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Dear ~~Doctor~~ Doctor

I have not yet been able to get up my lecture in Birmingham, ¹It seems it will take some time to get the collective support of the Trades Council here, the more so as a lecture looks like a personal matter, and that I am seeking my own interest, ²What is Wanted here is a large Public meeting in the Town Hall so as to command the presence of the Press, We can make our voices heard from Birmingham all over the World, ³It is my intention to get up a requisition to the Mayor for a Town's meeting and make an appeal to the public on behalf of the refugees, You can do for others what you cannot do for yourself; I ~~beleive~~ believe more money could be raised by public meetings and subscriptions than ever I shall get as a private lecturer, and our cause will be served fiftyfold.

I beg to propose to the Council of the ~~International~~^a, that if they will give thirty Shillings a week to support my family I will get up public meetings instead of lectures in every town I visit, There can allways be a certain number of tickets sold for reserve seats to defray expences, I shall get the support of the public and the presence of the Reporters, I will get a committee to manage the meetings and whatever money is over shall be sent to London for the International, I think this might be tried for a few weeks and then you could judge whether you will continue it, ⁴This is not a matter of private interest to me, it is a duty, ⁵under any circumstances I am | determined to bring the truth to light, but with your assistance the task would be more easy and more immediate, ⁶I

beg to call your attention to the London **Daily News**^b of to-day, you will see a statement from an Italian who has been expelled from Paris, which corroborates my statement that nine tenths of the fires in Paris were caused by the Versailles projectiles,

I received the **Washbourne**^d papers^c, and should they give rise to any **disseussion** discussion in the press please to let me know,

I enclose the only notice I had of my lecture in Northampton^{f, 7} I am affraid this will be my fate unless I can get up public meetings

In every private circle in Birmingham that I have visited I find that the facts of the struggle in Paris are becoming better known, and that a public meeting might be held with good results,

Yours Respectfully
Rob^t Reid

To D^r Karl Marx

Erläuterungen

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

b) The Daily News

c) Karl Marx: Mr. Washburne, The American Ambassador in Paris.—To the New York Central Committee for the United States' Sections of the International Working Men's Association. London 1871^e.

d) Washburne, Elihu Benjamin (1816-1887)

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