it necessary and advisable to send copies of our correspondence on this subject to Pastor Ishida in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,



An die
Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft
z.Hd.v.Herrn Pastor Seeberg
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystr.19/20

P.O. KHUNTITOLI, 20.II.1966

DT. RANCHI

Eingegangen

28. FEB. 1966

Erledigt: 28. II. 66

Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Schnell noch einen unasmatischen Gruss - obwohl er auch nur kurz sein kann. Hier ist alles munter und guter Dinge. Während Sie drüben einen Kälteeinbruch verzeichnen, hat hier das Sommerwetter etwa drei Wochen früher eingesetzt. Wir hoffen aber noch auf ein paar Gewitterschauer, die unsere Wasservorräte verbessern. Aber auch ohne die sieht die Lage wesentlich günstiger aus als vor einem Jahr. Unsere Silage ist ausgezeichnet geraten. Die Hühner legen täglich 100,-Rs. Die Milcheinnahmen liegen auf der selben Höhe. Die Paddyernte brachte rd. 1.300 maunds (1md=37kg) im Gegensatz zu rd. 1.000md in 64 (ungereingter Paddy, da wir mit der prozentualen Wertung vergangenes Jahr schief lagen). So hat das neue Jahr einen sehr schönen Kurs angesteuert. Wir hoffen sehr, dass es nicht noch ins Schleudern kommt. Nachdem ich die Bullkälber von den Herren oben zurückverlangte, haben sie mir jetzt einen Scheck geschickt. Allerdings scheinen die Herren nicht gewillt zu sein, die Kostenerrhöhung durch die um einen Monat verspätete Abnahme der Tiere zu übernehmen. Das macht 1.200,- aus! Der neue Antrag auf Rückerstattung der Zölle ist mit 20 Anlagen unterwegs. Also wird weitergehofft. Angst habe ich vor der heißen Zeit. Wir wollen nächste Woche das Kuhstalldach noch mit Ziegeln abdecken und dann später Strohmatten in die Öffnungen hängen, die laufend begossen werden.

Herr Montag sagte mir, dass er den Mercedes nicht mehr gebrauche und dass er die hohe Leitung in Berlin bitten würde, den Wagen an Khuntitoli abgeben zu dürfen. Seit Monaten habe ich mich nach einem Käufer für den Stationwagen umgesehen und ihn gestern für 11.000,-Rs verkauft nach Rourkela. Ein besserer Preis ist mit bestem Willen nicht zu erreichen. Der Wagen musste unbedingt so schnell wie möglich weg, da er jeden Tag auseinanderfallen kann.

Die Kiste hat uns an Benzin und Reparatur 10.000,-Rs gekostet im letzten Jahr. Die Betriebskosten für den Mercedes sind nur halb so hoch. Das macht sich bei unseren regelmässigen Touren zu Rourkela (z. Zt. einmal wöchentlich, doch ab Mitte März zweimal) und nach Ranchi bemerkbar. Durch die Farm sind wir wohl die Station, die am meisten fahren Muss. Andererseits stellt ein ausländischer Wagen natürlich ein Risiko dar. Ich hoffe aber ja, dass wir später den Unimog bekommen. Fudi soll uns für den PKW dann einen leichten Einachsanhänger bauen.

Zum Antrag von Hermann Lakra ist nicht viel zu sagen, da ich das Ganze für eine fixe Idee halte. Erstens sind zwei Monate Unsinn. Zweitens weiss und kann er genug, um manche Dinge in Chota Nagpur beeinflussen zu können, wenn er nur nicht seine Zeit im Property-Board vergeuden würde. Drittens habe ich ihm die ASMA-Arbeit angeboten, durch die er Möglichkeiten gehabt hätte, das Chota Nagpur Plateau plenty like California zu machen, ohne dass er reagiert. Viertens ist sein Bericht im Montag-Report sehr dürftig.

Fünftens ist er zu alt. Sechstens zu egoistisch und anscheinend nur durch politische Umstände im Kirchendienst. Siebentens werden seine ideas nicht durch einen Auslandsaufenthalt fruitfull sondern nur durch harte Arbeit. Achstens wird die Arbeit im Property Board nicht wesentlich durch die landwirtschaftsunfreundlichen Monate April und May beeinflusst.

Es tut mir leid, aber befürworten kann ich Herrn Lakras Antrag nicht. Wenn er grosse Dinge für die Kirche vollbracht hätte, hätte man ihn aus Dankbarkeit nach Deutschland schicken können. Doch er ist am Anfang und wenn er kein anderes Arbeitstempo vorlegt sondern nur Ideen, wird er wohl im Anfang stecken bleiben. Ich betone nochmals, dass Herr Kandulna durch seinen Japanaufenthalt sehr viel gewonnen hat und dass sich die Kosten dafür ganz bestimmt in den nächsten Jahren abtragen.

Mit herzlichsten Grüssen an alle Gossners

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(A. Bruns)

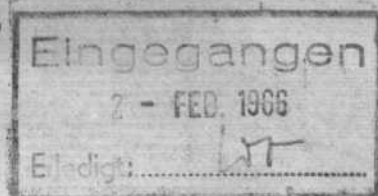
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Dated Ranchi the
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(HARMAN LAKRA) Manager,
Board of Properties, G.E.L. Church
in Chotanagpur & Assam, RANCHI.

Kein Votum von K.S.S.

Mr. [Name] (Mr. [Name])
[Address]
[City]

[Faint header text, possibly a title or address line]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. regarding the [Topic].

I have also the honor to inform you that the [Topic] has been referred to the [Committee] for their consideration.

I am sure that the [Committee] will give the [Topic] the consideration it deserves and will report to you as soon as possible.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[Signature]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
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Your obedient servant,
[Signature]

Very respectfully,
[Signature]

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October 5th, 1967
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Superintendent T. Laver
St. Michael's School for the Blind,
P.O. Box 1
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Superintendent Laver:

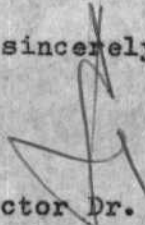
Recently returned from my leave, I found your letters dated August 14th and September 7th on my desk. Thank you very much indeed for your trustful request and the information about your needs.

I remember my visit to you in March 1966, and I am very happy to hear, that it was possible for you to lead the blind in your house through this very difficult year of need in Bihar.

At the same time I wrote to the association BROT FÜR DIE WELT, the charitable work for oversea of our German Evangelical Church, sent them your two letters and asked them to contact you directly. I would be very glad, when this association would ask you for an application, and one day you would receive at least part of your requested fund.

May the Lord bless your important service to the poor blind people, and may He give you again and again the necessary help!

Very sincerely yours,



(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

October 25, 1966
Dear Mr. [Name]

Enclosed is a copy of the letter
from the [Name] dated [Date]
and a copy of the letter
from the [Name] dated [Date]

Very sincerely yours,

I received your letter dated August 1, 1966, and I am very happy to hear
that it was possible for you to lead the blind in your home church.
I am very glad to hear that you are very happy to hear.

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Very sincerely yours,

(Director of the [Name])

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- 2. AUG. 1967

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From:

The President,

Youth Fellowship, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

To:

The Director,

T. T. C. Fudi, Dt. Ranchi.

Subject: Clarification of Letter No. C. (9)-S Dated 7.5.1967.
into details in continuation of Former letter and the
unspoken truth of the Church.

Sir,

This is to inform you that in connection with above
subject the letter written on 7.6.1967 by K. Minz, on
behalf of the Youths and the General Public of the G. E. L.
Church, Ranchi, does not bear the official view of the youth of
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

e/ Mr. K. Minz is not the member of the Youth Fellowship
of Ranchi. Therefore he can not claim to represent the
official view of the Youth or the Youth Centre.

Yours' Faithfully.

S. C. Ecka.

(S. Ecka)

President.

C.C: Dr. C. Berg, Gossner Mission. ✓

The Pramukh Adhyaks, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

The Chairman, Ranchi Committee on Properties.

The Secretary, Board of Property, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

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REV. DR. C. BERG.
DIRECTOR
GOSSNER MISSION

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

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11th Sept. '67.

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To,
Rev. M. Seeberg,
Church Inspector,
GOSSNER MISSION, BERLIN, W. GERMANY.

REF. : REPLY OF THE LETTER DATED 19th June '67 AND REVELATION OF
THE TRUTH FOR THE TRUE AUTONOMOUS G.E.L. CHURCH.

Dear Rev. Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your kind reply. I am sorry that I could not reply you duly. The reason, is, I wanted to write the latest development over the matter of discussion.

"Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory; but he that seeketh His glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him".

The leadership among the tribals is very important to the foreigner and to the non-tribal. The tribal Christians could not become the leaders because of their living standard. But due to the lack of faithfulness and straight forward leadership, the church has been over ruled in many local matters by the foreign hands. And it is one of the reasons that there is no justice and peace on account of the undue encouragement, partial judgement and an adoption of "divide and rule policy". This situation is continuing because of no home policy and no decision within the local church members and alien elements.

Today, the Gossner Church must realize herself as an Indian Church and fully autonomous in all respects, with man, economy and authority. As a matter of fact, the reason of the Gossner Church's corruption and strategy are on account of the foreign aid and subsidy. There is no proper report and account of the same publicly. There is none to supervise and check the misappropriation of the wealth and the received foreign money. The war against justice and injustice is at the Centre of the GEL Church. And the reason is the misappropriation of the Church economy and the bad stewardship in the mission.

The leaders whom you say "able persons" are the headache of the common enthusiasts men, women and youths in the Church. Their participation in the life and mission of the Church is faulty, decisive and half-hearted. When you say, "They are able persons", they really, acknowledge the high recommendation in their leadership, and free from all defects. Here, the voice and the plans of the youths and the common Christians fail totally to come in the minds and hearts of these high officials. They have no time and talents to understand the open truth. The suggestions and appeals of the common people of the Church, for her betterment are fully ignored. And it is a very difficult to understand, "Genius is not only a gift of God; it may also be a gift of the devils, for there have been very few men and women of genius without personal defects".

There is no proper way of administration of the mission because Christ has become a subordinate and the man has superceded him. There are no justice and truth for the maintenance of peace and the prejudices, blackmarketing and injustice have been prevailing in the hearts of the authorities. The Truth (Christ) has been pushed out from the human minds and the Satan (Lie) Prince of the world is ruling over the Church.

Of, course, we are not against the development of the Printing press and the works taken of the outside except the printings of the Church, But the Press has, today, gone out of its fundamental service-motto.

We are against the disposal of the "Block making section" to a non-Christian within the Church Press. And we understand the most arbitrary work of the Ranchi Committee on Properties and the Gossner Mission, Berlin. Here is the statement of the Chairman, "We are informed that our deal with Shri R.K. Gupta has also been approved by the Mission cndt....."

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Inspector who is reported to have addressed a letter to the Youth Centre and also to the Pramukh Adyash." The Bible reveals the truth, "The children of the world are in their generation wiser than the children of light". It would be reward of a dish being served. The agreement between Mr. Gupta...no inclusion of the sister concern, i.e. Ranchi Machine and Teels Corporation.... has been violated on the first day of his entrance in the G.E.L. Church building and where is the Ranchi Committee on Properties and its Chairman to look after the validity of the deed and breach of the lease? Is the local body or foreign body alive to keep on eyes on such burning and vital issue of the Church economy?

The statement "...It is not possible that ANY TIME the GEL Church also with the help of the Gossner Mission should have been in a position to establish a block section" is very against the zeal and spirit of the autonomous Church. We do not think that the subsidies and aids of the Gossner Church come from the pocket of the Director or the Inspector of the Gossner Mission, Berlin but these are the humble contributions of the rich and poor friends of the abroad. And it is an earnest Christian appeal there. Thus if the Gossner Church in India very honestly plans and appeals to her Church people their contributions of single naye PAISE could amount lakhs and crores of rupees for her every developmental scheme.

The Gossner Church must bear in her minds of the economic freedom and self sufficiency. These only could help the Church in many expansive plans and schemes properly for her people's interest, security and sanctity of their compound. And since today the authority and the administrative Individualists have ever looked the common welfare and cooperative power, reconstruction and renewal of the Church.

Because, the educated youths of the Church have the collapsible house and worse than the stable where their lives grew under the suffocating environment, who could become the back bone of the Church; where as the devils have good houses, the enemies of the Church have been exalted, the corruptible people have been crowned, the servants of Christ are the slaves of the Church and there is no room for the Lord-Christ within the mission compound.

You would bear in the mind that India is India and Germany is Germany. The life and all other affairs are very indifferent in each nation. We have to deal with our national situations and the Germany cannot do the same. But through the Church the Gossner Mission Society is playing this role on the Indian Christians. And she has so long ignored that we are the independent citizens of India and we are no more under the foreign rule and reign. And if the Gossner Mission, Berlin does not realize the situation of the so called AUTONOMOUS GEL CHURCH, it will be put in the hot water. The India's Foreign Policy says: Protection of national interests, world peace and justice; we would be obliged to tackle the problem of the Church on this line, in order to get the peace and justice among us.

The capture and possession of the landed property have become the insoluble problem of the world. The burning example is the Jerusalem, the Holy City which belongs to God's people the Israelis and that was under the possession of the U.A.R. It became the political and national problem and the world itself and the world politicians are involved to decide today, under whose possession it is justifiable? We Christians can say within a moment that the Jerusalem, the Holy City belongs to the Israelis from the beginning of the world and that is God's given land to His people. And after 2,000 years and blood shade they have been able to recapture their Holy City in 1967. This could not be compared with the situation of the Gossner Church, in India but we can say this is the only true example to visualize and to become caution.

The fixed rent of the Block Making section of the GEL Press building is not at all high as we know the rate of the commercial site and on the Main Road. But your statement, "Rent is High" has limited the local incomes very badly and encouraged the non-christian business men to come in the mission compound against the sanctity and possession of God's property by His people. Let us see what happens in future, carefully.

The so called, "able persons" by you of the Church cannot think and boldly come forward with their commanding, appealing, revolutionary ideas and with reconstruction plans of the Church at all spheres in the life and mission of the Church, being the spoon fed and easy going leaders and receiving the economic aid from the abroad. The statement, "....the Church will lease more lots...at the Main Road in a similarly
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favourable way. If the CHURCH would not do that, local authorities might one day confiscate the lots". We underline the indirect order of the Gossner Mission, Berlin to the administrative body of the Gossner Church who have been avoiding the corporative power, cooperative plans and means. The public opinions have no reason and room in their hearts and minds. The murder~~ers~~ and the negligence of the public interests and common welfare are overwhelming in the Church.

Hence, all the ~~criticisms~~ criticisms and the poor attention of the youths and the loyal hearts of the Church are great surprise to the authorities, after over a century so openly. Now they are no more fool villagers. They have been educated to understand a transaction. We might say that the Church ministers and others coworkers have so much incomplete knowledge, who speak of the hale and heaven only and in their views the worldly life and affairs on the earth is the sin. That is why, they live in Ranchi City and do not know the commercial transaction and charges with Mr. Gupta as well as the others on the road sides. And if the Church properly deals with such commercial places she can become self-sufficiency within no time. And it has become a great loss of the Church economically because of the ill-responsible authorities and poor administration in the life and mission of the Church.

The Gossner Mission, Berlin being the Supreme body of the Gossner Church has failed to give her true judgement and directions in so many matters which are prevailing within the Church and they have been the causes of all sorts of disharmony and downfall of the Church. The impartiality and injustice invite the corruptions. Today the Christian Gospel has been set aside and these words of Christ have no meaning, "How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much". A christian stewardship is possible only with the truthful and justifiable actions. These actions within the Church are no longer remaining.

There is a great ill-care of the Church educated youths. The authorities have become so cold towards the college and university youths that they have no time to come and see their conditions sympathetically. These future leaders and the well wishers of the Church are so poorly sheltered and accommodated at the Capital of the Gossner Church, Ranchi, who have come from every corner of the same. How could these talented youths become so loyal to the Church and play a great role in the life and mission of the Church with their time, talents and ~~money~~ money? The authorities have no time and minds to realize and study the situations. They are the murderers of the zeals and spirits for the reconstruction and renewal of the Church. They do not dream the dream of their fore fathers but they speak and want to lay out their thoughts and visions into practical and in the christian ways. But heaven knows all the times and since the christian era the youths have been the intruders in the church, because they have ever raised voices against the mal and easy affairs of the Church authorities.

The Lord and Friend Jesus Christ is the best instance among the youths. He spoke the truth to the world and against the ill-harboured hearts and minds of the high priests, who were the all in all in the Church. His words got rooms in the hearts of the poor believers. And at length he was declared an opponent and an aggressor of the then Church. The authorities began conspiracy against him and made decision of the capital defamation and to end his life on the Cross. So, is the case even, today, with the TRUTH, RENEWAL, REVOLUTION, RECONSTRUCTION and in the LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH. The disciples of ~~Christ~~ Christ were the youths. They had also to suffer a lot and to die for the truth in the world. And we could very definitely say that it is because of the malice and blindness of the ~~hearts~~ hearts of the authorities who keep themselves first, Christ second and the youth third. They do not have "Christian Command", "Order", "Fellowship" and "Love" with the people of the Church. The so enthusiastic youths have no opportunity and no welcome to serve the God's Kingdom with us.

The Pharisees, who were covetous derided Christ and he said to them, "You are they who justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God". He spoke the TRUTH and he had to die out at the fullness of the life.

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The youths have no interests with the former built islands within the compound. They have the new visions and technique how to lay out them within the church compound. But where are they? They are where for the revival and reconstruction of the Church. Their lives, minds, vigourness, and all ideas are of no use for the gray heads and so called supreme authorities. The young generation has lost its faith ~~in~~ among the people of old generation whose visions and imaginations are out of date, and it is very reason how to fit in the modern age and generation, in the day to day life and work of His Kingdom.

We would defend our judgement made against Mr. Gupta. You know him one of the non-christian friends and tenants and nothing else. He has got an asylum within the Church Compound. Let us watch his every affair and know the person so closely, and testify the outlook.

The philanthropical approach to the pagan and the statement, "But I wish you, that this Mr. Gupta and many others from the town mean a chance for you and your friends to the mission of Jesus Christ to such non-Christians" would neither be an agreeable for me nor for my friends. For, God's grace has been ignored. It is not at all a christian reach. The non-christian business men and tenants of the church are not interested to the mission of Jesus Christ. They want money and they will worship the deity of the wealth. And they cannot serve God and mammon all together.

