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29.8.32	Extract from a review of the Communist Movement in Bulgaria		Filed 29.9.43	1y
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20.2.33.	Extract from SIS report mentioning DIMITROV. (f. 6.7.45.)			1za.
20.4.33.	CX/12309/V From M.I.1.c re Georgi Dimitroff			

28.4.33. Letter to M.I.1.c. 2a.

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28.4.33. Letter to I.P.I. enclosing copy of photograph. 3a.

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S.3.a.

Will you please insert a Green Card in Home Office Traffic Index for Georgi DIMITROV @ Dr. Rudolf Jan HEIDIGER.

S.9.a.
28.4.33.

5.

✓ Green Card inserted.

S.3(a).
1.5.33.

14.5.33. Extract from O.F. 14/1 M.O.P.R. re George DIMITROFF. 5a:
9.6.33. Extract from press cuttings re DIMITROV. 5b:

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26.6.33. From M.I.1.c. re Georgi DIMITROV. 6a.

10.8.33.	Cross-ref. re DIMITROVA.	7.	7b.
10.8.33.	Cross ref. re	"	7c.
20.7.33.	Press cutting from l'HUMANITE re Helene DIMITROVA.		7a.
30.8.33.	M.I.1.c. report re Helene Dimitrova BOJBIKOVA		7d.
1.8.33.	M.I.1.c. report re Helene 8. Dimitrova BOJBIKOVA		7e.

S.9(a). (seen by Capt. Sedgwick)

Mr Drinkwater, Home Office, has telephoned to say that they have received a telegram from Paris asking whether a visa may be granted to Helen Dimitrova BOJ(B)IKOVA, Bulgarian, who wishes to come to this country in order to consult an English lawyer on behalf of her brother, Georgi DIMITROFF, who is at present under arrest in Berlin. She is to be accompanied by a Bulgarian lawyer, Stefan Zekoff DETCHEFF.

The references given are Helen Wilkinson and Stafford Cripps.

Mr Drinkwater has asked whether we can let him know urgently whether we have any adverse record of these individuals.

S.3(a).
4.9.33.

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H.O. informed that there was no objection we could raise to the entry of Helen Dimitrova BOJBIKOVA and Stefan DETCHEFF into this country. Mr Drinkwater has said he will notify us of the arrival of these individuals.

S.3(a).

4.9.33.

2419, 2270/5451
7.9.33. Cutting from "Daily Worker" re. DIMITROVA.
Copy of wire to Paris re. DIMITROVA.

[P.T. Over. 9b.
9c.

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12.9.33. Cross-reference to letter to H.O. re. BOJIKOVA.
 15.9.33. Copy of wire from London to Paris re. Kurt TORGLER. 10a. 10b.

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16.9.33. S.B. report re arrival of BOJIKOVA. 11a.

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21.9.33. Copy of S.B. report re. departure of BOJIKOVA and TORGLER, Kurt. 12a.
 25.9.33. Cross-reference to "Daily Worker" re DIMITROVA. 12b.
 13.

S.11.

*Copy. Original
 minute - PF.
 5428. WILCK.*

Please see 12a. Kurt TORGLER is, as you know, the son of Ernst TORGLER, formerly leader of the Communist Party in the German Reichstag and now on trial at Leipzig. Could we have quiet enquiry, please, into 88 Parliament Hill Mansions, Highgate? This is the address of Richard Alfred WILCK.

S.9. (sd) H.M.M.

4.10.33. 29.9.33. *Extract from SB report re - - - -* 14. 13A

10.10.33. Note re telephone conversation with S.I.S. on 9.10.33 re Helene D. BAJISCOWA nee DIMITROVA. 14a.

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 See to re H. 14 a
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10.10.33. Copy of telegram from Paris to I.L.D. London re DIMITROVA. 16a.

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20.11.33. Cutting from L'Humanite re DIMITROVA 17x
 14.10.33. Cross reference to DIMITROFF from U.S. Embassy report. 17a.
 16.11.33. S.B. report re. arrival of DIMITROVA. 17b.
 17.11.33. S.B. report in continuation of 17b. 17c.

17.11.33. To H.O. 18a.

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17.11.33. Int. letter to FITZGERALD from PINGNEY, dated 11.11.33. 19a.

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17.11.33. Int. letter to I.L.D. from Paris dated 12.11.33. 20a.

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17.11.33.	Int. wire from Paris to I.L.D., dated 14.11.33.	21a.
17.11.33.	Cutting from "Evening News" re. DIMITROVA.	21b.
17.11.33.	<i>was reference from 22.SB report re DIMITROVA.</i>	21c.
18.11.33.	Int. letter from I.L.D. to FITZGERALD re. DIMITROVA.	22a.
18.11.33.	To S.B. re DIMITROVA returning to Paris. (see 22a).	22b.
18.11.33.	Cross-reference to letter to American Embassy re DIMITROVA	22c.

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21.11.33.	S.B. report re. departure of DIMITROVA and DETCHEFF.	23a.
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20.12.33.	xxxxxx report of 20.12.33 mentioning DIMITROV xxxxx	
27.11.33.	Cross-reference DIMITROVA and I.L.D. meetings.	24a.
15.12.33.	Press cutting from the Manchester Guardian re DIMITROFF.	24b.
23.12.33.	Cross-reference re. 25. DIMITROV.	24c.

21.12.33.	Reminder to H.O. re 18a.	25a.
29.12.33.	Press cutting from Manchester Guardian re DIMITROFF.	25b.
1.1.34.	Press cutting from the Daily Worker re DIMITROV.	25c.
2.1.34.	Press cutting from the Daily Herald re DIMITROFF.	25d.
3.1.34.	From Home Office forwarding files re Helene B. BAJISCOWA.	26a.

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5.1.34.	Press cutting from the News Chronicle re DIMITROFF.	27a.
23.1.34.	Cross-reference to S.B. report re DIMITROFF.	27b.

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23.1.34.	Cross-reference to S.B. report re DIMITROV.	28a.
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29.1.34.	Press cutting from the "Manchester Guardian" re appeal for Mme. Dimitroff.	29a.
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16.2.34.	Press cutting from the "Times" re condition of Bulgarian prisoners.	30a.
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26.2.34.	Cross-reference re. interview with von RIBBENTROP re. DIMITROV.	31a.
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7.3.34.	To H.O. - reminder re 26a.	32a.
7.3.34.	Photostat of int. letter to - from Lovat Dickson Ltd.	32b.

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8.3.34	Cutting from L'Humanite re DIMITROV	33a.
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10.3.34.	From H.O. in reply to 32a re Mme Helene BAJISCOWA.	34a.
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35.

10.3.34. Cutting from "Daily Telegraph" re. DIMITROFF. 35a.
 16.3.34. Cross reference to int. letter from BRIDGEMAN
 to - . 36. 35b

5.4.34. Copy of wire from VEGAAR, Moscow, to INTERBOOK
 HOLB LONDON, probably about DIMITROV's book. 36a.

6.4.34 Extract from int. letter from Gollancz Ltd. to
 Dimitroff. 36b:
 6.4.34. Cross-reference re 37. 36c:

30.4.34. Press cutting from L'Humanite re DIMITROV. 37a.
~~28.6.34.~~ ~~Cross-reference re~~ 37a.
 31.5.34. Copy of wire from DIMITROV, Moscow, to London. 37b.

2.6.34. Cross-reference to 'M'M' report. 38.
 38x.

28.6.34. Press cutting from Daily Worker re DIMITROV. 38a.
 29.6.34. Cross-reference re. DIMITROV and Sheffield. 38b.

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12.7.34. Int. wire from National Youth Council, London,
 to DIMITROV, Moscow. 39a.

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16.7.34. To H.O. re 38a and 39a. 40a.

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17.7.34. Int. wire from Moscow to National Youth Council,
 London, dated 13.7.34. 41a.

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18.7.34. To H.O. re 41a. 42a.
 27.7.34. Cross-reference re DIMITROFF. 42b.

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4.8.34. Cross ref. re DIMITROV from S.F. 411/Yugo-Slavia. 43a.

44.

4.8.34. Int. wire from GELLMAN to DIMITROV and note by S.9. 44a.
 9.8.34. Cross reference re - 44b.

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14.8.34. Cross ref. re - from S.F. 416/3. Vol. 2. filed at 74a. 45a.

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8.9.34. S.I.S. Report re DIMITROV. 46a.

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S.8.

? It hardly seems worth while taking any action
 on this report. I am sure if DIMITROV had been in
 the Saar on 26th August we should have heard of it.
 On 13th July of this year DIMITROV was still ill in a
 sanatorium some way from Moscow.

S.9.
 11.9.34.

K. M.M.S.

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11.9.34. Press cutting from the Daily Express re DIMITROFF. 48a.

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27.9.34 Most Secret No 0650 re DIMITROV (Cross-reference). 49a

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29.9.34 Most Secret No. 1661 re DIMITROV (Cross-reference). 50a

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11.10.34 Most Secret No. 0776/UK re DIMITROV (Cross-reference). 51a

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22.10.34 Most Secret Telex 52z
26.10.34. Copy of wire from DIMITROV, Moscow, to German Relief Committee, London. 52a.

53.

2.11.34 Cross-reference to S.I.S. report re - 53a

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23.11.34. Int. wire from G.DIMITROFF, Moscow, to DIMITROFF COMMITTEE, London. 54a.
28.11.34. Cross reference re Georgi DIMITROFF. 54b.

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20.12.34. Cross reference to S.I.S. report re 55a.
-. -.34. Photograph of - from AIZ: Sondernummer 1934. 55b.
1934. Note re. biography of DIMITROV. 55c.

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22.1.35 Cross-reference to Most Secret information re - 56a

57.

31.1.35. Cross reference from S.I.S. report re - . 57a.
9.3.35. Cross reference re articles contributed to Inprecor by - . 57b.

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12.4.35 ~~Cross-reference to V.P. 152~~ Replaced by orig. K32/1, 17.7.72 58a

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25.4.35. Press cutting from the "News Chronicle" re DIMITROFF's illness. 59a.
July-Aug. '35. Cross-reference re DIMITROV at World Comintern Congress. 59b.

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7.8.35. Press cutting from "Daily Telegraph" re. speech by DIMITROFF at 7th World Congress of Comintern. 60a.
21.8.35. Copy of Tass wire re. alleged attempt on DIMITROV. 60c.
20.8.35. ↓ Cross-reference re DIMITROV's speech at 7th World congress of the Communist International. 60b.

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22.8.35. Press cutting from the "Morning Post" re DIMITROFF. 61a.
15.10.35. Cross-ref. to report from C.C. Portsmouth re booklet. 61b.

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5.10.35. Cross reference from I.C.P. re - at 6th. Y.C.I. 61b.
~~17.10.35. Cross-reference re - from Notes on Macedonian Organisations, dated 5.8.32. 62a.~~

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18.10.35. Cross reference re most secret information re DIMITROV. 62a.

63.

11.11.35. n Cutting from "Daily Telegraph" re DIMITROFF. 63a.

64.

20.11.35. Cross-reference to DIMITROV. 64a.

3.12.35. Extract from source report, mentioning DIMITROFF. 64b

7.12.35. Photostat of article from "International Press
correspondence"-Dimitrov's X-examination of Georing. 64c

12.12.35. Cross reference to DIMITROV. 65a.

20.12.35. Cross-reference to MSM re ~~press cutting from "Daily Worker"~~ attack on DIMITROV by RIBBENTROP. 65b.

9.1.36. Cross-reference to MSM re ~~press cutting from "Daily Worker"~~ attack on DIMITROV by RIBBENTROP. 65c.

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14.1.36. Cross-reference to MSM. re DIMITROV. 66a.

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18.1.36. Extract from IMPRECOR re DIMITROV's reply to RIBBENTROP. 67a.

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22.1.36. Cross-reference re DIMITROV's closing speech at Seventh
Congress of Comintern. 68a.

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29.1.36. Cross-reference to 5033/U.K. and 5036/U.K. 69a.

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1.2.36. Press cutting from Manchester Guardian. 70a.

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1.2.36. Extract from article in "InprecOR" re DIMITROV &
Eleventh Congress of C.P. of Australia. 71a.

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6.2.36. Cross-reference from M.S.M. re - . 72a

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20.2.36. Cross-reference to M.S.Ms. re - . 73a.

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24.2.36. Cross-reference to M.S.Ms. 74a.

11.3.36. Cross reference from M.S.Ms re - . 74b.

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12.3.36. From S.I.S. re projected tour of DIMITROV. 75a.

17.3.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. 75x.

17.3.36. Cross reference from M.S.Ms re - . 75b

19.3.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 75c.

20.3.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 75d.

21.3.36. To S.I.S. in reply to 75a. 76a.

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26.3.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 77a.

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27.3.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 78a.

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28.3.36. Cross-reference re - . 79a.

