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Dear Raya:

Finally I have a chance to reply to your letter: we have gone through your piece and made it readable. If you want we will send you a xerox copy of the edited version. The article is great, and I have used it extensively in my own work on Lenin. The only disagreement that I still have regards your overall appraisal of the revolutionary agency in the world today. As soon as my own work on Lenin will be ready I will send you a copy.

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There is a possibility of doing a whole special issue Telos-Radical America on Lenin and Hegel for September. Could we use your piece in this issue rather than in the fifth issue where it is presently scheduled to appear?

Also, an anthology about Lenin just came out (see included pamphlet): would you like to review it (a short one, 2-3 pages)? If so, let us know and we will send it to you immediately.

Yours,

  
Paul Piccone

P.S. Telos # 5 will come out in June. If we can put your piece in our special Lenin-Hegel issue, however, this special issue will be out in September.

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July 15, 1970

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Dear Raya,

I am sorry about the delay in replying to your three letters, but things have been really busy around here. Among other things I finally completed my thesis and received my Ph.D.

One of the reasons why I did not answer was that we were working on the fifth issue of Telos and a lot of editing was required. Your article was very rough and we had to do all sorts of stylistic rewritings before it was ready to go. I am sure that you will not object to our changes since they leave the meaning untouched and only facilitate reading. The title, by the way, has remained as you wanted even though in the advertisements we have had to shorten it.

I have myself written an article on Lenin for the Radical America issue that I mentioned to you where I make a good use of all the points that you made. I will send you a copy of it as soon as copies will become available.

The Telos issue, presently with the printers, is by far our best yet, and I am sure that you will find a lot of important articles (dialectical) in it. Check specifically the two Korok articles. Included you will find a reprint of another article of his on Hegel that I am sure you will find interesting--even if a little puzzling.

Thank you for your review which will go into the sixth issue. Although you seemed a little too severe, I kind of like all that pepper--even if it is mostly directed at my boss and collaborator here, Howard Parsons. I think he can use it!!!! It is Telos policy to have as much internal criticism as possible. Thus, your review is especially welcome.

Concerning the conferences. Everything is still up in the air. As soon as I will have something more specific I will let you know. Included you will find an announcement--also vague--concerning at least the general theme.

The article (note by Delfini) on Women Lib. is not as terrible as it sounds: it simply points out some internal problems of the movement indicating that separation at this stage will do more harm than good. I find it interesting that not only you, but just about everyone that is in any way associated with Telos has raised all sorts of questions about that article--even though it is not at all a major piece. It seems that, somehow, the Women Lib. movement is regarded as a sacred cow beyond all criticism, while in fact there are all sorts of problems in the theoretical and practical articulation of such a movement. Please, do not start calling me a male chauvinist--at least until after you have seen the article. Obviously,

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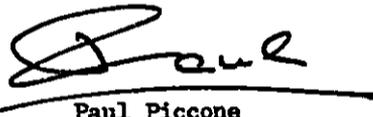
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since this topic will make a lot of sparks, we will consider publishing anything you might have to say either on the note or on the movement itself. In fact, I would urge you, soon or later, to write some short note or long article on this for us.

Concerning the Radical America that we edited in Buffalo, it is not a good one, but it was at least good enough to be fully translated into Italian. Since I am working here this summer, I do not have any copies with me, but I will see that you get one soon or later (not too later). Incidentally, the Fall issue that I am editing now is not at all bad, and you would not at all have been ashamed in it. We have a couple of excellent articles on Hegel by Peci and Gowbazzi, my piece on Lenin, a good piece on Lenin and Luxemburg and several other things. I am sure that you will like it when you see it....

