
Draft of a Note to V.I. Ul'ianov (N. Lenin) from Robert Minor in Moscow, December 2, 1921.

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- 1) Asking 10 minutes conversation before return to America (leaving Thursday, December 8).
- 2) Asking to bring CARR [Ludwig Katterfeld], my successor in Comintern Executive.
- 3) Enclosing pamphlet which quotes you on legal work in America.

From BALLISTER [Robert Minor],
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Moscow, December 2, 1921.

Dear Comrade Lenin:—

Our Communist Party's coming out into open "legal" operations has resulted in a rebellion of a minority "left." I am ordered to proceed with all possible speed to America, and there to work to allay the controversy. I shall carry with me:

- 1) Resolution of the Comintern Executive supporting the majority.
- 2) Thesis on legal work in America, being completed now by a commission composed of Kuusinen, Radek, and Bukharin.

A dispute as to the meaning of your conversation with the American delegation during the time of the Third Congress [June 22-Aug. 12, 1921] has become a feature of the quarrel in the Party. Unfortunately this has resulted in the printing of an "under-

ground" pamphlet which makes mention of your having given us advice in the matter of legal operations — a thing which should never have been printed. The mistake is due to neglect of duty by a committee which was appointed expressly to delete the reference to your remarks. Enclosed is a copy of the pamphlet. ~~in which I have marked with red pencil the pertinent passages.~~

~~I want, at An underground Party convention which will occur after my arrival. to be able to settle the dispute as to whether you did or did not advise the formation of a legal political party parallel to and controlled by the underground Party.~~ For this reason I ask to see you. I should like to bring and introduce to you comrade CARR [Katterfeld], who has just arrived from America to take my place on the Comintern Executive.

10 minutes will suffice, at any time, night or day, before the evening of Thursday, December 8.

With Communist greetings,

James Ballister

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