

To Olga, Eugene, Mike

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2:45 p.m.

Dear Colleagues:

Oh God! Since I know no being to appeal to, I am compelled to appeal to a non-being. As the result of the walk (from which I just returned) the complications I tried explaining to Olga in the morning about not wishing to limit Marx to a chapter and therefore may call Ch. 8, Part II, what I am now thinking about would make it very nearly a whole book. What to do? Here is my problem:

It is true that Rosa Luxemburg remains the subject not alone in herself, but as the one that makes it possible to prove that it is not either revisionists or state-capitalists and Trotskyists who have not understood Marx, but revolutionaries as sterling as RL, and not by merely so declaring it, but showing her reviews of Early Marx (not 1844 but plenty great which bear not at all, and Theorie of Surplus Value) -- AND ORGANIZATION sans philosophy makes no sense; spontaneity is not solution to vanguardism. But, but but---

Even Lenin, the only one who reorganized himself, neither reorganized others, nor saw the totality of Marx, and left us bound with the one thing he did not reorganize himself on: Party. But is that the answer--just showing Organization?

As I think of it, trying hard to keep from writing a new book--TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW, there would be 3 chapters to Part II--From A Critic of Hegel to Author of CAPITAL, AND THEORIST OF PERMANENT REVOLUTION:

Ch. 1--Marx Discovers A New Continent of Thought and Revolution, 1841-1851

Ch. 2--From the Grundrisse to CAPITAL and the Critique of the Gotha Program

Ch. 3--Marx's Unknown Ethnological Notebooks, ~~Thread Drafts of letter to Zasulich and Undigested 1882 Preface to the Russian Edition of THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO~~

How I will ever get through it, and finish the whole draft by end of year I don't know, but it must be done for no one, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE HAS EVER TRULY GRAPPLED WITH THAT MAN'S REVOLUTIONARY PHILOSOPHIC VISION OF A NEW WORLD.

Yours,

Raya
Which reminds me of little things that aren't little at all--Indexes, Archives that have no Beginning and No End, Library. To begin with, will some one find me 3 quotations so I need not search in a way that gets me off to still another realm? I'm sick & tired of how all (HM included) credit Feuerbach as if Marx & Engels had same idea of him? When, where did Marx say--from the start, I mean--I disagree Feuerbach spends too much time on Nature, not enough on politics? Where did he tell Engels, rereading some of the material our super-admiration for Feuerbach sounds strange? And where and when did he also tell Engels; it's peculiar how they keep talking of us as if we were one?

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