

April 30th, 1951

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter, and for the card, both of which we were very pleased to receive. I must apologise for delay in replying, due to having to duplicate D.A. last week. Very pleased that you saw Willi.

First of all, I must tell you that the I.W.M.A. Congress is to be held at TOULOUSE, not Paris. It will open on Saturday, May 12 at 2 p.m. in the local of the French C.N.T., Cours Dillon. Hope that you will be there. Maloie left for France yesterday, she is staying over May Day in Paris and then hitching to Toulouse. I shall get to Toulouse on Friday, May 11. Should you get to Toulouse before the Congress, you will be able to contact us either through the French C.N.T., or, better still, via the Spanish comrades. Their h.q. is at 4, Rue Belfort. No-one else will be coming from England. Pinkerton would have liked to, but cannot get away from work early enough. Try and be there.

Now, you ask if we need you back. We certainly do. The supply of headings for D.A. that you left is exhausted. 200 copies of each of the last two issues have gone to the Merseyside dockers (n.b. articles by Dan and Steve Brennan). Result is that we have had to cut down hellishly on the ~~same~~ other copies we send out, and have been left with none to sell in London. It would be a great help if you could back after the Congress.

Things are not going badly at all. Contact with the dockers is excellent and, as you see, fruitful. Pude and Kielty are both on the Merseyside Port Workers Defence Cttee. In London we are continuing with the I.R.M. I spoke to Crayford A.E.U. branch on its behalf last Friday. About 50 there, and an enthusiastic reception. We are also helping the Merseyside P.W. Cttee publish a monthly paper. Harold G. has moved into the shop and pays half the rent, which alleviates the financial situation. NELAG are in revolt, talk of affiliating with us. All in all, the prospect is fair.

Please write BY RETURN, saying whether you will be at Toulouse. One last point NELAG have a hand press, quarto size, have asked us to own it jointly with them. Do we want you back?

Every good wish,

and greetings from us all,