

19th March, 1951.

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter received this morning. Shall look forward to getting the article, also any other material you can send.

There is one comrade to whom we send D.A. who must be very near you. His name is Edwin Eisenpass and his village/town is Bach-am-Donsau. I can't give you the full address, as the list is at the shop, but I will get hold of it and post it on next time I am there. You might check up how far away from you Bach is. Willi's address in Zurich we have not got, but you can write to his village, with "please forward" on it - that should find him. It is: Willi Ott, Ennenda, Glarus, Switzerland. We have been expecting to hear from him.

The dockers' case is coming up again at Bow-street this week. ~~Freedom Press~~ held a meeting with official speakers from the London Portworkers Committee - both Stalinists - on Sunday. We warned them beforehand that the committee was Stalinist-controlled, but they insisted on going ahead with it. Frank went along, and after the two had made mealy-mouthed speeches, claiming they did not know very much about politics, he put the cat among the pigeons by asking them how they reconciled that with their membership of the C.P. Sanson's girl friend upped and apologised to the Stalinists for Frank's question! Constable was somewhat annoyed about it, and his view of F.P. is just nobody's business.

Bert and Charlie Aylward, with four other dockers, were fined a total of £1,750 at Leeds last week, for a libel in "Portworkers' Clarion," which they published in November, 1949. What will happen remains to be seen. One thing is certain - the T. & G.W.U. officials who brought the case won't get any cash.

Yanez has again been sacked again as a "subversive element." The T. & G.W.U. refused to handle his appeal, saying that as far as they were concerned Syndicalism was worse than the C.P. This was because he had exposed branch officials for their refusal to carry out branch decisions, on the dictation of Transport House, Salford. We sent £3.10s. on to Y., as he has been having a very poor time economically. Fortunately, he has managed to get another job now.

The comrades at Lyons are still in custody. We heard from Odette last week. Apparently the Franco press in Spain had reports that the "red Spanish elements in France" were to be purged several days before the arrests took place. The whole thing, as O. says, stinks to high heaven of a deal between the Franco and French governments. She thinks it will fail this time, but that is not to say another attempt will not be made later.

Andersson writes that the IWMA conference may be held in Paris instead of Toulouse.

All is fairly quiet here for the moment. Comrades join in sending greetings, and we shall hope for news from you again shortly.

All best wishes,  
Fraternally,

P.s. no new I.W.'s in since those we sent. I'll keep you supplied as they come in.