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17.4.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 80a.

18.4.36. Cross-reference re - at 10th Congress of Y.C.L. 80b.

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20.4.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. 81a.

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21.4.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 82a.

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27.4.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 83a.

27.4.36. Extract from S.I.S. report re Comintern Activities in Spain, & -. 84. 83b.

1.5.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 84a.

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5.5.36. Cross-reference from M.S.Ms. re - . 85a.

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16.5.36. Cross-reference to article in "Inprecorr" by DIMITROV. 86a.

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20.5.36. Cross-reference to M.S.Ms. 87a.

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27.5.36. Cross-reference to M.S.M. re - . 88a.

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8.6.36. Cross-reference to M.S.Ms. re - . 89a.

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17.6.36. Cross-reference to M.S.M. 90a.

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22.6.36. Cross-reference to M.S.M. 91a.

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17.7.36.	From G.P.O. sending pamphlets written by - .	94a.
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4.8.36.	Cross-reference to M.S.M.	96a.
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7.8.36.	Cross-reference to M.S.M.	97a.
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13.8.36.	Cross-reference from M.S.M.	98a.
16.8.36	Cross-reference to "VOELKISCHER BEOBACHTER" re - .	98b.
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18.8.36.	Cross-reference re - from M.S.M.	99a.
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9.9.36.	Cross reference to S.I.S. report re DIMITROFF.	100a.
	101.	
17.9.36.	Cross-reference re - , from M.S.M.	101a.
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15.10.36.	Extract from S.I.S. report dated .5.10.36. re -	102a.
	103.	
14.11.36.	Cross-reference re article in "Inprecorr" by -.	103a.
	104.	
17.11.36.	Cross-reference to despatch from British Embassy, Paris re transfer of 3rd International to Paris, & DIMITROV.	104a.
	105.	
13.5.37.	Cross-reference to S.I.S. report re DIMITROV.	105a.
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30.11.37.	From S.I.S., dated 29.11.37, regarding DIMITROV.	106a.
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4.6.37.	Cross-reference to cutting from "Humanité"	106a.
	107.	
2.9.37.	Cross-reference to S.I.S. report re -	107a.

- 108.
- 30.11.37. From S.I.S., dated 29.11.37, re. DIMITROV. 108a.
- 109.
- 3.12.37 To S.I.S. in reply to 108a. 109a
- 110.
- 18.12.37. From S.I.S., dated 17.12.37, in reply to 109a. 110a.
- 111.
- 18.2.38. Cross reference re. pamphlet by DIMITROV. 111a.
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- 12.3.38. Cross reference to articles in I.P.C., Jan-Dec. 1937, contributed by DIMITROV. G. 112a
- 113.
- 31.3.38. Cross-reference to S.I.S. report re Comintern delegates sent to France by DIMITROV. 113a.
- 114.
- 9.4.38. Cutting from "Inprecorr" re. book by DIMITROV. 114a.
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- 19.4.38. From S.I.S. dated 19.4.38. in continuation of 110a 115a
- 116.
- 20.4.38 To Home Office re 115a. 116a
- 117.
- 9.5.38. Cross reference to press cuttings of article by DIMITROV. 117a
- 118.
- 4.8.38. Cross reference to cutting from "Catholic Herald" re DIMITROV, forwarded to S.I.S. 118a
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- 12.11.38. Cross reference to article by DIMITROV in World News and Views, 119a
- 21.11.38. Cross reference to report from "Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd." re DIMITROV. 119b.
- 120.
- 29.11.38. Press cutting from D.Mail re DIMITROV and French general strike 120a.
- 121.
- 6.12.38. To S.I.S. re 120a 121a.
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- 31.1.19. Division Intelligence Report No.1. SF/300/4/Bulgaria^a
issued by General Staff Intelligence, British (3)
Salonica Force, Constantinople, re Bolshevist 19.1.19.
Propaganda, states that Gheorghii DIMITROFF, who
recently incited the PERNIK Miners to strike,
made a speech which was frankly Bolshevist in
tone, at a meeting of the Narrow Socialist Club
in the Theatre RANKOFF at Varna.
- 12.5.20. M.I.I.c. report CX/3232/V on Bulgaria; SF/300/4/Bulgaria
Narrow Socialist of Communist Party, describes (8)
DIMITROFF as a deputy of 48, very intelligent,
University education, a learned jurist and an
excellent writer of socialistic topics. His
most characteristic features are his fearlessness and
adventurous spirit. A fiery speaker. Took
active part in the railway strike. Attacks
bourgeois parties and Government recklessly in the
House of Representatives, and has been prosecuted
several times. Succeeds in hiding himself from
Government but occasionally makes a brief appearance
in the Chamber or in Municipal Council. In the
general opinion he is a fanatical Bolshevik, but
a very honest man.
- 16.11.20. M.I.I.c. report CX/3232/V, dated 27.11.20. SF/300/4/Bulgaria
states that DIMITROFF is at present in hiding, (12)
following an attempt of the Communists to create a 27.11.20.
disturbance on the occasion of the recent celebration
of Ivan Vasoff's jubilee.
- 8.5.25. M.I.I.c. report CX/1178 on "The Balkans - SF/450/Balkan
Bolshevism" states that DIMITROV is a member of States. Vol.1.
the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist (33a)
Party and a close friend and collaborator of
KORALOV.
- 4.2.26. Note attached to report from Ministry of the SZ/6786.Vol2.
Interior, Cairo, states that the Vienna Centre of the
III International has been transferred to Athens,
that it has five sections of propaganda and that
DMITRIEFF is head of the Balkan section.
- 25.3.26
X see over.
24.11.26. According to M.I.I.c. report CX/901/3179 SF/451/Balkan
DIMITROV, President of the Balkan Communist Federation, (2a) /1.
took part in a conference held in Vienna in the
middle of July, 1926 to discuss questions affecting
the Greek Communist Party.
- 2.2.27. M.I.I.c. report CX/1176/3200/3205. states that SF/450/Balkan
a conference of the communist parties of the Balkans, States, Vol.1.
summoned by the Roumanian Party on instructions from (37a)
the Communist International, to discuss the "Nationalist
Question" has been kept especially secret as important
autonomists, such DIMITROV and others are to be
present in person. Conference called for end of
January or beginning of February at Bucharest or Constanza.
- 19.5.27
X see over.

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25.3.26 According to an extract from the "Worker" of 20.3.26. the following were elected into the Presidium and the Secretariat, of the Third International, at a meeting of the enlarged Executive of the Third International in MoscowDIMITROV..... SZ 5978 25.3.26

19.5.27 From a report on the organisation of the Comintern forwarded by S.I.S.At the Plenum in Dec.'26 in the new Secretariat the number of members of the I.K.K.I. Sec. was reduced from 11 to 9, and the number of candidates increased from 2 to 4. SZ 5978 19.5.27

Of the candidates, 2 are from the VKP, viz: MOLOTOV and IOZOVSKI, whereas formerly both candidates were foreigners, viz: PEPPER and DIMITROV. The following are no longer in the Secretariat:- PEPPER, DIMITROV, PETROV, and KORNBLUM

30.5.28 From a report re the PROFINTERN Congress (at Moscow 18.3.28-4.4.28) forwarded by D.G. Public Sec. Dept Cairo SZ 6786 30.5.28

.... The newly elected Central Committee of the Profintern is composed as follows Bulgaria DIMITROFF

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- 1.6.27. As delegate of the Balkan Federation, G.DIMITROV attended the Constantinople Congress, or Secret Congress of the Contre-Espionage Yatcheika for the Balkans, held at Stenia on the Bosphorus from February 9th to 12th, 1927. SZ/1178.
CX/1178/1. &
SF/450/Balkan
States. Vol.1
CX/1178/3214
(44a)
- 5.8.27. M.I.1.c. report No. 4854. on Communist Activities in Turkey during previous six months, states that earlier in the year DIMITROV was deported from Constantinople. SF/451/Near
East. Vol.3.
(145c)
- 30.3.28. Intercepted telegram from Murphy, Moscow, to Press - Workers Life, London says that DIMITROV, Balkans, was member of a committee, set up by ~~Lesevsky~~ to consider theses proposed by Losovsky. SZ/7307.Vol.3
31.3.28.
- 11.4.28. Intercepted telegram from VERNEY, Moscow, to Presse Sundaworka, London, refers to a statement of DIMITROV'S in which he emphasised that Fascism was not a passing phenomenon, and could be overthrown only by dictatorship of the proletariat. Also stated that in the Balkans Fascism was trying to find a basis among the workers. SZ/7307, Vol3
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- X 30.5.28. *see back of 1st page*
16.10.28. Among the papers found on Peter ISKROV, when he was arrested in Vienna on July, 6th, 1928, were resolutions taken in connection with political questions in Bulgaria, drawn up by V.KOLAROV and G.DIMITROV, the well-known leader of the Communist Party in Bulgaria, supposed to be living in Russia in October. 1928. SZ/1178.
CX/1178./V
- 12.7.29. "In April, (1929), information originating from Odessa indicated that the Comintern had instituted a special Revcom (Revolutionary Committee) for Bulgaria, and that Comrades PETKOV, DRAGANOV, SAPUNDJIEV and Georgi DIMITROV were its members. No confirmation of this report is forthcoming for which reason it is given with reserve." SZ/1178.
- 2.8.29. Represented Balkan Communist Federation on the West European Bureau of the Communist International. Information from "International Press Correspondence." 2.8.29. SF/451/Gen.
Vol.3.
(106b)
- 6.8.29. At the final session of the Frankfurt Congress of the League Against Imperialism, held on July, 27th, 1929, DIMITROV was elected to the Executive Committee of the League. SZ/737/3.
N.510.K.

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- July, 1928. Candidate of the E.C.C.I. at the 6th World Congress of the Communist International and International Control Commission. July, 1928. SF /455/1. Vol.1. (33a)
- July, 1929. Elected to the General Council of the Anti-Imperialistic League Congress, held at Frankfurt-am-Main, July, 1929, representing Balkan Countires. PF/38688. Vol.3. (145c)
- 31.12.29. During 1929, G.DIMITROV published an article, entitled "A General Strike of Tobacco Workers in Bulgaria", in "Inprecor" No.27.p.587. SZ/122.
- 21.5.30. Notes by Mr. Neale.
 "Was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the League Against Imperialism (representing the Balkans) at the Frankfurt Conference in 1929." SZ/737.
 "He may be identical with Georgi Dimitrov, a member of the Special Revolutionary Committee said to have been instituted by the Comintern for Bulgaria in 1929. He was a delegate of the Balkan Communist Federation to the Secret Conference of the Contr-Espionage "Cell" for the Balkans held at Stenia on the Bosphorus, February, 1929."
- 29.7.30. Georgi DIMITROV was described as permanent representative of the O.GP.U. within the Macedonian revolutionary organisation.
- 14.4.31. The Russian Centrale have issued orders that special attention is to be paid to agitation amongst peasants all over the world. Special activity is being carried on in Hungary. The chief instigator and travelling agent is G.DIMITROV, a Bulgarian and a very capable agent.
- 23.6.31. At a session of the International Executive of the League Against Imperialism, held in Berlin from May 30th to June 2nd, DIMITROV was re-elected to the Executive Committee as representative for Bulgaria. Press cutting from Weekly Bulletin of Communist & Socialist Activities. O.F. 6/1. Vol.1. (37a)
- 26.8.32. M.I.l.c. report CX/1453/V. re Dobrudja Revolutionary Organisation says that the III International is dissatisfied with the present activity of the left wing of the Dobrudja Revolutionary Organisation, 'D.R.O.', which up till now has been headed by Dr. Peter VITCHEFF, and has ordered his dismissal. VITCHEFF on his side, with Ivan TOMFF, who remained loyal to him, formed a local section of the 'International League to Combat Imperialism'. Most of VITCHEFF'S followers SF/411/Balkan States. (12a)

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joined Dr. Assen, PANEFF, who had replaced him, and in Varna the only man who remained loyal to VITCHEFF, was Gentcho DIMITROV, (possibly identical with Georgi -)

13.2.33.

Gentcho DIMITROV is mentioned as one of the members of the outgoing Action Committee of the Dobrudja Union (left wing) which elected a new committee at Shumen in November, 1932. (*identical*)

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13.2.33.

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EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No. P.F. 41718 Name: DIMITROV

Original in File No. S.F. 411/Bulgaria v.1 Serial: 23a Receipt Date: 20.2.33

Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: CX/1178/v Dated: 20.2.33

Extracted on: 5.7.45 by: VT Section: R4

Extract from S.I.S. report CX/1178/V dated 20.2.33. re the Communist activities in Bulgaria.



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3. In the Varna district the various communist committees are composed of the following persons:-

.....
Municipal Section:Ilia DIMITROV, Dimitri TRONTCHEV

.....
Peasant Section of the District Committee

..... Dr DIMITROV.....