Could ~~make~~ an enquiry that how many times our church authorities and the pastors have spoken the mission of Jesus Christ to the non-christian tenants who are carrying their business since so many years back or given the Gospel and the Bible to them; Have they been ever invited in the fellowship, prayer, evangelical and Sunday's meetings? We can say never. Have they got even a christian ~~hanging~~ in the shops? No.

The conversion to Christianity is not so easy and specially with the business men. And this could be done with these persons who have the world experiences and commitment of the Christian life, to tell the Gospel to them. And so far we could say there is none to preach them. Thus the non-christians are taking undue advantages of the morality and the ill management of the property.

It is our reading that there will be the same with Mr. Gupta. We have to see the statement, "Arrangements with the business man Gupta should be practical and exact" is how far true and the secret hands of the Gessner Mission, Berlin predominating in the life and mission of the Church.

The youths who would become the back bone of the church, but they have been called as lawless, revolutionary by the authorities who want their self praise and glory.

Hitler had a drastic desire to purge Germany of non-Germany elements to create a hundred percent Germany for one hundred percent Germans only. I would write, "We want the land and property of our Church and churchmen first for the Glory of God and His beloved Son Jesus Christ among them more than 100% and to be shared in His ~~future~~ fellowship and Kingdom, which does ~~come~~ from above, is within us on the earth by all believers and their future ~~f~~ offsprings."

With all the best and Christian Greetings,

Yours in His Glory,

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Copy being sent for information and action to:

1. Secretary, Mandli Panch, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
2. President, Mothers' Union, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
3. Secretary, Ranchi Committee on Properties, Ranchi.
4. Editor, Chotanagpur Times, Ranchi.
5. Director, L. W. F., Geneva, Switzerland.

June 19th, 1967
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Mr. K. Minj
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Mr. Minj:

As I remember with pleasure that I met you and talked with you several times during my stay in India in winter 1966/67, I was very glad to participate in your correspondence with Director Schwerk of TTC Fudi. I also read Mr. Schwerk's answer to your first letter and thought it was excellent, so that it was not necessary to write my own opinion. Now your second longer letter from June 7th reached us.

At first I want to state, that the Gossner Mission appreciates it, when just representatives of the younger generation show their great interest in the presence and future of the G.E.L. Church. Not only now but generally spoken, it belongs to the life in the church that suitable members speak and act for the common affairs. Just when there are questions about property and administration the responsibility should not be left only with the theologians, but also the members of the congregation with experience in worldly matters and business should give their advice.

Several of your questions in your second letter will have to be answered by the KSS or the Committee of Properties or the Printing Press. However, as you mentioned the Gossner Mission several times - at which you often mixed up the Gossner Mission with the Gossner Church - I feel that I should participate in the discussion.

At first I have to correct, what you as a member of the Gossner Church should know, that there is neither an executive power nor a control by the Gossner Mission upon the Gossner Church. Since several years we offer some special kinds of aid, which the Gossner Church can accept or refuse. The Gossner Church had good reasons to accept certain aids, and likewise has good reasons to refuse certain aids after 1969. These questions have been discussed in the KSS, which was elected by the congregations, in detail and frankly, and it is my opinion, that the men and women, who are responsible now in the KSS of the Gossner Church, are able persons. In their position they need the positive cooperation of as many members of the church as possible, and most of all confidence. Especially the younger generation should have confidence in the leaders of the church. However, criticism is included in that, but it is supposed, that the members altogether cooperate for a better future of the church and of the whole country.

You wrote in detail that you are not content with the development of the Printing Press and the establishment of a block section. In this connection you even mention a remark of myself, which, nevertheless, is not quite correctly repeated. When I spoke to the coworkers of the Printing Press this winter, I mentioned several points, which are important

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Hudson, N.Y.

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Now your second letter from June 1961 reached me. I was not expecting to write my own opinion, but it was not necessary to write my own opinion. I also read Mr. Roberts' answer to your first letter and thought it particularly in your correspondence with Director Seaworth at 10 1/2 miles during my stay in India in winter 1960-61. I was very glad to be remembered with all letters that I met you and talked with you several times.

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congregation with experience in worldly matters and business should not be left only with the theologians, but also the members of the churches about property and administration the responsibility should members speak and act for the common welfare. Just when there are terribly spoken, it comes to the life in the church that anticipate the presence and living of the S.M. Church. Not only now but not representatives of the younger generation show their great interest in that I want to hear, since the younger generation is, then

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not quite correctly reported. When I spoke to the members of the
Finnish Press Club, I mentioned several points, which are contained

for the Printing Press. In this connection I said, that the Printing Press is not only a business. Certainly, the Printing Press has to fulfill an important task in the mission of the church. However, it can do it only if it stands on an economically sound basis. Of course, also a printing press of a church has to accept orders of firms and shops, for we do not want to forget, that the Gossner Church has not enough members to be able to occupy a bigger printing press only for purposes of the church. However, there is a limit to the business of a printing office of a church. The Printing Press of the G.E.L. Church cannot become a large-scale enterprise, because the owner - the G.E.L. Church - cannot yet operate such large-scale enterprises. This was one of the reasons why we advised not to make the block section a department of the printing office of the church. Another reason was, that at least 100.000 Rps. would be necessary as investment for the opening of such a block section. Also the Gossner Mission would not have been in a position to contribute such a high amount. Therefore, it is not possible that at any time the G.E.L. Church also with the help of the Gossner Mission should have been in a position to establish a block section.

However, now since spring 1967 the Ranchi Committee of Properties has let a newly established building to a non-Christian, who was in a position to build up such a block section on his own expenses. This decision provoked your criticism. We regret this criticism, for we gave the urgent advice to the Gossner Church to accept this offer. Once because the Printing Press has advantages from the direct nearness of such a block section, but on the other hand - and this is more important - because the church shall get a good example of an appropriate and profitable use of its undeveloped lots. The rent for the building of the block section is high, and the contract is made for a limited time. Considering all the leasing by the church in former years, there was not enough attention given to these two points.

We hope, that the church will lease more lots, especially at the Main Road, in a similarly favourable way. If the church would not do that, local authorities might one day confiscate the lots. It is high time to undertake such steps, even if many members of the Gossner Church, who come from rural areas, would not understand such a commercial transaction. I am surprised that also you, dear Mr. Minj, join the criticism of those, who cannot understand this. I want to expect just of the youth of the Gossner Church not to continue dreaming the dream of their fathers. This dream means in a very unchristian way, that the congregation should live quiet and in peace within a compound and has to protect itself from any attacks from the outside. In former times they built islands like that and tried to equip themselves there. But to live as a Christian in a congregation means to give even more importance to the tasks outside the compound than to the things which happen inside.

I can only regret that I do not agree with you in your judgment of Mr. Gupta. I met him at that time, and I know, that he is a Hindu. Now you also met him, and I see, that your judgment means aversion and caution. You mentioned again and again that a stranger intruded into the compound and that this meant a danger. But I write you, that this Mr. Gupta and many others from the town mean a chance for you and your friends to give the mission of Jesus Christ to such non-Christians. From the beginning you do not want to have anything to do with these new neighbours. I

think this is very depressing. Is that the opinion of the young Christians of the Gossner Church, that they agree in their aversion against the non-Christians, although our Lord asked us to go to them? God alone knows what success you have with this, I don't know. It is not the right way to see opponents in them. Arrangements with the businessman Gupta should be practical and exact. You should speak with the man Gupta and try to draw him to the congregation. Many of the old members of the Gossner Church adopted the attitude of defence for many years. You as a representative of the young generation should be full of courage and hope.

I would be very glad about an occasion for a personal discussion with you at a later date. Till then please discuss these things in the Youth Centre and give my kindest regards to all of you.

Very sincerely yours,

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cc: Dipl. Ing. Klaus Schwerk

cc: Rev. C. B. Aind

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Rev. C.B. Aind
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi

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DT. RANCHI/BIHAR
DATE 10.6.1967
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Dear Brother Aind,

I have been honored by the Youth Department of the church with a four and a half page long reply to my letter from 7.5.1967. As it appears from the same you have got a copy too. On the one side I am very thankful for the confidence the youth has into me as the youngmen certainly have spent much time to consider the case under discussion as well as to answer me, even in English because of my lack of Knowledge of their mother tongue. But on the other side I am rather helpless what to do now. As the friends explain in the introduction of their letter they assume me to be part of an unrecognised and unvisible back ground administration of the church.

I don't know whether or when I gave reason for such understanding. That it is neither true to the facts nor it was or is ever my intention is not so much counting as the writers obviously have the impression rightly or wrongly that it is a fact. And this impression may get furthermore feed if I continue now to answer to them though it seems to be necessary. But many of the points they have raised in their letter are actually better answered by others, e.g. the Printing Press, the Chotanagpur Publishing House, or the Ranchi Committee on Properties. They are concerned directly and took part in all the considerations regarding the building of the houses, the lease contract etc.

My request to you is now whether you could give me any proper advice how to behave in that matter. Shall I again answer? Or shall I offer them a podium discussion on that matter? Or should you answer them as far as the church as a whole is concerned and ask the other parties to answer on their behalf? Though the whole letter seems to be still much more formed by emotional sources but by clear intentions we should be thankful that there is a group which thinks and deals and argues for the best of the church as they understand. And we should encourage them to continue and help to find better arguments and solutions by better information.

Kindly let me know your idea about this matter when you may have time.

With kind regards

B.W.

Sehr geehrter Herr Direktor!

Wie Sie unschwer aus umseitigem Schrieb entnehmen können, gehen die Gespräche auch hierzulande hurtig weiter. Ob Sie es für nötig halten, auf dieses Rundgeschrieb ebenfalls einzugehen, weiß ich nicht und bin mir auch nicht klar, ob es wirklich ratsam ist. Andererseits werden Sie gewiß zu Ihrem Erstaunen erkennen, in welcher Weise wir allen offiziellen Verlautbarungen zum Trotz auch gesehen werden. Nicht daß ich sagen möchte, daß wir nur so gesehen werden. Aber gerade von denjenigen, die sich trauen, und sei es unter dem Schutzmantel einer schließlich nicht faßbaren Gruppe wie "Youth and the General Public of the Church", ihren Empfindungen auch erkennbaren Ausdruck zu verleihen, wird unsere Arbeit und Anwesenheit in sonderbarer Nähe zu den Hohen Priestern der Passionsgeschichte oder zu den Kolonialsisten gesehen. Ich will jetzt nicht um jeden Preis versuchen zu behaupten, daß dies eine völlig haltlose Behauptung ist, schon gar nicht unter dem Aspekt subjektiver Wahrheit.

Der Anlaß zu diesem Briefwechsel ist ja an sich schon ein Witz. Eigentlich bin ich ja überhaupt nicht angesprochen und habe nur als einer der ebenfalls informierten etwas beige-steuert. Die eigentlichen Adressaten aber haben sich ausgeschwiegen und nun erscheint es auf einmal, daß ausgerechnet ich als der Drehpunkt aller Argumente erscheine. Das ist nun aber nicht ganz so zufällig und falsch, wie es formal scheinen mag. Denn tatsächlich äußert sich hier in relativ deutlicher Weise ein Allgemeinempfinden einer Gruppe der Kirche, und zwar einer aktiven und in gewisser Weise profilieren. Der Vorfall selbst ist im Ganzen uninteressant und so wie so abgeschlossen. An der Vermietung ist nichts auszusetzen und auch nichts zu ändern. Wir diskutieren also wie oft nun nur noch "an sich". Aber gerade darum ist es umso nötiger zu bedenken, was nun geschieht und geschehen soll. Ich gestehe gern, daß es auch mir schwer fällt, nüchtern und barmherzig zu bleiben, wenn ich den Provizialismus dieser Kirche in immer neuen Varianten schlucken und verdauen muß. Ich habe immer noch die Vorstellung, daß der Heilige Geist, wenn er in einer Kirche weht, nicht nur säuselt oder hüstelt, sondern mit wirklich großem Atem und weitem Schwung die alte Welt (und provinzielle Kleinkariertheit) davonbläst und eine Neue Welt schafft, die man auch nach außen hin erkennen kann. Steht nun die Kirche in unserem Windschatten oder kann sie den frischen Wind, der sie erreichen will, nicht vertragen? Allen gegenteiligen Empfindungen von Besuchern unserer Kirche zum Trotz neige ich mehr und mehr dazu anzunehmen, daß in der Kirche schließlich Windstille herrscht. Sehe ich falsch?

Das gehört endlich auch zum Thema Kirche-Mission-Institute und deshalb schicke ich Ihnen diesen Durchschlag nicht zuletzt.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Klaus Schulz

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To
The Director,
T.T.C. Fudi,
Dt. Ranchi (Bihar).
SUBJECT;

CLARIFICATION OF THE LETTER NO.C(9)-S DATED
7-5-1967 INTO DETAILS IN CONTINUATION OF THE
FORMER LETTER AND THE UNSPOKEN TRUTHS OF THE
CHURCH.

Sir,

The administration of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chotanagpur & Assam is an Autonomous in theory but the executive power and control are indirectly from the abroad. And you are one of the executive bodies of the alienated administration of the Church in India on behalf of the Gossner Mission. The reply of the points raised could be as follows:

1. The Church Press is for the work of the "Board of the Evangelism and the Literature" according to its fundamental existence. It is agreed that there is no block making section of the press and there is no question of its rent out.

The Gossner Mission Society, Berlin had her plan and it is the Press Technical Training Scheme implemented in the same. The great surprise is that the Gossner Mission developing programme is half planned. The former press Superintendent had the suggestion of the block making section in the future extension. But God knows why this was subsided and the Church Inspector, Gossner Mission said to the Press men, "Press is not meant for the business". The printing and the production costs of the Church materials are so much so on the business line. Today, the price of the Church Publications is so high that the common Christians cannot buy so easily. Here the press fails to exercise its fundamental duty to the Church with which motto the Gossner Mission, Berlin founded the Church. All these latest developments show that the Church Press has been commercialised and the deed between Mr. Gupta and the Church is an living instance.

The over controlled authorities of the Church by the out side authority, indirectly and economically, cannot think of the best local use and the money earning schemes of their own, because they have no self confidence and they have lost the public confidence. The arbitrary and the self centred attitude is the root of all evils and the use of the vast landed property of the Church is worthless.

The supporters of the Church with the time, talent and money have been totally neglected by the Church administrators. Moreover, the Church needs money and the money earning section i.e. the Block Making section is likely out of our control and hands. And how do we think of the money earning within the Church compound? Have the Church and the authority tried ever to find out her own talented persons and to give training to them who could become the means of the direct incomes to the Church?

There was no so urgency to build the Press Office with the worth of few thousands and that little amount could have been invested initially how to establish the Church Block Making section, and the present under construction building could fully serve the Office cum the Block making section.

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Have the T.T.C., Fudi, Printing Press etc..very genuinely thought and planned of the landed properties ,how to use properly at Ranchi, which are the major financial under taking of the Church and to expand their workshops and to start business centres all around the compound? But these firms are contributing nothing to the Church and how does the Church expect a good deal of incomes by the mere lease and the let out ? If you don't expand the Press and the other concerns of the Church at the right centre; where will you employ and use the trainees of the Technical Training Centres ? And all these developing schemes of the Church could not find ~~unough~~ enough space in the existing useless Gossner Mission gifted lands.

We wonder, why all the authorities do not think of the well planned ways and means and to get the direct incomes of the compound? All their doings are fantastics and contrasting to the Christian nature. Why don't they even try to learn lesson from the neighbour Roman Catholic Church ? which has the vast compound well used and an inch of the compound has not been left barren and useless for the Christian service and the mission of the Church ?

If the Gossner mission is unable to use her landed property she should, with open heart, invite the Roman Catholic Church and should not dispose an inch of the land to the non-Christian for the establishment of any kind of the commercial concern.

2. Modern dictators have been experts in the technique of "divide and conquer" both to retain power in their own country and to extend this conquests abroad.

It is agreed with the works of the Christian Publishing Department but there is no importance of the illustrative printings of the "Board of the Evangelism and the Literature" of the Gossner Mission and a direct incomes to the Church by our own Block Making Section.

Secondly, it pains us that how the "Chota Nagpur Christian Publishing House" of the whole W.W.W.W. G.E.L.Church has been poorly built ? There is no consideration of the weather proof finishing and all its necessary requirements. The rooms have been left unplastered with rough walls where the germs and the dust will find good beds and the books and the papers of the so much worth will be easily spoiled. Where as the other parts of the building have all the decorative finishings and the demands and requests fulfilled .But the first and foremost care of the C.C.P. is kept unnoticed and said no, no, no.....Did the persons concerned with the landed property and the buildings ask the Press and the Chota Nagpur Christian Publishing House Department how to use the new buildings, as one of their profiteering plans on the Main Road of the Church ?

3. It requires an exposition. The Church of the Committee on Properties, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi is likely to let out the buildings and nothing else. Mr. Gupta is the sole incharge, how to establish the Block Making Section.

The Church must be grateful to the Gossner Mission, Berlin for the generous contribution and the donations. The man and money of the Berlin are so well and good to our developmental schemes in India. But the national situation could prevail over them. The nation has her own way of administration, Law and Order. And, here, the foreign efforts become the matter of discussion and the confusion; because, lack of the proper guidance and the intelligentia of the Church, no body understands each other's role and the duty. Such confusions have committed so many blunders and

mistakes, all around the mission compounds that the ~~loyal~~ loyal hearts automatically lose the temperament, to say and write something for the betterment of the God's property for His glory. These are the existing business shops, rented houses, illegal occupied buildings, and the past lease/out.

There is non-stable personality, who can know all the truths and the legal recods and the documents and to plead for the safe and the sanctity of the Church and for her properties. There are so many loose fates which are the stumbling blocks in the progressive measurements of the Church.

Today, ~~you~~ ^{we} know who is Mr. Gupta by face and colour and do not as ~~with~~ the person, which one should know as the lessee of the Church, so also the Ranchi Committee on Properties does not know him fully.

We are watching since over a decade that how the Church authorities have ~~been~~ ^{not} able to enforce and honour the legal agreement. For examples, the Rotary and the Lion clubs' compounds are out of our hands because of the lease/out; and there is no body to see the case.

