

VERY ROUGH FIRST LOOK AT WHAT I MIGHT DEVELOP FOR DEC. 2 REB, WHICH  
would combine a whiff of the book, some idea of the Editorial, which  
they may have all seen, I hope, and what they should do this December to  
prepare for the Sun-Up, that very unusual Sun-Up which would <sup>be</sup> the ~~REB~~ only  
time ~~when~~ the entire local at the Center would be combined with the REB  
other than the time the Detroit local was asked to the Year End Sun-Up be-  
cause it was the local directly involved in the move.

Thus, what is seen in this unusual combination is the objective  
situation that demands what could be called an epochal move of the tendency  
as a whole. For example, when we decided to abandon New York for Detroit,  
no matter where you were, you had to come to New York to understand that  
historic break of the Center of a Marxist tendency being not in the cultural  
center of the country but in a proletarian center. (For that matter, the  
exact opposite case of abandoning an industrial center, Chicago for New York  
by the CP, was precisely the return to Popular Frontism in toto, or what  
we called in those days the CCNY boys.)

When we became totally independent and that's what we were in  
Detroit, the move to a different industrial center was therefore made with  
Detroit, since it would ~~be~~ need to face the question that though Detroit  
continued to be the home of the Archives, it would not be the Home of the  
paper or the center of the organization, i.e. the move to Chicago. (I  
don't know if <sup>the</sup> Chicago ex local ever understood that.)

The point at issue now is that the new that is being combined  
is the move, at one and the same time, of 1) transforming N&L into a bi-weekly;  
2) seriously plunging into a new kind of book on the Dialectic of Organization  
AND Philosophy as against the nearly 150 year long endless discussion on some  
form of organization that involved both workers and intellectuals, as  
both separate entities, single entity, or proliferation of tendencies,  
national and international. When M&V included the unnamed chapter called  
International Interludes, all wondered/why it didn't have a chapter  
designation but what was the significance of the totally new articulation  
of 1907 as a category, a category that actually ~~is~~ pointed to the coming  
death of the 2nd International because it had failed to create room on a  
previously set agenda for an analysis of 1905, not just as a Russian event,  
but as international import. The truth is that I myself while catching

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that historic as well as international significance, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 had not fully worked out that in fact it wasn't just history as past  
 that I was talking about but history that was being made in the breakup  
 of the GSD. That is, the significance of that breakup was analyzed  
 politically by philosophically the 1953 breakthrough was handled only  
 in its conclusions, rather than as a process. I would say that fully  
 meant that the lesson of the '68 collapse also had to be ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 experienced

meant that the compulsion of the '68 collapse was what drove us to work  
 out all the development as well as implications of 1953 as the 1973 P&R.  
 This seems to say, and in an important sense does say, that it is not  
 philosophy that is action finally, but that action finally forces  
 philosophy to be.

Now then, the book to be, in the tentative sense in which I am  
 willing to whisper about it now, is likewise finally developing the  
Dialectic ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ IN philosophy, which makes us grasp that it is not  
 that Party and forms of spontaneity, though opposites, are absolute opposites  
 but that the absolute opposites that must be transcended but transcended in  
 unity are organization and philosophy. (Here develop all the nonsense,  
 indeed idiocy, of the endless debates on Council Communism without ever  
 hearing the Council proletariat speaking for itself, but its leaders  
 having as ~~XXXXXX~~ bourgeois a concept of the "backwardness" of the pro-  
 letariat as any true bourgeois ever had.)

Finally, deal with the objective situation around <sup>US-</sup>Iran, those  
 strange new bedfellows in a relationship to what a bi-weekly as both  
theory and practice has been facing ever since we declared the changed  
world with Reagan's foray into the Gulf of Sidra.