.....

Handwritten signature and date: 6/7/45

S. Form 81/B.P./3000/7.43.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 41718 Name: DIMITROV Georgi

Original in File No.: S.F. 411/Bulgaria Vol. 1 Serial: 13a Dated: 14.11.32

Original from: S.I.S. Report Under Ref.: CX/1178/v 14.11.32

Extracted on: 20.9.43 by: MCG Section: R4

Extract from S.I.S. report from Vienna re Communism in Bulgaria dated 26th Oct. 1932

.....According to the same Vienna intelligence source the C.C. of the Bulgarian Communist Party now consists of 5 men, of whom two are constantly abroad and 3 are in Bulgaria. One of those who are abroad is suspected to be the Communist emigrant DIMITROFF, who usually resides in Moscow.....

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29.9.43

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Extract for File No. P.F. 41718 Name: DIMITROV Georgi

Original in File No. S.F. 411/Bulgaria Vol1 Serial: 5a Dated: 29.8.32

Original from: S.I.S. Report Under Ref.: CX/4478/v dated 29.8.32

Extracted on: 20.9.43 by: MCG Section: R4

Extract from a Review of the Communist Movement in Bulgaria
fro 1.1.32 - 30.6.32 forwarded by S.I.S. dated 15.8.43

..... The direction of the Communist Party is effected through its foreign representation in Berlin, which controls a Central Committee composed of 5 men. Two of them -BATALOFF and KANTCHEFF- are illegal emigrants and come to Bulgaria on brief visits only, while the three others live secretly in Bulgaria and are only known under their pseudonyms. The supreme leadership of the Communist Party is in the hands of Kolaroff and DIMITROFF who are in Moscow.

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29.9.43

1/3—Sept., 1931.

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Secret.In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.
CX/12309, dated 20.4.33.
VM.I.5. (Captain Miller)Georgi DIMITROV.

Our Representative in Berlin reports that Georgi DIMITROV (born 18.6.82), who is no doubt identical with the subject of our ^{SZ/118} CX/12309, ^{see sheet} dated 14.4.31, is understood to be in London on a forged Swiss passport under the name of Dr. Rudolf Jan HEIDIGER, ^{and} ~~who~~ is stated to have left Bremen for England in March of this year.

His photograph and police description are attached. ^{see identity envelope.}

If you think of reproducing this photo and police form, we should be glad if you would let us and I.P.I. have a copy.

Copy to I.P.I. (less photo.)

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DIMITROV	SZ 2000	Gentcho Balkan States 12 ^a , 13 ^a
	SF 450/Balkan States	33 ^a , 34 ^a , 37 ^a , 44 ^a ✓
	SF 451/Balkan States	2 ^a ✓ see also below
HEIDIGER, Rudolf Jan	NT of this surname. (see back of photograph as HEDIGER) out HEDIGER, Max Rudolf	
	VF 50/129 Copeman	(54824) (260380)
	MRPH cannot identify	
	20/4/33	
DIMITROV, (cont)	? SF 307/4/Bulgaria	(3) (8 ^a) (12) ✓
	Possible traces of DIMITROV without initials	
	? SF 451/N.E. vol: 3	(145 ^c) ✓
	PF 38688 LAI vol: 3	145 ^a ✓
	SF 455/1 (33 ^a), Vol: 2	(45 ^a) ✓
	SF 451/Gen. vol 2.	(106 ^B) ✓
	OF 6/1 LAI	(37 ^a) ✓
	? SZ. 6786 (com Egypt)	8.3.26. ✓
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28th April, 1933.

Dear Major Vivian,

With reference to your of
20.4.33. regarding Georgi DIMITROV @ Dr. Rudolf
Jan HEIDIGER, we can find no record of any man
of these names having come to this country.
Should he come, however, we have arranged to be
informed of his arrival.

I enclose a copy of his photograph and
Police description as requested.

Yours sincerely,

(S) K. h. h. S.

Major V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
M.I.L.C.

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28th April, 1933.

Dear I.P.I.,

I understand that M.I.L.C. have forwarded
you a copy of their report dated 20.4.33,
regarding Georgi DIMITROV.

They have asked us to let you have the
enclosed copy of his photograph and Police
description.

Yours sincerely,

(S) K. W. S.

I.P.I.,
35, Cromwell Road,
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While he was at the head of the trade union movement, he also participated most actively in the political life of the country, in the revolutionary struggle of the Bulgarian proletariat. Already in the year 1902 he joined the Party which later became the Communist Party of Bulgaria (at that time it was a social-democratic party which called itself the party of the "Narrow" Socialists. In 1908 he was elected member of the Central Committee of the Party, and he remains at this post up to the present day.

Dimitroff is an excellent speaker. ^{As} an irreconcilable enemy of the ruling class he represented the interests of the proletariat from the platform of the Bulgarian Parliament to which he was elected in 1913. Before, and also after the World War, Dimitroff participated in very many international Conferences and Congresses. He was delegated to all the Congresses of the Profintern as well as to the last Congress of the Comintern. At the Third Congress of the Profintern he was elected to the Executive Committee.

His long revolutionary activity subjected him to boundless persecution. During the War he was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment because of his anti-~~imperialist~~ militarist agitation and propaganda. Because of his participation in the September 1923 uprising he was sentenced to death in 1924/25.

Further Details about the Condemnation of
Dimitroff in Bulgaria.

In the beginning of the year 1924, at the trial framed by the Zankoff government -- to which the social-democrat Minister Kasasov also belonged --, Dimitroff, together with a great number of other defendants, was sentenced to 15 years hard labour because of his participation in the September uprising. In order to justify the mass murder of workers and peasants after the explosion in the Sofia Cathedral on April 16th, 1925, the bloody Zankoff government framed a number of monstrous "high treason" trials against the revolutionary leaders -- those alive as well as those who were already killed. At one of these trials, in June 1925, at the so-called trial against the CC of the Bulgarian CP, Dimitroff, in his absence was, sentenced to 12 years hard labour (i.e. a second time for his participation in the September uprising). In August of the same year Zankoff framed a large trial - the so-called trial against the "Centre abroad." At this trial the Communists - Dimitroff, Kolaroff and Shienoff, as well as the peasants Obloff, Todoroff, Atanasoff and Stojanoff were sentenced, in their absence, to death. All seven of them were sentenced to death by hanging. The present Mutschanoff-Gitscheff government has declared amnesty for Obloff, Todoroff, Atanasoff and Shienoff as a demagogic measure in view of the fact that the peasants are entering the peasants struggles, and also because these four men have betrayed the interests of the workers and peasants. These men are now in Bulgaria and are conducting a campaign against the Communists, (including those condemned together with them in 1925), and particularly against Dimitroff.

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DIMITROV
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Original filed in
O.F. 14/1 M.O.P.R. 36a.

Extract.

Part of enclosure to a letter from International Red Aid,
Berlin, to International Labour Defence, London, signed by
M. MAURER. dated 14.5.33.

Report on the Reichstag Fire made by the
Investigating Judge.

(Berliner Tageblatt, 20.3.33. - Morning issue.).

"In view of the false reports being circulated, the in-
vestigating judge of the Reichs court, who was appointed to
clear up the affair of the Reichstag fire, handed in a report
to the Minister of Education and Propaganda. The report is
for publication as follows:-

'Investigations have proved that the arrested Communist Van
der Lubbe, the man who set fire to the Reichstag, was connected
not only with German, but also with foreign Communists, including
certain Communists who, after the explosion in the Soria
Cathedral, were sentenced to death or to many years of hard
labour. The said individuals have already been arrested. The
investigation has not the slightest proof that non-Communist
circles had anything to do with the Reichstag fire. Berlin.'

Signed
Vogt, Reichs Court Judge."

George Dimitroff. (From the "SMALL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TRADE UNION MOVEMENT", Published in 1927. p.422-4)

DIMITROFF, George (Bulgarian). Well-known revolutionary fighter.
Member of the Executive Bureau of the Red Trade Union International.
Born in 1882. Comes from a workers family from the small town of
Radomir. Was brought up in Sofia, where he also attended school.
At the age of 12, after finishing elementary school, he became app-
rentice in a printing shop. He soon became a member of the Central
Type-setters Union, and already in 1895 he participated in the first
general strike of the type-setters. In 1904, when the Bulgarian
Trade Union Federation was organised, Dimitroff was elected to the
Central Committee, and in 1905 he was elected Secretary. He remained
Secretary until the end of 1923, and after the suppression of the
armed uprising of the Bulgarian proletariat, he was compelled to
flee from Bulgaria. In the course of his many years of fruitful
activity Dimitroff very often gave direct leadership to the famous
struggles of the Bulgarian working class: he led the miners' strike
in 1906, the general strike of the railway workers in the same year,
the type-setters' strike in 1906, the railway workers' strike in
1921. In Dimitroff the Bulgarian proletariat has an excellent organ-
iser who has done very much to transform the trade unions into mili-
tant organisations of a revolutionary character.

At the same time Dimitroff is also a theoretician of the
Bulgarian working class. He is the author of a great number of
pamphlets on the problems of the trade union movement. Dimitroff
collaborated in very many trade union newspapers and journals.
Dimitroff worked on the "Red Trade Union International" - a journal
published by the Profintern, as well as on the journal "The Commu-
nist International."

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— DIMITROV

9.6.33

According to report in No. 25, p.554, Inprekor, DIMITROV was elected at the Anti-Fascist Workers' Congress, Paris 4th - 6th June, 1933, as honarary member of the Presidium (in his absence)

Same information from M.I.lc under CX/7652/b/V of 14.7.33. DIMITROV is in prison.

O.F. 77/1 vol.2 53b 71a, as above.

Original in.....dated.....

M.R.P.H.
3.8.33.

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Form C/3, Sept., 1931.

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX/12309, dated 26.6.33.
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M.I.5. (Captain Miller)Georgi DIMITROV.

Reference your PF.41718, dated 28.4.33.:

On 13.4.33., sent us the following
report on Georgi DIMITROFF:

At one time Secretary General of the Workers' Syndicate in Bulgaria, fled to Russia with Vasil Kolarov in 1923 and latterly has been head of the Secretariat of the Balkan Communist Federation. In this capacity he has been in close touch with ^{PF-43792} [Dimitrov VLAKHOV,] the Macedonian Communist Federalist. A week or two ago he was arrested, together with one or two other Bulgarian Communists, in Berlin, where he was living under an assumed name. The Berlin Police identified him by reference to Sofia. DIMITROV is accused of having been implicated in the burning of the Reichstag, as he is known to have been well acquainted with one of those concerned

(2) As the above report seemed at variance with that received from our Representative in Berlin and forwarded to you under our CX/12309 of 20.4.33., we passed the above to him for comparison with his report. He has now replied to the effect that the information contained in the report received is correct and that his report was the Police circular ordering DIMITROV's apprehension. DIMITROV, he adds, is to be tried for the Reichstag fire.

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L'HUMANITE.

20th July, 1933.

**CONTRE LE CRIME
QUI SE PREPARE**
HELENE DIMITROVA
EST A PARIS

« Je demande au prolétariat parisien d'agir pour sauver mon frère, ses co-accusés et Thaelmann ! »

Hélène Dimitrova est à Paris ! Cette nouvelle qui nous venait du Secours Rouge a produit parmi nous la plus vive émotion.

Hélène Dimitrova ! La sœur de Georges Dimitrov, le grand militant bulgare, le vétéran des luttes du prolétariat international, que Hitler a pris, avec deux autres, Tanev et Popov, et qu'il veut faire condamner comme incendiaires du Reichstag !

Hélène Dimitrova est venue nous voir à l'Humanité où sont passées tant et tant de victimes du fascisme. Son visage énergique et doux porte la marque des souffrances morales et matérielles de l'émigration, des angoisses grandissantes qui l'étreignent depuis l'arrestation de son frère.

« Mon frère, nous dit-elle, mais toute sa vie protesté contre cette accusation odieuse ! C'est un organisateur, un éducateur du prolétariat bulgare depuis plus de 30 ans. »

Et elle nous redit la vie admirable du petit typographe bulgare, syndiqué depuis l'âge de 18 ans, militant dans toutes les grèves, directeur de sa corporation, secrétaire de l'union des syndicats bulgares, député ouvrier, chef des tra-



vailleurs de Bulgarie jusqu'au coup d'état fasciste de 1925.

« Mon frère, continue Hélène Dimitrova, est un révolutionnaire marxiste, qui s'est toujours opposé aux attentats individuels qui ne peuvent que nuire à notre cause. »

Notre camarade nous parle encore de sa famille tragique. Son frère Nicolas, qui s'était fixé en Russie sous le tsarisme, en a été déporté et est mort tuberculeux en Sibérie. Un autre a été tué dans la guerre balkanique. Un troisième, arrêté avant l'attentat de la cathédrale a été assassiné en prison par la police.

