
Comrade Stalin Exposes Social Democratic Forgery

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We publish below a telegram which Comrade Stalin has addressed to *The Daily Worker*, the organ of our brother party in America:

To the Editorial Board of the Central Organ of the Workers Party of America,
The Daily Worker.

Dear Comrade Editor:

Kindly insert the following statement in your paper:

On August 14 [1926] the New York quasi-socialist weekly, *The New Leader*, printed, without indicating the source, falsified concluding remarks from an alleged and falsified version of a speech of mine at the plenum of the CC of the CPSU.

I have neither the possibility nor the desire to read all the inventions of the bourgeois and semi-bourgeois papers concerning the Soviet public men, and would not have paid attention to this usual falsehood of the capitalist press and of their underlings. However, a month after printing these falsified remarks, *The New Leader* sent me a telegram in which it asked me to "affirm or deny authenticity of severe criticisms of Zinoviev attributed to you in American press reports of the proceedings of the Russian Communist Party Central Committee." Not considering it possible to enter into correspondence with an organ which itself forged in a swindling manner "remarks" from my speech and now has the audacity to ask me with an appearance of innocence about the genuineness of these "remarks," I ask you to allow me to state through your paper that the reports of the "remarks of Stalin" published in *The New Leader* of August 14, 1926, has absolutely nothing in common with my speech at the plenum of the CC either in contents or in form or in tone, and that this report is thus a most complete and ignorant forgery.

With Communist greetings,

J. Stalin.

September 21 [1926].

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