"Is the Church ready and so capable to get back the leased out portions given to Ratan Lall and to a Punjabi? This document is not known to the general public and it is the work of the few self-interested persons and the whole Church has been ignored and kept in darks. So is the case with Mr. Gupta who will invest a lakh or two in the Block Making and God knows how he could be removed so easily in the future.

It is the first step in the history of the Gossner Church after a century that the youths have come openly to demonstrate and speak to the authorities; who have all the zeals, energy and minds to alarm such future misdealings and even they challenge to show the Church the new begining and progress which have been never done since her foundation, indigenously.

4. It has been very clearly stated that Mr. Gupta is occupying the buildings on the LEASE contratt. But we should not foreget his own ~~establishment~~ establishment. Mr. Gupta is just a broker and the lease document, evidently, contains that he is a partner lessee and ~~the~~ the deed made on behalf of the party. There is a great trick played in it.

If our all efforts and the due ojections become a vain slogan, we shall see all the befalls in the years to come, that how the Church authorities have been mischieved and the ownership of the land gone forever.

As soon as, he does not possess the buildings and establish the workshop fully Mr. Gupta will come in picture and later on some one will represent him and the party. He is man of legal advisory group and he can use the ~~the~~ Lease Deed as ^{he} wants to turn and twist and the Church, as, we know is so weak in her enforcement. The man who is inborn a business minded will never think of leaving such good commercial site. He will learn more and more and the Church will have to keep herself mum on the little fixed and the committed amount.

5. The fourth points cover most of the arguments that how the mere humble lease can cause the dispossession of the land. We must ever think an Indian situation, where the human fundamental rights are so easily violated and the human conscience murdered by the selfish motive.

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For instances, there are our own church members who have how illegally occupied the buildings and the property of the Church and God knows when the Board and the Committee on the properties could get back ~~un-~~ ~~forfeiture~~ it and do their judgements with the legal enforcements. Where there is no justice and equality the peace will never come.

6. Yes, to some extent you are right that the lessor does not know who is Mr. Gupta and to which group does he belong. Once, he finds an opportunity to come in the compound as the person and the non-Christian the Church must begin to think how to tackle the situation which could arise in the future, and there is none to care at all. You will surprise that the lessor does not know even the correct address of the lessee and his father as the deed shows.

Moreover, why did he not bargain for the Block Making, the down portion - rooms of his present existing office of the "Ranchi Machine and Tools Corporation" on the Main Road near the railway crossing, which ^{is} to be let out?

He represents the commercial group of the Chota Nagpur area. The big merchants, capitalists and the business man are behind him and he is playing a great role on behalf of them through the commercial corporation and the association. And do you know to which political party does he belong? He is a middle man among them and he is a man of the "Jana Sangh" party. It is the strongest party of the Hindus and the main object of the same is to stand against the CHRISTIANITY. May God save from such situation which ^{is} under beckoning by the Church.

There is a great truth behind the foundation of the Mission Press. The press, what we mean, is the practical wing of the evangelism of the Church and within the same buildings the anti-Christian element is being invited. It was out of the mind that, were the High Priests of God ready to betray Judas and hire him and to kill His beloved Son Jesus Christ with thirty pieces of silver? But the man and the money became the means to crucify the Lord Jesus Christ. And what could not be done with the anti-Christian big money earning people on their mere little tip to the church men of today?

7. It is not fully agreeable that business is against the good manners and the Christian way of life. There is a very controversial statement that whether man survives to eat or he eats for the survival. If the business itself is against the good manners and the Christian way of life the Christians cannot buy and sell any thing and they cannot live without doing so.

The business has its own definition and justification of the human being. The economics does not say that the Christians and the non-Christians have the separate theory of the business to monopolise over the things of the world.

The Church by all means needs money and there must be the direct sources of incomes and earning money. Money itself is the means of the business and the Church cannot avoid its transaction.

It is neither an emotional move nor a grudge but a bold economical and autonomous stand and a plea how to make the church- SELF SUFFICIENT in her financial aspects. The business is of the both parties, but this does not mean that the Church should not consider the reasonable benefits which is in our hands.

If the Church wants to see her good days today and the time to come she must understand the present and the future. The church should forget her all the past prejudices. The authorities should review their inabilities in the execution and the administration of the Church affairs and be ready to welcome the suggestions, sympathy, co-operations, moral, spiritual and economical supports of the laity and the common christians of the Church.

It would be the unspoken truths and the words of the Gossner Church so vividly. If the authorities and the persons concerned are interested with the common welfare and the betterment of the Church with their all commitments this long letter would become a guide line in the life and the Mission of the Church and the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Church in the 20th Century.

In His great Glory,

Yours truly,



(K. Minj)

On behalf of the Youths and
the General Public of the GEL
Church, Ranchi.

C/O Youth Centre,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi,
Bihar (India).
7th June '67.

- cc: 1. Dr. G. Berg, Director, Gossner Mission, Berlin, W. Germany.
2. Pramukh Adyaksh, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
3. Chairman, Ranchi Committee on Properties, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
4. Secretary, Board of Properties, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

KM/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. The result of their deliberations will be communicated to you as soon as it is known.

Very truly,


On behalf of the Committee,
and on behalf of the
Church, I am,
Dear Sir,
Very truly,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Name]

W. J. [Name]
[Address]
[City]
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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH UNDERTAKING

Mr. K. Minj
c/o Youth Centre
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi

FUDI P.O.
DT. RANCHI/BIHAR
DATE 7.5.1967
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Dear Brother Minj,

With thanks I have received the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30.4. regarding the lease of the office and the workshop to Mr. Gupta. It was very kind to enclose my name into the group of the Head Authorities of the GEL Church though this is of course not correct. Anyway, as I have been somehow concerned with the preparation of the draft of the contract which has been finally signed by the parties, I shall try to give some explanations to the questions you have discussed in your meeting. Unfortunately you must have got wrong informations in some very important points and so the case has now taken a wrong direction and it is difficult to rectify that. Actually all that what I am now going to explain to you should have come to the knowledge of all the people who gathered that day in the Youth Centre. Perhaps you could find a way to reopen the discussions with these following new points:

1. It is a wrong beginning if you assume that there will be a "rent out of the block printing section of the church press". As you easily can verify the GEL Church Press has had no block making (NOT printing) section and do not intend to have such extension of its production. Hence it is impossible to rent the said section. The question is not whether or not a certain part of an existing church undertaking shall become subject to rent. But the question is by which way an unused portion of land on the large church compound may become a money earning one.
2. There are points in which I fully agree with the opinion of the meeting. Item 1, 2, partly 3, and 13 are quite correct but as I understood that is not the main intention of the minutes.
3. The objections concentrate ~~on~~ as far as I could understand the minutes around the partnership between the church on the one side and Mr. Gupta on the other. Did I understand item 6 correctly that you like to say that the establishment is supposed to be financed by Mr. Gupta? If so, that is of course wrong. At first the value of the buildings including the new office of the Printing Press is not more than approximately 80.000,- Rupies and is financed fully and solely by the Gossner Mission, Berlin as a gift to the GEL Church. There is not a single Rupee which has been paid by Mr. Gupta or any other source and will not be in the future.
4. The question of ownership of land does not arise at all. Do you think that a man who rents a flat becomes by that action a proprietor of the ground on which the dwelling is built? Of course not. The same legal situation exists in the case of the lease contract with Mr. Gupta. He is a tenant with very clear

- terms and conditions. I don't know whether the Ranchi Committee on Properties is ready to show the contract. But if you would have had the possibility to read these papers you certainly would have been convinced that there is every provision to maintain the rights of the church on her properties.
5. In the same line runs the answer to item 9. As you have started to argue in legal matters you have also to think in legal terms. There is a fundamental difference between the rights of a possessor and a proprietor. E.g. if you ask your friend for his cycle to ride to a shop you become the possessor of this cycle for the time you are using the cycle. But your friend still remains the proprietor. Even if anybody steals the cycle he becomes the possessor but never the proprietor. In the case of the lease contract the lessee becomes the possessor of the subject but never he can become the proprietor. But even more impossible (if that would be a possibility at all) it is to become an proprietor of ground being a possessor of rooms.
6. But as I can see all these legal arguments as weak as they are shall only be the vehicle to carry the objections against the special deal with the special person Mr. Gupta. Here I have to ask you at first one very clear question and I do hope that you can answer in the same clear way: Is the objection against the man or against the non-christian? If the first may be applicable you should revise your reasons. It is a business case and there the person does not count. If the second applies I like to ask the following counter questions:
Will any christian have any loss or any difficulty if there is a non-christian block making workshop?
Was or is there any person or undertaking who intended to start a similar undertaking and who would now suffer by the competitor?
Is there any objection to receive money from non-christian sources?
7. To make the discussion fruitful I would like to say that you should try to overcome the fear that any business is something which is against the good manners and the christian way of life. We are living in a world which always remains a sinful one different from the heavenly Jerusalem (and even the church as an institution is a genuine part of this world what we should sometimes remember). We have not only no possibility to separate from this world but we have the Lord's command to live in this world, to deal with everyone, to witness the permanent presence of the Savior of the world's sins. This necessarily includes that we have to deal with non-christians as well. As there are no special christian Rules and Regulations for business but only commercial ones the question can only be: What is the most efficient business? If that may be a business with a member of the church well and good. If the better offer comes from a non-christian - why not? Of course it is understood that the business itself is a correct one. Really good business can only be a correct one which sees the benefit of both the parties and not only of one.

Could I help you a step forward in the considerations? I would be very happy if I could bring the discussions down to a neutral base and to reduce the emotional feelings by giving more informations.

cc: Pramukh Adhyaksh
Dr. C. Berg ✓

With kind regards

Klaus Schwerck
(Klaus Schwerck)

17 November 1967

psb/go

Mr. Anthony Minz
Gr. No. 450 A/Type III
P.O. DLW /Varanasi (U.P.)
I N D I A

Dear Mr. Minz:

Our Director Dr. Berg received your letters dated 31 May and 28 October 1967.

According to our agreements with the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church we are, unfortunately, not in a position to answer your letters, but have to inform you, that in these matters you would have to write to the KSS or the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the G.E.L. Church in Ranchi, Bihar. Without a recommendation of the G.E.L. Church we cannot give you any official answer.

In the meantime we sent the whole correspondence back to the KSS of the G.E.L. Church in Ranchi.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Sg
(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

17 November 1967

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Mr. Anthony Mink
Gr. No. 450 Type III
P.O. Box 450 (T.M.)
INDIA

Dear Mr. Mink:

Our Director Dr. Berg received your letter dated 31 May and

23 October 1967.
According to the statement with the General Evangelical
Lutheran Church of North America, not in a position to answer
your letter, but to inform you that in these matters you
would have to wait for the result of the General Assembly of the
Church of North America. Without a recommendation of the
Church of North America we cannot give you any official answer.
The matter is not the sole responsibility of the
Church of North America in this matter.

With kindest regards,
Very sincerely yours,

Rev. David Gossner

G.E.L. Church Girls College Hostel
Ranchi.
13.11.67

20. NOV. 1967

Dear Sir,

We really feel indebted for your good will and kind help rendered the Church here in the field of Women Work. We are sure, we will be very much benefited in future also. We send our hearty Terusahay and hearty thanks to you and all our who helped us wellwishers and helpers; your help was great for our Women's Bible Class which was held from the 7th to 13th October '67

It was a very successful one many hungry souls were fed and were thankful to you all.

In the Bible Class our church was full as many were eager to hear and learn. The subjects were good for them.

In the Mess there were 135 Women - from all Anichals except Assam.

122 women got T.A (one side traveling expence) amount Rs. 602.15

Excluding Rice and Dal. Miscellaneous expenditure was Rs. 326.32

Total Expende was Rs. 928.47 np.

Hope you had a very happy and successful Jubilee in Germany. We also had some programme here.

I hope you got my previous letter. I am well and hope you to be the same. I am sending the audit Report for your information. With all good wishes to you all at home.

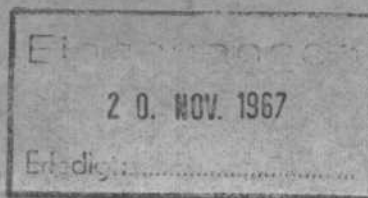
yours in His Service.

Anugrahit Minz

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. C. B. AIND
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. B. MINZ
SECRETARY : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE
TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY



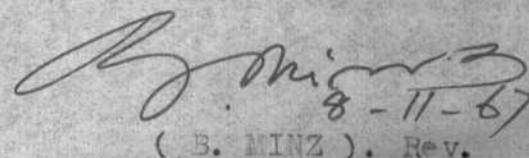
HEAD OFFICE
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone : 510

EXPENDITURE - G.E.L. CHURCH MAHILA SANGH BIBLE CLASS.

I checked the amount submitted by Miss A. Minz, President Mahila Sangh, which is as under :-

I.	T.A.	-	Page (i)	...	Rs. 117=15 Ps.	
			Page (ii)	...	Rs. 106=40 Ps.	
			Page (iii)	...	Rs. 129=15 Ps.	
			Page (iv)	...	Rs. 157=80 Ps.	
			Page (v)	...	Rs. 91=65 Ps.	
					Rs. 602=15 Ps.	Rs. 602=15Ps
II.	Miscellaneous			...		Rs. 326=32Ps
					Total:	Rs. 928=47Ps

(Rupees Nine hundred twenty-eight and Paise forty-seven only).


(B. MINZ). Rev.

Act. Pramukh Adhyaksh,
(resident)

G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(This order contains information A-1 XX of 1980)

HEAD OFFICE
G. L. Church, Raleigh
Durham, N.C.
Phone 210

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PROGRAMME FOR
LUTHERAN MAHILA SANGH BIBLE CLASS 1968.

" Give first place to his kingdom and to what he requires, and he will provide you with all these other things," Matthew 6.33.

October 26-November 1, 1968 .

Place : G. K. L. Church, Boys' L. P. School, Ranchi.

Arrival : Evening of October 26, 1968.

Inauguration: Pramukh Adhyakhs Rev. C. B. Aind

Time Table

Rising Bell 5 A. M. Devotion 6.30. A. M. Tea. 7 A. M.

FORE NOON PROGRAMME

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| 1. First Period. 7.30-8.15. | 3. Third Period 9.15-10. |
| 2. Second Period 8.15-9. | 4. Fourth Period. 10-10.45. |

Meal 11-12, A. M. Rest 12.30-2, P. M.

SUBJECTS

1. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...Prof. S. Surin.
2. Work of women in the Old and the New Testament...Dr. N. Minz.
3. Christian Stability in the Contemporary Situation...Rev. M. Tete.
4. Work of Women among Christian and non Christian...Rev. S. Surin.

After Noon Programme

1. Responsibility of mothers for their Children...Mrs P. Minz.
2. Solutions for women's problems.....Miss A. Minz.
3. Games.....Miss P. Minz. Mrs S. Surin.

Attention Please: Mothers may bring only suckling children with them.
All should bring plate, bedding, Bible, Catechism
Hymn, Note Book and pencil. C /

Expenses: For one meal...Rice 375 gram, Dal 65 gram and Paice 30. Half of the one way fare will be given to all.

All who are coming should encourage others to come and to be blessed by the instruction from the Bible.

Miss Anugrahit Minz
President.
Mahila Sangh.

September 12th, 1967
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Miss Anugrahit Minz
G.E.L. Church | Girls College
Hostel | ~~Ranchi~~
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Miss Minz:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 11th, which I did not answer before, because I came back from my vacation only some days ago. I was very glad to hear from you.

I was very sorry to read that you do not feel well with regard to your health. In spite of that you do your work, and I was glad to read, that you want to have the Women's Bible Class from 7th to 13th October. I hope that many women will participate, and that they will enjoy it.

I agree with you, that till then you cannot expect any help from Dr. Dell, as he will come to Ranchi later.

Therefore I wrote to President Aind on the 6th of September, that the Gossner Mission in Berlin is willing to send a special gift for the women work in Ranchi. I asked Rev. Aind whether the KSS was ready to accept this gift, and if they would agree, he should pay the amount of Rps 600 to the Women Work immediately. Thus I hope, that you will receive the above amount in time in order to cover the necessary expenses for the Bible Class. When I will come to Ranchi again, we will have a good occasion to speak about your plans for the next years.

We read in the newspapers, that there were riots in Ranchi at the end of August and even many cases of death. I hope that it was quiet in the G.E.L. Church Compound.

I received the booklet and also the report about the Women Work and thank you very much for your kindness.

With kindest regards, I remain,
Very sincerely yours,


(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

September 12, 1967

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Thank you very much for your letter of August 14th, which I received
yesterday. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope you are
enjoying your vacation.

Very truly yours,

I am very sorry to hear that you do not feel well with regard to
your health. I hope you will get better soon and I am sure you
will be able to enjoy your vacation only when you are well.

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Very truly yours,
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(Rev. [illegible])

Dear M. Seeberg.

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G.E.L. Church Girls College Hostel

Ranchi. 21.9.67.

I received your ^{6 SEP 1967} and loving letter of September

12th 1967. Thank you very much for your kind care, and I must not fail to thank our friends of G.M. in Berlin who has been caring for us with such tender love and kindness I can't find words to thank you all. I am glad to let you know that I am quite well now and hope the same for you all.

Because I could not get any reply from you for such a long period I was much worried as how to carry on such heavy work without money in the mean time I wrote to Dr. Dell on 8th Sept. '67. Just now I have received a letter from him, I told him that is no other way out but to take loan because the number of the women may be big as they will be coming from whole Chotanagpur & Assam and the Ranchi women are very glad to have it. Programme has been sent through out. I am writing to Dr. Dell also telling him about your wise arrangement. During the worried and very miserable time on 14th Sept. '67 at 4.30 P.M. I got a copy of your letter which was being send to you; then I thanked God who is very near for my every help, after this I received your letter of 12th Sept. '67. on 19th Sept. '67. I wrote to Hd. Acct. Kss. to hand me over the amount of Rs. 600/- as early as possible up to day he has not given the money hope within a day or two he will do the same. For the requirements I need the money soon; hope you can understand my difficulties, I thank God that I can tell you all I have to do. I can think that you are very very busy for the 450 yrs Jubilee in Germany, I wonder your patience for me, as we know how much time you spend in reading my letter and also writing to me, may God bless you and give you health and wisdom to be a guider for good work I remember you and your last sentence hope you do the same.

