

Berlanau protest

[Goldman, Emma]

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Dear Theodore.

I was glad to get your letter even if it took so long in being written. Glad because I had given up hopes of hearing from you. It is always a pleasant sensation to find that one has not been failed when one has almost made up one's mind that friendship is so rarely understood by people.

I wish I could say I was also glad to learn that you had written Laval. I don't know what I did with the copy of the letter I wrote you in re our campaign for A. B. But unless I am reaching my dotage I think that I asked whether you would add your name to the signatories whom we were enlisting to some kind of a protest. ~~xx~~ In point of fact I remember stating in my letter that the protest was being prepared by some wellknown Frenchmen of Letters and that names outside of France were to be added to the list. Perhaps I am mistaken. If so you will forgive my saying that your letter to Laval while not doing good may even do some harm. Of course, his Dept knows all about A.B.'s attempt on the life of Frick for which by the way he served fourteen and not eighteen years. God knows that was enough for an act which according to the State of Pennsylvania called only for seven years. If only you had stated that, also that Frick had recovered from his wounds within two months while A.B. was originally buried alive for 22 years. I am certain you meant for the best and since your letter to Laval can not be recalled there is nothing more to be said about it.

You will be interested to learn that thanks to the efforts of the French Intellegentsia friends here have interested A.B. was at last given a scrap of paper to show that he has the right to remain in France until Sec 21st. This is the first document since his identity card had been taken from him a year ago last May. This leads us to believe that perhaps his three monthly renewals maybe given him without further trouble.

However, we do not mean to relax in our zeal. Nothing will stop us except the annulment of the original order of expulsion. The Frenchmen who are helping are set against publicity. And we are only too glad to comply with their request to let them try their private channels. Should they fail we will release the material we have gathered. I mean of course the bulk of signatures in Germany, England, France and the U. S. that have responded to our appeal. I am glad we will be able to add yours. You'll find yourself in very distinguished company I assure you.

Your reference to A.B. as "old and weary" made me laugh. I assure you his he is the most alive, most spirited youngsters of sixty one I know. As to his jest for life, his wit and his mellowness there are few indeed with his background of suffering

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who can even remotely compare with them. Ask anyone who has visited A,B in recent years and you will realize that I am not exaggerating.

Thanks awfully for your interest in Living My Life and your good wishes. I hope the latter comes true. I could stand a little success. I should not know what to do with much. My consolation is that I will never be called to a test in that line. I hope my book will prove as "intensely interesting" as you are kind enough to assume. Perhaps you will review it for some paper or magazine. It may help with "the success".

I leave for Paris in a week, I am taking Nellie Harris away from the atmosphere of Frank which seems to be more binding to her than when he was alive. The American Express Company will reach me.

Affectionately

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