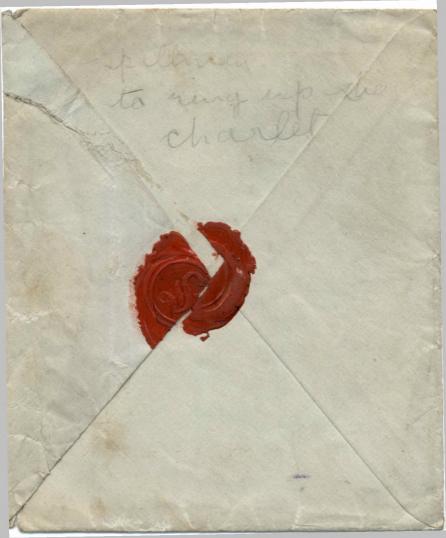
Mun ste hpoets regisain & Apkore man appyra padofact. Mrs. D. Schwarts, 5. Wessese Gardens, Golders Gleen, N.W. III,



Comrade gubanoff, but if you have becaused the eng letter I sand you through Comrade gubanoff, but if you have not becaused it, is does not maller very much, I am horing an apportunity again to send you a butle by hand, so you much, understand those on succe matters concerning only and own officians through pook wands not be wise, not test I am appoint lund an all attern gaing to Briggeria, or any country abnored an opened, and more you set only by our Burrian customers, but also by the british anthousters you were a sumperious that on the box or been compated in Warling things in such a way as not to be less confusions, well in warling this may be ast person by the Compromised in the eyes of party members. Just instance a sum writing all control to be compromised in the eyes of party members. Just in stance of an writing me about the house, I money, I do to be suffered by the control to the conception of a conditions, well in allowed this may be ast person by the work with wind any one to know an affairs. I am a communist but home, I money I do not be with any one to conception of a communist in Review. In one here would understand or believe thought it is perille or per mission. In work through them a house of believe thought it is perilled or per mission. In work through them yours. If is very a musing your writing to me that device can not understand how I could be sure your amount of the court my help, I am given the same opportunity as every lody else, Orleff, Sundukeff, and many suck, I beceive the same Salary, and that is all I can expect and nothing more, There is talk about the salary of Communistis being increased that to about \$23, or \$25, per month, and in see probability I will get the same as the rest but beyond that there can be me question about any arrangement for any Rody helping you there. not become I am looking for something new for my self, I have her offered a post in the Company conscient with Botaka Kahan, as chair man of that company, which is a very important post, and also another post as chairman in another government concern consected with passenger comigration of shipping, but I refused, and you know the leason why? Because that would mean that I have It settle here for a few years on the Salary of fav per month. Where as in the "cinema" business I may have an appositionily within a few months to be appointed representative for England america... and even if I have to travely back words of perwards, I wise get enough money to enable me to support you of the children until they are on their flesh that is my only that I can me write you this in an open letter by post you will understand that. I can no write you this in an open letter by post your will understand that.

You think you would rather Come here? as for as you, yourself the concerned I should like it my only very much, I would like you to have it have it personned mind you, you must not think that you can come here, and y you don't sake it you will go back, ah no, had no body with give you permission to go back, you our not brins Palmer, a British subject who can go back words I forwards, and than it is ong in so for, as you are on the government steff, but how elm do you think you can come here, and than 30 back. Think that is not all, that would not matter, it is when I begun to think obach the children, that the whole greation letters a dispersent turn. I feel that I have no right to bring them here at this age. Later on they can do as they please, have as they were how there, and got as for as going to a secondary School, under conditions unamoun at present tere, It would creppe them for many years, and they were how there, and present tere, It would creppe them for many years, and they would be reither one, trong in manother.

But what is to be done? Well would be reither one, they had any other 2 decealing.

But what is to be done? Well believe me if I had any other way I would not have love in the form the printer to for you have any of your form on the form of th f 20, 9 9 receiving the Dame here, that is f 40, per monte, supering I the give is all up of by Isome means Come land, what would I do there? In any where 2 your post is quarantied, I with my help say \$10- 19 will try I be as stingy as I can in order to send you \$10 per monte) so you have \$30, per monte quarantied.

If you can manage to let one loom or aren \$2, and gen at least \$2-10, pw. that would bring you income to \$40, per monte. Sopposing, you have I manage on that for a year (I hope len) I had suppose? Caula you rather break the children future than keep on that 2 I ask you to Concider this

Very Carefully, and you will I think come to the same Concension.