I hope Miss. Diller & H. Schmidt are with you in Germany, I only know about them that they left Ranchi for Germany I do not ^{know} any more if you meet them please convey my love and hearty greetings to them both.

Dr. Dell has written me that the gift of Rs. 600/- has been sent to him, he will be in Ranchi not before 16th Oct. '67. If you want him to refund the money to the Kss. please direct him so. In the last Kss. meeting I heard and your letter says so; please will you kindly let me know when you are coming to Ranchi again?

Whatever you read in the paper is true i.e. riots in Ranchi. the boys and girls were in the schools & colleges riot started at about 2 P.M. and spread all over the town very soon, till the police & Military came many were killed

very soon it was very serious outside the town. I was very worried for my ~~hostel~~ girls but our christian youth guided them up to the mission compound. How wonderful it was that none of our christians were touched. we had to be in the hostel praying all the time for about one full week; now the schools & colleges are open and doing well. I hope you do pray for us all and remember us with our Lord Jesus. Many are in the fear of its break out God is with us He will never leave us. ~~we~~ I hope the women Bible class will be a very good help and guide for our mothers. We thank God and render ourselves to Him only.

This letter can't contain all. now I must not take your precious time any more.

Please remember the Bible Class in your daily prayers. I will report about your money and number of mothers in the Bible class from far and near. Thankyou very much for the troubles.

May God be with you all,

with good and best wishes to you.

yours in His service

Anugrahit Minsz



Rev. Martin ~~Seberg~~

1000 Berlin 41

Handjerystrasse 19/20

West Germany.

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

Dear M. Seeberg

16 AUG. 1967

Filed by:

I received your kind letter dated July 21st 1967.

I am really very thankful for your love, kindness and care. I don't know how to thank you. I am quite sure that you are very sincere to me and true to your promise. I remember your first and last visit to my poor college Hostel during your stay in Ranchi; you sat in K.S.S. meeting also and heard very many things. I hope you did not forget the words "direct request" I can't forget it please excuse me.

On the very last day before few hours you left Ranchi you said to help the women work of Chotanagpur & Assam with Rs 2000/- what difficulty I have I can't guess out.

I am very thankful for your special gift of Rs. 600/- but I am very disheartened to know that Dr. Th. Dell may come in October or he may be coming in next year. The Pujari Vacation will begin here from 7th Oct to 18th Oct '67. accordingly I have to call the Bible Class for the Lutheran women, from whole Chotanagpur and Assam from 7th Oct - 13 Oct '67, this is the only best time for the women's Bible class. Programme is printed and being sent so that all may know in time.

Your letter tells that Rs. 600/- will be an unofficial gift for the women Bible Class. Let us think over it again some how or other K.S.S. has to know the work and the help too; so I think it will be wiser to inform the K.S.S. If possible you can help the women's Bible Class with Rs. 2000/- for four years period Rs. 500/- per year from 1967-1970. then it will be easier for the lady who will be in charge of the women department. Hope there will be no difficulty to draw the amount per year from the K.S.S. treasury. If so please be so kind as to write the Pramukh very clearly about the special gift for Lutheran women work as it does not appear in the Budget or any where, but it is very important and should not be neglected.

It will be impossible to get Rs. 600/- from Dr. Dell in omission

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

Ranchi

A. Minz

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Handgelystrasse 19/20
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1000 Berlin H1

Pastor M. Seelberg

Gossner Mission



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I have to begin the work so I am going on knowing not from where help will come for it only God knows. In my following letter you will see the programme and the actual expence of the Women Bible class. Hope you will be very kind to help us, according to your good will.

The Kss. meeting is going on from 6th to 13 August 1967. It is rainy season we are getting rains, the price of things are very high, we all are in difficulties.

In this year we hope to give seats for 30 Girls in the Girls College Hostel.

Since you left us we are very busy because of this I could ^{not} make my tour only up to very near villages to Ranchi. I hope you got the small booklet sent for you, when sisters Miss Diller + Miss Schmidt will be with you in Germany they will help you to make it understand.

How is sweetly Karmilia Seelberg convey my love to her. I hope you will try your best not to keep this note in your letters. Life, thank you for the same. Hope you are in green health I am not so. Please pray for us, we are anxiously waiting for early reply. Please excuse my English + H. writing with all best wishes.

yours in His service
Miss A. Minz

July 21st, 1967
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Miss Anugrahit Minz
G.E.L. Church Girls College
Hostel
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Miss Minz:

I thank you very much for your letter of June 28th, which I read with great pleasure, after we became friends last winter during my stay in Ranchi. I did not forget your request and had expected your letter. I again assure you, that we are willing to support your important work, just as last year.

Certainly, the women Mahasabha shall take place in October, and we will make the amount of 600 Rps. available to you for it. Please understand, that this allowance to you is an unofficial gift, of which we do not inform the KSS of the G.E.L. Church.

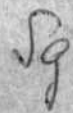
We asked Dr. Dell to pay this amount to you. However, as he will not come back to Ranchi before the end of September, I am not sure whether or not you will get this amount in time. In order to be sure, I give you the address of Dr. Dell in North India as follows, so that you can contact him:

Rev. Dr. Thomas Dell
Landour Language School
Landour
Mussoorie U.P., INDIA.

We were very glad to learn, that you again won the confidence of the women and will for some years take the responsibility as the President for the women work.

May the Lord bless you, also on your tours. Our bestes wishes for a success accompany you especially in the Mahasabha in Ranchi.

With kindest regards, I remain,
Very sincerely yours,



(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

cc: Rev. Dr. Thomas Dell

July 1st, 1937
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Miss Ann Marie Wynn
O.E.S. Church Girls College
Hosier
Kashmir, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Miss Wynn:

I thank you very much for your letter of June 28th, which I read with great pleasure, when we became friends last winter during my stay in Ranchi. I did not forget your request and had expected your letter. I again assure you, that we are willing to support your important work, and as last year.

Certainly, the women's association will make a place in October, and we will make the amount of Rs. 100/- available to you for it. Please understand, that this assistance to you is an individual gift, of which we do not inform the O.E.S. Church.

We asked Mr. Bell to put this amount to you. However, as he will not come back to Ranchi before the end of September, I am not sure whether or not you will get this amount in time. In order to be sure, I give you the address of Mr. Bell in Ranchi, India as follows, so that you can contact him.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Bell
Lander's Evangelical School
Lander
Ranchi, Bihar, India

We were very glad to learn that you again won the confidence of the women and will for some years take the responsibility as the President for the women work.

May the Lord bless you, also on your tour. Our best wishes for a success accompany you especially in the Madhesh in Ranchi.

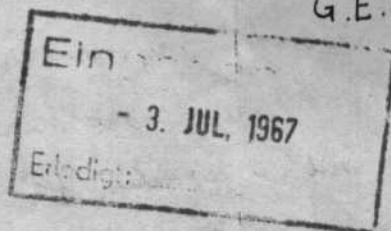
With kindest regards, I remain,
Very sincerely yours,



(Rev. Dr. Thomas Bell)

cc: Rev. Dr. Thomas Bell

Dated 28.6.67.



Dear Sir.

I am really very thankful for your kind and loving letter dated the 30th November 1966. after a very long period I am writing, please excuse me for the delay.

On 29th + 30th May '67 a Lutheran women Mahasabha was held which decided that I will be the Mahila President of Chotanagpur and Assam up to the year 1971.

It was also decided that the Mahila President must go on tour to Assam; as the Assam Lutheran women are very eager to have her; I am ready to go for about six weeks but have to think many other things.

The women Mahasabha feels the great need of women Bible class, as the women are very very eager to have the class once every year. For this purpose I have Rs. 113.00 only, this amount is too little for such work, price of every thing is very high. We are going to have a Lutheran women Bible class in Ranchi as it is the centre place and all needful is to be found here. In this case we can never forget your kindness, love and great help. Miss A. Diller and Miss H. Schmidt have tried their very best to help the women work here. The Bible class will be held in last week of October '67. The women work constitution Booklet is printed now, this booklet contains very good guidance for our Lutheran women, a copy is sent for you to know. The women are very glad to buy this little book, as it is a great help in their daily economical life, how to surve their churches independently.

Hope you will be able to read my handwriting.
Please do remember the women work here and pray for
the difficult work. We will be waiting for your kindness and
love.

I am quite well and hope the same for you and your family
with best wishes and hearty
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yours in His service

Miss Anugrahit Minor

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Gossner Mission Director

C. Berg

1000 Berlin 41

Handjungsstraße 19/20

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

A. Minor

Ranchi

Dated 28.6.67.

Z. d. R.

Sg 3/7

Dear Sir

Few lines for information

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- 3. JUL. 1967

End:

I must not forget to thank you for the troubles to help the women works here in Chotanagpur and Assam.

The women works constitution Booklet is Printed, I have sent one copy for you. Proff. Dell could not help me so I had to go in the Town Press. I have to take Loan Rs 700.00 for the Printing charges.

In May for two days only ie 29th & 30th of May '67 I had to call a women Mahasabha, it decided that I have to work as a President for four more years ie up to 1971; it was also decided that the President must go on tour to Assam. I am ready but have to think about other things. I and others feel it is very very necessary.

In October I am going to call a Bible class for all the C. Women in Chotanagpur & Assam. For this work I have Rs 113.00 only. The women Mahasabha deeply feels its great need. I don't know where to move. Miss Diller & Schmidt have tried their very best to help this work the days are very hard price of every thing is very high.

I hope you will be able to read my handwriting.
Please excuse me for the delay.

The Hostel Girls are glad to have a better College Hostel
as it is much changed now.

I am quite well and hope you to be the same with
your family.

with best wishes

yours in His service

Miss. Anugrahit Minz

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Gossner Mission Inspector.

Pastor. M. Seeborg.

1000 Berlin 41

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

A. Minz

Ranchi

November 30th, 1966
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I n d i a

Miss Anugrahit Minz
GEL Church
Ranchi, Bihar

Dear Miss Minz:

Thanking you very much for your kind letter, which arrived here on November 28th, I want you to know, that we were very glad about the good news of a women's meeting in Ranchi, that really took place this year from 18th to 22nd October.

When I imagine that not only pastor's wives and pracharikas, 25 and 13 respectively, participated in the meeting, but hundreds of other women from Ranchi and the surroundings heard the lectures and Bible studies, I see it as a sign, how God blessed the calling of this conference.

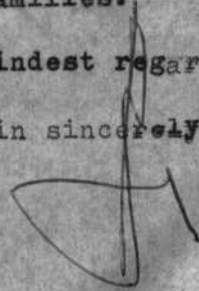
We are very glad having contributed to it, and I thank you that you made Mr. Bage, the head accountant, acknowledge the account of expenditure, as you informed us. It is important that also in the future, when you plan the continuation of these conferences, the participants will contribute to their expenses.

Thus the rest amount should remain for the same purpose next year, and we would appreciate your asking us in time for an amount contributing to the food and travelling expenses of the conference taking place perhaps in October 1967.

I sincerely hope that the blessing of the conference may help the participating women and their families.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I remain sincerely yours,



November 20th, 1956
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Miss Margaret
Gill Carter
Ranch, Bihar

Dear Miss Margaret:

Thanking you very much for your kind letter, which arrived here on November 20th, I want you to know, that we were very glad about the good news of a woman's meeting in Ranchi, that really took place this year from 18th to 22nd October.

When I imagine that not only a sister's wives and grandmothers, 25 and 30 respectively, participated in the meeting, but hundreds of other women from Ranchi and the surroundings heard the lectures and Bible studies, I see it as a sign, how God blessed the calling of this conference.

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I sincerely hope that the blessing of the conference may help the participating women and their families.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
I remain sincerely yours,

To,

Dr. Christian Berg.
Director of Gossner Mission Society.
1. Berline 41 (Friedenan)
Handjerystrosse - 19/20
West Germany.

Eingegangen

28. NOV. 1966

Erledigt:

Dear Sir,

I am to furnish below the account of expenditure incurred in the Bible Class held from 18th October to 22nd October 1966 for the Pastor's wives and Pracharikas.

The number of pastor's wives and pracharikas who attended the class was 25 and 13 respectively. The total number of women who attended the Bible class was about 300 to 400 hundred. It shows that besides the Pastor's wives and Pracharika lay women both local and out siders were much interested in it. They bore their expenses themselves.

The money received from you was Rs. 575.00 only. But of which Rs. 288.00 was spent in giving travelling alloances to the Pastor's wives and Pracharikas only leaving a balance of Rs. 286.93. Other expenses incurred on boarding & lodging was Rs. 173.67. Hence the total balance at hand is Rs. 113.26 only. The balance money will be spent next year when we shall be holding Bible class again for the women of G.E.L. Church Chotanagpur & Assam.

It has been decided in the Mahila Maha Sabha to hold the Bible Class again in future. They have also agreed to bear the expenses themselves to be incurred in this regard.

I am very glad to let you know that the women here are ready to take up the work themselves. I may be excused for the delay in giving you a full account of the Bible class recently held, due to some hinderances.

All the members of the Lutheran Mahila Maha Sabha send their heartiest thanks to you for your generous help in Jesus Christ. We pray that God may help us and our sisters in Germany to go together in fellowship of God's love.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss. Anugrahit Minz
26.10.66

President, Mahila Sangh,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

*Corrected that the statement
given above is true
Pr. B. Singh
President, Mahila Sangh
26/10/66*

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Director of Gossner Mission Society,
I. Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Händelstrasse - 19/20
West Germany.

Dear Sir,

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The money received from you was Rs. 575.00 only. Out of which Rs. 288.00 was spent in giving travelling allowances to the Pastor's wives and Pracharikas only leaving a balance of Rs. 286.98. Other expenses incurred on boarding & lodging was Rs. 173.57. Hence the total balance at hand is Rs. 113.20 only. The balance money will be spent next year when we shall be holding Bible class again for the women of G.E.I. Church Chotanagpur & Assam.

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Yours sincerely,

President, Mahila Sabha,
G.E.I. Church, Ranchi.

May 18th, 1967
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Rev. C. C. Minz
G.E.L. Church, Building Committee,
Rourkela, Orissa
I N D I A

Dear Brother Minz:

A very good friend of the Gossner Mission since many years, Professor Dr. Ing. E. Sörensen, who formerly lived in Augsburg, sent us a copy of your letter of May 1st, 1967, in which you ask him for DM 10.000 for the completion of the construction of your church. This request of yours was very surprising for us, and we want to let you know our opinion about it.

We want you to know that there are two ways in the Christian world to complete a project like the construction of a church:

- 1.) That the congregation itself makes every possible effort and sacrifices in order to build up a house for prayers and divine service; even if it will last years until you will reach this goal. And if the congregation is as poor as yours in Rourkela probably is the church building should be very modest.
- 2.) The other way is to confer with the leading brothers of the church, whether or not there are other sources of support to find, but such a consultation with the own church leaders is necessary.

At any rate private persons somewhere in the world, like the family Sörensen, who already make considerable sacrifices for the Lord's Kingdom and also to the Gossner Mission, who are not personal acquaintances and whose address was learned by chance, should not be asked for such a considerable amount of DM 10.000.--. Before you write such a letter you should have asked Adhyaksh Dr. Bage for his advice.

I hope you will follow my serious admonition in the future. I pray the Lord may bless you and your service in the Christian congregation in Rourkela, and I remain,

With yeshusahay greetings,
Sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

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October 6th, 1967
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Mr. Nirmal Minz
Seamen International House
123 E. 15th Street
New York, N.Y.
U.S.A.

(nach Ranchi geschickt)

Dear Brother Minj:

Thank you very much for your letter from your stay in New York, informing me about your return trip from Chicago to Ranchi during these days. With regard to the present situation in the Theological College - which has personnel difficulties especially as Dr. Dell will start his lecturing in the staff of professors later - your going back to the staff is a great relief.

My best wishes accompany you and your increased family for having had a nice voyage and a safe arrival without difficulties in your well known Ranchi. I can imagine how happy you and your dear wife Parakleta will be seeing your relatives and friends again, even when your standard of living is now more modest again and has to fit into Indian conditions.

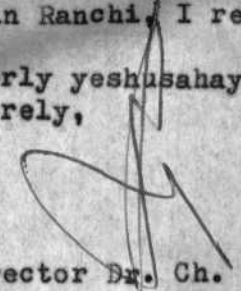
We especially wish you to find attentive listeners, and that you will teach them about your spiritual experiences in the churches and congregations of the United States.

You will be glad to hear, that during the next year at least for six weeks Inspector Seeberg will come to Ranchi, with whom you will then become acquainted. Or did you already have an occasion to meet him during his first tour through India in 1962/63? Concerning myself: I still intend to go to Chotanagpur in the middle of 1969 to the golden jubilee of the G.E.L. Church.

We did not find any remark neither in your address nor in the text of your letter, whether or not you finished your studies with an examination. I hope for you, that it was possible, and that you only forgot to mention it. At any rate I conclude it from your remark, that during the last months you were so busy with your dissertation, that most of your mails went unanswered.

Thanking you again very much for your letter and wishing you the Lord's abundant blessings for the new start in Ranchi, I remain,

With brotherly yeshusahay greetings,
Yours sincerely,



(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

October 1952

Mr. Ernest H. ...
...
New York, N.Y.

(nach Ranchi geschickt)

Dear Brother ...

Thank you very much for your letter from your stay in New York, and for the information you gave me about your plans to return to Ranchi to spend some time at the Ranchi College - which is a very good thing. I will be glad to hear from you again when you return to Ranchi.

I am very glad to hear that you and your family are well and happy. I hope you will be able to visit us again soon. I will be glad to hear from you again when you return to Ranchi.

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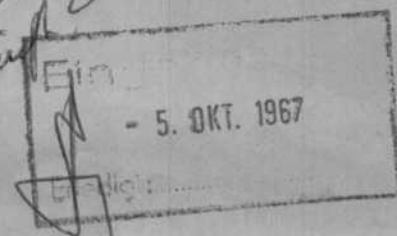
Yours sincerely,
Ernest H. ...

(Signature)

Seamen & Gossner Mission House,
123 E. 15th Street,
New York, N.Y.
Oct. 1, 1967.

Dr. C. Berg,
Director, Gossner Mission
Berlin-Friedenau,
Hauptstr. 19/20.

