
Circular Letter on the Closing of the Chicago Office of the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee from Charles L. Drake

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Chicago.

January 15, 1921.

Dear Friend,

In our last letter to you we announced that because of diplomatic difficulties in Washington and the deportation of Ludwig Martens, representative of the Soviet Republic, we were very uncertain about the future of the work of this Committee.

To further convince us of the unsettled state of affairs we received a letter from the New York Central Committee of the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee which is herewith copied as written:

New York, Dec. 23rd, 1921

Mr. Charles L. Drake,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade,

In view of the impending deportation of the representative of the Soviet Government, Mr. L. Martens, to

Russia and the possible discontinuance of the Soviet Bureau, our sole purchasing agent, it seems advisable to wind up the affairs of the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee.

In this connection, we would ask you to cancel all your engagements beyond this date.

This information is confidential and not for publication.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Michael, Secretary,
Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee.

The above letter speaks for itself. The Western Committee has made every effort to comply with it in spirit but finding it impossible to close on such short notice, obtained an extension of time up to January 15th [1921]. They also voted to send the above letter to all contributors as a matter of information.

Consequently, the Western District Office closes at 5 pm tonight. Please do not send any more contributions to this office but send all communications regarding this work to Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee, 60 St. Marks Place, New York City, NY.

Kindly note the enclosed statements regarding the work accomplished. Thanking you for your kind cooperation and assuring you of our hearty appreciation therefor, we are

Fraternally Yours,

Western District Committee,
Charles L. Drake,
Director.

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