

COPY OF A LETTER FROM JERRY dated 12/2/33 received 16/3/33

My dear Israel,

For want of other paper I am writing on the back of this letter.

I received your long post this week, your letters, your newspaper cuttings and the Calender.

I know it is Sunday ~~again~~ to-day !

I cannot write to you, but shall write later.

I keep watch from 9 p.m. till 9 a.m. and then office work all day time.

JERRY.

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My dear Israel,

I am sending you Leivi's letter to show you what a really unnatural view he takes of things.

This is truly wonderful !

I got intimation that with the town of "Artemovsk", late "achmut" there awaits me 10 Dollars, apparantly from Leivi, though the letter never told me anytging about it. The money from apetown (i.e. £1.10.0. and £2.0.0.) I ~~never~~ have never received. Moscow has answered me on my query (at last, after 26 days) that they know nothing about it and would I give them the number of the cheques !.....

Never Mind !

I injured myself a little a few hours ago, a cocopan of concrete went over my toe. I thought nothing of it at first, but now I am at home enjoying a few hours rest.

Of course, this is a mere trifle

I congratulate you with having become an Uncle once again.

I receive all your letters and thank you very, very much indeed. They are so sincere and open hearted, that which so lacks here!...

I receive all the news papers that you and Aaron send me. Everyone of them. Today I am glad to read them more and at greater detail than ever before. And this is not homesickness, but the hatred of lies and falsehoods here in the prrss.

For who can, and how can a man praise either the organisation or the labour conditions here on the "Moscow-Donbas" construction on which I work ; and tell of its wonderfull tempos when this is a crying shame and terrible lie !.....

There are lies in your press, many lies, but these here are far greater !.....

Do you feel, Israel, that my political ideals before my arrival here have been terribly hit, and I feel terribly disappointed and hurt and bad !.....

What an ~~illusionment~~ dissolusionment, Eh !!!.....

Fancy reading the Argus for world news and getting them !.... Who would have thought of it !....

One lives in a cloak of darkness here, political and otherwise ! from the Pravda alone, and that unfortunately is the case for all the countless millions of Russians. I may die and know literally nothing as to what is happening, except the tonnage of coal, as if it were really true---- mined and the steel rolled and the wheat sown on the different points of the Union. !

You may get impressed with the figures, but not I, for I have also compiled these and have seen these compiled for publication and have seen the huge machine working !

What a dissilussionment this comes to me !..

And perhaps just as well !

That is all ~~what~~ I have to say.

JERRY