Again, I will send you Telos as soon as it comes off the press. From now on I will write you more promptly.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul Piccone

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September 3, 1970

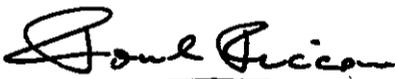
Dear Raya,

Sorry about the delay, but I have a fantastic pile of exams in front of me to correct and finally wrap up this disastrous Summer. To briefly answer some of your questions, all of the participants are (allegedly) independent Marxists, with few exceptions. For example, we will very likely have Juri Zamoshkin from Russia (the one who has written that terrible article on Marcuse that has appeared in Soviet Studies in Philosophy) and probably a couple of Stalinists. The main point is to get an idea of the various Marxist trends and explore ways to come up with a concrete Marxist account of what is happening -- from a philosophical and theoretical approach. Concerning your accommodations, I have already told Scott Arnold --our man in Waterloo-- to write you directly for precise dates: if you insist, we might arrange it for you and your friends to come Friday afternoon, and leave Sunday evening. Yet, I would definitely prefer it if you could come for the entire Conference. Concerning the time, you can have a full hour if you so wish. Also, there might be all sorts of other details that we have not yet worked out, but I am sure they will be fixed in the process: do not worry about anything...

Included you will find my Lenin paper which, although it differs from your account somewhat (e.g., the role of the proletariat) owes a lot to your work, as I explicitly acknowledge in several foot-notes.

Enough for now,  
Keep your temper.....

Yours,

  
Paul Piccone

P.S. Of course, in Waterloo we will have ample time to talk about all sorts of things, including your new book.....

P.P.S. From now on, please write me to my Bullhole  
phil. Dept. Address: I leave Bridgeport Saturday!

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Telos International Symposium

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

October 8-11, 1970

" NEW MARXISM "

The last few years have seen a tremendous growth in interest in Marxism which has led to all sorts of theoretical and practical problems. Straightjacketed in fixed categories and committed to dubious political programs the old Marxism has turned out somewhat irrelevant and, in the long run, it has functioned more as an ideology than as a scientific approach to social reality. One outcome of this state of affairs has been a revival in Marxist scholarship. This is increasingly felt in those North American academic circles, which as the official transmitters of bourgeois ideology, can no longer come to grips with social reality. This conference seeks to bring together this new breed of young scholars engaged in a reconstruction of Marxist theory and the development of a concrete political program.

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NEW SCHOOL  
*Behavioral Studies in Education*

April 27, 1972

Dear Raya:

It was good to hear from you. What are you doing in California beside lecturing in UCLA? As you can see from the return address, I am also in exile in North Dakota, at least up to the middle of May, at which time I'll get back to Buffalo. What has happened is that I could not get a job, and this place offered me a post-doctoral fellowship. So, I took it. This gives me a lot of time to do some work and, since there is absolutely nothing else to do here, I am actually getting a lot done.

Concerning the Telos issue on Lukacs, yes, we are running not only one but two special issues completely devoted to him --after which, I doubt that we will have much material on the same topic. As usual, this did not happen through plans, but suddenly we found ourselves with a whole lot of excellent papers on Lukacs... We did not invite you because we never invite anybody. If you want to write something on Lukacs, however, I suggest that you do it immediately so that we can consider it for one of the two coming issues. Although the first special issue is almost full, we have not yet sent it to the printers since the translation of Lukacs' Moses Hess essay which is going in there is not yet ready. But the whole thing should be ready within about a week-ten days. The second special issue, however, will not be ready for at least a month-45 days. Which means that you will have plenty of time to write something if you wish.

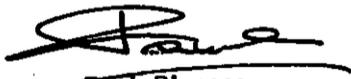
I am glad to hear that Philosophy and Revolution is finally coming out. I am looking forward to reading it. If the whole book is as interesting as the Lenin chapter, it should be great.

The papers of the Telos Conference should be coming out any time now. I did everything I had to do by January. It is now up to the publisher --and you know how slow they are...

Since you are in California, you may not be interested, but some of the Telos people from New York are organizing a very small private conference amongst ourselves for the middle of May in Northern Connecticut. Several good people are reading papers. I hope I will be able to make it...

Let me know what you are up to or whether you want to write something on Lukacs for the 11th issue,

Yours,

  
Paul Piccone

P.S. Your address was unreadable: I hope I deciphered it right!

