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"CONCLUSION" for June 1, directly, finally, on the question of "where to" with the Biweekly.'

Ⓟ The ~~ever~~-spiraling, objective Reagan Retrogression, in its historically counter-revolutionary global tentacles has ~~polluted~~ ^{SP} polluted the ~~Left~~ Left itself, ~~so much so that~~ ^{we can} no longer ~~can we~~ treat the question of the dialectic of Organization as if that is just for this year's assignment, though it is true that now that ~~there~~ there is just one, not two years for the book on the Dialectic of Organization and Philosophy, an extraordinary urgency envelopes this year's Perspectives.

Ⓟ The real point is the meaning that this is not a question of the "author" but the whole organization -- I want to stress the word, "the whole", not in the sense that each one is going to write a chapter, but rather that ~~each~~ ^{the context of} person's activity ~~is to this~~ ^{and special point} and special point of concentration -- be it labor, WL, youth, Black, etc. -- will be inseparable from the meaning of that activity, and that meaning, whether of an objective event or the subjective activity, will be projected to ~~those~~ ^{those}

~~not-yet-Marxist-Humanists~~ ^{because it's meaning, i.e.}
photography is ~~not~~ ^{both ground and roof of} both ground and roof of all we do, survey, drive for as we ~~bound~~ ^{prefer} ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ ~~rest~~ ^{permanence} ~~rest~~ ⁱⁿ ~~rest~~ ^{permanence}

Ⓟ Having undergone the test of the Biweekly as to the frequency of response to objective situations, and ~~now~~

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the reach outwards just when they reached to us, we can

now make ~~as a subject~~ ^{a category (for this year)} that we started ~~when we~~

first called 1980 "the year of the book" ^{as we planned} ~~and meant~~ RLWLKM, ^{It}

~~as the path towards becoming "practicing dialecticians",~~ ^{to transform ~~our~~ ~~the~~ into a ~~gap~~ with ~~focus~~ on creating ~~essays~~} ST

put it in her recent letter to me, "in projecting theory as more than one person's 'column'."

~~Right after the 1980 convention~~ Right after the 1980 convention voted for a 12 pager and used the first three issues to publish ~~the~~ ^{the} 25 Year History ^{9/11} 1981 began with Eugene on Latin America, and continued with every issue, with different writers,

on different topics, ^{The changed situation when RL's ten facts} ~~where~~ we voted for the Biweekly, ^{research}

^{i.e. to test ourselves for a year} We ~~were~~ ^{had} ~~trying~~ ^{had} ~~other ways of developing~~ ^{had} ~~practicing dialecticians, such as Workshop-Classes in~~ ^{been}

January 1986, which were supposed to prepare us for a Biweekly by having each ~~presenter~~ ^{presenter} ~~and event~~ ^{and event}

come in with a 2-page response to ~~that~~ ^{that} happened that week.

It goes without saying that the greater achievement ^{actually} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~the~~ ^{was} ~~formation~~ ^{was} of a Biweekly ^{was} ~~and~~ ^{was} that we were willing ^{was} to undergo this test for a year, though we were a small organization. It certainly succeeded. ~~was~~

~~We~~ We not only met deadlines and not only covered

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objective events, but some of those were precisely by others who reached out to us. That, of course, is great, but we must not be under the illusion that we were either in South Africa, South Korea, Haiti, ~~South Africa, South Korea, Haiti, South Africa, South Korea, Haiti~~

We did have a M-Hist in the Philippines, but let's not think a M-Hist reporter is an indigenous revolutionary.

We certainly did increase our mailing list with subscribers who contributed both money and articles. That is still a long way from becoming participants. Indeed, to establish regular relationships as M-Hists for M-Hism, requires a long road. ~~the long road is a long road~~

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only these
Whether you take ~~the~~ positive features / whether you consider also negative features like having time to think and having found we were so preoccupied with the Biweekly that we forgot what is inseparable from it -- Organization -- new overwhelming reality / not only the ~~the~~ when / the objective crises have become so abysmal but we see the impotence of the new New Lefts themselves, it is a time when we no longer can be satisfied with mentioning (as though it's other who have not developed that missing link of philosophy, but we who are always talking about the impossibility to have a successful revolution with a philosophy of revolution, ^{out}