

Three Letters — And the Problem Of a Cablegram Is Solved

March 4, 1930.

Editor *New Masses*:

Mr Hugo Gellert says: "I communicated with Karolyi and told him the Rand School is a Social Democratic institution." Speaking in the Rand School before a large audience Count Karolyi said: "I was told that the Rand School is a Social Fascist institution. I was deceived and I made a mistake. I am sorry." Readers of Mr. Gellert's letter in the *New Masses* need not be in any doubt as to who was responsible for the deception.

Sincerely yours,

New York, N. Y. WILLIAM E. BOHN, Educational Director.

March 10, 1930.

Editor *New Masses*:

In the cablegram in question for which Roger Baldwin was innocently hounded, the words "Social Fascist" were not mentioned.

In my letter to the *New Masses* however, I clearly pointed to the Social Fascist activities of the leaders of the Socialist Party: the truth of which was not even challenged by Mr. Bohn.

Michael Karolyi is kind enough to answer the charge of "deception."

White Plains, N. Y.

HUGO GELLERT.

March 10, 1930.

Editor *New Masses*:

At a private gathering in the Rand School to which I was invited, I stated that I had no intention of offending that institution. On the other hand I was emphatic in telling about the differences that exist between me and the leaders of the Hungarian Social-Democratic Party.

I explained that the reason why I refused to speak under the auspices of the Rand School was that I believed that the policies of the Socialist Party of America were the same as those of the other Socialist parties allied in the Second International.

I did not use the expression "Social Fascist."

Since my stay here during the past ten weeks I have had occasion to observe and I have become convinced that I was not misled when by cable I was informed that there is no difference between the policies and activities of the American and the European Socialist parties.

New York, N. Y.

MICHAEL KAROLYI.

For Workers Defense

Editor *New Masses*:

The members of the official delegation of the New York unemployed workers each face sentences of eight years in prison. In every city arrests took place before and after the March 6 demonstrations.

In the last five weeks 1188 cases of arrested workers have come to the International Labor Defense. Since the first of January over 3,000 workers, men women and children have been arrested for working class activities in all sections of the country.

At this moment the question of workers' defense assumes the greatest importance. We appeal to the readers of the *New Masses*. Protest—contribute funds for defense. The need is most urgent.

Funds can be sent through the *New Masses* or directly to the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11 Street, Room 402 New York, N. Y.

Fraternally,

New York, N. Y.

J. LOUIS ENGDAHL, Sec'y.

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