

Wed. 8/1/56

Dear Saul:

As always I am moving slower than I anticipated. It is Wednesday at 3 pm and I arrived here Saturday at 3 p.m. and I have just this minute finished the first chapter I set myself to do because I figured it was the easiest and I would do it in a breeze. Then when I got down to the early works of Marx I found the Stalinists laying their murderous hands on that too and I felt I could not wait (in the book) till state capitalist analysis before I tackled them on private property-state property nonsense. After all Marx did it at once philosophically before he ever developed a single original "economic theory" on value. Anyway here it is. I am sending a copy to John whom I'll ask to give to Inez and you give your copy to Si; I made copies for Olga and Bessie and they are to pass it on to WEB members, not that I am opposed to all reading, but there must be no excitement, no discussions. Our people must learn to do the concrete work and take theory in stride; nothing must be in the way of establishing the paper on solid financial foundations; if they are not diverted from that & just wish to take the chapter to bed with them to help them fall asleep, o.k., all can read.

Glad the perspectives is coming off the mine, except there too, no discussions. Please send copies to a few non-members, Bamen, of course; and here Naomi, Dave Atkins, & such & send me 2-3 copies.

I don't "like" Johnny's illness at all; I asked Inez please to write to Louis.

You seem to be in full and calm control and that is good. I would like to get you on B if you have not gotten to translating or extracting from it because I feel with their theses I may have to give TW over to 2nd thoughts on the 20th; what confusion everywhere.

By all means have Si go south whenever his vacation hits and I hope you too can at least have some full long weekends off; try!

Will's friendliness has nothing to do with Dissent of whose existence I doubt he is aware; Russell told me they had dough & I assume it was the same source as previously

I'm quite tired so I'll end sort of abruptly and hope to make up another time.

Yrs,
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NB NB NB: I have changed my mind and decided that instead of sections on crises from Theories of S.V. I will add to Appendix on Lenin's Philosophic Notebooks the Early Essays of Marx; perhaps without too much trouble we can change the last sheet of outline to show that.

Dear Olga - Received yours & greatly appreciate
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carefully - love the