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Our life and times have opened so many frontiers of knowledge that within a decade we have moved from the "atom age to that of automation, & from the Sputnik & the ICBMs to the far side of the moon - and (the ICBMs) *Ch. 1 of nuclear times*

When civilization itself, not just figuratively but literally, is within orbit of an ICBM, nucleary armed, it is time to end the illusion that 1959 is the type of turning point in his. when history will fail to turn. *Ch. 1 of nuclear times*

The "peace duet" of Khrushchev-Eisenhower, ~~is far from halting this,~~ is bound to unloose the joints of time.

Our age is one that the great German philosopher Hegel would have characterized as "a birth-time and period of transition." It has correctly been characterized as the epoch of struggle for the mind of man. *In a nuclear age it is the only struggle that can be won. Any other leads to total destruction.*

Even as the young Marx of the 1840's, so the intellectual of today ~~is~~ is called upon to perform tasks far removed from any ivory towers. When asked why he had broken from the middle class into which he had been born and become a radical, Marx replied that to be a radical means to grasp something at its root and

"THE ROOT OF MANKIND IS MAN." *It shall is.*

Marxism is wrongly considered to be a new pol. eco.....

Marxism is a philosophy of human activity, a theory of liberation. His break from bourgeois society was at the same time a break from vulgar communism.....

"IN THE ALIENATION OF THE OBJ. OF LABOR IS ONLY CRYSTALLIZED THE ALIENATION, THE STRANGEMENT OF THE VERY ACTIVITY OF LABOR." This is the essence of all that is perverse in capitalism.

Until the develop. of the totalitarian state of the 20th c., the philosophical foundations of Mxism were not fully understood even by Marxists. It is only today that it is possible to see that Marx's Humanism was not a 19th c. humanitarian adjunct to his eco. theory *but is the absolute law of the human mind.*

MARX WAS CONCERNED WITH THE WASTE OF HUMAN LIFE which are the absolute law of the human mind. Where Marx was concerned with the freedom of humanity, Rus. Communism is concerned with MIN.. They dub this the Plan. Mx called it Law of value

Marx would have nothing to do with the Planners of his day, either (Lasalle) the state socialist, or (Proudhon) the anarchist. Marx insisted that it is insufficient to be moved by the misery of labor or the anarchy of the market. Unless these well-meaning intellectuals see the workers, not merely as "suffering" but as CREATIVE humanity and let the workers organize their own lives, these planners would only end in subjecting the world to "ONE SINGLE MASTER." As for Proudhon's masterpiece, "Philosophy of Poverty," Marx entitled his answer "The Poverty of Philosophy."

The theoretical axis of CAPITAL... is plan--If that was only theory in 1867-83, it became the law with 1929 CRASH....

- 1) Intellectual planners vs.
- 2) Workers own org--CIO SPANISH REV..Vorkuta

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Now the beep-beep of the Sputnik and hum of Automation machine may have given the impression that human beings are no longer necessary, production runs by itself.

APPEARANCES ARE DECEIVING. The overwhelming fact remains that prod. involves workers who produce. Just as it is not the sputnik who produced man, but man the sputnik, so it is not the scientists who created the wealth of Russia, it is the sweated labor of the Russian workers. Where they have produced no values, not even the almighty Khrushchev can bargain it away.

THEY SAY WE HAVE REACHED ITS HIGHEST POINT IN RUSSIA SO LET US TAKE IT UP THERE

1928 Ending Depersonality, 1931 Stakhanovism  
1937 Trials 1939 Molotov's report on  
classless intelligentsia --1943

"Constitution of postwar eco." Just before POSTWAR BEGAN America exploded the A-bomb: THEN WROTE THAT IN THIS STAGE OF WORLD COMPETITION WHICH IS WORLD WAR RUSSIA MUST FIND THE SECRET #or perish--AND IT DOESN'T INTEND TO PERISH. 1930s eco-ists 1940s engineers 1950s scientists  
Other thing M&F: GIVEN WORLD STATE OF TECHNOLOGY... It's easier to find secret and leap ahead into space--SPUTNIK--to do all EXCEPT RAISE STANDARD OF LIVING OF MASSES

*1945*

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There is no in-between

*NOT Khrushchev in destiny*

*today-ness*

*Jan 1953*

*Humanism*

*Merchant intellectuals*

Dr. Pickering "1/2 hour's distance from total annihilation"

the passage of modern science Marx predicted "A PRIORI A LIFE."

I'm glad this magazine calls itself Humanist, would have been happier yet if MARXIST preceded that word, not because I like the old rather than the new, but because he foresaw the NEW & he foresaw it not as a prophet but because he made the human being the sub of all development & saw there was no other answer to mankind be free in an age when machine is master of man, not man of machine. **THERE IS STILL NO OTHER ANSWER.**

Just as launching satellites into space cannot ~~shift the center of gravity from the point of production where relations between men decide all else in society,~~ so the elaboration of a philosophy implies, to use a Hegelian phrase, "a completion of thought itself to proceed to these concrete truths." These concrete truths where the worker is, where the ~~Marxist~~ African revolutionary is, where the *liberation struggles for freedom from Africa to Hungary* of humanity

The cynic stands ready to show that despite all the efforts of the workers no new society has been created. That is true. But the deeper truth is that the workers did something the full consequences of which we do not yet know, while the void in theory -- in or out of the Marxist movement -- has never been greater. They haven't even seriously untangled the 2 opposites: MARXISM THEORY OF LIBERATION FROM ITS OPPOSITE COMMUNISM, THEORY & PRACTICE OF EXPLOITATION IN AGE OF S&C

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Tibor Meray - *New Reason* Summer 59  
The crucial difference bet. some Marx & Resc. few men & p.c. upheld is Humanism

struggles for freedom the world over from Africa to Hunga

COMPULSION OF THOUGHT TO PROCEED TO THESE CONCRETE TRUTHS, the worker at the point of production demanding that work be completely different and not separate from life itself, "and, "thinking and doing be united".

WHEN THE THEORETICIAN HAS CAUGHT THIS, JUST THIS IMPULSE FROM THE WORKER, his work does not end. It first begins.

A new unity of theory and practice can evolve only when the movement from practice to theory meets the movement from theory to practice.

THE TOTALITY OF THE WORLD CRISIS DEMANDS A TOTAL PHILOSOPHY. LAUNCHING OF SATELLITES INTO CANNOT SOLVE PROBLEMS OF THIS EARTH.

Challenge <sup>of our times</sup> is not to machine, but to man. ICMS can destroy mankind; they cannot build it. The creation of a new society remains THE human endeavor. It cannot be brought in behind their backs either by so-called vanguard parties or intellectuals removed from the workingclass. There is a crying need for a new unity of theory & practice which begins where the working people--their thoughts, their struggles, their aspirations.

The totality of the crisis demands and will create a total solution. It can be nothing short of a new, a Marxist Humanism

I'm glad this journal calls itself Humanism, but it would make me even happier if ~~Marxist~~ preceded the word, not because I like the old as contrasted to you who like the new, ~~but~~ nor even, because Marx predicted so much of our society. Marx wasn't a prophet. He made these predictions because he made the HUMAN BEING THE SUBJECT OF ALL DEVELOPMENT AND SAW THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER ANSWER TO: CAN MANKIND BE FREE IN THIS AGE OF THE AUTOMATION? ~~He saw that man is the subject of all development when machine is master of man, not man of machine.~~

*Handwritten note:* This is how we create society

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