
Circular Fundraising Letter of the American Red Star League by Charles L. Drake, Secretary, April 15, 1921

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*Join the Red Star —
You have borne the "Cross" long enough.
First Aid to the Working Class.*

AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE
*The Workers Must Organize and Support
Their Own Relief Force.*

*For Justice, Not Charity.
For Humanity. Non-political.*

**National Headquarters,
59 East Van Buren Street,
Chicago.**

April 15th, 1921.

Dear Friend,

Conditions in the Russian Republic are far from satisfactory to those who have an interest in their fellow men. Plagues that have swept the country since the war began are still raging unchecked and taking their toll by the thousands.

Women and children, because of their inherent weakness, are of course the chief sufferers. The Soviet Government is sending out a call for aid to the workers of the world.

Surely you are willing to do your part to help the brave Russian people overcome the last and

greatest enemy, disease? With the deadly plague of typhus under control the nation would be in fair condition to forge ahead with its constructive work and give the world an example of what a free people can accomplish unfettered by commercialism.

If every toiler in America will do his and her part, no matter how small it is, these precious lives can be rescued for the upbuilding of the Republic and the world. The multitude of women and children in Russia must be saved!

The AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE is now shipping vital supplies direct to the Soviet Government. The Russian people are in urgent need of soap. With a fair supply of soap the plague of typhus can be stayed and the women and children given a chance for life.

The RED STAR shipped one car of best soap to Moscow in March. On May 15th TEN CARS OF SOAP should leave Chicago for Moscow! The situation demands your most earnest assistance and cooperation.

The RED STAR can place soap in Moscow at a cost of 6-1/2 cents per pound to be furnished free to the women and children. It is impossible to estimate how many lives a pound of soap may save in defeating typhus.

Ten dollars will sent 150 pounds of soap to the women and children. Five dollars will furnish

them with 75 pounds. Will you send 150 pounds of soap to your Russian friends? If not, forward 75, 50, or 25 pounds, it will be most gratefully received.

Kindly send contributions to this office soon as possible for TEN CARS OF SOAP and earn the everlasting thanks of Russian mothers and babies.

Yours for Humanity,

Charles L. Drake,
Secretary.

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