On the other hand is your decide to break it all, I transfore here, I will give you a small idea how you will come here. If I am very betting.

All I can hope to get is, I torous equal to Italboffs in Lendon, the Jam Soroundis or there, and practically the same conditions, and will a probability that some time or other I may practically the same from here any where to any place, and you're a checken till of cause remain here, so it waster to impossible to the moving about from one torn to another. On the ather hand I am practically certain that may be a your may be and I wise get same and I want for a short of want of wind aboved, arvece go book to the formation. At property I want got am the work I am gain to do, and for a short time I am at Brosephs and assign the work I am gain to do, and for a short time I am at Brosephs and come write you lengther, I do not suppose I will have time to continue to well you in this still must longer, when I legio serious work, as were as porty activity which for me to the most important question work, as were as porty activity which for my self, but in particular of which on the whole know much carm than my self, but in particular or guestions concerning the Party mechaning I Soviet in all their and the question of many years. And having area here I are many the farty mechaning I Soviet in all their a first tends. for so many years. And one then I have worked here for a time the question of my going abroad can be raised and not before. for so many years. But only them I have worked here for a time the question of my gaing abroad can be raised and no hepre.

Have you amy stan boy out? I am proposed to broken, but do not. Send it by park, you can accoming find only good Robert, who is good to more and a factor by hand.

Of Course things change here very often and it is difficult to predict any thing for a length of time, but y I am to tell on a not mad period? my thing for a length of times the will every thing going well, I may be send to the will every thing going will, I may be send the will every thing to the former from with a view of importing films for Russia, and expanding Russian films abroad as well as arranging messed companys, that is Russian and american or bright firms It produce pictures.

Then out this is the one transon I am anxious to work in Sorkino afterwise I centre go into the building time and help to being homes which is the most burning question of the day here, and will be for a good many tests to the most burning question of the day here, and will be for a good many tests to the most burning question of the day here, and will be for a proof how they are to think you can manage to think if for a time? I know how do you think you can manage to the how for a time? I know that within you have, that is the heaven I am an an an an an analy most of know that within I as I morely to the here to get the form of any property of the money from the time to order to make it causes with money mede I know toth within I as I morely to the persent you will be for my select the care and property of the money to persent, if he are the form of the leaves one to persently can in order to send you a help of my select it has a persent of the leaves one of any to a week to live the forth of the leaves one of any to a week to live the forth of the leaves one of any to any to the leaves of the leaves one of any to any to the leaves of the leaves o Lost year when I was in moreous I managed & go & the theater 3, or 4. time a wak. This time I have not her many because I need the money, I will go when I can get ticket free which some times can be got through friends, but as present I have not here as present I have not here able & get eny. how I will tell your that I have not med Lavin yet, although I know where he works, Poss Levin is in transless closet say any thing his any looks. I am tred that he is cleared out of the port, and worse still, he trans got a trial hanging over his head for some his regligence. Botokka tree the Government has look through invest. But yes, the matter is rather serious and very difficult invest. But yes, the matter is rather serious and very difficult and it may and in his down face for care becames in more, mothers. However, I do not know any details a can not say weather he is guilty to not, but his present position is not very energable. or not, but his present position is not very energable.

I think I have told fan every thing to lost you for a good long time, If there are any changes in my own appairs you shall be were known soon enough. At present I am feeling well in trality and better in spirit in spili of my first bad impressions a few of whice I am sending you berewill, I put them down Just as I cived them through without any energy extins.

Life is very puzzling, one gets accostomed to avery thing good or bad.

Poor gerus! Os soon os he came here he met wite bad luck, he had \$ 52 left, all their Capital, and lost the whole Est, it was Stolen from his pocket. They have no loows Jes, she, Ins. Gerus & gally one Storying will same telotions next door to me, I me gerus I the boy are temporary some where also will some friends. That is how difficult it is to find tooms even for Communists. Now it seems to one that you are slightly influenced by the way aur friends live, They seem ? he were off, and only I , Was have to be Content will any thing. Of Course If you want a life like Barlows, numbanes, Lavins 8t. I am awfully Sorry I can not get it for Yan, I am not made that way, I can not do it. I'd nather go to work. but the trouble is if I go to work I shall no get more than I am gatting now. I am sending you herwise \$30 - that is for aug. Sept. a oct: 3. months Dot flo- per month Later on we were see, at present there is nothing I can do, and all the talk of Jan griends jan meet, "about Some arrangement With the delegation & h. is vittes nonesmae. ho one will give me any thing, I must get What I can my self. If I can manage to get an advance and pay it off oftenois I will do it; Than Writin 1. Sundersoff he Knows whom I ook, and he will protably tell you the result. There is no one in the Delegation I whom you can apply, they have no funds for such purposes. The Porty may Some times Subsedial Members Whose Children on being educated, but for that, they want to Know whether the children are being brought up in a way to deserve it from their point of view. . You see there are So many difficulties, but some how or other I think in 2. or 3. months time I will be in a position hi do mon than now! There is Serious talk of the Solary's Being raised, and if my solary is raised & \$25 or mon, I will

