

Secretary of E.C. of C.I.

About five or six weeks ago I got the documents about which you wanted me to investigate. I am sending you what material I have collected previously and since concerning the matter. I have gotten hold of them in the materials. Comrade Gale and his magazine have been a subject of critics, among the comrades here in New York. One of the sources of ill-criticism about him originated at the time of the Lusk Committee. The New York Times quoted Gale as "a provocateur". The quotation came from a responsible person in the S.R. This was a good deal utilized by his opponents who attacked him in Mexico. Gale naturally felt greatly hurt by such an expression. He therefore wrote several letters to the one who first called him provocateur for his retraction. But getting no answer from him, Gale must have gotten angry at the treatment he received from that person and his colleagues and must have written rather harsh letters. Subsequently such letters, of course, strengthened the opinion that he really is a provocateur. at that time I got a letter from him concerning the matter asking me to straighten up things for him. I approached the person in at the S.R.B.<sup>1294</sup> but he did not listen to me. Thus I just let the matter drop.

The matter concerned with the letter was brought to him by a Japanese, Ishimoto<sup>1295</sup>, whose integrity I do not question in the confident manner. The letter must have been written earnestly and with perfectly good intentions which may be improper. But all the same it must have been written sincerely and not as a provocateur. I never met him myself. But I heard of him from Mr. Ishimoto and from reading his letters and magazines for the last two years, I am rather inclined to trust what he says than to join those who consider him a provocateur. that is my opinion now. But I may be mistaken when I come in contact with him in the future. I think that what I have written above ought to answer your purpose. The rest you may judge for yourself.

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<sup>1293</sup> Mijail Veniaminovich Kobetzky (1881–1937). Miembro del CEIC desde 1920, miembro suplente del CEIC (1921), miembro del Buró Pequeño del CEIC, secretario del CEIC (1920–1921) y secretario de la revista *La Internacional Comunista* de Petrogrado (1921).

<sup>1294</sup> Probablemente, se refiere al Bureau encabezado por Ludwig Martens, una representación extraoficial de Rusia Soviética instalada en Nueva York.

<sup>1295</sup> Keikichi Ishimoto, un comunista japonés. En verano de 1919 estuvo en México y se preparó para viajar a Moscú. El PC de México (encabezado por L. Gale) le encargó la representación de sus intereses en la Komintern. Sin embargo, Ishimoto no logró asistir al Segundo Congreso de la Komintern.