Les deux derniers sont en Bulgarie. « Ce sont des ouvriers, continue notre camarade. Ils participent au mouvement légal du prolétariat. »

La voix d'Hélène Dimitrova se fait tremblante : « Mon père est mort en 1913. Il n'a pas vu toutes les horreurs que le peuple bulgare a subies depuis. Mais ma mère reste, là-bas en Bulgarie. Elle a 70 ans. Elle qui a tant perdu de fils, elle sait que son Georges est menacé de mort. Elle demande avec moi aux travailleurs français de tout faire pour le sauver. »

Nous aurions scrupule à ajouter quelque chose à ce pathétique appel.

« Je vais agir, nous dit avec force Hélène Dimitrova en nous quittant. Je suis sûre que je serai comprise ici. Je vais m'adresser aux intellectuels, aux juristes. Mais je suis certaine d'être fidèle à la pensée de Georges Dimitrov en disant que je compte d'abord sur les ouvriers. »

Handwritten notes in blue ink: "Paz", "G.L.", and "2/77".

Handwritten note in blue ink: "de cardet 6.1.60".

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P.F. 41718.CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

DECLARDED
DIMITROVA. Helene.
15 NOV 1961

M.I.l.c. report on the International Conference of Teachers, says that at the International Unity Congress of Teachers opened in Paris at the Palais de la Mutualite on the 1st August, 1933 a German delegate introduced Miss DIMITROVA, sister of DIMITROV, at present in prison in Germany in connexion with the burning of the Reichstag.

Original in O.F. 28/1. Vol.2. (49a).....dated....10.8.33.....

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COPY. Original in S.F. 427/1.

7c.

Letter based on intercept at 10b. S.F. 427/1.

427/1/DS9

10th August, 1933.

Dear V.V. ,

DECLARDED

~~Helena~~ **DIMITROVA**, sister of the prominent Bulgarian Communist of that name now under arrest in Germany in connection with the Reichstag fire, is apparently now in Paris and in touch with the Central Anti-Fascist Committee at 13 rue Richer.

This woman is apparently planning a tour of England with the story of her brother's wrongs.

At the same time it is gathered that a small group of German workers has been in Paris for some little time waiting for invitations from the anti-Fascist organisation here to undertake a collecting tour in England. Influential British names are to be canvassed to press for the admission of these people.

Would it be possible to find out who they are?

Yours sincerely,

(sd) H.M.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.

S.I.S.

Form C/3—Sept., 1931.

Secret.In reply, state NUMBER and DATE. 7.d.CX/7652/a, dated 30.8.33.
V.M.I.5. (Captain Miller)~~SECRET~~
Helena Dimitrova BOJIKOVA.

Reference your 427/1, dated 10.8.33.:

reports that this woman,

whose real name is BOJIKOVA, Dimitrova being only her patronymic, has applied for a visa for the U.K. She is being held up while her application will be put through in the usual way. She gave as her references [Miss Wilkinson] and S. Cripps and stated that she wished to travel with a Bulgarian man named [DETCHEV,] whom we are unable to identify.

We shall no doubt receive information regarding the German workers who wish to visit this country in due course.

for V.V.

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30th August 1933.

Major H.E. Spencer, C.B.E.,
Passport Control Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

Helen Dimitrova BOJIKOVA.

An application has today been made by the above for permission to visit England to consult solicitors on behalf of her brother who is, I understand, the Communist DIMITROFF, at present awaiting trial in Germany in connexion with the burning of the Reichstag.

Applicant was born at Sofia on 23rd April 1906, and is at present residing at 26 Avenue Mathurin-Moreau, Paris (19eme). She arrived in Paris on 17th July coming from Moscow. She gives as her references in England Miss Ellen Wilkinson, 18 Guilford Street, London, and Sir Stafford Cripps, London. She is the bearer of Bulgarian passport No. 17523 issued in Paris on 26th August 1933. She states that she wants to visit England for two or three weeks in order to consult a first-class English lawyer. She has taken the opinion of French lawyers, such as Maitre Campinchi, but they apparently think that it would be better to employ British counsel.

Madame BOJIKOVA maintains that she will receive all the money necessary for her brother's defence from her husband who is at present in Moscow. At first, she stated that she intended to make this journey alone, but afterwards said she would probably be accompanied by a Bulgarian lawyer named DETCHEF. This gentleman does not appear yet to have made an application for his visa.

PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICER,
FRANCE.

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX/7652/a, dated 31.8.33.
V.

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M.I.5. (Captain Miller)RECORDED
Helena Dimitrova BOJIKOVA.
15 NOV 1933In continuation of our CX/7652/a, dated 30.8.33.,
V.

has sent us the attached copy of a letter sent by the Passport Control Officer, Paris, to the Passport Control Department, regarding the application of the above-named woman for a visa. This letter gives full particulars about her and, no doubt, if you wish any action taken as regards the granting of a visa, you will communicate with the Home Office.

(2) In this connexion, the following en clair wire has come to notice, sent by [DE TCHEV] from Paris on 30.8.33. to LAWSON, Lamb Buildings, Temple, London, (presumably the lawyer, [Neil LAWSON]) P.F. 41933

"Helena et moi voulions venir parler
"la defense visa refuse arrangez obtenir
"repondez par telegramme 1 Rue du Four."

for V.V.

Date of Schedule
and Number **12.**

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BOJRIKOVA	H D	NT
DIMITRAFF		PF 41718
DIMITROVA	Helen	P.F. 41718 (7a)
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THE DAILY WORKER.

2nd September, 1933.

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**HOME OFFICE REFUSE
VISAS**

**Demand Right Of Entry
For Dimitrov's Wife**

[PP 4366] Detcheff, a Bulgarian lawyer, who has been briefed to defend Dimitrov, one of the Reichstag prisoners, and Dimitrov's wife, have been refused a visa to visit England by the British Embassy in Paris.

The Reichstag Defence Committee has protested sharply against this arbitrary action.

At all mass meetings held this week-end resolutions should be adopted demanding that visas be granted to Detcheff and Dimitrov's wife, and sent to the Home Office, Whitehall, London.

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Serial No. 5494

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Copied by

11.9.33.

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From [ISABEL] LONDON (YEOMAN TEMPLE BAR 5616)

To [KATZ HOTEL CRYSTAL RUE-SAINT-BENOIT PARIS]

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PF 41718

Date 7.9.33. 11.48 AM

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PF 42366
VISAS [DECHEF] DIMITROVA GRANTED MAKE APPLICATIONS

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P.F.41718.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Helena Dimitrova BOJIKOVA.

On 12.9.33, the Home Office was informed that Helena BOJIKOVA might attend the mock trial in London on September 14th of those accused of burning the Reichstag.

The following information was given re. BOJIKOVA:—

"Helena Dimitrova BOJIKOVA is the sister of DIMITROV, one of the accused. This woman is a Bulgarian, and may be accompanied by her lawyer, P.F. 42366 [DETCHEV,] also a Bulgarian".

Original in.....O.F.14/2, Vol.6, 350a.....dated.....12.9.33.....
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13.9.33.

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From HOWARD HOTEL STRAND LONDON.

SR427/UK/1

To CHEF CABINET MINISTRE AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES PARIS.

Date 15.9.33.

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Port of Dover.

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SPECIAL BRANCH

Ref. _____

Date 16/9/33

To M.I.5.

15th September, 3.

Kurt Torgler.

Among the passengers arriving at this port from Calais at 5p.m. this day, was Kurt Torgler, ^{RECORDED} the son of ^{20 OCT 1939} the former Reichstag Deputy, who is now held in Germany with others, on a charge of firing the Reichstag.

This ^{RECORDED} was travelling with a Bulgarian woman, Madame Helena ^{15 NOV 1961} Bajiscowa, nee Dimitrov, the sister of Dimitrov who is charged with Torgler.

It was ascertained that these two people are visiting this country to attend a conference which is being held by the Committee of Inquiry on the burning of the Reichstag. Both were landed for one month and gave their intended address as c/o [Miss E. Wilkinson,] 18 Guilford Street, W.C.

Their descriptions are:- Torgler, aged 14, 4'11", medium build, complexion pale, hair very fair and straggly. Dress - Blue beret, grey jacket, grey knickerbockers, blue jersey, grey tennis shirt, grey stockings, brown shoes.

Bajiscowa:- Aged 30, 5'4", medium build, sallow complexion, brown hair. Dressed - Brown beret, light grey mixture costume, light stockings, brown shoes.

Reported for information.

Submitted.

J. White
Sergeant.

J. Suttling
P.C.

(sd) a.b.
Superintendent.

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PORT OF DOVER.

SPECIAL BRANCH.

Date 22.9.33.

21st September, 1933.

Kurt
TORGLER.

With reference to Dover report of 15th September
respecting Kurt TORGLER and Helene D. BAJISCOWA;-
~~20 OCT 1939~~

These two people left this port for Calais
at 1.00 p.m. this day, travelling second class.

TORGLER gave his address in this country as
+ 88, Parliament Hill Mansions, Highgate.

(sd) H. SUTTLING.
P.C.

Submitted (sd) J.C.WHITE.
Sergeant.

+ Address of [Richard Alfred WILCK]

(sd) W. FOSTER.
A/Superintendent.

Original filed in P.F.5428 (WILCK)

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EXTRACT.

Relating to DIMITROVA P.F. 41718.

Extracted from S.F.460/Deptprod/2 No.....74a.....

Author of original S.B.officer. Place and date of origin. 4.10.33...

Extract made by M.C. on (date) 12.10.33.....

Copies sent to.....

I was present this day at a meeting held at Armitage Rd. East Greenwich under the auspices of the NUWM.

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At the conclusion of her address, Kath Duncan said that a sister of one of their German comrades on Trial at Leipzig for high treason, would be in London during this next week-end, and would address a meeting at the Greenwich borough Hall on Sunday evening the 8th. October. She therefore appealed to her listeners to give this comrade their full support.

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P.F. 41718.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

DIMITROVA,DECLARDED
15 NOV 1961

25.9.33.

According to a cutting from the "Daily Worker", Elena DIMITROVA appeared in the court where the trial of the prisoners accused of the Reichstag Fire was being held, and was questioned through an interpreter. She was not sworn in being a relative of the accused.

Original in.....S.F. 411/Germany/1, Vol. 1, 9b...dated...25.9.33.....
For further information see S.F.427/UK/1 V.1.
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Press Cuttings.

A.M.T.
21.2.34.

N.B. Further references to Georgi DIMITROFF
are contained throughout S.F. 411/Germany/1
Trial of German Communists at Leipzig, 1933
in connection with the Reichstag Fire. &
S.F. 427/UK/1. Relief Committee for the
Victims of German Fascism, (with reference
to the mock trial held in London.

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DECLARDED

V.V. rang up 9.10.33 about Helene, D. BAJISCOWA nee DIMITROVA, the sister of the Bulgarian of the Reichstag Trial.

The Belgian Authorities had approached their representative in Brussels since Madame BAJISCOWA was billed to speak in Brussels on the 12th instant. The Authorities wanted to know what had been done about her here.

I informed V.V. that she had been landed on the 15th September for a month, that she had left Dover on the 21st, that she had been billed to speak at Greenwich on 8.10.33 but had not appeared. On this occasion, Alan THOMAS, the Communist, stated that she had been refused a visa in Paris. She was also billed to speak at Shoreditch Town Hall on the evening of the 10th.

Source: SB
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On application to the Home Office I ascertained that instructions had been sent to Paris to allow her to complete her original visit of one month to this country. V.V. informed accordingly.

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10.10.33.

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10.10.33.

From PARIS.

To LABOUR DEFENSE LONDON 59 CROMERSTREET.

Date 6.10.33.

No. _____

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15 NOV 1961

DIMITROWA VISA ONLY THROUGH HOME OFFICE STOP INTEREERE.

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(DIMITROVA)

PRESS CUTTING.

L'HUMANITE.

20th October, 1933.

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RECORDED
Helena Dimitrova parlera samedi en Suède
 Stockholm, 19 octobre. — Le gouvernement a accordé à Helena Dimitrova, sœur de Dimitrov, la permission d'entrer en Suède.
 Helena Dimitrova parlera samedi à Gothenburg.

Handwritten initials "GAS" in a light blue or grey ink.

P.F. 41718.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject: George DIMITROFF.

Pauline HARVEY, an American, is reported to have stated at the Trial in London of the German Communists connected with the burning of the Reichstag, that she was with one of the defendants, DIMITROFF, in Munich on February 27, 1933, the date of the Reichstag fire.

Report from U.S. Embassy.

Original in P.F. 42296, HARVEY, 3a. dated 14.10.33.
C.M.S. 18.10.33.

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PORT OF DOVER.