be able to send you fis, per monte. He Concension. Sens of ine you I am sending your this letter of 30 with Profesor Table, you can have from him a personal regard, I saw him meanly every day a asked him to see you there. I am also enclosing a letter addressed to Comrade Inxpin from Directory, You had better give in cetter to Dona Roberto & tell her that the must take is I luxpin & handed to him personal, do not send it by post. do not Sand it by post. There is nothing else I think, all I cauld say you have got here, I am sending Hilda & Russian Lat, I for vera I do not Know what to get, leve of I can find something nice I hasonay I will get it. I hope you have been Successfull in finding Some one to look after the house, Here in that bepeat you are queli allright, there are peerly of woman willing to help and fairly reasonable, but of course when you compared Will the avorage Salary there is not much diference. I am Crying hard to get resed to the Conditions prevailing here, and if not for the Childrens sake you can believe me I coould not keep you there one day of only for the Meason to let you see things for yourself. Beet poor Riddies I do not know what they would do ... Later on let them decide themselves. Of course I am writing your all this for four own self. It is not the Janel of the government when the Russian presant is one hundred Jeons behind, they are trying their very best, under terrible odds, but the progress is so Slow! So Slow! Bus those who imagined things has better, but there, what can one do? what can I do? I must make the last of it under Circumstances. Perhaps if I hade an income from Some Source, may be Iwould think matters over. but as I have no other Source. I thank heaven you have \$20, per month for a 6, hour da, only think of is! I where would type get it? the time wice soon poor, I I done sot you wise he glod that you stuck to it, I the chiedren will have the henefit for their lives. I am soon perhaps you may but different, I but no other way I can not do more. If it came to the worst, were, you can stice sele the hour it is all yours. Now I will leag finish. I think you will have enough you now. I me to you dean chiedran alleways Sam.

I presume you have by now received the long letter I sent you through Comrade Gubanoff, but if you have not received it, it does not matter very much. I am having an opportunity again to send you a letter by hand, as you must understand that in such matters concerning only our own affairs through post would not be wise, not that I am afraid, but as all letters going to England, or any country abroad are opened, and mark you, not only by our Russian customs, but also by the English authorities you will comprehend that one has to be more or less carefull in writing things in such a way as not to be compromised in the eyes of party members. For instance I am writing about the misserable conditions. Well, naturally this may be explored by the English government, or you are writing me about the house & money. I do not wish anyone to know our affairs. I am a Communist, but am very far from the conception of a Communist in Russia. No one here would understand or believe that it is possible or permissable for a Communist to have a house of his own, they can not understand it after all they lived through these years.

It is very amusing your writing to me that Levins can-not understand how I could leave you improvident. But who in the name of heaven should bother about giving me sums of money say £40, or £50 per month when a Russian workman receives now somewhere about £3. per month. Why should they pay me such sums & yes, it is true that in some very rare instances the Government has to pay such people as Krassim more, but those people are so important that they can-not do without them, but as far as I am concerned nothing much will be lost without my help. I am given the same

opportunity as every body else. Orloff, Sundukoff, and many such. I receive the same salary and that is all I can expect and nothing more. There is talk about the salary of Communists being increased shortly to about £23, or £25 per month, and in all probability I will get the same as the rest but beyond that there can be no question about any arrangement for any body helping you there.

Now I will tell you the reason why I am going to work at the "Sorkino". Not because I am looking for something new for myself, I have been offered a post in the Company connected with Botska Kahan, as Chairman of the Company, which is a very important post, and also another post as Chairman in another Government concern conected with passenger Emigration & shipping, but I refused, and you know the reason why? because that would mean that I have to settle here for a few years on the salary of £20 per month. Where as in the "cinema" business I may have an opportunity within a few months to be appointed representative for England & America ... and even if I have to travell backwards & forwards,I will get enough money to enable me to support you & the children untill they are on their own feet, that is my only thought. I can not write you this in an open letter by post you will understand that.

