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Dearest Meyer's Sons, Do not
believe in the paradise here
or do not believe one word
of the beautiful speeches
you read in the papers
I send you!

There is far less
untruth in "The Daily Mirror"
type of press than in that
I send you!

My word of honour!

I am transferred
to another bridge construction
team at the Stanga;
the one I left has been
stopped by Government decree.

in compliance & with the
new policy announced
by Stalin.

God! If I could
tell you the night
scenes I saw! It
would make your
flesh creep!

No one of you can
visualize a huge
potato-pul rubbish
heap mixed with dirt,
snow & sand outside
a Russian Stalovir.
Especially outside the
one here!
To help you imagine

it, would be to attempt
to describe felth of un-
speakable odour &
appearance - I better
save you that!

But, think & ima-
gine four workmen on
this bridge caught by
me squatting down on
this heap in darkness
of night at 3.00 am &
feeling about this
heap for bits of food
to "feed" their
wives & children!.....

Can a human being,
be it Russian or anyone

else feed himself & his family on 800 grammes of black bread & nothing else.....

I cannot bear this miserable tale that the pay of Russian women rises according to the plan by so much a year! Biggest lie on earth!

A train conductor gets 80 roubles a month.
A carpenter 150 roubles.
A clerk 140 - 180 roubles.
A labourer 100 - 120 roubles.
A watchman 55 roubles.
etc etc etc. At

The same time a pound
of butter cost 20 roubles,
a loaf of bread (sold
by an "economical" work
man) 25 roubles etc.

You can get crazy
from all the misery
around!.....

The keeper of the
Russian man is struck
to a very shattering
pitch!..... I do not
think one can bear
it any further!.....

The curses, that go
to all & every one!

The hunger, & oaths!

I saw (& found) a
 foreman sleeping, standing
 with his cleaning
 road rod in his
 hand, pale as death,
 with bones streaming
 out into eternity!
 What terrible eyes!

The boiler was about
 to go bust! There
 was no water in the
 boiler, & a calamity
 of first magnitude

— ? —

was imminent!

What can you do?
Can you take anything
away from him, can
you fine him? Have
you given him more
than you giving him anything
that you can take
away from him when
he defaults?

What a beastly state
of affairs!

Enough!

I am

Please send me
out one number
of a "~~fashionable~~
magazine"

The wife of my
boss is dreaming
crazy!

I understand that you
sent me one, but I did
not get it!

Please oblige.

Excuse scrawl!