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A good deal has happened between the drafting and printing of this Note. The evidence in the Delhi-Lahore case has shown a very close connection between Har Dayal and the bomb gangs of Delhi, Lahore and Bengal. Thousands of copies of the Ghadr have been intercepted in the post and about a hundred given up by recipients in India. On the 23rd March last, Har Dayal was arrested in San Francisco by the State authorities on the ground apparently that he had offended against the immigration laws. Meanwhile we have pressed for a full inquiry into the anarchical doings and writings of the gang whose official headquarters were the "Yugantar Ashram" at 436, Hill Street, San Francisco. Our requests, though backed up by the Foreign Office, do not seem to have been accepted. Har Dayal wired to his friends that he was "bailed and optimistic", while two days ago I ~~find~~ had a wire from Europe to say that he had been seen at Lausanne in Switzerland.

The Army authorities, who have taken great interest in the matter of the circulation of the Ghadr to Indian troops, have issued special orders to regimental authorities on the subject, and are of opinion that the interceptions and the orders have minimised the effects of the Ghadr scheme.

At the present moment the expected arrival of a Japanese ship with 400 Sikhs from India via Hongkong at Vancouver in defiance of the Canadian law is an interesting question.

I look upon the rabid discontent among the Sikhs and other Punjabis on the Pacific Coast as one of the worst features in the present political situation in India. In consultation with the Army authorities, the Punjab Government, and the Government of India in the Home and Commerce and Industry Departments, I am considering the question of deputing officers to that part of the world to see if anything can be done to bring those Sikhs and other Punjabis into a more reasonable state of mind.

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