Let's keep this
Dr. Berg



Dear Brother Berg,

you. I was so busy with my dissertation that most of my mails went unanswered. I worked on it till the last day our stay at Chicago.

We left Chicago yesterday and we are staying for two days in New York en route India. Tomorrow, the 2nd of Oct. at 8:30 PM. we leave here by Air India and fly direct to Calcutta arriving there at 9:10 AM on the 4th of Oct. Then we spend a day and night at Calcutta. It will be nice to take a day's rest then after a long 23 hours straight flight. Then on Thursday the 5th Oct. we fly from Calcutta to Ranchi early morning leaving Calcutta at 6:40 AM and arriving Ranchi at 7:50 AM. We are anxious to see and meet our relatives, friends, and church friends at Ranchi.

We are extremely happy to get back to Ranchi after being away from for four years. I join the faculty at Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi on the 6th of Oct. It will be a joy for me to teach at the College. It has not yet been decided what particular subjects I should teach but I am certain that that will be decided after my joining the faculty.

I don't know when you plan to visit Ranchi next. It will be a joy for us to meet and entertain you in our home when you come to Ranchi. Rev. J. P. Tiga is not with you in Germany, I hear. Please convey our best wishes and greetings to him.

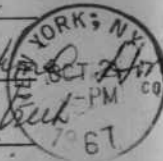
More after arriving and settling down at Ranchi. God bless you and your service at home and abroad. Greetings to you and all the Gossner friends.

Sincerely yours,
Xhismal Minz.

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Rev. P. C. Minz,

C/349, Sector-16

ROURKELA-3

~~6/0-4~~ PASTOR.

6/0 The German Pastor,
A/1, Sector-3, Rourkela -2.



The Director, Deptt. of World Mission,
Dr. Arne Sovik, Geneva.

Respected Sir,

Please permit me to say the following facts for your information and favourable consideration.

From our Church authorities we have been hearing that the L.W.F. is ready to meet the finance in building up the Churches at Rourkela with an advance for Rs 22!000/- sanctioned in 1956 if land is provided. It was confirmed by Rev. Dr. Heubner the then Asst. Director in 1961 who told me personally at Ranchi in Nov. 61 when en route to New Delhi came as a representative to the W.C.C. This fact kept us aware to find out places in Rourkela to avail it.

In our right need a local man by name Sri Samuel Toppo whose land falls almost in the heart of the Notified Area has been very kind enough to donate his land in an area of 3.00 acres to us. This site has been seen and preferred by our church authorities from home and abroad eg.

1. Rev. Dr. Hans Lokies, Ex Director, Gossner Mission Society, W. Germany.
2. Rev. Dr. E. Peusch, German Pastor (Ex), Rourkela.
3. Rev. R. Krafft, do
4. Pastor Seesberg, Mission Inspector, Gossner Mission Society, W. Germany. GW 12.12.62
5. Rev. Theodore Jaekel, a member of the Ecumenical Industrial Team.

(More names can be cited.)

In many respects the aforesaid place is very suitable for our purpose. This has been considered as our Parish Centre ever since I am posted here in May 1958.

Since long we have been approaching the authorities concerned of the Govt. of Orissa for permission to construct a decent church and other allied buildings. A chapel is already standing on the same land in a hut form since 1958. And up till now the local S.D.O. (Civil) has made necessary enquiries from us and visited the site on 13.8.64. The same land has been demarcated and handed over to us a map showing the area by the Land Acquisition and Reclamation at Rourkela, Govt. of Orissa in Dec. 64. In our

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G. E. L. CHURCH, ROURKELA

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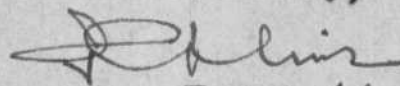
recent interview with the District Magistrate & Collector, Sundergarh District on 8.2.66 has kindly permitted us start building works verbally. More over he has also assured us to give helps if objection is made. We are requesting him to issue us a written orders for our safeguard and your satisfactions.

In this connection I have already submitted my reports in details to Mr. Robert Montag the Financial Planner, G.E.L. Church on 12.4.65 at Ranchi.

Now I am bound to write you because we are making arrangements to put foundation stone soon with the verbal permission of the District Magistrate & collector. It is clear that the completion of our works entirely depends upon your good wishes and free gifts. Details will be submitted if desired.

With best regards to you,

Yours most faithfully,


27.2.66.

Pastor,

Enclosures:

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(It will be sent later on).
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Sub- Divisional Office, Panposh,
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Dated 10.8. 64,

To

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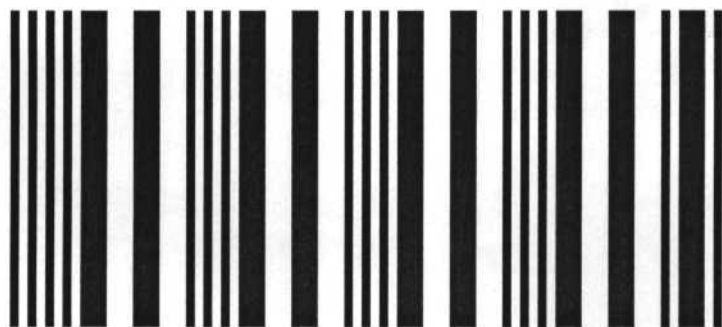
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In inviting your attention to your petition addressed to the Honourable Home Minister, Orissa, a copy of which has been forwarded to the District Magistrate, Sundergarh and to me, I would request you to please make it convenient to meet me on 13th instant at 10.30 A.M. You may kindly bring necessary papers, so that I can see them.

yours faithfully,

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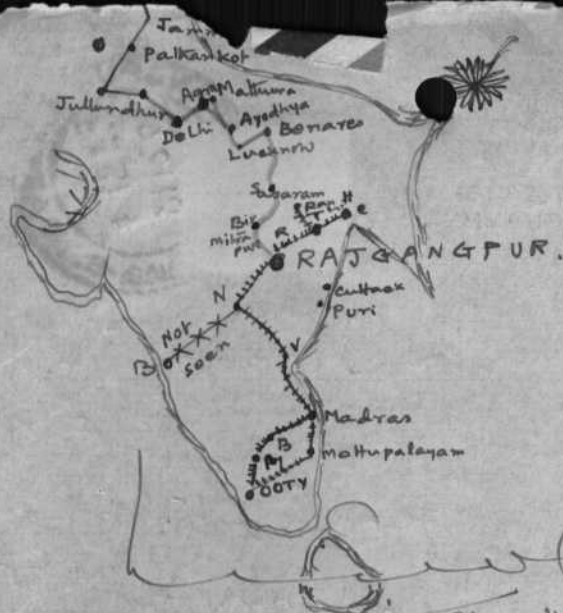
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NAG, India.



(C.I.K.K. OKIL The 17th day
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From:- In-Laws House,
Downing Ghoghór Road,
P.O. Rajgangpur - 2, Dist. Sundargarh
Orissa, INDIA.

To

The Director - Christian Berg,
West Germany.

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Mission Bungalow, G.E.L. Church,
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Christmas 1967 and the Happy New Year 1968.
Further I would like to convey this my
Christmas and the New Year Greetings to
all the brethren of East, West, North and
of South Germany and specifically to
Dr. Hans Lokies and Rev Klimkeit and Rev.
Borutha.

Very Sincerely Yours I am,

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(C.I.K.K. OKIL NAG, B.A.). 20th Dec
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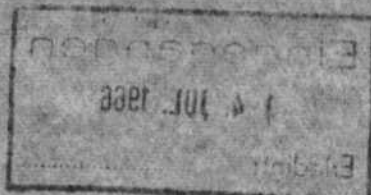
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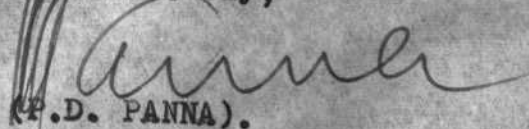
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Bachkantaten im Gottesdienst

Erfolgreiches Experiment in der Rotterdamer Laurenskirche

epd Rotterdam, 28. März. In der Laurenskerk, der größten Stadtkirche von Rotterdam, die im Kriege zerstört und vor einigen Monaten wiederaufgebaut worden ist, werden seit Beginn des Jahres während der Sonntagsgottesdienste Bachkantaten aufgeführt. Wegen der hohen Kosten sollten diese Aufführungen zunächst nur während dreier Monate stattfinden. Die ersten Kantaten-Gottesdienste waren jedoch so erfolgreich, daß der Kirchenvorstand jetzt beschlossen hat, weiterhin von Zeit zu Zeit während der Gottesdienste Bachkantaten aufzuführen. Dabei wird besonders darauf geachtet, daß diese Kantaten-Gottesdienste keinen Konzertcharakter tragen, sondern daß das gesungene Lied - den ursprünglichen Vorstellungen Bachs entsprechend - in die Liturgie einbezogen wird und die Wortverkündigung unterstreicht.

K u r z n a c h r i c h t e n

Für den 13. Deutschen Evangelischen Kirchentag, der vom 21. bis 25. Juni 1967 in Hannover stattfinden soll, hat die Stadtverwaltung volle organisatorische Unterstützung zugesagt. Dies ist das Ergebnis eines offiziellen Besuchs von Kirchentagspräsident Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker (Ingelheim) und leitenden Mitarbeitern des Kirchentags-Präsidialbüros Fulda bei Oberbürgermeister Holweg und Oberstadtdirektor Neuffer. (epd)

Pastor Heinz Tomczak, seit sechs Jahren Leiter der Erlanger Regionalstelle der Leipziger Mission, ist in die hannoversche Landeskirche zurückgekehrt und hat eine Pfarrstelle in Holzminden übernommen. Sein Nachfolger in Erlangen wurde Pfarrer Kurt Hendrich, der zuletzt zehn Jahre lang als Seelsorger in der Evangelischen Kirche Lutherischen Bekenntnisses in Brasilien wirkte. (epd)

Frau Prof. Dr. Erika Hoffmann, seit 1951 Leiterin des Evangelischen Fröbel-Seminars der Inneren Mission in Kassel, hat ihr Amt an Frau Dr. Erika Trepte übergeben. Im Fröbel-Seminar werden jeweils etwa einhundert Studierende als Kindergärtnerinnen oder Jugendleiterinnen ausgebildet. (epd)

"Kulturzentrum Athen" heißt das neue kirchliche Betreuungszentrum für griechische Gastarbeiter, das jetzt in Dörnigheim bei Hanau seiner Bestimmung übergeben wurde. Die Innere Mission von Kurhessen-Waldeck betreut zur Zeit insgesamt etwa dreitausend Griechen. (epd)

Im zweiten Tonband-Wettbewerb des schleswig-holsteinischen Jugendpfarramts, an dem sich 68 Einsender - darunter mehrere Ausländer - beteiligten, gewann der 15jährige Hamburger Schüler Henning Tanneberger den mit 600 DM dotierten ersten Preis, der ihm in Form eines Stereo-Rundfunkgeräts überreicht wurde. (epd)

Die Leitung der "Missionsflotte" der Lutherischen Mission auf Neuguinea wird jetzt der bisherige Handelsmarine-Offizier Uwe Tolks (28) aus Lauterbach in Hessen übernehmen. Die Missionsgesellschaft hat mehrere Motorschiffe eingesetzt, die die Verbindung zwischen den Stationen an der Küste aufrechterhalten. Tolks soll auch Eingeborene für die Küstenschifffahrt ausbilden. (epd)

Der gegenseitigen Aufhebung der Bannflüche von Rom und Konstantinopel aus dem Jahre 1054 hat jetzt auch die Synode der Orthodoxen Kirche Zyperns unter Vorsitz von Erzbischof Makarios zugestimmt. Papst Paul VI. und Patriarch Athanasios hatten die Bannflüche im Dezember vergangenen Jahres feierlich zurückgenommen. (epd)

c.) Die größere Hälfte von Minda geben wir d. S. selbst und aufschreiben (170, 81/2) d. gleiche Mindest bei Was-Graben. Schreiben Sie, daß solche neuplische Objektivität in Lese d. M. verändert abgibt. ² Topos ist auch die Form muß noch von neupl. Was-Graben. Die für die M. verändert geben gut und fein d. Graben Mindest geben. Neupl. Sie noch muß mit zusätzl. Maß, Mr. P. verändert! (S. Sie Topos neupl. Mindest geben d. 50^{er} Jhr.)²

c) Ihre Forderung, daß die von Ihnen ^{verpflichteten} ~~gebildeten~~ Konzipisten an 20 fliehenden die gültigen Weisungen des eines neuen Statutes soll, und zwar des einflussreichsten Statutes oder Abstraktion, stellt die Fortschritt für Japan in Anbetracht der Geschichte. Die Kunst-Praktiken in Ostasien werden gefördert werden, die wissenschaftliche Kollaboration der Fortschritt ist gut und die Jugend der Fortschritt sind an ihrer Kunst zu arbeiten und für den Rückgang haben. Sie sind die Friedlichkeit haben, daß die leidenden Menschen der Kunst von gutem Leben freigeiz und Macht sein gebieten werden, statt als dienende Jünger ihrer Kunst nachzufragen, und sie zu dienen und sich Ihre zu leisten.

d) Die Klagere behauptet, daß die Kwest eine Minderzeit in der Joftharkirche find und als folche befa-
helt werden. Der KSS find in angemeffener Weife und fchon voller Raft, ihr geistliches
Furchenamt zu führen. (Großes und Kleines) (Zu sehen in einem

In jener Kiste in Dittfland sind mehr als 12 Hämmer verpackt. Ich schreibe sie einem kleinen Hammer. Dieser Hammer ist nicht so, wie ich ihn und noch mehr als ein Stück gesehen habe. Man sieht die ganze Kiste etwas breiter tragen, als ich sie gesehen habe, so ist es mir, daß ich dankbar als ein Stück angenommen ist.

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~~Einmal vom Geist~~ Ihr Musenwundern sticht mich tief ins Herz. Ich will, Mr. Paucek,
Ihre Maßstäbe, Regeln und Kategorien kennen von der Welt und nicht von Gott!

III.

Es folgt ein Vermerk, dass der KSS Fr. Mandrandium Artikel mit Entschlossenheit ablehnt,
wie auch unser frischer Vorschlag mit der Zustimmung der Gesamtheit.

Aber sozusagen sollte sie da KSS dängen lassen:

a) Es sollte eine ^{mündigste} Disziplinartafel geschaffen werden, die ~~folgende~~ offenkundigen Verstöße gegen die Gebote bestraft und ahndet. Es sind ja nicht Fälle gemeint, die sich im Verborgenen abspielen. Es ist eine Verurteilung von Fehlverhalten, wegen dessen die Strafe auszusprechen. In Apostelgeschichte, Cap. 5 steht zu lesen, wie wohl die Gemeindeglieder solche Ungehorsamen vor den Augen der Gemeinde zu verurteilen soll. Und weil das Land & Volk Israel von sich der Korruption an-

Herbe Kritik an der Pressegesetzgebung

Journalistentagung in der Evangelischen Akademie Loccum

epd Loccum, 28. März. Herbe Kritik an der mit "unbestimmten Rechtsbegriffen" arbeitenden Pressegesetzgebung des Bundes und der Länder übte der Gießener Staatsrechtslehrer Prof. Dr. Helmut Ridder am Wochenende auf einer Tagung vor etwa siebzig Journalisten in der Evangelischen Akademie Loccum. Unter dem Thema "Das Recht auf Information" beschäftigten sich die Teilnehmer mit der Klärung des noch ungesicherten Anspruchs der Presse auf Zugang zu Sachinformationen aus dem Bereich von Regierung und Verwaltung.

Nach Ansicht von Prof. Ridder geht aus der bisherigen Pressegesetzgebung hervor, daß - was das Recht auf Information angehe - auf antiliberale Tendenzen geschlossen werden müsse. Der Informationsanspruch der Presse gegenüber den Behörden werde durch zahlreiche Vorbehaltsklauseln so stark eingeschränkt, daß es letztlich im Ermessen oder Behörden liege, ob sie einem Informationsbegehren stattgeben oder nicht. Diese Lage sei unbefriedigend. Sie beruhe auf der Verwendung unbestimmter Begriffe und nicht festgelegter Entscheidungskriterien. Die Judikatur des Pressewesens krankt nach Meinung Ridders an der Vorstellung, daß die Presse von Natur aus gefährlich sei.

Prof. Ridder vertrat die Ansicht, daß das staatsbürgerliche Informationsrecht als Ausgangspunkt zur Verwirklichung der bürgerlichen Freiheit, also der Teilhabe und des Mitspracherechts an allen öffentlichen Angelegenheiten, gelten müsse. Zwar erkenne die Bürokratie der Presse grundsätzlich das Recht auf Information zu, doch träten ständig der Staatsschutzgedanke und die Pressefreiheit in Konkurrenz zueinander, wobei grundsätzlich dem Staatsschutzgedanken das höhere und damit schutzwürdigere Interesse eingeräumt werde. Die gegenwärtig unbefriedigende Lage im Presserecht sei im wesentlichen auf das Versäumnis des Gesetzgebers zurückzuführen, sich dieser Materie anzunehmen. Die geplanten oder schon bestehenden Landespressegesetze hätten sich jedenfalls als "Blindgänger" erwiesen, sagte Ridder. "Die verfassungsrechtliche Sicherung und sonstige gesetzliche Regelung des Informationsrechts der Presse ist das noch ungelöste Problem der Realisierung demokratischer Zustände in der Bundesrepublik."

Kritische Anmerkungen zu dem von der Presse angeführten Informationsbedürfnis der Öffentlichkeit, auf das sich der Informationsanspruch der Presse stützt und von dem die Informationspflicht der Regierung abgeleitet wird, trug Hanns Küffner, Referent für Öffentlichkeitsarbeit in Verteidigungsfragen im Presse- und Informationsamt der Bundesregierung, den anwesenden Journalisten vor. Sein Referat gab Anstoß zu einer lebhaften Debatte über die Qualität der Informationsgebung innerhalb der deutschen Presse. Die Presseerzeugnisse, sagte Küffner, enthielten in ihrer Mehrheit immer weniger gewichtige Informationen, dafür aber beschäftigten sie sich häufig genug mit Belanglosigkeiten, um nicht zu sagen "Tratsch". Es frage sich, meinte Küffner, ob den Journalisten angesichts dieser allgemeinen Entwicklung durch die Zeitungen noch die Plattform zur Verfügung gestellt werde, um ihre Pflicht zur Information zu erfüllen.

