

January 5, 1983

Dear Andy:

The Marx centenary is, factually finally, here; and while it makes a great Happy New Year if we measure up to it, not as an anniversary of death but that trail to the 1980s which will finally realize Marx's philosophy of revolution as an existence. The point is, in the specific case of the invitation to Harry to address two meetings in March, that I have no idea whatever of who is sponsoring those meetings. What I'm referring to is the fact that we just got a letter from Harry, who speaks of a phone call from "the London Marxist-Humanists" (you?) but does not say when a definite meeting is set up between you and him, anymore than he specifies who sponsors the meetings in March.

Therefore, I want to beg you (1) to please be sure to send him, at once, 10 copies of RLWLKM; (2) if this gets to you before you actually go up to Glasgow, you can bring the books in person, but please write to us a report (AND THIS TIME I DO MEAN TO WRITE TO ME DIRECTLY). Not only that, I am rather at a loss to know why I haven't heard from you on what has happened since you returned. Also, will you please ~~send me~~ send me the Socialist Review -- I assume it is the current issue that Harry refers to when he writes that he heard that the magazine said something about my approach to dialectics as "being the right one in contrast to some other one." What is that all about?

I ~~am~~ am sure you will be hearing a great deal from us, and especially from Anne, who will be there with you in Spring. This letter is strictly limited to the trip I hope you will be making to Glasgow, and to trying to get you to write regular reports to the Center.

Give my warmest regards to all the comrades.

Yours,

P.S. Humanities Press called to tell me that they were, so to speak, demanding that Harvestar order at least 500 paperback copies of the RL book. I had written to Humanities about Virago being interested and since there are no close friends anywhere in the publishing world, we can't trust anyone but ourselves -- so we have asked Anne to send another box or perhaps two of the paperbacks directly to you. She will let you know when she sends them -- but they will have to come via ship, not air.

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Andy:

Was so glad finally to receive a report from you that I hurry
knowledge what I just received (letter dated 10th), though the
must be brief. The mail has been so bad on both sides of the
ic that, though you must by now have received both Minutes and my
to the expanded REB on 1/1/83 and by end of week you will also
I now going to press with an expanded Who We Are statement, I
neless include here a draft of it along with my summary following
sion. The statement because it shows that it naturally was by no
just a questbn of adding a new book, but situating each of the 3
in its historic periods, and the Summary in order to add one par.
as not here included, but it did take up a part of that expanded
g, especially the question of Youth, not just as age, but those
st joined or are thinking of joining in order not to feel they
catch up to 40 years! Quite the contrary, just as I was anxious
w that, though M&F, P&R, and RL, WL KM, make up a unity for catching
nk of continuity with Marx's Marxism and do so, not by remindg
19th c., but catching that trail to the 1980s and concretizing that.

My problem was this: It is no empty rhetoric to say RL WL KM
ummation of all 3 books and, since we are by now finally in a
on to discuss Marx as a totality, the ground of Marxist-Humanism
ly. It is of the essence to have every new person really feel
is on the same ground floor and collectively we can begin that
nge to all post-Marx Marxists; and that essence consists of a two-
ad from the old to the new and from the new to the old. This
new life from the fact that we are proposing to transform this
plenum into a Constitutional Convention so that this ~~xxxx~~
Day will truly be both new in US and globally. (Do tell Dave not
ve till August to try to get passage to US, but start now!)

It was great to hear of your activities and the fact that
tly we will soon see a new issue of MARXIST-HUMANIST. I agree
you also that no new people will be interested in lengthy meeting
in your own organizational form. We have made it a principle ever
our birth that every week takes up both a current event as well
organizational activities, a view of theory and hearing some new voice.
more, there really is no way to make a decision of the exact
organization for it will surely be influenced by what is happening
ively and our own self-development, theoretically and practically.
why I love Marx's expression, when challenged by the poet
path that he belongs to no party and he knows of none Marx now
he asked for his help in answering that slanderer Napoleon agent,
"I meant party in the eminent historical sense."

As for the Hegel Society in Britain, the proper book is
KM both because it is new and because, as it happens, it was a
Hegelian--Raymond Plant, I believe was his name--who happened
e been the one who reviewed P&R for the HSA as there was no
a org. then & as it happened, the editor of HSA's OWL OF MINERVA
on in Edinburgh and consented to review it since he was working
new book on Hegel, interested in political and social ramifications
philosophy. Naturally one should have all 3 books on hands but
to stress that the reprints of the old books, with new introductions
greet the Marx centenary. I wondered whether Dave couldn't get
xford not only because he can swim with Hegel, but because, as it
ed. Dick made a approach to Harvester Wheatsheaf of the
yelled to get them to publication

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