~~Write to~~ Russia

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Editor, The Worker:

As a group, there are no finer practitioners in America today of the fine old art of letter writing than those of us who occasionally send our thoughts to "the editor" in the hope that he will relay them to the public. We of Russian War Relief wish, therefore, that we might enlist those who write and read these columns as a vanguard in a "Write to Russia" campaign which will be conducted throughout the United States in May and June.

We are asking 5,000,000 or more Americans, during those two months, to write letters to "A Russian Friend," each to be forwarded to a Russian by Russian War Relief. Those who are directing this campaign include such noted letter writers as Wendell Willkie, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Thomas W. Lamont, William Green, Philip Murray, Owen D. Young and James G. Patton.

The plan was suggested by receipt in our office and by our contributors of hundreds of letters from Soviet citizens who have received clothing, food, medicines or other supplies contributed by Americans. These letters thanked the contributors, then in almost every case said: "I wish you would write to me."

We concluded that direct expressions of the friendship and admiration that we Americans feel for our Soviet allies would be a significant addition to the material aid which we are continuing to send. Our "Write to Russia" campaign is the result.

Any one who wishes to write to "A Russian Friend" in this spirit may direct his letter to Russian War Relief, Inc., 11 E. 35th Street, New York, and it will be forwarded with one of our shipments of relief supplies.

EDWARD C. CARTER,
President, Russian War Relief, Inc.

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