SPECIAL BRANCH
 Ref. 305/UNC/432
 Date
 To M.I.5.

H. BAJISCOWA
L. GALLAGHER.

16th NOVEMBER 3.
Recd. u. Sec. 21.4.35

In confirmation of telephone message sent to Superintendent at 5-35.p.m., this day respecting Helene BAJISCOWA, née DIMITROV and [^{PF 42420}Leo. GALLAGHER]:-

These two people arrived at this port from Calais at 5.00.p.m., and proceeded to London by boat-train at 5-30.p.m.

Bajiscowa was landed on authorised Home Office visa, and she informed H.M. Immigration Officer that she was visiting Miss [E. Wilkinson] and (Sir Stafford Phipps). She gave her intended address as 18, Guilford Street, W.C.

Gallagher was landed as a business visitor, and he stated that he intended to remain in this country for about a week. He described himself as an attorney, and gave his address as C/O The American Express Co., The Haymarket, W.

H. Scuttling
P.C.

Submitted.

Robt Cooper
Sergeant.

(sd) A.B.
Superintendent.

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SPECIAL BRANCH
 Ref. 305/UNC/432
 Date 17. 11. 33
 To M.I.5.

16th November 3.
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With reference to the arrival of Helen Bajiscowa, ^{DECARDED}
nee Dimitrova, and Leo Gallacher : - _{15 NOV 1961}

In company with other officers I was present at Victoria Station at 7 p.m. this day when Dimitrova and ^{PF 42420} [Gallacher] arrived by Continental boat train from Dover.

They were met by ^{2 PF 41568 & 41568} [H. Landsberg], [Alan Thomas], and [Peter Zinkin] and taken to the buffet on the station where they had tea, the whole party leaving the station by taxi cab, plate No. 16,479, at 7-35 p.m.

Sqn [unclear]
Sq. [unclear] 21/11/33

No demonstrators marched to the station, but about 70 persons collected. Amongst them was seen ^{PF 40986} [A. C. Torode], William Allan and wife, and [J. Headley.]

21. 11. 33

There was not any disorder.

No. He is in West Indies.

Hivian Wright
P. S.

Submitted.

[Signature]
Inspector.

Please see Dimitrova

SUPERINTENDENT.

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FF.41718/DS9a.

17th November 1933.

Dear Holderness,

RECORDED

You are doubtless aware that Helene ^{15 NOV 1961} ~~ISABEL~~ BAJISCOWA, popularly called DIMITROVA, the sister of DIMITROV of the Reichstag Fire Trial, has been in this country since September last addressing meetings of protest against the trial and against the Hitler regime generally.

She is to be the "chief exhibit" at a Kingsway Hall meeting this evening, and in to-day's Daily Worker there is a paragraph headed "Help to Welcome Dimitrova", a copy of which I attach. Part of the welcome appears to be a demonstration march from Stepney to Fulham.

We have just heard that DIMITROVA, on whose services the International Labour Defence run by Isabel BROWN have apparently the first call, is wanted in Paris for a big meeting which is being organised there on the 19th of this month. The International Labour Defence hope that she will return here after two weeks to continue her work on their behalf and on behalf of the International Relief Committee for the Rictims of German Fascism. However it appears that she will have to apply in Paris for a further visa, and the secretary of the International Labour Defence is doubtful whether it will be granted. If the visa is refused, efforts will be made to get an alternative international speaker.

While we do not consider that DIMITROVA is of much importance in the communist movement except as an instrument for rousing public indignation against the Hitler regime in Germany and for gaining recruits for the Communist Party here, you may like to consider whether it would not be as well to prevent her returning to make further public appearances in this country.

Yours sincerely,

JAM.

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Sir Ernest Holderness, Bart.,
Home Office.

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 THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE. TEL

J. Fitzgerald
 84 Durning Rd.
 Liverpool. 7.

C/D
 Received letter on Saturday stating
 that Dimitrova will be available for
 ahead of Liverpool on November 26th.
 We are advertising her along with T.M.
 Full meeting of members Wednesday 7.30
 at 36 Clapham Rd, can you attend.
 Yours.
 [J.H.P.] PF.40438

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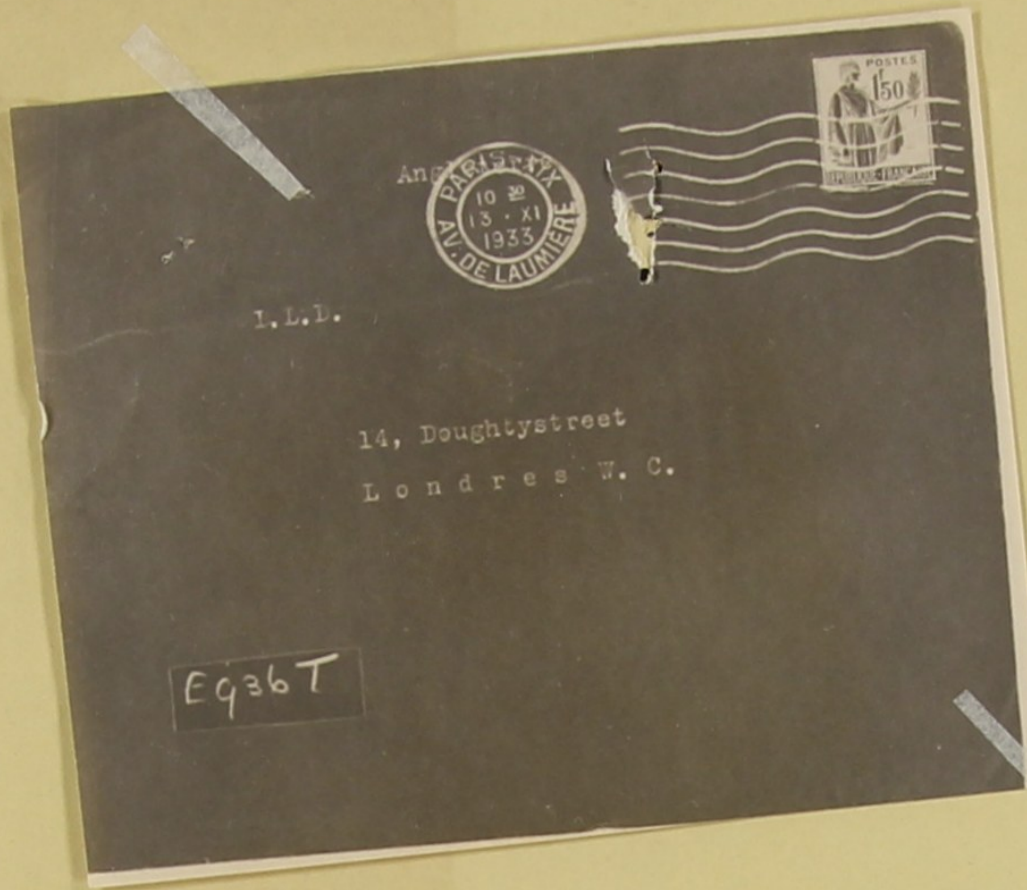
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Ang 28 November 12th 33

Dear Comrades,

we beg you to inform us how long time you need Dimitrova after November 24th. You provided to use her for a serie of meetings out of London too ~~important~~ but we must be sure from what date she will be free for other countries. Please reply at once.

Fraternally Yours

John

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From PARIS.

To ILD 14 DOUGHTY STREET LONDRES.

Date 14.11.33.

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PF 42420 PF 42366

ELIENA [GALLAGHER] [DETCHIEFF] ARRIVE THURSDAY SEVENOCLOCK
VICTORIA.

Original in PF.42420.

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PF. 41718.PRESS CUTTING.

FROM

The Evening News
and **Evening Mail**

Dated

Editorial Telephone. Central 6000.

Instructions for ind

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1933

**THE ALIEN
LIMIT****DECLARDED**

MISS HELENA ~~DIMITROVA~~, a sister of Dimitrov, one of the defendants in the Reichstag fire trial, has arrived in England, "to address a special protest meeting."

That strikes us as about the limit. We go to the extreme in this country in the matter of allowing our own revolutionaries to let off steam. Must Britain also be the stamping ground of alien agitators spoiling to spout about grievances that do not remotely concern the British people or the British Government?

Dimitrov is a Bulgarian Communist, the enemy, as he freely admits, of every organised capitalist society such as ours. He is extremely able, and the way in which he has contrived to dominate the Reichstag fire trial shows that he needs no adventitious assistance in the way of protest meetings here or elsewhere. Indeed, it is difficult to see what such a meeting can do except to increase the chances of his conviction.

But if Miss Dimitrova feels she must address a meeting of protest, the proper place for her to do it is Bulgaria, which may take some benevolent interest in her brother's predicament.

This country takes none; and it is heartily sick of being the soap-box and megaphone of every disgruntled politician in Europe. We know nothing of Miss Dimitrova, who may be an admirable woman and a devoted sister. The fact remains that she should not be allowed to come here and stage political stunts which can only have the effect of making trouble between this country and its neighbours.

We have had too much of that sort of thing already.

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finished with it,
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16.11.33

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with S.H.S.

Noted for
S.H.S.

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This has now been
noted for I. L. D and
Alan Thomas. and
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letter re Dumbrova.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

subject:—

DECLARDED
DIMITROVA. 15 NOV 1961

17.11.33. Spoke at a meeting of the Reichstag Fire Trail Defence Committee at the Kingsway Hall. She spoke re the unfairness of the Trial. It was stated that she was leaving for Paris on 19.11.33.

S.B. officer's report.

Original in..... S.F.427/UK/1 v.4.3.dated..... 100a.....

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DEFENCE

- BRITISH SECTION -

National Office:—

ADDRESS ALL
COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE SECRETARY

14 Doughty Street.

~~59 CROMER STREET~~

London, W.C. 1

TELEPHONE
~~XXXXXXXX~~

Hol. 0863.

14th November 1933.

Comrade J. Fitzgerald,
84 Durning Road,
Liverpool.

Dear Comrade,

With reference to your letter of the 10th November. We note that you have booked a large hall for the meeting on the 25th.

We have received confirmation of Dimitrova arriving in England on the 16th. However, the comrades in Paris have asked us to allow her to return to Paris for a big meeting that they are organising on the 19th. and after that she will be able to return to England for a period of two weeks. However, this is conditional of the British Government granting her a further visa. But I believe that there will be no difficulty in this connection.

We suggest that you go forward with the organising of the meeting, and should Dimitrova be refused a further visa, then we will make efforts to get an alternative international speaker.

We are enclosing a small quantity of our printed notepaper, as you requested.

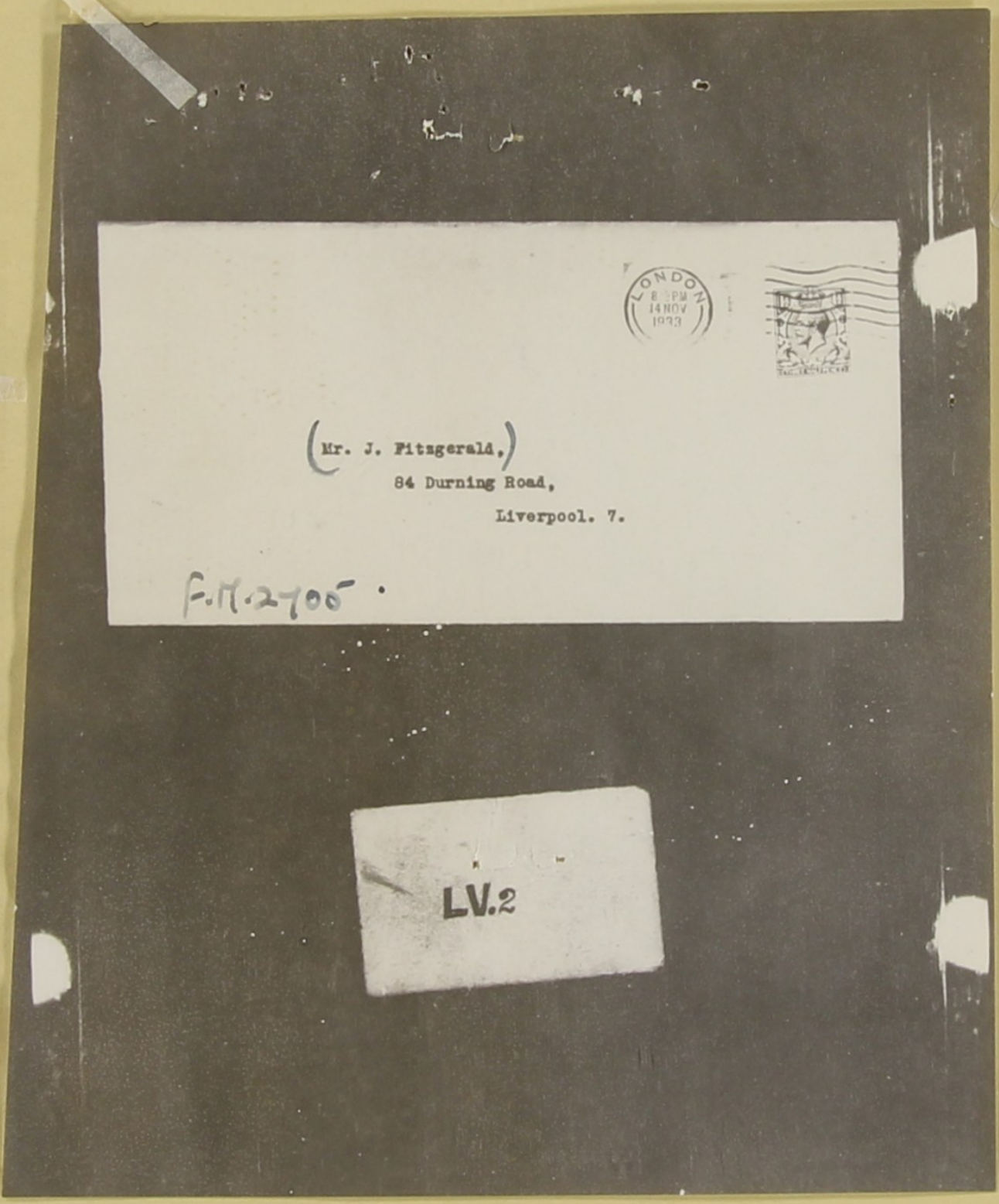
With bestwishes,

Yours fraternally,

Alvin Thomas

Secretary.

