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RE: Chapter 12, RLWLKM

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November 1980: Letter to Olga, Eugene, Mike on not being able to confine Marx to one chapter, need for a new Part

December 1980: Part ^{gold} on KM finished

7/81
January 1981: ^{new} Need to extend ^{into} ^{full} ~~WL~~ as a Part ^{too}

1981: The rereading of 1841 and not only the 1844 EM convinced me that KM's parting with Hegel wasn't because H. didn't see reality, but because H. had dehumanized the relationship of the historic stages of consciousness to the objective reality as human beings experienced it, only as manifested as stages of consciousness; Hegel dehumanized man to self-consciousness. Marx battled Hegel on this. In a word, everything (i.e. the absolute opposition) is dehumanization, ^{not only the alienation of labor}

It is this, in turn, which made me decide to tackle all the revolutionary tendencies and leaders at turning points -- RL in 1902; Lenin in 1914. I took up Marx in the 1840s (41-43 & 44-48)

Sept-Octo. 1981: Chapter 12 written

3/16/81 REB minutes appended a Table of Contents dated 3/17/81 where RLWLKM has 11 chapters. In that Chapter 11, Section 3 is what will become a whole Chapter 12.

By the time of the Plenum 9/5/81, my summation shows that I would write a Ch. 12 after the Plenum. It is that Section 3 which becomes Chapter 12, which:

1) Gains a new title -- "The Last Writings of Marx Point a Trail to the 1980s". Obviously, I then made a connection between the EN and the 3rd World that emerged in the 1950s. The 1st subheading of Ch. 12 is totally new, i.e. creation of Post-Marx Marxists as a pejorative, so that what the idea was when I thought of it as Chapter 1 -- Engels is no Marx -- is clearly not only no direct betrayal, and cannot be exhausted by the expression that he "was no Marx," but actually represents the new objective situation as all post-Marx Marxists see it. Therefore, the 2nd subsection, which repeats what was in Chapter 11, is now sans the final 3 words, "a 1980s view", which becomes a subsection 4 by itself.

Oct-November 1981: Anne and Kevin take the changes and substitute the new pages into the book going to press.

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In 1982, I am dissatisfied with the last 4 pages, which can no longer be changed, as the book is off the press in November 1982, and it is at that point that I add the new paragraphs to be read on tour and which are included as an appendix to the Sept. 1983 Perspectives. Most are included as the last chapter of WLDR.

Even that is not all I have scribbled in my own marked-up copy. (And I'm sure other "random thoughts" will be found on this, which will show my dissatisfaction with the 1st subsection on post-Marx Marxism not having been carried through strongly enough on the last 4 pages of the book.) In any case, here are 3 sentences I've written in addition to what was published:

On p. 194, at end of para. 1, after the words "revolution in permanence" : "What KM had in 1857 defined as 'the absolute movement of becoming.' "

On p. 195, 1st para., after "~~revolutionary dialectic forever anew~~": "Even after the murder of RL and the beheading of the German Revolution of 1919, it lived again in 1923. No one should know this better than the WLM of our era."

A final sentence is added at the end of the text:
"This is what we project."