

September 4, 1937

Dear Comrade Shachtman:

LD has asked me to enclose copy of his letter to Suzanne La Follette re the Olberg matter.

One more notation regarding the latest article of Comrade Trotsky, STALINISM AND BOLSHEVISM, two copies of which I have sent to the APPEAL office in your and Com. Cannon's name. On page 13, under the heading, "Questions of Theory" in the second line, the reference to 28 volumes of Lenin should be THE TWENTY-SEVEN volumes of Lenin", please insert this in the MS or, if it has gone to press, in the proof, and call it to the attention of the translator Eleanor Clark, who has no doubt called the office about the MS.

Comradely yours,

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Room 1609
100 Fifth Ave.
New York City

September 11, 1937

Rae Spiegel
Avenida Londres 127
Coyoacan
Mexico, D.F.


Dear Comrade Spiegel:

I received your letter of September 7th with a copy of the letter to Goldman and will see to it that the article on Brockway is published as soon as we get the translation from Vanzler.

We are also publishing ^(in two installments) the big article on Stalinism and Bolshevism in the next issue of the Socialist Appeal and will immediately use the same type for the pamphlet to be published by Pioneer.

I expect Comrade Goldman in town in a few days and will then take up the matter with him. I fully understand the apprehensions of Wendelein Thomas and will see that everything that is possible is done along the line of your suggestion.

Fraternally yours,


James P. Cannon

P.S. I just saw Vanzler - He will translate
the new article over the week end.

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New York City

September 14, 1937

Rac Spiegel
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Comrade Spiegel:

I think I informed you in a previous letter that the article on Stalinism and Bolshevism is to be published in two installments in the Socialist Appeal right away. Simultaneously, Pioneer will use the same type for a pamphlet which will be brought off the press as soon as possible.

The translator, E. Clarke, was in the office and has made a few retouches on her translation. For some reason, connected with her work, she stated she does not wish to have her name appear as the translator.

Fraternally yours,


James P. Cannon

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September 14, 1937

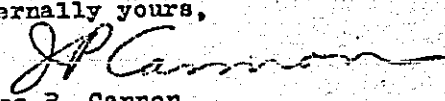
Rae Spiegel
Avenida Londres 127
Coyoacan, Mexico, D.F.

Dear Comrade Spiegel:

I received a copy of the stenographic report of the discussion on the Chinese question. This will be brought to the attention of the National Committee.

We are very glad indeed to receive this material, and thank you for your part in supplying it.

Fraternally yours,


James P. Cannon

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Room 1609
100 Fifth Ave.
New York City

September 18, 1937

Ray Spiegel
Avenida Londres 127
Coyoacan,
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Comrade Spiegel:

We received a subscription to the Socialist Appeal
from Christy C. Moustakis, Casa de Los Camilos, Calle de
Fernandez Leal 96, Coyoacan, D.F., Mexico

I am sending this for your information.

Yours fraternally,


James P. Cannon

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S O C I A L I S T A P P E A L

116 UNIVERSITY PLACE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 5, 1937.

Ray Spiegler
127 Avenida de Londres
Coyoacan D.F.
Mexico

Dear Comrade:

I received your letter of September 29th with the copy of the Ver article. I am very sorry that I neglected to inform you that I had received it before, and planned to publish it this week in an internal bulletin together with other documents on the Spanish question. I will remember to send you copies of the bulletin when it comes out.

I know nothing about the book on the Pullman strike to which you refer. Is that a book recently published? If you will send me the name of the book I would be in a better position to look up the book. Needless to say, I would be glad to do this or have some comrade attend to it.

It is not quite clear to me just what you mean by "a negative cable from Paris re the Russian typist". Does this refer to the one we had under consideration or another one? The friend of Goldman about whom we have written you is perfecting her typing and is to be given a test by Comrade Sara Weber this week-end. If Comrade Weber finds her proficient you will be promptly notified so that a final decision can be made.

She lives in New York, not in Chicago as Comrade Trotsky assumed. She is an old personal friend of Comrade Goldman and his sister.

Please let me know if Comrade Selander showed up again.

We received a copy of the stenographic report of the discussion on the Chinese question. It has not yet been decided how to utilize this material. Possibly it can also go in the internal bulletin.

I am working very closely with the Comrades in charge of the American Committee. It is not yet clear whether it will be feasible to change the name of the present organization or to form a new one with more or less the same personnel. The non-party people working in this committee are not so close to us that we can be sure of getting their agreement to change the name of the present committee and transform it into a permanent organization. Some of them are very touchy about being too closely identified with us permanently. It goes without saying that the present committee must continue to function until its obligations are discharged. However, once the

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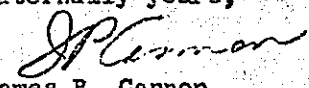
findings of the Commission are made public it will ^{be} very difficult to sustain enough interest in the committee under its present name.

I am thinking along the lines of a permanent committee devoted to the defense of persecuted workers internationally and also nationally. However, it is not clearly established whether all this work can be handled by one body.

Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to Max Sterling.

I am returning herewith the Ver document.

Faternally yours,



James P. Cannon

Nov. 17, 1937

Dear Comrade Shachtman:

We received from Comrade Vanzler his translation of Comrade Trotsky's Preface to a new edition of the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO, in the Afrikaans language. LD made some minor corrections. Rather than begin an explanation of where for you to insert these corrections (and because copies had to be sent to other English-speaking countries), I have retyped the manuscript. You will therefore please print (if you are printing it, and if so, when?) this present text in THE NEW INTERNATIONAL.

As Comrade Vanzler may wish to see the slightly changed copy, please show him the enclosed copy.

Very comradely yours,

Joe Spiegel

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