Note from V. M. Molotov to Comrade V. I. Stalin, 13 October 1947

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To Comrade STALIN.

Today I received a delegation of eight British Labour Members of Parliament, Zilliacus[[1]](#footnote-1) seems to be their leader.

[…]

My impression of the conversation is that the roles and questions are distributed between the arrived Labourites, but they make their critical remarks concerning the USSR in a careful or indirect form. They do not criticise the Labour government, but promise to improve the influence of the Left elements in the Labour party and in parliament. In general I have an impression that their trip is well coordinated with the government and that Zilliacus, like some others, using leftist phrases about limitation of capitalism in Britain and deliverance from US capitalism, keeps the delegation within the limits agreed with the government. But nevertheless, this delegation reflects to a certain extent the opinion of wide stratums of British workers who strive towards improving relations with the USSR and feel the positive value of post-war changes in the countries of new democracy.

MOLOTOV.

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1. Konni Zilliacus (1894-1967), a left-wing Labour Party politician, a founding member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, member of the House of Commons. In 1949 he was expelled from the Labour Party, re-admitted in 1952. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)