Küffnerverneinte einen absoluten Informationsanspruch der Presse, der über den sonst geltenden Informationsanspruch hinausgehen könnte. Einen Anspruch zum Beispiel auf Veröffentlichung militärischer Geheimnisse könne es nicht geben. Die Sicherheit und das daraus resultierende Verantwortungsbewußtsein stünden über dem Informationsrecht. In der Aussprache, an der unter anderen auch Prof. Eugen Kogon teilnahm, ging es vor allem um Fragen der Qualität in der Nachrichtengebung und in der Abfassung von Nachrichten sowie um den Grundsatz der Trennung von Meinung und Information.

Weitere Referenten dieser von der "Evangelischen Akademie für Rundfunk und Fernsehen" veranstalteten Tagung waren Frau Dr. Hertha Sturm vom Zweiten Deutschen Fernsehen ("Bildung durch Information"), Prof. Dr. Fritz Eberhard vom Institut für Publizistik an der Freien Universität Berlin und Frau Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann vom Institut für Demoskopie in Allensbach ("Information und öffentliche Meinung"). Über "Grenzen der Information" sprach Prof. Kogon.

Weshalb keine Tarifverträge zum 312-Mark-Gesetz?

Kritische Stellungnahme der evangelischen "Stimme der Arbeit"

epd Bethel, 28. März. Zu der in einer kritischen Stellungnahme der Bundesvereinigung der Arbeitgeberverbände (BDA) über die Tarifpolitik der Gewerkschaften vertretenen Ansicht, daß von einer gewerkschaftlichen "Rücksicht auf das wirtschaftliche Gesamtwohl" keine Rede sein könne, äußert sich das evangelische Monatsblatt "Stimme der Arbeit" (Boll/Württemberg) in seiner neuesten Nummer. Gerhard Schlosser, Geschäftsführer der Evangelischen Aktionsgemeinschaft für Arbeitnehmerfragen und der Evangelischen Arbeitnehmerschaft in der Bundesrepublik, untersucht seinerseits die Tarifpolitik der Arbeitgeberverbände und kommt am Beispiel von "Gesamtmetall" zu recht kritischen Feststellungen. Die Unternehmer dieses Wirtschaftszweiges, so meint er, seien "linien-treu", weil sie sich streng an den BDA-Beschluß hielten, keine Tarifverträge nach dem sogenannten 312-Mark-Gesetz abzuschließen.

Zu der Begründung, daß man das "Zwangssparen" nicht begünstigen wolle, schreibt Schlosser in seinem Leitartikel: "Solange der Verbraucher über die Preise in die Taschen der Unternehmer 'zwangsspart', solange sind sie nicht dagegen. Man nennt dies Verfahren Eigenfinanzierung. Wenn die Arbeitnehmer allerdings in die eigenen Taschen 'zwangssparen', dann ist man dagegen; denn es führt für die Unternehmer zur 'Fremdfinanzierung'... Mögen auch 312 Mark im Jahr für den einzelnen ein recht geringfügiger Betrag sein. Für alle Arbeitnehmer im Jahr angelegt, sind dies etwa 6 Milliarden Mark. Wird dies Jahr für Jahr angewandt, dann verschiebt sich im Laufe der Zeit die Vermögensstruktur innerhalb unserer Gesellschaft gewaltig zu Gunsten der Arbeitnehmer. Im gleichen Ausmaß verlangsamt sich der Vermögenszuwachs der bisherigen Kapitalbesitzer. Und deswegen sind die Arbeitgeber dagegen."

Auf den Mutterpaß nicht verzichten!

EAF kritisiert das neue Mutterschutzgesetz

epd Bonn, 28. März. Die Neufassung des Mutterschutzgesetzes, nach der die Krankenkassen künftig die Kosten für Voruntersuchungen bei Schwangeren tragen sollen, wird von der Evangelischen Aktionsgemeinschaft für Familienfragen (EAF) nicht für ausreichend gehalten. In einer von Obermedizinalrat Dr. Hellmuth Merkl verfaßten Stellungnahme des EAF-Informationsdienstes werden die Mängel der Neuordnung vor allem auf den Zeitdruck zurückgeführt, der es dem Bundesarbeitsministerium unmöglich machte, reichhaltige Erfahrungen mehrerer Bundesländer in der Betreuung von werdenden Müttern zu berücksichtigen. Es sei unverständlich, daß beispielsweise der in Nordrhein-Westfalen entwickelte Mutterpaß durch ein Sprechstundenblatt ersetzt worden sei, das den praktizierenden Arzt zeitlich überfordere und dem Arzt in der Klinik keinen Überblick über den Verlauf der Schwangerschaft gebe. Auch die Ärzteschaft sehe deshalb die Abschaffung des Mutterpasses als Rückschritt an.

Die Freigabe der Blutgruppenbestimmung für alle Ärzte schließe das Risiko von Fehlbestimmungen ein, heißt es weiter in der Stellungnahme. In Nordrhein-Westfalen seien diese Untersuchungen bisher nur von Instituten mit großen Erfahrungen durchgeführt worden, so daß dort eine größere Qualität der Ergebnisse garantiert werde. Da privatversicherte Frauen jetzt selbst die Kosten der Blutgruppenbestimmung tragen müßten, die bisher das Land übernommen habe, sei zu befürchten, daß aus finanziellen Gründen darauf verzichtet werde.

Schließlich wirft Dr. Merkl dem Bund vor, das Abrechnungsverfahren mit den Krankenkassen durch die Trennung von Vorsorgeuntersuchung und Behandlung unnötig kompliziert zu haben. Die Arbeit des Arztes dürfe nicht durch umfangreiche Dokumentationen und schwierige Abrechnungsverfahren gefährdet werden.

Mid-April 1966

Mr. P. D. Panna
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR
INDIA

Dear Mr. Panna,

Your memorandum of the Kurukh Shabha of the Gossner Church was given to me by Rev. Toppo / Ranchi during my short stay there on 22nd of March 66. I like to acknowledge herewith receipt of the memorandum. I want to tell you that I have read it many times.

You asked the Director of the Gossner for "necessary action." I do not know what you expect. But, I shall send you a detailed reply. That is the only possible action I can take.

I.

I have read the present Constitution of the Gossner Church of 1st of July 1960 many times. I could not find that there exists a "Kurukh Shabha of the Gossner Church" which can hold legal functions in the church. I do not want to say directly that you represent an illegal group. Such groups can be formed in the Gossner Church. Yet, it has to be questioned that you are a formal and recognized group within the Gossner Church. You have no right according to the Constitution of the Gossner Church to it. For this reason, it is the right and duty of the KSS to refuse discussing your memorandum.

II.

I was very sorry, angry and sad about the style of your memorandum. It does much harm to the life and the peace of the Gossner Church. That is why I am - as representative of the Kuratorium - as your "father" - so sad and angry.

I want to explain it as follows:

- a) You are invoking a tribal conflict. You are all christians and members of the Gossner Church - the Uraons supporting you and the Mundas being attacked by you. You are acting like non-christians. You are having an Urao inferiority complex. You have completely forgotten of what is said by Paulus in Galatians 3, 28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

You are acting like the schismatical "German-Christians" during the Nazi-time in Germany. They wanted to split the christians in two churches. Thank's God, "the confessing church" has prevented them from doing so. But, that is your request. It is your wish that the Uraos and the Mundas are forming one Anchal each. That leads to two churches. That is why I want to say: Your memorandum destroys the unity of the Gossner Church.

You think that blood, tribe and breed are the basis of the church. But, it is the baptism, faith and Holy Ghost in our Lord Jesus Christ for all. All christians - Uraos, Mundas or Kharias etc. - should have the ambition of serving our Lord as best as they can; not tribal passion !

- b) You exaggerate offences by the Munda-christians against the 8th commandment. On the other hand, you understate (page 10, point 11 and 12) the same done by Urao-christians. Do you think to convince the readers of your memorandum by writing like this ? Even I know of many more Urao-christians who have done harm to property of the Gossner Church. Do not, therefore, make such difference, Mr. Panna !
- c) Your request for a commission of 20 members to replace the present legal constitution of the Gossner Church by a new one - by general consensus of opinion and not by vote - will involve the Gossner Church in quarrels for many years. Do you long for the struggles which took place in the 50^{ies} ? The non-christians of Chota Nagpur would have their pleasure, the mission authority of the church would be destroyed and the youth of the Gossner Church would despair of their church and would turn their backs. The young people would have the impression that the leading brothers of their church develop personal ambition and lust of power, rather than serving Jesus Christ as humble disciples and searching for the Glory of our Lord.
- d) You are always complaining that the Uraos are forming a smaller group in the Gossner Church and are treated as such. But, they are represented in the KSS appropriately. It is their full right to contribute their spiritual and practical advices for the benefit of the Gossner Church.

There are about 12 tribes united - smaller and bigger ones - in my church in Germany. I belong to a smaller tribe. My other tribal friends and I have never felt inferior. We know that our contribution will gratefully be accepted by the whole church.

I am convinced that it is the same with the greater number of the Urao-christians, although they are a minority of your church. Why do you try to awaken feelings in them which have their roots in the blood and not in the Holy spirit: A spirit of love and peace and unity?

Your memorandum does not have the spirit of the church of Jesus Christ, Mr. Panna. Your judgements are of worldly nature and do not have the spirit of God !

III.

For this reason, I hope that the KSS will turn down your memorandum for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the future of the Gossner Church.

The KSS should, however, do two things:

- a) An independent churchdisciplinary court should be formed which will handle obvious offences against the commandments of God. You do not mention private robbery. It is rather fraud with God's money. We can see from the Acts of the Apostles, cap. 5, as to how serious such matters should be taken by the congregation of Christ. Since there is so much corruption in India, a christian church in India can only show the light if it resists to such corruption by all means. Otherwise, the christian church will become unworthy of belief and will become the laughing-stock for its non-christian surroundings. Many non-christians will say: Why have they become christians if they live and act in the same way as we do.

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I do hope that your memorandum will be another reason for the KSS to oppose such elements in the Gossner Church with the help of our Lord.

- b) Your memorandum shows a more or less personal hatred against Mr. N.E.Horo. You are accusing him of embezzling Rs. 82.000,-. That is, indeed, no trifle.

That is the most urgent matter, for Mr. Horo has been working in the office of the KSS for many years. The KSS should see to it as soon as possible of whether Mr. Horo has really taken money of the church for his personal profits or of whether you are doing him wrong. There should be a hard punishment either against Mr. Horo or against you. If there have been rumours of Mr. Horo's defalcation going on for a longer time, which you, Mr. Panna, have now put down in writing, I am deeply surprised that the KSS has not taken up the matter by now.

The honour of a brother has to be protected, but his sin has to be uncovered in a church of Jesus Christ, so that punishment, repentance and forgiveness can become effective by God.

People committing adultery are being excommunicated from the Gossner Church. But, there is little stirring if money is being embezzled by people; belonging to God and His church. Why does the church make such/+money, differences? There should be clear judgements without considering the person, the tribe and the position of same. That is why I reminded you in paragraph III a) of my letter!

IV.

I, therefore, want to ask you to desist from the spirit in which your letter is written, Mr. Panna. You and some of the friends supporting you are doing a bad job. I knew too many dear Urao-brothers who do devote service for the Gossner Church. I am convinced that you are the representative of only a small, blind minority.

The big Gossner congregation in Germany does not know Karias and Uraos, Mundas or Bengalis. The congregation knows and loves one Gossner Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam and prays as well as makes their offerings for this one church. It also prays that its members will overcome the childish+ silly tribal struggles and will, thus, raise to full manhood in Jesus Christ. It is only by that they will be of benefit to the big nation of India.

I should be very glad if the KSS decided to send this letter to all synod-Presidents of the G.E.L. Church for information. They would get to know the opinion of the Kuratorium as well as same of the Director of the Gossner Mission and could also inform all pastors about it.

With kind regards,
I am Yours Sincerely,

cc/ President of the GEL Church
Secretary of KSS
P. Schmidt
(Mr. Montag)

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With kind regards,
I am, dear friends,

Very truly yours,
Gossner Mission

P. Seeborg

*Ady. Kim told Griffith that
it is a very big question.*

MEMORANDAM OF THE KURUKH SHABHA OF THE GOSSNER
CHURCH

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To

The Pramukh Adhyaksh of the G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Most respectfully sheweth ,

The synedical system as well as the present Anchal constitution of the G.E.L.Church were meant to liquidate the bitterness tension and unrest in the church caused by the perpetual communal majority of one community in the church. After almost two terms of Pramukh Adhyakshes it has been found that except in the Anchal level the communal domination with Nepotism, favouritism, corruption and fraud is rampant as before in the K.S.S. and Boards which rule in the centre. So the old tension with bitter feelings and unrest continue in the church unabated.

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Among others the following will show the favouritism and Nepotism to members of the majority group by the majority group.

1. APPOINTMENT OF A CLERK IN THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, RANCHI

A post of a clerk in the Theological college was advertised. There were two candidates in the interview. One an uraon and the other a munda. The uraon candidate proved to be superior in every respect. But as a result of a ballot vote the Munda candidate was selected because the Theological Board which selects consists of Munda Majority.

2. ASSISTANT MANAGER OF THE PROPERTIES OF THE G.E.L.CHURCH:

A post of the assistant Manager with the knowledge of law-laws and experience in the court cases was advertised for the property Board. Two applications for the Asstt. manager ship as advertised were received in the office of the property Board. A meeting of the property Board sat in March, '65 at which no uraon member was present. Even the manager Mr. Herman Lakra an uraon was absent. At this meeting Mr. Salan Bhengra a Munda was appointed not as Asstt. manager but as full-fledged

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Secretary-Manager of the property Board Contrary to the Advertisement, ignoring the two applicants. Mr. Herman Lakra was shunted to field work. Mr Bhengra's appointment was made without advertisement and without application which is considered to be illegal in India. The action of the Board was due to favouritism by the members of the majority group to the member of the majority group.

3. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH PRESS : -

According to the constitution all the posts of importance in the G.E.L.Church must be approved by the K.S.S. on the recommendation of the Board of the Department. The post of the Asstt. Superintendent of the press was never brought before the Board of Evangelism and Literature and the K.S.S. is not even aware of the post or that name. A man has been appointed by the Press M.C. which committee has not been approved by the K.S.S. and hence this ^{is} an illegal body and the appointment is also illegal. The K.S.S. with Munda majority has always such illegality and irregularity.

4. MR. N.E. HORO'S DEFALCATION OF MONEY : -

(a) Block grant of Rs.37000/- (Rupees thirty seven thousand) Mr. N.E. Horo as Supervisor of the G.E.L.Church schools drew from Government a block grant for four years amounting Rs.37000/- (Rupees thirty seven thousand) for the distribution among the teachers of the G.E.L.Church. Mr. Horo was asked to render an account publicly but Mr. Horo turned a deaf ear to the authorities.

(b) Military compensation to the G.E.L.Church : -

As Secretary of the G.E.L.Church Mr. N.E. Horo drew Rs.45000/- (Rupees forty five thousand) a compensation from the military Deptt. Mr. N.E. Horo never deposited this amount either to the account of the property Board or to the account of the then Church Council. Mr. Horo squandered the whole amount and spent the money according to his sweet will and pleasure without

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5. MR. HORO'S DEFIANCE AND DISOBEDIENCE OF THE HIGHEST CHURCH AUTHORITY :-

On the representation of the teachers on the non-payment of the Block grant money above mentioned Mr. Horo was asked eight times to render an account of Rs. 37000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) by the K.S.S. But Mr. Horo disobeyed the K.S.S. defied the church authorities and never accounted for the money he actually received for the poor teachers.

Mr. Horo is behaving in the manner described above only because in the K.S.S. Majority of members are from the majority group who are condoning the defalcation of money's and defiance of the church authorities showing nepotism and favouritism to a man of the majority group exalting corruption and fraud in Mr. N.T.Horo only because he is a Munda.

Mr. Horo has proved his dishonesty and has disqualified himself for any position in the church and deserves excommunication for the defalcation defiance and disobedience to the highest church authority but the K.S.S. having large Munda majority has hushed up his crime throwing dust in the eyes of the public.

6. REV. S.KULLA'S DEFALCATION FRAUD AND DEFIANCE OF THE CHURCH AUTHORITIES :-

Rev. Kulla a Munda pastor of the Ranchi Headquarters congregation was Secretary of the boys' and girls' L.P.School at Ranchi for several years under the Ranchi Municipality. He used to receive thousand of Rupees every years besides hundreds of rupees on other accounts. Along with Mr. N.T.Horo Rev. Kulla was asked eight times by the K.S.S. to render the accounts of the money since 1958. But both Mr. N.T.Horo and Rev. S.Kulla deceived and defied the church and both of them go scotfree enjoying the good will of the Munda majority in the K.S.S. who wink at the gravest Munda offenders. Rev Kulla has not submitted the record books and accounts to the new Secretary even now.

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7. M.R. JOHAN HORO'S DEFALCATION OF RS.12000/-

Mr. Johan Hopro a Munda brother was the house master of the Gossner school Hostel for several years. Principal Herenz and Mr. N.E. Horo had been the leading members of the Managing committee. A defalcation charge of Rs. 12000/- (Rupees twelve thousand) was brought against the house master. Then the Munda Members of the committee maneuvered to deal with the matter some years ago. But the matter remains unsettled. Members of the majority group wink at the offence of the member of the majority group.

8. PRINCIPAL HERENZ SMUGGLES 200 BAGS OF CEMENT : -

In 1965 the Allasia Lutheran conference was held at Ranchi and the Gossner High School was used for the purpose. Two hundred bags of cement was sanctioned by the Govt. for the necessary repairs of the building. Principal Herenz a Munda was given the permit. No body knows what happened to the cement. In a local paper it was reported that the cement was smuggled to Hazaribagh when Mr. Herenz is building his own private house. The church authorities being Mundas in the majority kept Mum over the whole matter.

