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Dear Peter:

Only after the convention did I learn you know German so well as to read Karel Kosik --only it is more important as immediate and as organizational to read Rosa Luxemburg, or of her, or the specific period--the 3 critical years, 1910-1913, when she broke with Kautsky, made about her only speech on Woman Question, started on Accumulation of Capital not only as theory but the fight against imperialism that German Social Democracy was starting way down on its road to betrayal.

Concretely, I need some work ~~done~~ done for me. A sympathizer, Wm. A. Pelz has written a paper, "The Role of Proletarian Women in the German Revolution, 1918-1919" that impressed me, but he knows so little of dialectic, and as a former I Ser is dillatantish on theory, as well as afraid of what it means to become a Marxist-Humanist--your life--that he did not appear at convention for us work out any way to collaborate on research or whatever. In any case, he could not possibly compare to you.

Moreover, again, though the question re RL was not the issue, I have long felt that you should be at center for a while, that it is impossible to gain from local what one gains in self-development as well as help to center by being in Detroit. This gains an urgency now that I know you could also be crucial toward my next work.

Thus, 1st I want to know whether you could make yourself free for a couple of months, say from Jan. to Mar. or somewhere there. What are your obligations in school, at work, re contacts especially on Latino page and bi-lingual pamphlet we have projected and I thought Jose could help.

2ndly, Can you undertake reading some material in German, and summarize for me, with some direct quotations, from Rosa Luxemburg's Gesammelte Werke on those 3 years. Band 3 I note is 1911-1914, so where would 1910 be? also Is it really complete or they (Stalinists) pick and choose & leave out WQ or organizational since a lot would be against Lenin, etc.? What about the biography of Clara Zetkin: Leben & Wirke (Deitz Verlag, Berlin 1973) would that be good on those 3 years. What about her paper, Das Gleichet; is it available in NY? Would that have carried any articles by RL in those years? And could you find out for me whether Bridenthal, Rebata, "Beyond Kinder, Küche, Kirche: Weimer Women at Work" in Central European History, Vol. VI, #2, 6/73, can be xeroxed or bought & sent to me?

Let's start a correspondence on both questions.

Yours,

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