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(Mr. J. Fitzgerald,
84 Durning Road,
Liverpool. 7.

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PF. 41718/DS9.

Superintendent Canning.

Special Branch.

With reference to Helena D. BAJISCOWA, nee
DIMITROV, and to Captain Miller's telephone conversation
on 17.11.33., we have now received information to the
effect that this woman is returning to Paris for a meeting
on the 19th November. I shall be glad if you will let me
know if [GALLAGHER] and [DETCHEFF] accompany her.

PF 42420 PF 42366

18th November 1933.

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(Based on intercept from I.L.D. to
FITZGERALD, dated 14.11.33.)

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

~~DIMITROVA~~ **RECORDED**
15 NOV 1961

18.11.33

To American Embassy, re Leo GALLACHER, mentioning that he arrived at Victoria on 16th from Paris, accompanied by DETCHEFF and DIMITROVA

Original in..... P.F. 42420 GALLACHER 6adated..... as above.....

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25.11.33.

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22 NOV 1933

SPECIAL BRANCH
 Ref. 305/UNC/432
 Date 21. 11. 33
 To M.I.5.

19th November, 3.

Accompanied by P.C. Burrows I was present at Victoria Station this day when ~~DIMITROVA~~ and [DETCHEFF] PF 42366 (the Bulgarian lawyer) left by the 2 p.m. boat train en route for Dover. A crowd of about 120 persons was present to see them off, 80 per cent of which were Jews.

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15 NOV 1961

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Prior to their departure the crowd indulged in singing revolutionary songs, and a short speech was delivered by Dimitrova. She said that she had been much impressed by the welcome the British workers had extended to her and she would convey their good wishes and solidarity to her brother and his fellow prisoners. She would also have great pleasure in letting the workers of the continental countries she would visit in the near future, know of the fighting spirit which exists among the workers in England. She appealed to all English workers to unite in their struggle as this was the only means by which they could hope to achieve their objective.

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No untoward incident occurred throughout - the crowd dispersing after the departure of the train.

William Reilly
Sergeant.
A. Hopley
Inspector

Superintendent.

P.F.41718.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— DIMITROVA.

On 20.11.33, a report was sent by Special Branch regarding a meeting organised by the International Labour Defence on 19.11.33 to give DIMITROVA a good send-off from England. This meeting was held at Tower Hill, and was attended by about 250 persons.

DIMITROVA made a short speech in Russian which was translated by Ralph FOX.

According to a letter from the C.C., Liverpool, dated 27.11.33, it was announced at a meeting of the local I.L.D. that it had been proposed that DIMITROVA should speak at that meeting, but that she had returned to the Continent.

Original in..... O.F.14/2, Vol.7, 373a, 376a, **dated** 20.11.33: 27.11.33.
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1.12.33.

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P.F.41718.CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— DIMITROV.

In a speech at a meeting of the Stepney Section of the I.L.D., held on 22.12.33, Ellen WILKINSON stated that on that day two members of her committee had left for Leipzig to see that DIMITROV, POPOFF and TANEFF received safe escort to the frontier in the event of their being released, and that her committee would see that, if possible, DIMITROV would come to this country, in order "that the working class in this country could meet such a courageous fighter".

Original in...O.F.14/2, Vol.7, 380a,.....dated.....23.12.33,.....

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THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

15th December, 1933.

~~411/Secret~~

PR 41718
(DIMITROFF)

DIMITROFF'S SAFETY

**Escort from Country
Suggested**

(From our Special Correspondent.)

That the Public Prosecutor in the Reichstag trial should have demanded the death penalty for Van der Lubbe and Torgler and the acquittal of the three Bulgarian prisoners does not necessarily mean that Van der Lubbe and Torgler will be sentenced to death, but it does mean that the three Bulgarians will be acquitted.

What will happen to them—particularly Dimitroff—when they are discharged? After General Göring's violent menaces it is almost inconceivable that Dimitroff will be able to remain in Germany unmolested. Indeed, his life will be in danger the moment he leaves the court. This the German Government, and more particularly General Göring as chief of the secret State police, must know.

It is also in the power of the German Government—and more particularly of General Göring—to protect Dimitroff and to give him an escort to a neighbouring country. It is highly desirable that he should be met on leaving the court by some Englishman of standing, one of the English lawyers, perhaps, who have taken such an interest in the trial, and be accompanied by him to the frontier. That is perhaps the only sure way of saving his life.

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PF.41718/DSB.

21st December, 1933.

Dear Holderness,

With reference to my letter no. PF.41718
of the 17th November regarding Helene ~~D. B. DEED~~ COWA,
I should be glad if you would kindly let me know
what decision has been arrived at in regard to this
woman's future visits to this country.

Yours sincerely,

V. OAH.

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Sir Ernest Holderness, Bart.,
Home Office.

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THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

29th December, 1933.

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DIMITROFF AND HIS COMPANIONS

Czech Government's Ban

(From our own Correspondent.)

VIENNA, DECEMBER 28.

According to reports from Prague the Czecho-Slovak Government has refused, without giving any specific reasons, to grant a petition by the Czecho-Slovak League of the Rights of Man, that Dimitroff, Popoff, and Taneff, the Bulgarian prisoners who were found not guilty in the Reichstag fire trial, should be allowed to go to Czecho-Slovakia after they have been released in Germany.

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THE DAILY WORKER.

1st January, 1934.

DIMITROV'S TELEGRAM TO BULGARIA

Demand To Premier For Retrial

DIMITROV, with the same courage and determination with which he faced the Nazi prosecutors in the Reichstag fire trial in Leipzig, and which won for him and his colleagues acquittals instead of the death penalties demanded by Goering, is carrying his fight a stage further.

From his prison cell in Leipzig he has sent the following telegram to the Prime Minister of Bulgaria:—

"As I intend to return to Bulgaria to live there, and to continue my political activity, I want to repeat to you the statement made by me publicly before the Supreme Court of Leipzig, namely, that when the trial was concluded I should return to Bulgaria to work for the reversal of the sentences imposed on me in my absence in connection with the uprising of 1923.

"For this purpose I demand the right of free entry, a guarantee of personal safety, and the right to have my case tried in public.

"I await the decision of your Government.—GEORGI DIMITROV."

The heroic action now taken by Dimitrov can be understood when it is realised that the sentences to which Dimitrov refers to includes that of the death penalty.

In the step he is now taking, Dimitrov will be assured of the same display of working-class solidarity as shown to him and his colleagues by the international working-class movement during the Reichstag fire trial.

Demands should be made to the Nazi authorities for his immediate release, along with Torgler, Tanev and Popov, to give him an opportunity of dealing with the charges laid against him in Bulgaria.

Simultaneously, resolutions should also be sent to the Bulgarian Legation, 24, Queen's Gate Gardens, S.W.7, demanding that Dimitrov's request be granted.

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DAILY HERALD.

2nd January, 1934.

Dimitroff to Know Fate To-day

From Our Diplomatic Correspondent

IT is expected that the fate of Dimitroff, Taneff and Popoff, the Bulgarian prisoners acquitted in the Reichstag Fire Trial, will be decided to-day.

By the judgment of the Leipzig court they should at once be deported from Germany.

And the German Government is no longer able to profess that there is any legal or technical obstacle in the way.

From Leipzig, where the three men are still in prison, to the Czech frontier is only some 60 miles.

And the Czechoslovak Government has now notified the German Government that it is prepared to accept the three deportees.

Not only this, but the Czech Minister in Berlin has asked to be notified of the time and place of the deportation, so that the Czech authorities can make proper arrangements for the admission of Dimitroff and his companions and for their safety while in Czech territory.

This is especially important because there is a strong Nazi element among the German population of the Czech border districts.

W. N. E.

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H.O. file NO.638472/8 minuted as follows:-

? Say to M.I.5. that we feel that public interest in the Reichstag trial is now on ~~the wane~~ ^{DECREASED} and that any measures of restriction as regards Mme.B's visits to U.K. at the present time might only present her and her friends with the publicity which they desire and cause difficulties in various ways to H.O. We have decided to defer the decision about future visits until the question actually arises, i.e. until any applicn. for a visa comes to hand. The P.C.O. will no doubt refer any further applicn. for a visa. It is unlikely that she will gain admission without H.O. authority, but in case she does we have inserted a warning card in the Traffic Index.

(Sd) J.C.G.
2.1.34.

She cannot come to this country without a visa and it is fairly safe to assume that any applicn. for a future visa will be referred, in which event we can consult M.I.5. Her husband was said to be living in Moscow and presumably she will now return there. If M.I.5. think it desirable we could ask P.C.O.'s on the continent not to grant a visa without reference.

To M.I.5. for obsns.

(Sd) E.W.E.H.
2.1.34.

H.O.

We think it desirable that adequate steps should be taken to prevent this woman coming to this country during the next six months. At the conclusion of this period, when her propaganda value may have considerably decreased, perhaps we could gain be allowed to reconsider the case.

M.I.5.
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(Sd) O.A.H.

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NEWS CHRONICLE.

5th January, 1934.

**DIMITROFF TO
BE HELD?**

**MAY BE CONFINED
IN CAMP**

Dimitroff, despite his acquittal of the charge of firing the Reichstag, may be confined in a German concentration camp.

The German authorities have not yet decided whether it would be wise to let him carry on anti-German activities in foreign countries.

When Dimitroff's mother inquired of the gaoler at Leipzig Prison yesterday: "Is my son still in prison?" she received a somewhat inarticulate answer. Some doubt prompted Mdme. Dimitroff's question, says our Berlin Correspondent, because the three Communists have not been seen since Wednesday afternoon.

The prison authorities observe a blank silence regarding the future of the men.

Mr. Iver Montagu and Mr. W. Douglas Bebbie, representing a group of British people anxious on humanitarian grounds to help the Bulgarians, have been in touch with the German Minister of the Interior to-day.

The Russian Government has informed the German Government that it has no objection to accepting the Bulgarians, says Reuter.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:**— DIMITROV.

On the 22nd January, 1934. a meeting of the Committee for Defence and Liberation of Prisoners of the Hitler Terror was held at the Kingsway Hall to demand the release of DIMITROV and his fellow prisoners.

John Strachey pointed out that Dimitrov did not secure his acquittal by being constitutional, and that his conduct was a lesson to them all.

Dorothy Woodman said that she brought greetings from Dimitrov, who knew that they were holding a meeting on his behalf that night. She told how she had met Dimitrov's mother in Germany and described his treatment in German prisons.

Source S.B. 301/AFAS/12.

Dated 23.1.34.

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THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

29th January, 1934.

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DIMITROFF'S MOTHER

Appeal for Funds

Miss Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. Ivor Montagu, the joint treasurers to the Relief Committee for the Victims of German Fascism, have issued the following appeal:—

Mme. Dimitroff is ill in Leipzig, worn out with her efforts to secure the release of her son and his companions, journeying between Leipzig and Berlin to interview officials, calling at the prison daily, sometimes allowed to see Dimitroff, sometimes not. With her are a daughter and Mme. Tanen, wife of the student prisoner. None of these women speaks any language but Bulgarian, and have no money of their own. The German Government has refused to allow their Bulgarian lawyer and interpreter, Mr. Danov, to remain with them.