You think you would rather come here? as far as you, yourself are concerned I should like it myself very much, I would like you to have the experience. Mind you, you must not think that you can come here, and if you don't like it you will go back. Oh no! No body will give you permission to go back, you are not "Miss Palmer", a British subject who can go backwards & forwards, and then it is only

in so far as you are on the Government staff, but how else do you think you can come here, and then go back. But that is not all, that would not matter, it is when I begin to think about the children, that the whole question takes a diferent turn. I feel that I have no right to bring them here at this age. Later on they can do as they please, but as they were born there, and got as far as going to a Secondary School, under conditions unknown at present here, it would cripple them for many years, and they would be neither one thing nor another and they would in consequence have to suffer for lack of knowledge & Education. But what is to be done?! Well believe me if I had any other way I would have taken it. I have no business to rely on, no rich friends to fall back on, and no prospects to live better than we can at present that is, you receiving £20, & I receiving the same here, that is £40. per month, Suposing I give it all up & by some means come back. What would I do there? Or any where? Your post is guaranteed, & with my help say £10- (I will try & be as stingy as I can in order to send you £10 pr month) so you have £30. per month guaranteed. If you can manage to let one room or even 2. and get at least £2.10. p.w. that would bring your income to £40. per month. Supposing you have to manage on that for a year (I hope less) but suppose? Would you rather break the childrens future than keep on that? I ask you to consider this very carefully, and you will I think come to the same Conclusion. On the other hand if you decide to break it all, & transfare here, I will give you a small idea how you will live here. If I am very lucky. All I can hope to get is 2 rooms equal to Stolboffs in London, the same suroundings as there, and practically the same conditions, and with a probability that some time or other I may be

sent from here any where to any place, and you & the children will of course remain here, as it would be impossible to keep moving about from one town to another. On the other hand I am practically certain that in time (may be a year, may be less) I will get some work abroad, and will go back to London. At present I have not even started the work I am going to do, and for a short time I am at Dobroflot and doing very little, and that is the reason that I am sitting here at the office and can write you long letters. I do not suppose I will have time to continue to write you in this stile much longer. When I begin serious work, as well as party activity which for me is the most important question of all to get into the party work and find myself on a level with those who on the whole know much less than myself, but in particular on questions concerning the Party machinery & Soviet institutions which unfortunately I know very little as yet, not having worked here, & not having lived here for so many years. And only when I have worked here for a time the question of my going abroad can be raised and not before.

Have you any other way out? I am prepared to listen, but do not send it by post. You can always find out from Roberts, who is going to Moscow and send me a letter by hand.

Of course things change here very often and it is difficult to predict any thing for a length of time, but if I am to rely on a normal period I may look forward that with everything going well, I may be sent to England or America to get in touch with big Cinema firms with a view of importing films for Russia, and exporting Russian films abroad as well as arranging mixed company's, that is Russian and American or English firms to produce pictures.

You see this is the only reason I am anxious to work in "Sovkino" otherwise I could go into the building line and help to build homes which is the most burning question of the day here, and will be for a good many years to come, but then I must settle here for good.

Now do you think you can manage to stick it for a time? I know how difficult it is for you, that is the reason I am so anxious for you to get some one to live in order to make it easier with money matters. I know that within 2 or 3 months time you will have very little left of the money you have. I wonder what your expenses are at present. I myself need very little at present, and will of course try to be as carefull as I possibly can in order to send you a half of my salary it leaves me £2.10 a week and I am paying for the room 10/- a week, gas, electric light & water about another 5/-. Washing & mending 3/- so, that it leaves me about 30/- a week to live on, but I do not mind.

Last year when I was in Moscow I managed to go to the theatre 3 or 4 times a week. This time I have not been ones, because I need the money. I will go when I can get tickets free which sometimes can be got through friends, but at present I have not been able to get any.

Now I will tell you something which will surprise you. I have not met Levin yet, although I know where he works. Poor Levin is in trouble, don't say anything to any body. I am told that he is cleared out of the party, and worse still, he has got a trial hanging over his head for some big sum of money which the Government has lost through his negligence. Botchka told me, that every body thinks he is quite inocent, but yet, the matter is rather serious and very difficult and it may end in his down fall for carelessness in money

matters. However I do not know any details & can not say weather he is guilty or not, but his present position is not very enjoyable.

I think I have told you everything to last you for a good long time. If there are any changes in my own affairs you shall of course know soon enough. At present I am feeling well in health and better in spirit in spite of my first bad impressions a few of which I am sending you herewith. I put them down just as I lived them through without any exaggerations.

