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**Letter to C.E. Ruthenberg, Executive Secretary,  
Workers Party of America, in Chicago  
from Norman H. Tallentire,  
WPA District 12 Organizer in Seattle,  
Dec. 13, 1924.**

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P.O. Box 125  
Seattle, Washington  
Saturday, December 13, 1924

C.E. Ruthenberg  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade:

Recently there has appeared in Seattle, from San Francisco, a Lett [Latvian] by the name of Gus Pudnich, who has been making all kinds of trouble and disturbance in the Lettish and Lithuanian colonies here, attempting to get them to organize in the pure underground "Communist Party" and making bitter and vicious attacks upon the Workers Party.

Our Party members have been very active in trying to upset this man's propaganda and it appears now as though, as a result of all this disturbance, we will be able to organize both Lithuanian and Lettish [Latvian] Branches in Seattle in the near future.

At the same time, we have been able to split this underground Communist group in Portland, which has been organized over a year, and we expect to have a Lettish Branch in Portland pretty soon.

During the past week, I have organized special sub-committees of the CCC [City Central Committee], in both Seattle and Portland, to give special attention to this situation; and I want you to give us

some assistance from your end of the line. If it is possible, I want the National Office to donate ten copies of each issue of the Lettish [Latvian], Lithuanian, and Estonian papers, for a period of one month, in order that we may offset the propaganda that these people are putting up, when they represent themselves as being the American section of the Communist International.

I hope that you can comply with this request. If you can do so, please send ten copies of each issue of these three language papers to:

Mrs. E. Legar,  
7021 — 23rd Avenue Northeast,  
Seattle, Wn.

Also, 20 copies of each paper to:

E. Levitt,  
Box 114,  
Portland, Oregon.

Hoping that you can assist us in this regard, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Norman H. Tallentire  
D.O. #12

†- A Dec. 19, 1924 note of Ruthenberg indicates that he will pass on the request to the WPA's Lithuanian and Estonian papers, although there was no Latvian WPA paper at the present time. [f. 515, op. 1, d. 326, l. 76]

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