But for the help which can be sent to them by sympathisers they would be penniless, alone and friendless in a town where no German dare help them. Our committee, in face of all the difficulties, has kept a woman friend with them and supplied further legal aid. Miss Woodman, who has had to return to London, has been replaced by Mrs. Amabel Williams-Ellis, the well-known authoress. Another friend will have to take her place next week.

We cannot add to Dimitroff's martyrdom by leaving his old mother to wage this struggle alone. Our committee needs funds to continue its work of providing food and shelter for these brave women, maintaining legal and interpretive help for them, and keeping a woman friend with them.

Contributions, ear-marked "Dimitroff Fund," can be sent to us as joint treasurers, German Relief Committee, 1, Litchfield Street, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C. 2.

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THE TIMES.

16th February, 1934.

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**DIMITROFF AND SOVIET
CITIZENSHIP**

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BERLIN, FEB. 15

The condition of the three Bulgarian prisoners is causing much anxiety to their relatives, who fear for the ultimate effect of the conditions at secret police headquarters on their health.

There is reason to believe that the Russian Embassy here is interesting itself in the case. The Bulgarian Government has consistently refused to intervene on their behalf on account of their previous Communist activities. The relatives now hope that it may be possible for Dimitroff and his fellow prisoners to change their nationality and so come under the protection of a Government prepared to support the demand for their release. A decision in the matter is expected to-morrow.

A Moscow message through Reuter says that permission for the three Bulgarians to adopt Soviet citizenship has been granted.

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P.F. 4718.CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— DIMITROV.

On 13.2.34, S.8. had an interview with Von RIBBENTROP regarding DIMITROFF and the two Bulgarians still in Prison. Von RIBBENTROP made enquiries regarding DIMITROFF's history, and obviously intended to go into the whole question on his return to Germany.

An account of this interview was sent to F.O. and S.I.S. on 22.2.34 and 26.2.34.

Original in..... S.F.75/Germany/2, Vol.4, dated 15.2.34; 22.2.34;
 M.J.E.B. 172a-174a. 26.2.34.
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PF.41718/DSB.

7th March, 1934.

Dear Holderness,

Would you kindly let me know what
decision has been reached in the case of
Madame BAJISGOWA - your file 638472/8.

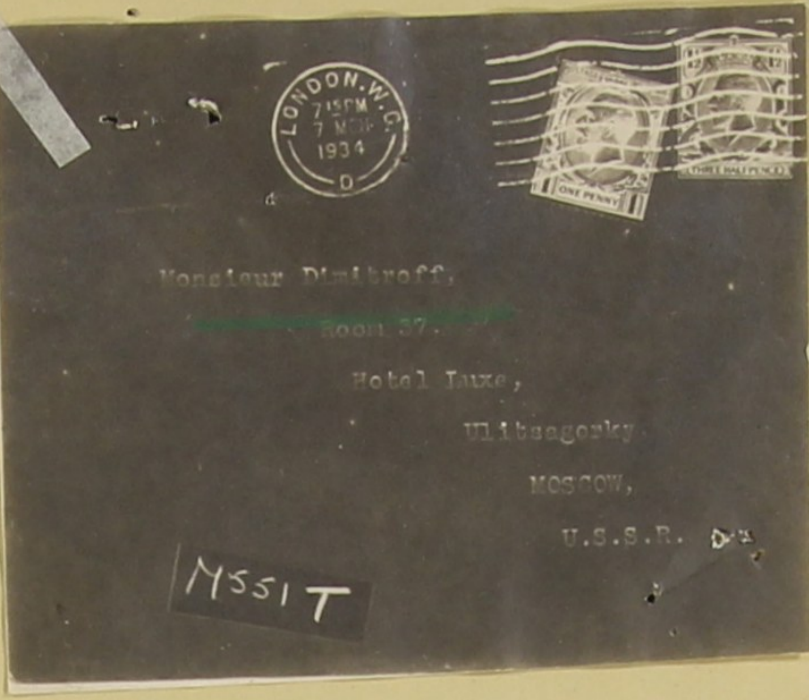
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Yours sincerely,

sd. O.H.

Sir E.W.E. Holderness, Bt.,
Home Office.

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March 7th
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Monsieur Dimitroff,
Room 37,
Hotel Luxe,
Ulitsagorky,
Moscow.

Dear Monsieur Dimitroff,

I, in common with most other people in this country, have the greatest admiration for the courage you displayed in the Reichstag Fire Trial. I wished very much throughout that trial for a chance to get into touch with you, but that was not possible. As soon as I heard you had gone to Moscow I asked a friend of mine to approach you to ask you whether you would be willing to consider an offer for writing your autobiography, which it would give me great pleasure to publish here and in America. I have not yet got an answer to that request, and I presume it is because you have not had time to attend to any but the most pressing details since you left Berlin.

Your life, I think, makes an heroic story, and I am sure that if you would be willing to write it out for us we should be able to find a large audience for it amongst English readers. Is there any possibility of our being

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able to persuade you to do this? We should be prepared to make you an offer that would, I think, be satisfactory, and we would require only the English language rights.

I myself am in difficulty with the German Government because I have just published here Professor Ewald Banse's "RAUM UND VOLK IM WELTKRIEGE", to which I have given the English title "GERMANY, PREPARE FOR WAR!" The book has aroused a good deal of interest here, but has earned me the dislike of the German Government, who are accusing me of anti-German propaganda. That statement is an incorrect one, for I have no bias against the German Government, and my desire to publish your autobiography is simply because it would give me pride to publish the story of a man who has so firmly held the courage of his convictions.

Yours faithfully

Lovat Dickson

MANAGING DIRECTOR

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8.3.34.

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**Dimitrov est nommé
professeur de droit
à l'Université de Moscou**

Moscou, 7 mars. — La chaire de droit international comparé a été confiée à Dimitrov, nommé professeur extraordinaire à l'Université de Moscou.

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HOME OFFICE
WHITEHALL
S.W.1

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10th March, 1934.

Dear Harker,

With reference to your letter (PF.41718/DSB)
of the 7th instant regarding Madame Helene Bajiscowa,
I am writing to inform you that the appropriate Passport
Control Officers have been warned not to grant a visa to
this woman without reference.

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15 NOV 1961

Yours sincerely,

W. Alderson
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O. A. Harker, Esq.

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DAILY TELEGRAPH.

10.3.34.

**DIMITROFF AS A
PROFESSOR**
LAW CHAIR IN MOSCOW

From Our Own Correspondent

MOSCOW, Friday.

It is announced that Georgi Dimitroff has been appointed professor of Soviet Law in Moscow University. He is the Dimitroff who was one of the three Bulgarians acquitted of complicity in the Reichstag fire but detained in Germany until recently.

As already reported, he was accepted as a Soviet citizen and went to Moscow with his companions, Popoff and Taneff. Bulgaria, his native country, was closed to him as he had always declared himself to be a Communist and had been convicted of political offences.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:**— DIMITROV

Int. No.N116T. dated 16.3.34.

Reginald BRIDGEMAN wrote to DIMITROV, Hotel Lux, Tzver-skaia, Moscow sending him a copy of the first issue of COLONIAL NEWS the organ of the International Secretariat of the League Against Imperialism. He asked him if he would write an article for the April issue from the point of view of the Balkan peoples, showing the importance of the Balkan struggle in the world struggle against imperialism.

Original in O.F. 6/7 Vol.2 (84a) dated 16.3.34.

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P.F. 41718 DIMITROFF.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject — C. DIMITROFF.
Hotel Lux, Tverskaya 38. Moscow.

6.4.34

'I have just been told by the Russian Embassy here that if I write to you direct you would probably be willing to enter into negotiations with me for the publication of your autobiography when you write it.

I unfortunately felt unable to make an offer for your book on the Leipzig trial, because, in my view, the publication of the book in England is a mistake. By the time it comes out people will be very tired of the whole affair and it is likely. I fear. to fall flat. This means that the sale of your autobiography, when that is written, would be prefudiced.

However that may be, I am keenly interested in the autobiography, and I can imagine no book which it would give me greater pleasure to publish. May I negotiate with ~~fee~~ you for it? If so, I will at once go into the question of terms.....'

Victor Gollancz Ltd. to
G. Dimitroff.
6th April 1934.

Original in..... S.F. 455/6 V.5. 161a. **dated**.....
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CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** DIMITROV.

6.4.34.

A meeting of the F.S.U. was held, the chairman being Isobel BROWN. The meeting was convened to enable the women delegates to the U.S.S.R. to recount their experiences there. Mrs. STEWART leader of the women's delegation told with enthusiasm of the Women's International Day in Moscow when DIMITROFF spoke to the women and urged them to fight hard in their own countries for the release of Thaelmann who is in prison in Germany in constant fear of death.

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S.B. Officer's report 301/MP/2958 of 6.4.34.

Original in..... O.F. 20/5 vol. 5 **dated**..... 243a.
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HUMANITE.

A la veille du Premier Mai, Dimitrov écrit :

« IL N'Y A QU'UNE VOIE POUR VAINCRE LE FASCISME :
CELLE DE LA LUTTE POUR LE POUVOIR SOVIÉTIQUE »

A l'occasion du Premier Mai, Dimitrov publie l'article suivant dans la presse communiste de l'U.R.S.S.

Cette année, le Premier Mai trouvera les ouvriers de la moitié de l'Europe sous le joug fasciste. En Allemagne, en Autriche, en Italie, en Pologne et aux Balkans sévissent la terreur fasciste et la barbarie. Toutes les conquêtes économiques et politiques acquises par des luttes de plusieurs dizaines d'années ont été ravies à la classe ouvrière. Les Hitler, Goering, Dollfuss, Frey, comme autrefois en 1923-25 le Bulgare Tsankoff et l'Italien Mussolini, ont assassiné des ouvriers révolutionnaires par milliers et des combattants antifascistes par dizaines de mille, les jetant en prison ou les enfermant dans des camps de concentration pour les livrer à une mort lente et au supplice.

L'effroyable bilan du fascisme

Les rues et les villes d'Allemagne sont tachées de sang. Les quartiers ouvriers de Vienne sont en ruines, écroulés sous le feu de l'artillerie. Misère, ruines, horreur et tourments, oppression capitaliste et chute de la civilisation qui n'est plus éclairée que par quelques bûchers moyennageux sur lesquels brûlent les œuvres des esprits les plus éminents de l'humanité. La guillotine et la hache du bourreau — voilà ce que le fascisme a apporté. De plus, il porte encore en lui la menace de précipiter tout l'univers dans l'horreur d'un nouvel et effroyable massacre.

« Après le char du vainqueur »

Le tableau de la barbarie capitaliste célébrant sa victoire momentanée ne serait cependant pas complet sans les figures des transfuges et des traîtres qui courent après le char du vainqueur. Fidèles à leur « âme allemande », les Loebe et les Severing se traînent à genoux devant Hitler, dans la fange mêlée de sang. Sur les cadavres encore chauds des combattants autrichiens tombés ou exécutés, Otto Bauer et Fritz Adler enseignent aux ouvriers que la lutte révolutionnaire contre le fascisme est sans issue et qu'il n'aurait pas fallu recourir aux armes. Les chefs de la II^e Internationale, qui ont divisé la classe ouvrière et brisé son unité de lutte et qui ont ainsi porté le fascisme au pouvoir, appellent aujourd'hui les ouvriers à ne pas combattre pour le renversement de la bourgeoisie, ni pour la domination du prolétariat, ni pour le pouvoir des Soviets ; mais à intervenir pour la démocratie bourgeoise, cette forme de pouvoir qui se survit à elle-même et qui a été rejetée aux ordures par sa politique de compromis avec la bourgeoisie.

La deuxième Internationale fourrier du fascisme

La II^e Internationale prépare aussi dans d'autres pays, en France, en Espagne, en Angleterre, etc., — dans ces pays où le fascisme et la réaction organisent et arment de leur mieux toutes leurs énergies — la réédition de leur trahison à l'égard des ouvriers, et cela bien que toute l'expérience d'après-guerre enseigne que les compromis avec la bourgeoisie mènent au fascisme.

Il n'y a qu'un chemin pour combattre et vaincre le fascisme. C'est celui de la lutte pour le renversement de la bourgeoisie, pour la dictature du prolétariat, pour le pouvoir des Soviets. C'est le chemin de Marx, celui de Lénine et de Staline qui a conduit la classe ouvrière russe à la victoire sur sa propre bourgeoisie et à l'instauration d'une nouvelle société socialiste.