9. M.R. N.E.HORO THE ^RVIRTUAL SECRETARY OF THE G.E.L.CHURCH

Mr. N.E.Horo a member of the majority group inspite of all his disobedience, defiance, corruption, fault and mischief has been made assistant to the secretary G.E.L. Church though there is no post of the kind in the constitution but just in order to ~~appease~~ ^{appease} Mr. N.E. Horo on the insisting of the majority group in the K.S.S. Mr. Horo has been made assistant to the Secretary with his fat salary withalmost no work. But Mr. Horo is not content with his position as assistant to the Secretary and virtually and illegally exercises all powers of the ful-fledged secretary. This is tolerated and allowed by the K.S.S. the majority group members dominating the K.S.S. The elected secretary a Munda always lives out side Ranchi and leaves the office entirely in-charge of Mr. N.E.Horo.

Mr. John Doe, a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, has been notified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that the Corporation is under investigation for possible violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Mr. Doe is requested to provide the following information:

1. Information regarding the Corporation's financial records.

It is requested that you provide the following information:

- a. A list of all the Corporation's assets and liabilities as of the end of the last fiscal year.
- b. A list of all the Corporation's income and expenses for the last fiscal year.
- c. A list of all the Corporation's dividends and other distributions to its shareholders.
- d. A list of all the Corporation's contracts and agreements with its customers and suppliers.
- e. A list of all the Corporation's loans and other financial transactions.

2. Information regarding the Corporation's management and operations.

It is requested that you provide the following information:

- a. A list of all the Corporation's officers and directors.
- b. A list of all the Corporation's employees.
- c. A list of all the Corporation's products and services.
- d. A list of all the Corporation's customers and suppliers.
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- f. A list of all the Corporation's loans and other financial transactions.

10. MISS SANTOSHI HORO HEAD PRACHARIKA : -

There is no provision in the constitution for the post of a head pracharika, rather there is no room for such a post according to the present constitution. Miss Santoshi Horo a munda was found unfit for Tabitha school where she was working. The K.S.S. with Munda majority made Miss Horo the head Pracharika for the whole Gossner Church which ^{is} unconstitutional and illegal. Such is the action of the K.S.S. which is expected to defend the constitution in which the K.S.S. has utterly failed.

11. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING AS AUDITORS ACCOUNTANTS ETC.

Candidates for training as auditors accountants etc were wanted. Advertisement was to be made in the whole church. But the North west Anchal where the Uraons predominate no advertisement was made. At the K.S.S. meeting this mischief was disclosed and so further time has been given for advertisement. Whereas the candidates from S.E. Anchal were appeared before the K.S.S. and one of them was selected. Mr. N.E. Horo the Asstt. to the Secretary is in-charge of the office who makes the advertisement.

12. IRREGULARITIES IN THE ACCOUNTS OF LATE MR. P.D. KANDULNA AMOUNTING TO DEFALCATION OF MONEY TO THE TUNE OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS.

Late Mr. P.D. Kandulna was secretary/Manager and Treasurer of the property board for several years. Mr. Kandulna belonged to the majority group and was found with defalcation of several thousands of Board's money. But both the Board and the K.S.S. dominated by the members of the majority group no action was taken and now they have suppressed the whole matter throwing all responsibility for the public money.

13. MR. HALAN PURTI'S DEFALCATION OF MONEY :-

Mr. Halan Purti a member of the majority group had been an employee of the property Board as a clerk in the office

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He had already defalcated the Board's money but the Board's members of the ~~ma~~ majority group pleaded that Mr. Purti's service be continued in the Board office to enable him to pay up the defalcated money out of his salary. So Mr. Perti was shown an extraordinary kindness and his service was continued in the Board office. But now Mr. Perti was caught again having defalcated further sum of several thousands of Board's money. The K.S.S. as well as the property Board have come to know the whole matter fully well. But both bodies dominated by the members of the Majority group ~~bees~~ have winked at Mr. Perti's Crime and no action has been taken. It is said Mr. Perti is absconding but Mr. Perti could be seen in Siramtoly every day.

14. MR. Z. HORO A FORMER TREASURER OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH
DEFALCATED 20000 OF RUPEES THE PROVIDENT FUND MONEY
OF THE PRACHARAKS OF THE GOSSNER CHURCH.

Mr. Z. Horo wilfully defalcated 20000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) the provident fund money of the Pracharaks when the auditor Mr. Mukut Horo caught him. The members of the majority group in the executive body of the church openly tried to hush-up the matter. But Mr. Z. Horo in a weak state of mind could not ^{hide} ~~see~~ the fact but admitted it openly. Thereupon the members of the majority group got angry and relieved him from the church service as Treasurer, and no further action is being taken to realise the money. The whole matter has been hushed-up only because Mr. Horo is a Munda member of the majority group.

II. PART.

Among many others the following will show glaring injustice, unfairness and clear discrimination against the Uraon community which is the suffering and groaning minority in the church perpetrated by the perpetual communal majority which is the Munda Tribal Community:-

I. No Lutheran teachers employed at the Bethesada Girls High School during the last ten years:-

During the last ten years when the members of the munda majority party with Mr. H.E. Hero as the Secretary of the managing body held the reigns of administration of the Bethesada Girls High school, very particular care was taken that no Lutheran Oraon teacher was employed at the only girls' High school of the G.E.L. Church although many teachers of munda community were appointed. A very clear act of discrimination against the Uraon Lutherans. Further the school authorities who belong to the majority group ill treated the Lutheran ^{oraon} teachers already employed in the school. Junior teachers have been kept in the High School section where as the Senior most teachers have been transferred.

2. NO URAON TEACHER AT THE TABITHA SCHOOL:-

Tabitha school at Govindpur has been considered by the communal majority group as purely a munda Institution where only mundas had been employed since the very inception of the school. Except for a brief period of few months when Parakh Late Khess a Germany returned Uraon lady was called to teach. Tabitha school became almost a communal institution of the majority group. Just recently Miss Anoni Toppe has been appointed as Head Mistress in Feb'66 on complaint of the Uraon's.

It is regretted to note that the K.S.S. unconstitutionally made direct appointment of a paster of the majority group as head master in the Tabitha school, a male among purely females.

3. THE PRACHARAK TRAINING SCHOOL AT GOWINDPUR NEVER HAD AN URAON TEACHER:-

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Ever since the Pracharak Training school was shifted to Govindpur the Uraons were discriminated against and no uraon Head master was appointed at the school. A Volume of resentment was expressed and so at last Rev. S. Kujur B.D. has been transferred to the Pracharak's training school from the Theological college in January, '66.

4. ONLY MUNDA HEAD MASTER AT THE GOSSNER HIGH SCHOOL.

Ever since the second world war only mundas were appointed to the Head Mastership of the Gossner High School. This was due to the majority group members dominating the managing committee of the school. Last munda head master Mr. Herenz was appointed in preference to an Uraon, declared by the managing committee members more competent only on the plea that it was "in the larger interest of the church" as stated by the majority group. Mr. Herenz retired according to the Govt. rule and the most competent head master among the dozen Lutheran High schools, Mr. C.A. Tirkey^{an uraon} has been called to succeed him (Mr. Herenz). Members of the majority group are offering all kinds of obstacles to Mr. Tirkey's joining his post only because Mr. Tirkey is an Uraon.

It is regretted that the K.S.S. has still kept the family of late Mr. J. Barla in the principal's bungalow though Mr. Barla was Head Master before Mr. Herenz. Now seven years ago although the whole family in the mean time has deserted the Lutheran church and went into the Anglican Church being apostated to the Lutheran church.

5. NO URAON PASTERS IN CALCUTTA:-

Both Uraons and Mundas have made Calcutta their homes. In fact it is reported that there are more uraons in Calcutta than Mundas and all the early pastors in Calcutta were Uraons. Ever since the majority group came into power in the G.E.L. church only munda pastors have been appointed in Calcutta parish it is reported that the uraons are being neglected in Calcutta. This situation in Calcutta has been resented by the uraons but the S.E. Anchal has turned a deaf
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6. NEGLECT OF URAONS AT JAMSHEDPUR:-

There is not much glaring difference in the uraons and munda population at Jamshedpur. In fact in the start Uraons were appointed pastors of Jamshedpur. Later the majority group coming into power began to appoint only mundas as pastors of Jamshedpur for many years and neglected the uraons in Jamshedpur. This was the cause of split in Jamshedpur.

7. BISHOP NAYER'S SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR JAMSHEDPUR URAONS IS BROKEN DOWN BY THE K.S.S..

Bishop Mayer made special arrangement for the Uraons in Jamshedpur to keep peace in the Church there. The K.S.S. sent a commission to Jamshedpur and undid the good arrangement of Bishop Mayer, and broke the peace in the church never to be restored again as it appears.

8. MR HERMAN LAKRA AN URAON IS DISCRIMINATED.

^{Herman} Mr. ~~Herman~~ Lakra an employee of the property Board was discriminated. Decision of the K.S.S. is that all the church employees will get the D.A. and town allowance. But the same K.S.S. cut down the D.A. and town allowance, in the case of Mr. Herman Lakra on several lame excuses. Where as the same K.S.S. in such lame excuses added D.A. and town allowance to Mr. Arbind Horo a Munda though the service conditions of both Mr. Herman Lakra and Mr. Arbind Horo are exactly the same.

9. FAULT FINDING CRITISM AGAINST MR. HERMAN LAKRA'S WORK BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MAJORITY GROUP IN PROPERTY BOARD:-

In order to save the landed property of the G.E.L. church in Ranchi from the Govt. acquisition Mr. Herman Lakra started cultivating vegetables and paddy and also planted fruit trees in the Ranchi compound and earns certain profit for the Board. The Board members of the majority group blinded by prejudice offer only destructive criticism to the action of Mr. Herman Lakra and actually dismissed the ~~colliers~~ who were working in cultivation.

10. LALI FARM DISCRIMINATED:-

The Lali farm was started in 1964. Leaders of the church were brought to see the farm. High ranking Government officers visited the farm. The Governor of Bihar gave his valuable time to see the farm. The Governor after inspecting remarked in effect that the farm was the best among the small farm, he saw. The church leaders as well as the Govt. office were very well impressed by the farm. But the members of the majority group in the Board and out side had nothing but uncharitable remark to make on the farm only because the farm is managed by the uraon Manager, though he is a trained Agriculture Graduate and expert.

11. PRAMOD KERKETTA AN ORAON CAUGHT HOLD BY HIS THROAT TO PAY HIS DUES:-

Mr. Pramod Kerketta an Oraon employee of the G.E.I. church Press was sick when his accounts were audited in his absence. Comparatively a very small amount was shown due against him, he has been immediately without calling for an explanation or without making any endeavour to understand the situation, he was prejudicially and summarily dismissed from service during sickness inspite of the fact that the leave was allowed to him. There are culprits of the majority group who are declared guilty after due scrutiny and yet they are allowed to continue in their services. Such as Mr. Z. Horo 20000/-Rs., Mr. N.E. Horo with 37000/-Rs., block grant from the Govt. and 45000/-Rs. from the Military compensation money, and Mr. Halan Party with several thousands of rupees defalcated. Mr. Pramod Kerketta paid up part of the dues as ordered but yet no mercy to the unfortunate uraon.

12. MR. EDWIN TIGA PRESS MANAGER AN URAON IS COMPELLED TO RESIGN IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT EVEN VERIFYING HIS GUILT:-

Mr. Edwin Tiga the Press Manager was trapped which was an illegal act. He was accused of certain private dealing -s which was by no means an act against the press. But yet it

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taken so serious that he must lose his service of 18 years in a moment. This was maximum of discrimination against an Uraon.

All the above mentioned facts are only few among many which the majority perpetrate against the minority. How horrible they all will appear if they are all recorded one by one. Where will the majority lead the church with all their inefficiency; unreasonableness, incompetency. ~~They~~ and the communal discrimination in the church administration. They are exhibiting utter unworthiness to rule. They have sadly disqualified themselves for the church administration.

The old two spirits of the communal feelings of the majority and the minority is as fresh as ever. And these two communities come into bitter clash which disturbs the peace and harmony of the whole church.

What is the alternative? Should the majority ruling body be allowed to continue in their blunders and follies as described above? Is there any remedy for these evils?

a solution
A very serious appeal is made that the K.S.S. find to the impasse. The situation has not gone to the bitter end but certainly it has gone to the breaking point. The Majority and Minority can still sit together and find a solution together. Before the present constitution they were not on speaking terms ^{not} only that they could not even sit together. That is why the Ecumenical commission was needed. Now they can sit together and discuss matters calmly. Let the situation not deteriorate any further.

If the K.S.S. has a solution so much the better. In the alternative the following proposal is definitely placed before the K.S.S. Let the K.S.S. promptly act and save the situation in due time.

1. Let a commission be formed of the following constituent bodies of the Church:

(a) Ten members from Munda Group.

(b) Ten members from Uraon Group.

2. The duty of the commission will be to find a way to amend the constitution so as to bring about a peaceful working condition in the one Gossner Church.

3. Dr. M. Bage the Pramukh Adhyaksh will preside over the Commission's work without veto power.

4. Let the two Anchal idea form the basis of discussion. The Uraons and the Mundas being the two largest sections in the Church.

5. Let the worst defalcators Mr. N.E.Horo, Rev. S.Kula, Mr. Z.Horo and Halan Party be brought immediately to book and if they are still engaged in church work, they should be suspended immediately for the sake of justice and fairness. And the misappropriated money must be realised.

6. Let Mr. N.E.Horo be never employed at the centre for (a) his defiance of the church authority and wilful disobedience to the K.S.S. and (b) for the defalcation of the public money to the tune of Rs. 82000/- rupees eighty two thousand) in total for which he has failed to render an account to the church inspite of many reminders. His services should terminate forthwith.

7. All decisions by the Commission be made by general ^{Consensus} consensus of opinion and not by vote.

Sd/ P.D. Panna.

Secretary,
Kurukh Shabha G.E.L.Church,

Copy forwarded:-

To the K.S.S. Members with the request to place before the K.S.S.

Copy forwarded:-

To Dr. Christian Berg Director
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September 6th, 1967
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Rev. Soreng
Agricultural Training Centre
Khuntitoli P.O.
Dt. Ranchi, Bihar
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Dear Brother Soreng:

We did not hear from you for a long time, and that seems to be a sign, that you are well. In the meantime the first months of your new work are behind you, and we think you made many new experiences, which, of course, would interest us very much.

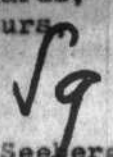
I heard from Dr. Paul Singh, that he is not yet in possession of his case with the things, which he needs very urgently. The case is lying in Bombay and cannot be forwarded further, because you are in possession of the documents.

Please send the necessary documents immediately to The American Express Company Inc., Oriental Building, Flora Fountain, P.O. Box No. 507, Bombay I, informing them, that the case is lying at

Ware House No. 4
Princess and Victoria Dock
1st Floor
Bombay,

so that the case can be forwarded to Bihar.

With kind regards,
Very truly yours,


(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

cc: Dr. Paul Singh

cc: Director Albrecht Bruns

September 6th, 1967
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Rev. Soren
Agricultural Training Centre
Khamitoli P.O.
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Kulee at the Hotel in two days.			Rs.20/-
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Taxi fare in four days.....			Rs.60/-
Tips at Railway to Officer incharge of Parcels...			Rs.45/-
Kulee at the Station.....			Rs.20/-
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At Raurkela Kulee.....			Rs.25/-
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(S. D. 1954)

Vermerk für Herrn P. Soreng

Um Herrn P. Soreng im Blick auf Zoll und Reisekosten in Indien keinesfalls in Verlegenheit geraten zu lassen, sollen ihm außer der Erstattung seiner Kosten in Indien bei Antritt der Reise ^{mit} 200,-- DM und 15,- £ (englische Pfund) in Reiseschecks, über die er nicht abzurechnen braucht, nochmals 150,-- DM in bar mitgegeben werden, über deren etwaige Verwendung er Herrn P. Seeberg gelegentlich, nach seiner Rückkehr nach Khuntitoli, Abrechnung geben sollte.

Berlin, 28.11.1966

Kopie:

1. Herrn Lenz
2. Herrn P. Seeberg

320,-
250,-

620,-

18. August 1966
psb/el.

Herrn
Rev. S o r e n g
bei P. Addicks

2919 Filsum

Lieber Bruder Soreng!

Sehr habe ich mich gefreut, als Bruder Weissinger mir erzählte, daß Sie gut in Mainz-Kastel angekommen und dann in meine alte Heimat, nach Ostfriesland, weitergefahren sind. Gott gebe Ihnen viel Freude und Kraft, daß Sie gerne in unserem Land sind und für Ihren Dienst in Indien manches Gute lernen können. Im Monat September werde ich selbst nach Ostfriesland kommen, und wir werden Gelegenheit haben, miteinander zu sprechen. Ich habe inzwischen mit Herrn Tomforde vereinbart, daß wir ihn am 22. September besuchen. Anschließend sollten Sie einige Tage sich freihalten für Celle, wo Herr Landessuperintendent Peters Sie gerne begrüßen möchte.

Es tut mir leid, daß Sie selbst kein Programm bekommen haben, das ich für Sie aufgestellt habe. Sie finden in der Anlage eine Ausfertigung, damit Sie Bescheid wissen, was Sie alles erleben sollen.

Herr Pastor Borutta in Exten, hat mir geschrieben, ob Sie am 4. September zu ihm zum Missionsfest kommen könnten. Wir in Berlin haben natürlich nichts dagegen und müssen es Ihnen und Bruder Addicks überlassen, ob Sie es sich einrichten können. Es würde mich freuen, wenn Sie auf diese Weise mit Pastor Borutta zusammentreffen könnten.

Einstweilen bin ich mit herzlichen
Grüßen

Ihr

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Anlage

Einladung 2919 Filmum

18. AUG. 1966

15-8-66

Erldig:

Dear brother Berg, YISUSAHAY to you and

Mrs. Berg and friends in Berlin.

I received your

kind letter of 9th August '66. I am very grateful to you for bringing me to Germany. I am also thankful to you that you have made such a good arrangement to stay here with Pastor Addicks. Here I am feeling at home. With Pastor Addicks I am getting things a lot to learn. Last week I had been invited to a gardener's house. Many people, children and adults came to me. Some to see me, some to listen to me and some to teach me. There I got love for Gossner church in India. They had many interesting questions to ask and I had to answer them all with full of joy. As I saw all of them were satisfied and were very glad

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with my answers. Only one question I could not answer i.e. Are all pastor in Gossner Church some like you?

