

My dear Leivi,

I have written to you very little lately directly, for indirectly, in the forms of copies of letters exchanged between Jerry, myself and the rest of the family, of which you have received a copy of each and all, you know as much as anyone else does.

This week there was a long letter from Jerry, over three and half foolscap close typewritten matter, and I can assure you to write all this by hand is a great effort for him, and must be appreciated.

Of course, I do not want to reply to anything in the nature of the Political, as you will readily understand. It is not worth to run the risk of the Censor and ~~the~~ our friends, the OGPU. One can never tell as to what our latter friends may not do, all of a sudden.

You will agree that it is difficult to censor outgoing mail; it is, however, an easy matter to tamper with incoming mail, and it is highly desirable that nothing incriminating appears in these in the political sense. I need hardly stress the risk run in doing so.

I feel much easier this week. Jerry has completely realised his position, and is judging Bolshewism or rather STALINISM for what it is worth. There is no further necessity to touch upon his leaving the Country. This he has decided and made his mind up allready.

I shall quote a few obvious passages in his letter:

" I HAVE EXPERIENCED A CERTAIN DISSOLUTIONMENT IN THE IDEOLOGY OF THE CREED HERE, HAVING COME TO IT, FACE TO FACE !!! "

" I am afraid I shall have to go home. and now I feel that even work outside my profession but in a "freer" atmosphere could be acceptable. "

The latter passage is MOST SIGNIFICANT.

Again:

" DO NOT ASK ME WHY I DO NOT LEAVE AT ONCE. I CANNOT ANSWER YOU THAT".

Now the last passage is very vital. It is obvious that for reasons, ~~in~~ which cannot be OTHERWISE THAN THE CENSOR, he cannot divulge ~~it~~ his plans in a letter.

Maybe, he will throw some light on the matter in a future letter. Possible just hint a little. Previously he hinted about getting a free passage to London, and also that he was going to have a row with his boss Platinov, whom now he styles both SELFISH AND MEAN after what he thought ~~of~~ the world of him up to now, is also interesting. A little while ago, he wrote that he was made a fool off at Novosvetlovka in the presence of the Engineers. After that he stated that having found the position in Novosvetlovka intolerable, and getting his transfer to the Stanitzka, he was going to have a scene with Platinov, and thus secure a free passage to London. Apparantly this scene would not work, for this wonderful Platinov is but a bird of the "same flock", selfish and mean. As in all probability leaving Russia at the ~~next~~ moment would lay him open to the vindictiveness of this SELFISH AND MEAN PLATINOV, he must secure both an extension ~~and~~ of his Visa and a transfer away from where he is, to escape a SABOTAGE implication trumped up by his Superior Platinov, and the big Gun. His extension was therefore both advasable as well as essential, and so was his transfer. Nijni-Novgorod is far away in the North from Lugansk, and is, on the main line to Moscow-Leningrad and much nearer, shaking the dust of his feet of Russian Soil and its perfidious atmosphere....

I therefore read that Jerry's delay in getting out from Russia was essentiaal under the circumstances. He will certainly lose no time to get out as soon as he can, and we must wait a little. With the present closing down of works, they must find superflous and will undoubtedly soon give him a ticket to London. This is what Jerry is manuevring for. To be safe in Russia one must move about, to escape Sabotage charges. The more you move about from one

job to another the safer you are. The longer you stay the more danger you run in getting implicated in something or other. The latter Sabotage charges need not actually take place, it can easily be trumped up, and is part and parcel of a POLICY.

Everybody is Sabotaging, nobody (excluding the DAMN FOOLS) are doing their best in the practical sense, for no one can do his best, and was he even to do his best, it is thought nothing of, because it is his duty to do his best, and whenever he cannot or will not do his best, he is obviously SABOTAGING.

It would be easiest of all to frame a charge against Stalin for Sabotage, for he is the responsible head of affairs, and if anything goes wrong, it is the HEAD rather than that has not done his duty, and who is guilty of sabotage.

It is the biggest ~~stark~~ Joke of the Century, the Sabotage SCAPEGOATISM. It would be a joke indeed, had it not been so serious...

However, it is a ROTTEN STATE OF AFFAIRS, a BLOODY ROTTEN ONE INDEED. This in itself will and must CONDEMN Bolshevism, for all and sundry that it might have pretended, let ~~an~~ alone achieved.....

However impatient one gets with Jerry's leaving Russia, it is unavoidable to have a little more patience. The biggest difficulty was to ~~make~~ get him make up his mind, once and for all to get out. This has been the hardest battle, and this has been won.

Once he has made up his own mind to leave, the rest is but a matter of patience.

It may be sooner than one anticipates. It may take longer than one would like to, but it is coming.

As he states, and which I have quoted already,:

" I NOW FEEL THAT EVEN WORK OUTSIDE MY PROFESSION BUT IN A "FREER" ATMOSPHERE COULD BE ACCEPTABLE."

Kind regards to Sasha and yourself.

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