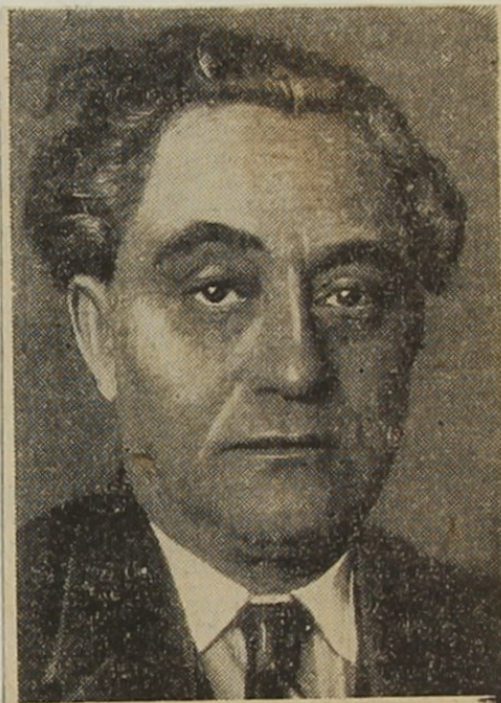
Des millions d'ouvriers social-démocrates sont aujourd'hui dans l'alternance sous le coup des événements d'Allemagne et d'Autriche ; ils ont perdu leur foi dans la justesse de la voie de la social-démocratie, celle

de la II^e Internationale, mais ils n'ont pas encore suffisamment foi en la justesse de la voie communiste, celle de l'Internationale communiste. Un mur de méfiance et de préjugés et d'idées préconçues sépare ces ouvriers social-démocrates de leurs frères de classe communistes. La social-démocratie, et avec elle, la bourgeoisie, spéculent sur ce fait. Le fascisme bâtit sur lui son espoir. C'est ce mur qu'il s'agit de raser jusque dans ses fondements pour réaliser l'unité révolutionnaire de la classe ouvrière. C'est ici qu'est la clé de la victoire contre le fascisme et la garantie de la victoire sur la bourgeoisie.

Les deux voies

C'est le Premier Mai surtout — journée de lutte de la solidarité prolétarienne internationale — que l'aboutissant de ces deux voies apparaît le plus clairement : la voie de la social-démocratie, celle des compromis avec la bourgeoisie et la voie du bolchevisme, celle de la lutte de classe irréductible contre la bourgeoisie. La première voie a conduit au triomphe du fascisme, la seconde à la victoire du socialisme, à une victoire déjà acquise et assurée sur un sixième du globe.

Les événements des derniers mois, les luttes en Autriche, en France et en Espagne, les combats des armées rouges de la Chine soviétique, mon-

**Georges DIMITROV**

trent que l'idée de la révolution mûrit dans la conscience des masses et que celles-ci sont prêtes à suivre le bon chemin.

Puisse le Premier Mai devenir non seulement une journée de démonstration puissante de la solidarité internationale du prolétariat ; mais aussi une manifestation du front unique prolétarien pour la lutte contre le fascisme, contre la guerre impérialiste, pour la libération des emprisonnés de la terreur fasciste, pour la libération du chef de la classe ouvrière d'Allemagne, Ernst Thaelmann ; puisse-t-il devenir une démonstration pour la dictature du prolétariat, pour le pouvoir soviétique.

G. DIMITROV.

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P.F. 41718. DIMITROV.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— DIMITROV.

Int: letter to the W.I.R., London from the International
Committee of the W.I.R. Paris. dated 28.5.34. No. S.179.C.

In this letter was enclosed a pamphlet written by G. DIMITROFF asking the social-democratic and christian workers to take action against fascism and imperialist war on International Solidarity day.

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GEORGY DIMITROFF MOSCOU.

From _____

To RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR VICTIMS HITLERFASCISM 1 LITCHFIELD STREET LONDON.

Date 31.5.34.

No. Original in PF 427111/1. Vol. 4

ON BEHALF YOUR CONFERENCE EXPRESS ADMIRATION FOR GRANDIOUS RELIEF ACTIVITY FOR VICTIMS GERMAN FASCISM AND DURING LEIPZIG TRIAL STOP I RECOGNIZE IT TO BE BRILLIANT EXPRESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY STOP NOW AND IN FUTURE IT IS STILL MORE URGENT TO MOBILIZE BROADEST CROWDS OF ENGLISH WORKING CLASS AND PROGRESSIVE INTELLIGENCE INTO ANTIFASCISTS UNITED FRONT FOR SAVING PRISONERS OF FASCISM FIRSTLY LEADER OF GERMAN WORKING CLASS THALMANN STOP POWERFULL FIGHTING FRONT OF INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAN SOLIDARITY MUST CONQUER AT ANY PRICE FASCISTS BARBARISM MIDDLEAGE DARKNESSAND GANGSTERISH DESIRE FOR WAR STOP IN THIS SENSE I SEND MY BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS CONFERENCE.

GEORGY DIMITROFF.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— DIMITROFF.

2.6.34. Speaking at a GRC meeting, JOURDAIN mentioned that a second Brown Book would be issued in the near future, most of which is written by DIMITROFF.

(M. report).

Original in...S.F.427/U.K./1...170a.....dated.....

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DAILY WORKER.

28 JUN 1934
Date.....

DIMITROV INVITED TO ENGLAND

To Attend Congress Against War

MOVE BY COMMITTEE OF YOUTH



DIMITROV

DIMITROV, hero of the Reichstag fire trial, has been invited to attend the Youth Congress Against War and Fascism at Sheffield on August 4 and 5.

This was announced to the DAILY WORKER yesterday by Comrade John Gollan, Secretary of the Youth Anti-War Committee, who said:—

“We confidently expect a reply during the next two or three days, accepting our invitation. A number of prominent people are eager that Dimitrov should attend the Conference.”

The presence of this comrade, whose fight against Fascism in the very centre of its most brutal expression won the admiration of the whole world, would clearly give an immense impetus to the campaign against war and Fascism in Britain.

The decision to invite Dimitrov to the Congress was taken as a sequel to a message received by the Anti-War Movement from Dimitrov, supporting the manifesto for the Congress.

In addition to supporting the fight against war, Comrade Dimitrov appeals for an ever stronger campaign against Fascism and for the release of Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist Party.

In a special message on this question, Dimitrov says, “Whoever does not make some effort to save Ernst Thaelmann is, whether he wills it or not, an accomplice to Hitler’s crime and shares with him the responsibility for it. . . .

“The saving of Ernst Thaelmann is a matter of honour for the international proletariat, and the duty of every honest thinking man in the world.”

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P.F. 40718.CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:**— DIMITROV.

On 29.6.34, GOLLAN, Youth Secretary of the British Anti-War Movement, Youth Council, wrote to the World Youth Committee, Paris, stating that DIMITROV had been invited to attend and address the Sheffield Youth Congress to be held on August 4th and 5th, 1934.

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From NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL HOLBORN LONDON.

To DIMITROV ECCI MOCHAVAYA MOSCOW.

Date 12.7.34.

No.

WIRE IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTANCE INVITATION YOUTH CONGRESS SHEFFIELD AUGUST FIFTH.

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL.

von DIMITROV

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PF.41718/DS9.

16th July 1934.

Dear Holderness,

On the 28th June the "Daily Worker" published a statement that George DIMITROV had been invited to attend the Youth Congress against War and Fascism at Sheffield on August 4th and 5th.

I now write to let you know that from information we have just received it would appear that DIMITROV has ^{pp. 305} accepted this invitation. Presumably he and Henri BARBUSSE with regard to whom I have written you a separate letter, are intended to be the principal speakers at the Congress.

I think you will agree that if DIMITROV is allowed to come here the repercussions in the British and German press will heavily outweigh any protests that his exclusion might provoke from [Lord MARLEY] [Ellen WILKINSON] or other prominent members of the Anti-War Movement.

You may care to have the enclosed cutting from the "Daily Worker" of the 28th June.

Yours sincerely,

K.D.A.S.

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Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Sir E.W.E. Holderness, Bt.,
Home Office.

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To NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL 54 GRAYS INN ROAD LONDON

Date 13.7.34.

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SEND CABLEGREETING TO OPENING CONGRESS STOP SECRETARY

John P.F.

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PF.41718/DS9.

18th July 1934.

SECRET

Dear Holderness,

In continuation of my letter PF.41718/DS9 of 16th July 1934, regarding DIMITROV, I write to let you know that the National Youth Council have now been notified from Moscow that DIMITROV is ill and will not be able to attend the Congress at Sheffield on August 4th and 5th.

Yours sincerely,

O. A. H.

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

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Sir E.W.E. Holderness, Bt.,
Home Office.

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M.T.S.
31.7.34

P.F. 41718. DIMITROFF.

42B.

CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:** DIMITROFF.

27.7.34. Information has been received that DIMITROFF is to speak on behalf of the Communist Party at Sheffield on the 4th. August.

It is understood that the Local Branch of the Communist Party are endeavouring to secure a hall in order to enable DIMITROFF to address a meeting either in August or September, next.

C.C. Bradford report.
27.7.34.

Original in P.F. 41366. SHEPPERD. (8a.) **dated**.....

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M.P. 28.7.34. ✓

P.F. 41718.

43a

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— DIMITROV.

4.8.34.

Reported to be going to be appointed leader
of the Comintern in Moscow.

(^{W.E.}~~S.I.~~) M.I.l.c. report. (CX/V/4764.)

Original in.....S.F. 411/Yugo-Slavia.....dated.....7a.....

P.K. 8.8.34.

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4.8.34.

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PF 42110.
From GEELMAN, TEMPLEBAR 5616.

To DIMITROV COMINTERN MOSCOW

Date 2.8.34.

PF 4718

No. Copy filed in PF. 42110 LANE @ GELLMAN.

PROPOSE SECOND BROWN BOOK RELIEF

CONFERENCE STOP URGENTLY DESIRE ATTENDANCE

DIMITROV STOP PLEASE WIRE REPLY

RELIEF COMMITTEE BRITAIN

PA. in Dimitrov
Sxv. Gellman.
Kly

11 B7. 18/8 of no further
Telegram seen

Kly

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— DIMITROV.

9.8.34.

Elected to the Presidium at the National Youth Congress Against War and Fascism, held in Sheffield on the 4th and 5th of August, 1934.

(Source of inf. C.C. Sheffield, re Youth Anti-War Congress, dated 9.8.34.)

S.F. 460/2/10. Vol. 3.

129a.

Original in.....dated.....

P.K. 14.12.34.

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Mr Mayne rang up to say that he had a telegram from
PF.42110
{GELMAN} to DIMITROFF, saying that his presence was urgently
required at the proposed "Second Brown Book Relief
Conference". A reply by wire was asked for.

I asked Mr Mayne if he would kindly have a special
search made for the reply, as I did not think it was worth
while approaching the Home Office as the last heard of
DIMITROFF was that he was in a sanatorium miles from
Moscow and unable to travel.

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S.9.
4.8.34.

P.F. 41718.

45A

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— DIMITROV. G.

14.8.34. Reported to have written following Communist Propaganda, "SAVE ERNST THAELMANN". This speech was published by the Co-operative Publishing Society of Foreign Workers in the U.S.S.R. - Moscow - Leningrad, 1934.

(Inf. sent by C.C. Cardiff on 14.8.34.)

Original in.....S.F. 416/3. Vol. 2.....dated.....74a.....

P,K. 15.8.34.

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Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX/4764, dated 8.9.34.
V.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

DIMITROV.

With reference to the penultimate paragraph of my CX/4764
of 4.8.34., our Representative in Bulgaria reports as follows:

The latest information concerning DIMITROV is that he has not yet been appointed Chief of the I.K.K.I. A campaign in his favour is at present being conducted through all the sections of the Comintern and it has been decided to send him abroad again as a agitator and organiser so that he may gain the desired prominence. He was to visit the Saar on Sunday, the 26th August, to attend the assembly at Sulzbach and later on to continue his journey to France and England (!).

The source of our Representative's information is somewhat dubious and it is difficult to see why DIMITROV should have to be sent on a visit to various countries "to gain prominence"! He is already an outstanding figure in the Communist world, owing to his courageous and dignified stand in the Reichstag Fire Trial; and one would not think that he required any further advertisement. I should imagine he is an optimist if he hopes to enter this country.

*Just the sort of
activity of the
in front of the
If he comes in his
own name - he
will have to
be a voice - false
it is a voice - we must
not let it be
Liddell
13/9*

L.
for V.V.
8/9

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PRESS CUTTING.

DAILY EXPRESS.

Date..... 11 SEP 1934

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**DIMITROFF WEDS
IN MOSCOW**

**HIS BRIDE A RUSSIAN
GIRL OF 19**

“Daily Express” Correspondent.

BERLIN, Monday.

Dimitroff, the hero of the Reichstag fire trial at Leipzig, was married today in Moscow. His bride was Miss Natya Yukov, a nineteen-year-old Russian girl. Dimitroff himself is fifty-one.

Stalin, the Russian dictator, was so pleased with the event that he made a present of a beautiful villa outside Moscow to Dimitroff as a wedding present.

The villa was the property of a nephew of the Czar before the Revolution.

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