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Sir,

"YUGANTAR ASHRAM"

With further reference to this publication, I beg to report that at my request "Turner" visited 1324 Valencia Street yesterday, with a view to securing as much information as possible with regard to those interested in this undertaking.

I saw "Turner" to-day, he states that on his arrival he found two young students, with a white man, busily engaged working a lithographic press getting out a newspaper printed in "Goormookhi". That although he made several efforts he was unable to learn the names of the students or the white man, as they evaded even his direct questions, and requested him to call them "brother".

All the information that he was able to gather in the course of an hour or so was, that the lithographic press was a second-hand one, and purchased about ten days ago by Har Dayal for the sum of \$13,000. That the "Yugantar Ashram" was an organ of the Pacific Coast Hindu Association, of which Har Dayal was President, and it was their intention to publish this paper in several different dialects of India, viz:- Urdu, Hindi, Goormookhi, Gujrati, Bengali, Telugu and Maharatti, and of these dialects the paper had already been printed in two, namely, Urdu and Goormookhi.

I enclose herewith a copy of the first issue in the Goormookhi dialect, of which 4000 copies have been printed already. In endeavouring to ascertain by what route these papers are sent to India, he was informed

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that the means employed by them to smuggle these publications into India, were such that neither the British Government, or their detectives, could ever discover them. That they were not sent by freight, express or post, but by a route, the secret of which was in the hands of the "Inner Circle." The papers are done up in bundles of 50 each, and wrapped in brown paper, a sample of which I enclose herewith, obtained by me from the Zellerbach Paper Co.

The money for this undertaking was collected by Har Dayal, who has the authority of the Association to proceed on a lecturing tour through different States among the working Hindus, in order to replenish the treasury whenever he deems it necessary.

"Turner" requested the two students to inform him of the route by which these papers were sent, inasmuch as he himself would like to send some to his friends in India - who were of the same turn of mind as these boys - but they asked him to supply them with the names of any of the people he wished to send them to, and they would arrange for the papers to be delivered there. "Turner" thereon promised to furnish them with the names and addresses of some of his friends in India. I have arranged with him to give the address of one Lalla Budri Sha, Banker of Almora, U.P. I do not know if they will send the paper, but "Turner" will let me know if they have consented to do so.

The introduction of the "Yugantar Ashram" into India, especially when printed in several different dialects, is a matter of serious import to the Indian

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Government, considering the nature of the publication, which breathes of nothing more than a Revolution, having at heart the downfall of the British Government in that country.

At the present time this paper is being introduced into British Columbia through the mails, and is likely to have a very serious effect on the Hindu situation in that Province, considering the acute stage in which it is at the present time.

The Government of India would do well to furnish at the earliest possible opportunity, copies of this paper translated, for the information of the Canadian Government, so that the latter may take such steps as it seems necessary - after consideration - to prohibit its circulation in Canada.

I am taking for granted that the Indian Government are not aware of the medium through which this paper is being circulated in that country; and, am therefore, arranging at some expense to try and ascertain locally the method employed by these men to despatch the paper.

I have personally spent three days in looking through the records of the Wells Fargo Express Co. in this city, but can find no trace of any packages despatched through this Company, either to Oriental or European Ports. I have a man, however, watching 436 Hill Street all day; and as all the printing will now be done at 1324 Valencia St. I shall remove him to this locality, to try and trace the despatch of any parcels leaving this address.

I intend to locate, if possible, the party from whom this press was purchased, and if the payment of the money was made by cheque, it will give me a clue to the B the proceeds are made by Her Daval

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to the Bank in which the deposits are made by Har Dayal, and later find out, through the assistance of the U.S. Government Officials the amount of money he has been able to collect, and the balance to his credit.

If the Government of India should send you a translation of any of these papers, please send me a copy for my information. As far as I am able to learn the activities of these men are centred in the Newspaper, outside of which there is nothing to absorb their interest for the present.

Yours obediently,

W. C. HOPKINSON

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