

That "Mexican Money"

A LETTER FROM COMRADE WOLFE

The letter below was sent by Comrade Bertram D. Wolfe to the *Daily Worker* but, of course, was never published. In spite of the information contained here, the *Daily Worker* continues to publish slanderous articles by Browder and others.

Editor, The *Daily Worker*

Dear Comrade:

I have just finished reading an article by Earl Browder in which he explains to the readers of the *Daily* that the Mexican Government is supporting the C.P.-Majority Group of the U. S. A. According to him the \$100 received from Mexican comrades by the *Revolutionary Age* was received from *Diego Rivera, Reyes Perez, Luis Monzon, and Fritz Bach*, who received it "from the treasury of the Mexican government, which in turn received it from Ambassador Morrow, representative of Washington and Wall Street."

Friend Browder is wasting his time. He should write dime novels or detective stories. . . .

To set the matter straight—altho I have little hope of your printing this to get the truth to our membership after seeing how you treated Lifshitz's rectification of the Baltimore lies and our correction of your burglary frame-up story during the time of the raids on your office by the Dept. of Justice—here are the facts:

1. Diego Rivera has no connection with us. He is in my opinion no Communist. When I was in Mexico, I told him so, and persuaded him to leave the party and regard himself as a sympathizer not a member. Why he was readmitted, I don't know. His expulsion now was correct. He is a great painter—a very great painter, but is not now, and never was a Communist.

2. Reyes Perez has no connection with Diego Rivera and no connections with us. He is a Trotskyite and an employe of the Governor of Guadalajara. He may have connections with Cannon. His expulsion was correct.

3. Fritz Bach was sent to Mexico by the W.I.R. In Moscow in the Executive of the Comintern, I was the principal critic of Bach's opportunism and subservience and service to the Mexican Government. His actions were defended by Willi Muenzenberg, but my proposals were adopted by the Ecce and his actions were repudiated. Since they involved support of the Government and treachery to Communism, his expulsion was justified.

4. Luis Monzon, has no connection with us or with any names which the talented novelist linked into a "party" He is an old man who once was a revolutionist and who wanted a job from the Government as "labor" ambassador to Russia. The Party properly forbade his taking it, and properly expelled him because his action helps the Government to fool the Mexican masses as to its true character.

5. The money sent us from Mexico collected from Party members and sympathizers. No expelled Communists contributed. The Mexican Party leadership has not degenerated into a revisionist position towards the line of the Sixth Congress so far as I can judge from its publications and actions (in spite of their formal endorsement of the new line) and has not expelled any member for supporting the line of the Congress or fighting against revisionism and for a Leninist line. Maybe Browder can go down and "annex" them for his line.

Yours for Communism,

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