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As this letter will reach many of you, I better acknowledge in the first instance the receipt of many of srael's long letters, me unconditionally back; of Beile's letters of a similar note, of several Leivi's ketters, much calmer in tone; none from Aaron. Heaps of "Arguses" and "Huisgenoots"; "Manchester Guardiansx weekly"s; several "Nations" and weekly cuttings from the "Star" and Sunday Times". I think I have a fair idea of world affairs.

Many thanks for the post and papers.

Where am I to start from ?. I am at the Stanitza still and never seen the Volga in spite of my cable to you. The Chief engineer of Mostrotrest has offered me to go there and promised me that, . Soon after started the flood period all over Russia and bridge construction ceased temporarily everywhere. I wrote him six reminders ; he was travelling over the Union on inspections and on the receipt of the first wrote to me promising to fulfill his promise of sending me to a good"show" after the floods. I expect that to materialise early in May.

In three , four days time I shall leave for Moscow for the May days. I shall undoubtedly see the chief and arrange details, I hope . In this arrangement I shall have to overcome the insistance of my immediate chief of my remaining here; he will fight the idea

and will oppose my transfer tooth and nail.

Anyhow, I shall be in Moscow soon and have a good time. In general I must admit that my personal well being has with the successful completion of the bridge here. That it was succesfull is undoubtedly good luck; hevertheless, it saved several Russian Engineers and myself from "unpleasantness" to

put it very mildly.

Being single, I am very lucky. At the "UTR Stolovaia" I get three meals a day. These are fair, fair and without waiting queues only because no wifes and children and UTR receive anything at all J (the last sentence is distorted ?. Israel) family man of two children, say, only gets one meal between four people, I, a single man receive the same! Thus I can live on 250 roubles a month, while a married man will starve on 550 roubles a month (that which I get) simply because I feed at "fixed prices" Stolovaia, while the other has to add to his own ration foods bought on the market. These are impossible.

550 roubles a month is a big sum on Russian Standards.(I got an increase lately). Workmen get 120-150 roubles a month, clerks 180-200, good mechanics 300. Doctors 400-500 and so forth. Of the men here there are only a couple who get more. And even if

, they live no better with their families.

So I am one of Russia's aristocracy. Feed as best xx possible, and receive attention without least waiting. All give way to me. I am dressed according to latest Paris fashions, quite unlike the others. People judge you by your dress.

This is not all. Recently they attached me to "(some kning name of a store cannot make out . Israel) of Lugansk and I get my rations from a shop supplying foreigners there. So I have butter, and sugar and sweets and bread and am able to treat others. am able to treat others.

Spring is here; grass is coming up rapidly. Soon I hope will be radishes and cucumber and all the other good things.

Of course, I do not hope to be here to enjoy it alli. Elswhere

onm a bigger construction unit .-

You all know, I hope the evils here. I think, I told them to you in a merciless way. I believe you already accused me of being that to be more was impossible. so careless

Look at the other side ! There is no anti-Semitism and no natuonal hatred of any kind anywhere. No religious bigotry.

What a bright thing in a Europe of Hitler...---

Perhaps ,who knows the economic position may improve; improve if Russia gets a good harvest and if the sowing campaign proves successfull?! And with the greater attention given to Agriculture and some handling (if Bolshies can?) things may improve to there is no doubt that during the period of 1925-1929 untill collectivisation started Russians lived in plenty.

There was unemployment then and free trade and people moved about as they wished. But "unplanned" agriculture could not exist side by side with "planned" industry of the 5 years plan. And so the whole structure of the village was remodelled.

The Russian towns underwent terrific hunger days, underwent then revolution in 1918-1920 when Moscow starved on 1 lb bread rations while the peasants fed themselves then well. To-day Moscow remodelled to the new creed and adjusted fairs well, but 130,000,000 peasants are uprooted from their very foundations and do not know where they are and what is wanted from them.

Do you see it?. And untill they see it and learn the new principles and understand what is expected of them and how they have to work to syncronise with the industrial worker.——

This is how it all appears to me, and think that I am

right.

I am not hungry. I am well dressed. I can sit and think of what the future holds out, but of the Russians themselves few can think of anything else but of their immediate needs.

Russia is all the same ,an interesting place to live in, very interesting. One rages wild one minute and feels gratefull

to it all, the next.

I am going to stay till July- when my visa extension ends. Perhaps I shall be luckier at the North, where "the religion works better" than in the Ukraina, full of Kulaks and Sabotagers (?)!....

Please do not worry over me, I cannot tell you everything.

A My viza extension that automatically has nothing sinister about it,. It comes authomatically on presentation of "Chodastvo" (?) from responsible organisations.

It seems that even politically I am "Kosher" here. I give lectures on technical, semi-political and political themes. Just as everyone else of the UTR (Inshinerno-Tecknicheski-Rabotniki)

Personally, I think, the position in Russia to-day in so far as bread and food is concerned is not better than 3 months ago. But I personally having learnt the tricks of the trade, am better off. A dirty thing. But here one can ONLY think of oneself and of an "ethereal Proletariat".

JERRY.

P.S. I sent you a telegram yesterday