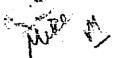
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Deer Olga, Mike and Engens!

The enclosed note to Dave gives you a whiff of what I'm about to change, and I trust that you also realize that, with the whiff comes the bad news that I will prohably be at least snother month working out that one chapter, AND THAT IS AS A DRAFT COLY.

Here is that has happened when I was ready to "complete" the most two-thirds of the Notes I begon in Wellaceburg. It's that little word"comerate" again. I just couldn't see how I could possibly start the "farx chapter" by writing as if nothing came before it. When I got over the self-consciousness on the question of all being "tene deaf" on philosophy. I realized that, in fact, it can be dene, (indeed, sust be dene) very objectively; and it does take in, until 1914, everyone including Lamin. That is to say, if philosophy is what determines not only your vision but your strategy and tauties, then obviously "they" (or at least RL and VIL) did very well by just being politions. And in fact the fact that I do deal with a strict revolutionary who not only never betrayed, but very meanly went to her death "knowingly", -- naturally, I'm not referring to her gory murler, but to the fact that she had advised spainst the Sparkkus week", because she have it was an insurrection bound to fail, as they were altogether too small to attempt anything like that, but she was going to be where the workers were.

order of the did take dialectics seriously, just because in the fight against sefords it was enough to be quite general on the need for dialectics, as the grand for the preleterian independence of thought. In the other hand when it comes to the Russian Revolution, where she was greatest on activity, and an appreciation of spontaneity, theoretically, philosophically what she singles out, is General Strikes that is to say, the unity of somewhat and politics; no philosophy is involved either in the samer of LT's personant revolution or VIL's most open attack on his own narrow theory of party. (I believe that both by seeingthe Subject — the proletariat and persontry—as Reason, and it's in that period that he used the expression "proletariat as Reason, he displayed, to used Tony Cliff's phrase in a very different sense, "an uncarny intuition" BUT CANNY IN RELATIONSHIP TO DIALECTICS. In a word, because his practice was so very dialectical at all times, the reorganization of philosophy case easily in 1914.)

Where you regan to see most seriously that the lack of philosophy is murderous, is at very highest point of original development — the break with Kautsky, imperialism, and the national question, wamen's suffrage. Put differently, it meant that her failure to draw organizational conclusions arose precisely from her failure to have the dialectics so inherent in her thought as to forever see negation of the negation instead of just contradictions.

Sometime back, when have translated for me the early manuscripts — not the 1804 Namuscripts but of that same period — that Mehring first brought out, in which Mehring totally underestimated Marx; and while RL had a such higher Opinion of Marx at the time Kautsky translate Theories of Surplus Value, there is still that nonsense that the one who discovers the manuscripte is greater than the author of the mass. In any case, those translations plus the one in the NI on RL on Merxian and the "Party of Practice", were sufficiently something I disliked that I put them away. They surely seemed to have nothing concrete on all the turning points in her life; they could be dismissed as "popularizations".

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When, however, I got down to Marx, even the very new may I intend to cover AMM his great new continent of thought to use year before he broke with hourseois society, it hit me that RL's superficiality in dealing with that period was really beyond belief, and told more than 1000 pages could tell about how the Second International related — pardon me, failed to relate — to Marry how at very best they were raised on Engels' Anti-Dubring and Origin of the Failty, and, organizationally, didn't move one inch away from Lauselle. We really must grab this by the scriff of the neck. (Gosh, we'll have fower and fower friends all the time.)

What I must now do is not only re-examine all I have done on AL, straining that it's precisely because she is a revolutionary; it's precisely because she sudanly discovered that it's Harr she was disagreeing with in secondary, and put wanted to claim that she was only "supplementing" his unfinished Second Volumes and precisely because the most precise and commute without a philosophy, we first now get the opportunity to the bett the start and the end of Marr's like, as tatally inseparable from Secondary dislection. That is to say, we can't say that because we didn't betray and those who were referrable did betray, therefore us don't need philosophy. We are dealing with one of the greatest revolutionaries, who remained great until the "day of judgment" — World War I and the German Pevolution.

Yours,

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