

Amsterdam IO June 1924.

Dear friend M.N.R.

During your last visit to Amsterdam we decided that I should send my letter for Petroff through your Berlin adress. I am sending this letter now and I hope that your man at Berlin will transfer it soon, so that you can talk about me with comrade Petroff on the base of that letter. You read it please before you are going to him and do your utmost to get first of all a decision for my two Sima's to leave M. and to join me in Holland. The trouble is that still the regular relations between Holland and Russia are not yet established, but anyhow Sima can come to Berlin or London (even to Paris) from where I will bring her to Holland soon. The greatest difficulty is to bring her to one of the Western European countries. I just heard that A.A. Joffe returned from Vienna in Moscow and that is why I also have written to him for help. This should not be a reason for Petroff to undertake ~~nothing~~ thing. It is now very good weather for mother and child to make the ~~jour~~ journey and ~~that/it~~ therefore Petroff should also try his best with Narkomindel. Sima wants very much to join me like I want her coming. She will pay the journey herself and also her staying in Berlin or Paris. It is not the question of any expenses from Russian side. After your departure I received another letter of my small Russian wife, which shows that she is eager to leave. When she gets a proforma appointment in a Russian Mission, she will receive immediately a vise to enter the country abroad. She is not going for any propagandawork and I cannot understand that there should be reason to wait long before she gets the opportunity to leave. When she arrives in Berlin or Paris I will take care that she can come soon here, because ~~it~~ it should be quite impossible for myself to pay a long time her expenses in a foreign country. For the case that she can go to France, you can help me very much by giving Sima the opportunity to stay for a couple of days or for a week time with one of your friends or with Evelyn, when she will stay at Paris.

I wrote also to Petroff to extend my leave of the Eastern Department with three months till the end of the congresses. At that time the two delegates of NAS will return and I may find easily an opportunity to join eastern work in one or other European Bureau or in the East when they are of opinion that I should be used for this purpose. Much will depend on your talking with the comrades at M.

Anyhow I want a decision that my leave will be extended because formally I am still connected with the work of the Eastern Section.

I got now the information of a lawyer with regard to your staying in Holland. The possibility that the Dutch Government should hand you over to the British authorities does not exist in his opinion. It is of course possible that you could get an order to leave Holland, when for example the British Government should protest against your living here. It is pretty sure that for NAS a delegation will come at the end of June including also comrade Langkemper. It has been decided that Bouwman does not get leave of his Trade-Union and therefore I expect that Langkemper will go instead of him. In this case I must get other help for your affair. I will talk about this with Langkemper before he leaves. I did not hear a single word of Evelyn and also I did not receive any material, which I want for H.R. Holst. I am waiting the Vanguard guards too ~~of~~ which will be useful for the work of the Javabureau.

Send me soon <sup>the report of the Javabureau</sup> a few lines. Please talk with Sima and look how she is living with the small child. Simson is in Pass sagehotel, room 66.

Yours H. Mann