
Circular Letter to Supporters of the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee, Jan. 27, 1921

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New York,
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By action of the Central Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee in New York City, the Western District office of this Committee at 59 E Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill., with Charles L. Drake as Director, was closed on January 15, 1921. Mr. Charles L. Drake is no longer connected in any capacity whatever with the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee.

The Central Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee desires to establish closer contact with all its local Committees in the Western states, to avoid the expense of the now abolished Western District office, and to put the Soviet Russia Medical Relief work on a more efficient basis through the cooperation of the local Committees.

The Committee desires all its supporters and sympathizers to understand that it has no connection whatever with the so-called "American Red Star League," organized by Charles L. Drake and others. It emphasizes this because the headquarters of this League will probably be located at the same address where the Western District office of the Soviet Russian Medical Relief Committee was previously located.

The name of the “Red Star League” may mislead some of our supporters to the advantage of the League’s enterprise, which is entirely foreign to us and to the Soviet Russia Medical Relief work.

The attention of our Committee has been called to the fact that rumors are being spread in the Western States and Canada about the discontinuation of the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee’s work, and about the substitution of our work by that of some other organization. We are informed that Charles L. Drake is boosting his League, presumably as an organization authorized or recommended by the recently deported representative of Soviet Russia, L. Martens.

This is a plain misrepresentation. The Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee is the only organization which has the endorsement of the Soviet Russia official representative, Mr. L. Martens, who renewed this endorsement in the most emphatic terms on the eve of his departure from this country.

We urge all the local committees and other organizations interested in the Medical Relief of Soviet Russia to continue their work, and to communicate with, and send all contributions direct to the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee, Room 506, 110 West 40th Street, New York City.

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