Last week I had been to hear with Pastor Addicks. There I saw how Pastor Addicks gives his service to his people. He distributed some pamphlets, some church news. For some sick people we prayed. On the same day Pastor Addicks was blessed with a grand daughter in the same hospital.

Generally we go to make visit to the people in the evening, because all people come to their houses in the evening. Pastor Addicks has got a car, therefore it is possible for him to reach each and every house, ^{according} as to the need. One day we had been to an old woman's birthday ceremony. We enjoyed with cakes and coffee. On 12th of August I got a chance to take part in a burial ceremony. I had never seen before, such

a grand burial ceremony.

For one thing I request you, to kindly send the programme which Pastor Seeberg has made for me, because I am in dark about it. I would be very glad to get it. These days I am getting just like India's weather. I am very happy to get this weather.

I am learning the Language also but very slowly. I thought of writing to you in Deutsch but I thought, I will not be able to express myself. Please excuse me. I have not received any letter from India. I hope to get it after 20th of August.

Please convey my Yisusahay to Pastor Seeberg.

Brother in Christ
P. W. Soreng

9. August 1966
drbg/el.

Herrn
Rev. Soreng
bei Pastor Addicks

2919 Filsum
Nr. 298

Lieber Bruder Soreng!

Ich freue mich, in Beantwortung Ihres Briefes vom 8. August diese kurzen Zeilen ins Pfarrhaus nach Filsum schreiben zu können, wo Sie zu unserer Freude wohlbehalten eingetroffen sind. Grüßen Sie die lieben Pfarrleute Addicks sehr herzlich und lassen Sie sich diese Zeilen notfalls von ihnen übersetzen.

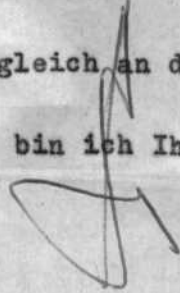
Es war mir eine Freude, daß Bruder Weissinger Sie in den ersten Tagen in Deutschland angesichts des vielen neuen, das auf Sie einströmt, empfangen, Sie einige Tage im Gossner Haus in Kastel haben und dann über Oldenburg nach Ostfriesland weitersenden konnte. Sie werden sicherlich reiche Erfahrungen in den nächsten Wochen und Monaten sammeln. Bruder Seeberg hat für die ersten Wochen einen gewissen Plan gemacht, und Sie werden auch noch manche Freunde besuchen und wichtige Dinge kennenlernen. Hoffentlich bekommen Sie auch noch ein wenig "indisches Wetter" und nicht nur "deutschen Monsun" mit viel Kälte, daß der Präsident der Synode Khuntitoli beinahe immer ein wenig frieren muß.

Haben Sie keine Sorge wegen Ihres Visums, wenn die drei Monate Ende Oktober in Deutschland vorüber sind und Sie erst im November wieder zurückreisen. Bruder Aind hat voriges Jahr gar kein Visum gebraucht, obwohl er auch länger als drei Monate hier war. So streng, wie Sie in Indien sind wir in Deutschland nicht. Aber ich werde, wenn Sie Ende Oktober oder Anfang November nach Berlin kommen, mit Ihnen beim indischen Generalkonsul einen Besuch machen und dies Problem lösen.

Genießen Sie die Wochen in Ostfriesland recht und lernen Sie viel! Ich freue mich auch sehr darüber, wenn Sie in einigen Gemeinden, wie am letzten Sonntag in Filsum, ein Wort des Grußes und der Verbundenheit von unserer lieben Gossnerkirche in Indien sagen. Hoffentlich bekommen Sie auch gute Nachricht von Ihrer Familie und Ihrer Gemeinde in Khuntitoli.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen und Wünschen zugleich an die liebe Familie Addicks

bin ich Ihr



The Secretary
W Brimer

Gossner Mission,
Berlin

Dear Sir,

Filsun
8-8-66

Eing.
- 9. AUG. 1966
Erledigt:

I received your enclosed form for my return journey yesterday. I am very thankful for the same.

Many thanks for your kind and good wishes for my stay here in Germany.

Just today I have filled up the forms and sending it to Hamburg. I could not fill one question of the form i.e. the number of visa. I could not get visa in Calcutta. I contacted the German Consulat there at Calcutta but they said that for three months I can ~~leave~~ ^{remain} here without the visa. But for one month more I must receive the visa from here. This information I had given it to Berlin from Calcutta. Also I informed Mr. Weisinger at Mainz-Kastel about it. Now my request is that - please be so kind to obtain permission to live here in Germany one month

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more. To Hamburg I have written that-
I will send later on the number of visa.
I therefore earnestly request you to obtain
it for me as soon as possible, because
you know the situation here, or if otherwise
please advise me what to do in this concern.

I came here on 4th of August.
By train I came and Mr. Weissinger was
so kind to me that he bought the ticket for
me. The journey was very comfortable. At
Oldenburg Pastor Addicks was waiting
for me. As soon as I reached, he could recog-
nize me very soon and received me with
joy. Wherever he goes he takes me there.
With him and through him I am learning
a lot of things about the church organi-
zation here. On 7th of August I got a
chance to say a few words about our
Church in India. I spoke in mixed language.
Some sentences in German and some in English.
I hope I will improve my German language very
soon.

With Christian greetings.
Sincerely yours
P. D. Soreng

Vermerk für Herrn Lenz

Herr Pastor Soreng / Khuntitoli ist heute in Mainz angekommen und wird von dort gleich zu seiner ersten längeren Station nach Filsun / Ostfriesland fahren. Herr Pastor Seeberg hat ja bereits unter dem 8. Juli ein Programm für ihn ausgearbeitet.

Für die Ausgaben, die der Gossner Mission durch diesen Besuch entstehen, bitte ich, ein besonderes Konto zu eröffnen. Wir werden später entscheiden, ob wir den Gesamtbetrag, der dort anfallen wird, unter dem Titel "Indienreisen" oder "Studenten in Deutschland" in der Jahresrechnung aufführen. Es werden etwa folgende Kosten zu erwarten sein:

- a) Einkleidung (von Mainz jetzt erfolgt)
- b) Aufenthaltskosten bei verschiedenen Gossnerfreunden in Ostfriesland
- c) Reisekosten in Deutschland
- d) Die große Passage Indien - Deutschland - Indien.

Über den Gesamtbetrag, der dann entstanden sein wird, wollen wir Ende des Jahres Rücksprache nehmen.

Gossnerhaus
2. August 1966
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3 August 1966

Rev. Soreng
bei Pastor Addicks

Filsum / Ostfriesland
Nr. 298

Dear Rev. Soreng,

We hope that you had a pleasant and safe trip to Europe, and we wish you all the best for your stay in Germany.

As your return journey has to be booked now, we are enclosing a form which we want you to fill in as soon as possible and send it to the following address:

Wirtschaftsstelle Ev. Missionsgesellschaften
z.Hd. Fräulein Troeder
2000 Hamburg 13
Mittelweg 143.

We already answered some of the question, but naturally could not do it in every case. Please, send it to Hamburg at once, as they are pressing for it there.

Sincerely yours,

BV

Encl.

2919) F i l s u m , den 1. August 1966

Georg L. Addicks

Pastor

Filsum/Ostfriesld.

Nr. 298

An

die

G o s s n e r M i s s i o n

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zu Händen von Herrn

Missionsdirektor

Dr. B e r g

- 2. AUG. 1966

Sehr verehrter lieber Bruder Berg!

Herzlichen Dank für Ihre Mitteilung, dass sich offenbar die die Ankunft von Br. P. Soreng verspätet. Sonst dürften wir ihn heute schon als unsern Gast begrüßen. Hoffen wir, dass keine ernsthafteren Hinderungsgründe vorliegen. Unser Superintendent und ich hatten uns schon gefreut, dass er an der Einführung von Dr. Hillrichs in die Von mir bisher mitbetreuten Nachbargemeinde Hollen teilnehmen und ein Segenswort mit uns sprechen könnte. Nun, wir müssen auch darin wieder getreulich zu warten lernen. Unsere Reise vorbereitungen für die noch gar nicht Vorstellbare Ausreise in eine "andere Welt" gehen in Verbindung mit der Wirtschaftsstelle in Hamburg voran. Ich will mich bemühen, nachdem ich nun der Vakanzverwaltung in Hollen enthoben bin, mein Englisch soweit aufzubessern, dass ich doch wenigstens wenn Möglich, einigen Christengemeinden unter Bezeugung des Evangeliums einen Gruss von den Freunden, Brüdern und Schwestern in in Ostfriesland bringen kann.

Seien Sie und auch Ihre Gattin von mir und auch von meiner Frau herzlichst begrüsst

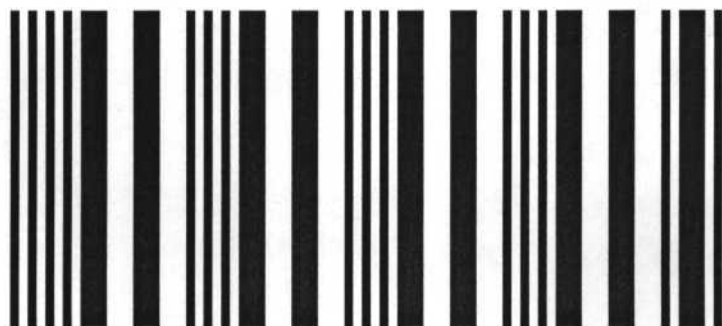
Ihr

Georg L. Addicks.

Viel Spaß bei - ich bin noch magen 4 -
Kleine Tippfehler

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I can stay there for the
time you have arranged
for me.

Convey my Yisusahai
to Mrs. Berg, Pastor Seeberg
Brothers Weisinger and to
the Indian students.

Yours affectionately
P. D. Soreng.

BY AIRMAIL
PAR AVION
हवाई पत्र
AEROGARME

30 JULY
1966
CUTTACK



To, Dr. CHRISTIAN BERG
DIRECTOR
GOSSENER MISSION
1 BERLIN 41

FRIEDENAU
HADJERYSTRASSE (W.G.)

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

Pastor P. D. Soreng
G. E. L. Church
Rancho, Bihar
India

Camp Calcutta
20-7-66

From,
Rev. P.D. Sorey

To,
Dr. C. Berg,
Director G.M.B.

4. AUG. 1966

Dear Sir,

To day I am
happy. I got my passport. For
this I had to run to several places
I got my flight confirmed for
Monday. I will start on Monday
with the same air line ⁱⁿ for
which you had booked. I am
sending a telegramme to you
saying please send Brother
Weisinger to Air Port. If
you kindly send him I will
~~be~~ be very thankful to you.

Brothers Bruns, brother Schmidt,
Brothers N.E. Horo, Brothers Turkey
all these were very helpful
to me.

I request you to kindly
fix my programme there in
Germany as you like. I
Contacted German Consulate
general here with the help of
Rev. C.G. Schmidt. But he told
us that I will have to stay for
six weeks again. Then Rev. Schmidt
and Mr. Kruse advised me
to go without visa. Because
for three months I can stay
there for three months without it.
And further they advised me
to take help from you to get it
extended from there in Germany.
I therefore request you Sir,
to please do for me that-

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. C. B. AIND
SECRETARY : Mr. H. SAMAD
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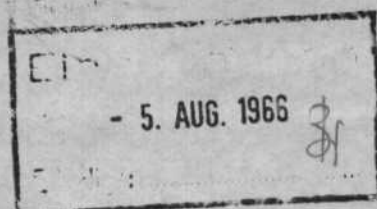
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From :-

Rev. Dr. M. Bage,
Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church.

To,

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director,
Gossner Mission Society,
Berlin - Friedenau,
Handjerystrasse 19/20.



Ranchi, the 27th. July '66.

Dear Brother Berg,

Rev. Soreng is still waiting for the passport which has already been issued by the Passport Office, but, **surprisingly**, it has not yet reached Rev. Soreng who is these days at Ranchi.

We are further waiting for your letter for Mr. Herman Lakra giving a guarantee to meet his travelling expense for going abroad as well as to meet the cost of his stay. This is **needed** for obtaining passport.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,

(M. Bage),
Pramukh Adhyaksh, G. E. L.
Church, Ranchi.

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21. JUL. 1966

Erledigt:.....

KHUNTITOLY,

Dated, the 13th July, 1966.

From,

Rev. P. D. Soreng,
Syned Sanchalak, Khuntitoly.

TO,

Paster Seeberg,
Berlin.

Dear brother Seeberg,

Just yesterday I was fortunate enough to receive your letter dated 5th July, 1966. I am glad that you have sent me a detailed Time- table of my flight.

I was very busy in K.S.S meeting. During the meeting when I got time I had to go to Ranchi Municipality Office for my National Health Certificate. I got it on II-7-1966.

I am very sorry to let you know that till now I have not got my passport. I shall wait for two days more here at Khuntitoly for the passport. If I do not get it within these days, I must have to go to Calcutta for the same. I have been put in to very much difficulties due to this. Even then I am very hopeful to get it soon.

Please convey my YESHUSAHAY to Mrs. Seeberg and all Indian students there.

Yeshusahay,

Sincerely Yours,

P. D. Soreng

(P. D. Soreng)

1 JUL 1966

WYOMING

Dated: The 13th July, 1966.

Dear Sir,

Rev. R. D. Roberts,
Wyoming, Wyoming.

TO:

Rev. R. D. Roberts,
Wyoming.

Dear Brother Roberts,

Just yesterday I was fortunate enough to receive
your letter dated 7th July, 1966. I am glad that you have sent
me a detailed time-table of my flight.

I was very busy in R.D.S. meeting. During the meeting
when I at time I had to go to Regional Ministry Office for
my National Health Certificate. I got it on 11-7-1966.

I am very sorry to let you know that I will not
have met you as planned. I shall try to get to you soon but
not immediately for the present. If I do not get to you then
I must have to go to the Conference. I have been told
in so very much difficulties due to this. I am very
sorry to let it pass.

Please convey my YHSUBAH to Mrs. Roberts.

Yours faithfully,
Rev. R. D. Roberts.

Yours truly,
Rev. R. D. Roberts.

(R. D. Roberts)

GOSSNER MISSION

8. Juli 66

1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19-20

Fernsprecher: 0311 · 83 01 61 · 83 96 33
Postscheckkonto: Berlin West 520 50
Bankkonto: Berliner Bank, Kto. 4/7480

Sehr geehrte Herren, liebe Brüder !

Eine der wichtigsten Aufgaben der Gossner Mission besteht darin, eine engere Verbindung zwischen der Evang. luth. Gossnerkirche in Indien und den Kirchen in Deutschland herzustellen.

Persönliche Kontakte sind deshalb zu fördern. Neben den Mitarbeitern der Gossner Mission besuchen auch Vertreter der deutschen Landeskirchen die junge, indische Schwesterkirche.

Zahlreiche Gemeinden in Deutschland haben in den letzten Jahren leitende Brüder aus der Gossnerkirche bei sich begrüßen können.

Im Herbst dieses Jahres wagen wir ein besonderes Experiment. Wir haben einen Amtsbruder der Gossnerkirche, Pastor P.D. Soreng, aus der indischen Kirchengemeinde Khuntitoli nach Deutschland eingeladen. Er wird sich von August - November 1966 über viele Fragen des kirchlichen Lebens im ländlichen Bereich informieren. Nicht so sehr Sonderveranstaltungen der Gemeinden, sondern den alltäglichen Dienst soll er kennenlernen, daneben die Entwicklung der Landwirtschaft und des Dorfes.

Einzelheiten mögen Sie dem beigefügten Programm entnehmen.

Pastor Soreng wird seinen Aufenthaltsort zunächst in Filsum / Kirchenkreis Potshausen, Ostfriesland, haben. Amtsbruder Addicks hat sich dankenswerterweise als Gastgeber bereiterklärt.

Sie als Empfänger dieses Schreibens sind in dem geplanten Programm einbezogen, wobei wir gern voraussetzen, daß Sie Interesse am Gelingen dieses Experiments haben. Für alle Anregungen und Vorschläge zur Durchführung des Programms sind wir sehr dankbar.

Wir bitten Sie herzlich, Pastor Soreng brüderlich aufzunehmen. (Röm. 15,7).

Mit freundlichen Grüßen aus dem Gossnerhaus
Ihr

(Pastor Martin Seeberg)

Anlage
Programm

M. Seeberg h.R.
|| Am 2.8. in Mainz angekommen
|| wurde nach Filsum von Dr. K.
|| Pastor geleitet
Jul 2/8



8. July 62

1. July 62

2. July 62

The first meeting of the committee was held on 1. July 62. The committee was composed of the following members: ...

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PROGRAMM FÜR PASTOR S O R E N G

Ankunft: 26. Juli Frankfurt/Main
bis 28. Juli Information im Gossnerhaus Mainz-Kastel
28. Juli Abflug nach Berlin
bis 31. Juli Information im Gossnerhaus Berlin-Friedenau
Gespräche mit Missionsdirektor Dr. Berg und den
indischen Stipendiaten.

1. August Abreise nach Ostfriesland
mit Herrn Kula (Quartier zunächst bis 21. September
bei Pastor Addicks, 2919 Filsum über Leer).

Informationen über:

1. Kirchengemeinde

Gottesdienst, Seelsorge, Amtshandlungen, Kindergottes-
dienstarbeit, Männer-, Frauen- und Jugendkreise, Kirchen-
buchführung, Rechnungswesen.

2. Erziehung

Dienst und Arbeit der ostfriesischen evang. Landvolks-
hochschule Potshausen, Besuche in Grund- und höheren
Schulen.

3. Moderne Landwirtschaft

Musterbetrieb, Landmaschinen, Landwirtschaftsschule,
Genossenschaftswesen.

4. Dorfentwicklung in Ostfriesland

Traditionelle Strukturen:	Filsum
Entwickelte Strukturen:	Warsingsfehn
Neuere Strukturen:	Wiesmoor.

5. Besuchsdienst

Landeskirchenamt Hannover
Kirchenkanzlei der VELKD
Landessuperintendent Meyer / Aurich
Landessuperintendent Peters / Celle
Die Superintendenzen der Kirchenkreise im Sprengel
Ostfriesland
Die Amtsbrüder des Kirchenkreises Potshausen
Herr Tomforde / Jever
Pfarrkonferenz
Gossnertag in Riepe.

Abreise: 29. November 1966 von Marseille.