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33, Rathbone Place, (New address of the General Council)[2]

15 March 1872

Dear citizen,

I enclose the Resolutions of the General Council (in English and French)[a]. The other Council will receive them from Le Moussu[c].

Eccarius[d], at the end of the sitting of 12. March told me privately that he would not send the~~m~~[3] Resolutions[4] to New York and that, at next sitting, he would tender his resignation as Secretary for the U. St. As this affair cannot be settled by the General Council before Tuesday next, the Resolutions sent by me and Le Moussu[e]~~,~~ are not signed by a Secretary, the which, considering the form chosen, was not necessary. They will be printed in next week's "Eastern Post[f]".

During the discussion Eccarius[g] spoke in a spirit most hostile to your Council. He spoke and voted against Resolution III, 2. He was moreover offended because, in order to save time, I had not submitted the Resolutions to the subcommittee of which he forms part, but laid them at once before the General Council. As the latter fully approved this proceeding, after my statement of

the reasons which had induced me | to act as I have done, Eccarius ought to have dropped his personal spleen.

For the private information of your Council I add that M.[h] and Madame Hulek[i]—he is an imbecile and she is “une intrigante de bas état”— had for a moment slipped into the General Council at a ~~mom~~[5] time when most of us were absent, but that, soon after, this worthy couple was forced to withdraw consequent upon their intrigues with the soi-disant Branche Française the which was excluded from the International[j] and denounced by us, in the Marseillaise[k] and the Réveil[l] ~~of~~[6] on the eve of the plebiscite, as “une section policière”. Moreover, these two persons, after their arrival at New York, co[-]operated in the foundation of a Society hostile to the International~~e~~[7] and were in constant connection with les beaux restes de la branche française at London. The same facts have been communicated by Le Moussu[m] to the other council.

Section 10 (french) has written an excellent letter to the General Council on the American split.

Yours fraternally

Karl Marx

Erläuterungen

a) Eine der Beilagen ist überliefert – die Resolutionen in engl. Sprache[b]: Resolutions on the split in the U. States Federation passed by the General Council of the I.W.A. in its sittings of 5. and 12. March 1872 (H: IISG, Hermann Jung Papers, 86–16/1-2).

b) Zotero Link für: Resolutionen in engl. Sprache

c) Le Moussu, Benjamin Constant (1846-1907)

d) Eccarius, Johann Georg (1818-1889)

e) Le Moussu, Benjamin Constant (1846-1907)

f) The Eastern Post

g) Eccarius, Johann Georg (1818-1889)

h) Hulek, A. (-)

i) Hulek, Marie-Louise (1851-nach 1911)

j) Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation (IAA) / International Workingmen's Association (IWA) / Association Internationale des Travailleurs (AIT)

k) La Marseillaise

l) Le Réveil

m) Le Moussu, Benjamin Constant (1846-1907)

Kritischer Apparat

1) Tilgung durch Streichung

2) unter der Zeile eingetragen

3) Tilgung durch Streichung

4) über der Zeile eingetragen

5) Tilgung durch Streichung

6) Tilgung durch Streichung

7) Tilgung durch Streichung