

June 11, 1937

Leon Trotsky,
Coyacan, Mexico, D.F.

Dear Comrade Trotsky:

In about a month a very fine young New York comrade, Rae Spiegel, is leaving for Mexico. Comrade Spiegel has been a member of the Bolshevik-Leninist group for many years, since 1931 at least, according to my own knowledge. During these years she has been one of the most active comrades in a variety of activities (youth and adult) in New York, Los Angeles, and in other cities. She worked with me for a long time on THE NEW INTERNATIONALIST magazine and on THE MILITANT, and she has functioned on various committees. In all major Bolshevik-Leninist activities, she has always been on the job, and is known as a live wire and a reliable comrade.

For almost a year she had complete charge in handling The Bulletin of the Russian Opposition in the United States, during which period she was instrumental in increasing two-fold the circulation of the Russian Bulletin. (Recently she sold a complete set of the Russian Opposition Bulletin to the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.)

Up until recently she was working as an office worker (stenographer, typist, etc.) at a civil service job in Washington, D. C.

Now she intends to spend at least three months in Mexico, and is ready to place her services at your disposal in any manner in which they can be utilized. She is an excellent English stenographer and typist and is proficient in any other work connected with office organization, etc. Likewise, she is able to take Russian stenography, though I do not know her capacities in this field.

I believe that you will find comrade Spiegel more than useful to you in various capacities. I hope you will be able to receive her and arrange for whatever work you might want her to do.

I hope that this letter will find you and Natalia in much better health. My wife Lydia and I send our heartiest greetings to both of you.

Very comradely yours,

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