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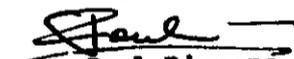
November 12, 1972

Dear Raya:

Just a few words to keep up with the latest developments:

- 1) Your talk has been re-scheduled for Saturday night as you requested.
- 2) This year we are hard up for funds --especially since I am no longer in Buffalo to hustle up the funds. Consequently, we have a shoestring budget and we can only give you \$150.00 to cover everything. We fully understand that you are a world-famous lecturer, but our conference is a gathering of leftists interested in certain theoretical issues and wishing to share ideas with others with similar interests. Thus, you should not consider this a formal lecture, but more of a meeting with old friends and comrades. We respect your work a great deal and, as usual, we are interested in what you have to say.
- 3) Concerning the matter of the copyrights: it was not our idea. When dealing with bourgeois publishers you simply have to put up with that nonsense --as I am sure that you very well know. Of course, you or anyone else can use your article for whatever purpose you might wish: Ideas cannot be either sold or bought, but the bourgeoisie can think otherwise....
- 4) Please write me immediately an official-looking letter that I can present to the bureaucracy in Buffalo so that you will be paid promptly: these damn things can drag on forever. In such a letter, please state that you formally accept to speak at the conference.
- 5) It is good to hear that Buhle is shaping up...

Regards,

  
Paul Piccone

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November 15, 1972

Professor Paul Piccone  
The Third International TELOS Conference

Dear Paul:

This is to let you know that I will accept the invitation to speak on "The Status of the Dialectic Today", Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 PM, at the Third International TELOS Conference. Although the small honorarium of \$150 is certainly too small to cover expenses, my concern with theory is such that I will be glad to participate in the three day conference.

I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you; perhaps we will even have a chance to discuss my forthcoming book, Philosophy and Revolution.

Yours

Yours sincerely,



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The Third International TELOS Conference  
Buffalo, New York: November 29 - December 3, 1972

Ever since the 1920's, neo-Kantian influences, following the distinction between Naturwissenschaft and Geisteswissenschaft, have split reality into a dialectical social world and a non-dialectical nature; or following Engels' Anti-Duhring, Dialect Marxists have flattened it out into positivistic slogans that mean very little and explain even less. Thus, today the problem of knowledge remains unanswered within Marxism-- all the more so in view of the dubious answers given by the various "structuralist" "critical," or "scientific" schools. This conference will attempt to extensively deal with this problem from a variety of different perspectives.

The Third International TELOS Conference will deal with the theme of "Science and Dialectics". More specifically, it is concerned with the Marxist approach to the theory of knowledge and efforts made so far in that direction. To the extent that this is a theoretical conference, no questioning of the conference itself will be tolerated. People objecting to it should not come. The same goes for "activists" interested in starting a revolution tomorrow, or sects attempting to do any "recruiting". Although the schedule is flexible, there is absolutely no chance that themes other than those announced will be discussed.

Thursday, November 30

- 3:00 Paul Piccone: "Opening Address".
- 3:30 Michael Kosok: "New Departures in Non-Linear Research".
- 7:30 Andrew Arato: "The neo-Kantian Dialectic".

Friday, December 1

- 11:00 Susan Buck-Morss: "The Dialectic of T. W. Adorns".
- 3:00 Dick Howard: "Dialectical Analysis as Praxis".
- 7:30 Raya Dunayevskaya: "The Status of the Dialectic Today".

Saturday, December 2

- 11:00 Paul Piccone: "Phenomenological Foundations of the Dialectic"
- 3:00 Andrew Feenberg: "Neo-Hegelian Dialectic"
- 7:30 Albrecht Wellmer: "Dialectical Foundations of Meta-Theory".

Sunday, December 3

- 11:00 Ferruccio Gambino: "Dialectics and Politics".
- 3:00 Luciana Castellina: "Dialectic in Action".

All lectures will be held in Norton Union S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo. The order of speakers and topic subject to change. Panels and informal discussions to be arranged.

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