

Efrem Bertoletti,  
Hibbing, Minnesota.

My Dear Efrem,

I have longed for a little chat with you for a few months already, but I have been either terribly buisy or lazy to write. Last summer I got a letter from Paul Di Santo in which he mentioned your name and since then I have been ignorant of your whereabouts. Last Monday the delegate from local # 490, Wm. Vertola, told me that you are still on the Range and at that an organizer. You can't imagine my joy and happiness to hear this cheerful news. I knew your great love for the I.W.W. and your organizing abilities but To see you you right in the fight and with your wonderful genius and original personality makes me more hopeful about the future of our ideal. Keep up the good work that you are going and the recompense will come through the appreciation of the rebels of this country and the love of the miners will make your heart beat in unison with the univers. I recolect with sweet agitation in my heart the simple, clean and sincere carresses of the miners on the numerous occasions that I came in close contact with them out and in jail. There is nothing that I so srongly desire but my return to the Range. If the state drops the cases against me I will reach you in one day. But under the circumstances with three charges against me it is absurd to risk ones liberty especially when there are such boys as you and Perich to keep up the noble fight. I am busy with a proposition for the publication of a Bulgarian I.W.W. paper and also with the convention. It makes me sick at heart to see a certain element of the delegates try to crush all initiative and originality in our movement by enacting laws cuctailing all signs of free choice and initiative. Our delegate is not capable of independent thinking consequently you cannot relay upon him for any opposition.

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However the danger of personal rule and tyranny in our organization is out of question for the bank and file is opposed to it and will not let few capricious crank dominate the whole movement. Am going to write you soon about the convention.

I have some baggage in Hibbing and have written a few times already to some of my friends to send it to me but nobody even paid any heed to my request. Would you please find my raincoat that was hanging all summer on wall in the office of the Finnish Hall in Hibbing? Ask Steny Wilson about it and also please try to find Theophil George and look for my valise I have a whole lot of material for printing and books that I urgently need. I will be much obliged to you if you send them to me at Headquarters in Chicago. Please, Efrem, write me a long letter telling me all about the situation and conditions on the Range and all about my dear friends.

Give my best regards and love to all miners, to Steny Wilson, Charles Jakobson and all friends too many to mention in this letter. I am well and wish you all good things in life.

Fraternally yours,

George Andreytching

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