
Letter to Rose Pastor Stokes in New York from C.E. Ruthenberg in Chicago, Nov. 25, 1924.

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Rose Pastor Stokes
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New York, NY

Dear Comrade Stokes:

Your letter of November 22 [1924] in reply to mine sending you a copy of the communication from Jeannette Pearl was received this morning. Of course I was familiar with the fact that you had these views in regard to Comrade Pearl and I presume other comrades have the same knowledge, but the issue at the present time is not whether your views were communicated to various comrades in responsible positions, but whether you made a public statement charging Comrade Pearl with being a spy.

You will readily realize that it is inadvisable for us to have any such public statements made in our Party circles unless you are able to make definite charges and prove these charges, and from my knowledge of the facts in the case, I do not think that there is any proof which warrants such charges being submitted.

I say this not only on the basis of the information which you gave us, but on the basis of further investigation which the Party made after your communicated your information. Continued observance of Comrade Pearl's activity for a period of time completely dissipated any suspicions which might have been directed against her.

Under these circumstances to cast anew suspicions by publicly bringing such a matter into the Party is against the best interests of the Party and is an injury to Comrade Pearl.

So that we may have the full facts when Comrade Pearl's letter comes before the committee, won't you kindly write me stating under what circumstances the statement upon which Comrade Pearl bases her present complaint was made and just what you said.

Faternally yours,

C.E. Ruthenberg,
Executive Secretary.

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