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Dear Bonnie:

Here is the problem we have: Raya has already completed the entire Part I of the book, which is called Why Hegel? Why Now? It breaks down as follows, with number of double-spaced typed pages each includes:

Part I Why Hegel? Why Now?

Chapter 1 - Hegel's Absolutes as New Beginnings (40 pages)

Section 1 - The Phenomenology of Mind

Section 2 - The Science of Logic

Section 3 - The Philosophy of Spirit

Chapter 2 - Marx's Transcendence of and Return to Hegel's Dialectic (54 pages)

Section 1 - The 1840's, From Critic of Hegel to Author of Communist Manifesto

Section 2 - The Grundrisse: The Missing Link between Marx's Humanism of the 1840's and "Economics" of the 1860's

Section 3 - "The Adventures of the Commodity as a Fetish

Section 4 - A Concrete Universal: Marx's Capital

Chapter 3 - The Shock of Recognition and the Philosophic Ambivalence of Lenin (12 pages)

Chapter 4 - State-Capitalism and Marx's Humanism (40 printed pages)

Raya seems to believe that this may well represent about half of the whole book. And she is anxious now to begin on Part II, Economic Reality and the Dialectics of Liberation. She sent the first chapter out last spring, but it will be expanded and revised and "go back in time to the 1930's" as well. What she is most excited about is that she has just decided that Chapter 2 of this Part would be Leon Trotsky and Mao as Theoreticians. She has just written a letter to the REB on this (Mike has a copy and please ask him to share it with you, which will make everything clearer. In fact, since Raya is anxious for all of us to see the book as a whole even though we do not yet have the chapters in our hands, ~~that~~ this letter will be one of the ones I will be stenciling tomorrow to include in the bulletin to go out this week along with the covering letter for Chapter 1 which you already stenciled, and another covering letter for Chapter 2, which I will also be stenciling tomorrow.) She believes that it may take another month to work all this out, so there may not be anything to give us to make copies of until December.

The final section will take up Sartre -- but that she wants to leave be for a while.

Now the problem boils down to this: The \$300 that the convention pledged to make copies available for the membership really only covers the cost of the secretary who types one copy per each local, but to do any really serious discussion the larger locals obviously need enough copies for each one to study -- and that is how we talked Raya into allowing us to mimeo the new chapters. She did not realize, however, that few (if any) have the Marx or Lenin chapters. When I discussed it with her, she felt the need was serious enough that she would be willing to take \$100 out of the \$300 fund, if that would allow you to do the necessary typing of such stencils -- in other words, we are hoping that this, though certainly no grandiose sum, might free you from needing to look for a job long enough to work "full time" on the chapters. It is a job that just "any" typist, no matter how professional, just can't do -- you have to know enough about the book and about Marxist-Humanism to have a feel for what is being typed. Would you consider it and let me know what you think?

It means that in addition to the 40 pages you are typing now, there would be 54 more for Chapter 2 and 12 more for Chapter 3 (I do think single space would be okay for these) which we would like to have within say the next two weeks, so we could mimeo and collate and get them out by mid-November. Then Raya would

probably have the additional chapters for Part II in time, hopefully, for us to have ready to mail out to others by mid-December. That would give us a chance to study and read and really be prepared for the classes to start the beginning of the year.

I would like to repeat that it would mean not only the typing ~~me~~ but careful proofreading and correcting, so that all "the office" would have to worry about was slipping them on the mimeo and cranking them out. And, above all, it would mean guarding the original copy of the "scarce" chapters especially with great care. These, so far as I know, are the only copies other than Raya's own that we still have here.

Meanwhile...

Let me enclose a copy of the covering note for Chapter 8, which I'll be trying to send out in the bulletin -- and which will surely whet appetites to read the chapter it is supposed to be covering.

If you think you can tackle the job let me know, and we can let the locals know what all they have to look forward to.

Yours,



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