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15th January, 1949.

Dear Comrade,

Many regrets for the delay in replying to your letter of December 14th, enclosing 5/- donation to the Press Fund. This has been due solely to pressure of work. At the time your letter arrived we were tied up in work concerned with the Euston railway strike. Our activity during the strike, and the help that we were able to give the Strike Committee has resulted in our getting an excellent and solid contact with the most militant elements among the Euston railmen, some of whom were among the members of the Committee. We are very hopeful of future developments in this quarter.

We have heard from comrades at Manchester and Bolton that a regional conference is to be held in the latter town next week-end (January 23rd), and we have arranged for Comrade Read to attend as N.C. delegate. Will it be possible for you to be there. It would be useful if so, as we want to discuss our future form of industrial organisation. We in London feel that the time has come to launch a "Syndicalist League", with affiliation to the I.W.M.A., which would provide a rallying point for industrial elements who are discontented both with the official T.U.C. line and with the C.P. We certainly have the only practicable alternative in advocacy of genuine industrial democracy and workers' control, and it would be criminal to let the opportunities that are arising to go by.

I passed on your message to Cliff Holden, and he sends his greetings in return.

Nelson

If you are able to get over to ~~Buxton~~, perhaps you could immediately get in contact with Comrade Julian Pilling, 9 Height Croft, Brierfield, Nelson, who is in charge of arrangements. That is, of course, if he hasn't already been in touch with you.

We hope to have "D.A." out again next week, after a rather long lapse.

Comrades join in sending best wishes, and all success to your local work.

In the struggle,
Yours fraternally,

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