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Dear S

Here I go on Luxemburg again. How many of her works are available in Czechoslovakia? Has a calendar ever been made of her activities and writings, month by month? I've been especially interested in the year 1911, when she still supposedly did nothing on women. A reference, in her letters to Louise Kautsky, August, 1911, to a women's conference to be held, in which she wrote: "Just imagine, I have become a feminist! I received a credential for the conference, and must therefore go to Jena." Is there a record--a protocol or just minutes in abbreviated form--of that conference and what RL said there?

Yet, the only record I ever found of any talk by her on women in English was the talk on suffrage at a 1912 meeting in Germany.

Did you get my other letter which asked you to please translate some of the material in regard to the 1906 Russian conference? I do know that that is available in Russian, even though I have not yet located a copy here. Is there any book available on just the subject of Rosa's relationship to Lenin in those years they were close, 1905-06? For example, in Krupskaya's memoirs, she mentions that in January, 1908, when they were escaping to Paris and times were very, very difficult, Lenin nevertheless stopped off to speak with Rosa for one evening.

I would appreciate a long letter from you on anything that comes to your mind in relationship to Rosa. Not only is it not necessary to limit oneself to the period 1910-14 in which I'm trying to concentrate, but not even on the topics I'm raising. In other words, I would simply like to know your views, both as an individual and as reflecting what is the current view or interest and in what area, that is to say, whether it's women or revolution, imperialism or the general strike, or just gossip. Talking on the importance of gossip, there is certainly a world of difference between what Bebel and Adler at the conferences where they fought with Rosa, and what they wrote in letters to each other which reek with male chauvinism. One more word on the 1911 conference: it may very well be available in a work on Zetkin rather than on Rosa. Do please try to answer me quickly. How are you? The very best to your wife.

Yours,

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