Life is very puzzling. One gets accustomed to anything good or bad.

Poor Gerus! As soon as he came here he met with bad luck, he had £52 left. All their Capital, and lost the whole lot, it was stolen from his pocket. They have no rooms yet, she, Mrs Gerus & Gally are staying with some relations next door to me, & Mr. Gerus & the boy are temporary somewhere also with some friends. That is how difficult it is to find rooms even for Communists...

Now it seems to me that you are slightly influenced by the way our friends live. They seem to be well off, and only I, & You have to be content with anything. Of course if you want a life like Barlows, Nussbaums, Levins &tc. I am awfully sorry I can not get it for you. I am not made that way. I can not do it. I'd rather go to work. but the trouble is if I go to work I shall not get more than I am getting now. I am sending you herewith £30- that is for Aug. Sept. & Oct. 3. months. At £10- per month Later on we will see, at present there is nothing I can do, and all the talk of your friends you meet, "about some arrangement" with the delegation &tc. is utter nonsense. No one will give me anything. I must get what

I can myself. If I can manage to get an advance and pay it off afterwards I will do it. I have written to Sundukoff he knows whom to ask, and he will probably tell you the result. There is no one in the Delegation to whom you can apply, they have no funds for such purposes. The Party may some times subsidise Members whose children are being educated, but for that, they want to know whether the children are being brought up in a way to deserve it from their point of view ... You see there are so many difficulties, but some how or other I think in 2. or 3. months time I will be in a position to do more than now. There is serious talk of the salary's being raised, and if my salary is raised to £25 or more, I will be able to send you £15 per month.

I am sending you / this letter & £30 with Professor Tahl. You can have from him a personal regard. I saw him nearly every day & asked him to see you there. I am also enclosing a letter addressed to Comrade Inkpin from Dikansky. You had better give this letter to Dora Roberts & tell her that she must take it to Inkpin & handed to him personaly do not send it by post.

There is nothing else I think. All I could say you have got here.

I am sending Hilda a Russian hat, and for Vera I do not know what to get, but if I can find something nice & reasonable I will get it.

I hope you have been successfull in finding some one to look after the house. Here in that respect you are quite allright. There are plenty of woman willing to help and fairly reasonable, but of course when you compare it with the average salary there is not much diference. I am trying hard to get used to the Conditions prevailing here, and if not for the children's sake you can believe me I would

not keep you there one day if only for the reason to let you see things for yourself, but poor kiddes I do not know what they would Later on let them decide themselves. Of course I am writing you all this for your own self. It is not the fault of the Government when the Russian peasant is one hundred years behind, they are trying their very best, under terrible odds, but the progress is so slow! So slow! for those who imagined things far better, but there, what can one do? & what can I do? I must make the best of it under the circumstances. Perhaps if I had an income from some sourse, may be I would think matters over ... but as I have no other sourse, & thank heaven you have £20. per month for a 6. hours day, only think of it! Where would you get it? the time will soon pass, & I dare say you will be glad that you stuck to it, & the children will have the benefit for their lives. I am sorry perhaps you may feel diferent, I can see no other way, & can not do more. If it comes to the worst, well, you can still sell the house it is all yours.

Now I will really finish. I think you will have enough for now.

Love to you & the children allways

Sam.

Collection Number: A3299

Collection Name: Hilda and Rusty BERNSTEIN Papers, 1931-2006

PUBLISHER:

Publisher: Historical Papers Research Archive

Collection Funder: Bernstein family Location: Johannesburg

©2015

LEGAL NOTICES:

Copyright Notice: All materials on the Historical Papers website are protected by South African copyright law and may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, displayed, or otherwise published in any format, without the prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Disclaimer and Terms of Use: Provided that you maintain all copyright and other notices contained therein, you may download material (one machine readable copy and one print copy per page) for your personal and/or educational non-commercial use only.

People using these records relating to the archives of Historical Papers, The Library, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, are reminded that such records sometimes contain material which is uncorroborated, inaccurate, distorted or untrue. While these digital records are true facsimiles of paper documents and the information contained herein is obtained from sources believed to be accurate and reliable, Historical Papers, University of the Witwatersrand has not independently verified their content. Consequently, the University is not responsible for any errors or omissions and excludes any and all liability for any errors in or omissions from the information on the website or any related information on third party websites accessible from this website.

This document is part of the *Hilda and Rusty Bernstein Papers*, held at the Historical Papers Research Archive, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.