
Letter from Ludwig Katterfeld (en route to America) to Otto Huiswood in Moscow, December 5, 1922.

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Dec. 5/22 white-handled knives belonged to the English typist, Comrade Kobleng. Please return them to her.

Dear Comrade Billings [Huiswood]:—

Enclosed are those Russian letters that still need attention. Have Pullman [=???] help you with them. I do not know whether they go to the CP of A or the RKP [Russian Communist Party].

I also enclose letter from Anna Louise Strong about room for Fed. Press Correspondent. I think her idea a good one. It should be done in name of Federated Press, not something new.

Hope you got the supplies all right from my room, especially the two German & English dictionaries and the Corona [typewriter]. I think Lansing [Arne Swabeck] and Cook [Jim Cannon] still have a number of books that belong to the Party. Ask them for them and keep everything together for the next man.

You may also have the dishes. They were our personal property, not Lux property. However the two



Please write a letter to the CEC every week, telling briefly the developments. Write quadruplicate, keep one and mail three copies to the three addresses. You put on everything except the postage. Give to [Allan] Wallenius or [Mauno] Heimo or take to the Connections Dept.

Ship Sullivan [A.S. Edwards] and Pullman [=???] home the minute that the American decision is definite. It is very important, as you know that I may be cooped up and unable to report at all. † [Harold] Ware should be advanced the money [to return to the US] with the understanding that the FSR will pay the Party. [Ella Reeve] Bloor should stay till the Party OKs paying her way back unless the Profintern will pay it.

Follow up of course the matter of having one Hungarian (possibly Bela Kun), one Armenian, and one Italian sent to our Party and advise as soon as definite. ‡

Also follow up the

†- Katterfeld returned to the United States facing prospects of serving the 1-5 year prison sentence handed down on Aug. 2, 1920 as part of the mass trial of the CLP held in Chicago. He was released from jail in 1924.

‡- The Hungarian Federation repeatedly sought to have Bela Kun sent to work in America by the Comintern, offering to cover his travel expenses. The Italian and Armenian sections of the CPA also requested a technical assistant from the Comintern.

Workers Relief matter, so that we'll know what to do with FSR [Friends of Soviet Russia] and [Sidney] Hillman.

If Cook [Cannon] & Co. make trouble in the delegation remind them of the Party decisions that those that represent majority viewpoint of CEC (now yourself and Pullman [=??]) have two-thirds vote within delegation. That was one of the conditions on which we consented to send Marshall [Max Bedacht].

I am writing the Secretariat [of ECCI] that you and Sullivan [Edwards] are in Enlarged Exec and you take my place as Party representative until another arrives. Tell this also to Farman so that you'll receive all delegation documents.

I gave the files to *Heimo*, Room 65, Comintern. See him as soon as you have time. All American files should be put together in the Archives. Comrade Fisher [Leonid Belsky?] has charge of the archives. Have Heimo take you to him, or go there with that little secretary Kobleng. Enclosed is a little introduction that may help you.

Hope you'll get along OK.

Yours,

J. Carr [Ludwig Katterfeld].

You should get the newspapers that come regularly for the American Delegate in Room 2, Hotel Lux.

Edited with footnotes by Tim Davenport.

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