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To All Organizers (To be read at Local Mtgs.): (copy to REB)

The rapidity with which the beautifully produced bulletin of my report, "New Beginnings that Determine the End", given to the expanded REB 12/29/85, was forwarded to all locals, creates the opportunity for you to see how very different from any classes we have ever held are these Workshop/Classes, scheduled to begin in mid-Feb.

Outside of a very brief introduction on Methodology, (Just read the fourth paragraph on page 4: "Methodology had us probe the process of a concretely developing situation which led us to the philosophic principles of being and nothing. This has nothing to do with the Sartrean expression of Being and Nothingness. Hegel's dialectic principle of being and nothing does not end with that announcement of those two opposites. The Hegelian dialectic pointed to being and nothing BECOMING.") -- and you will get the essence of all that is left for you TO DO. To repeat, outside of this introductory part, YOU YOURSELVES have to do all the work in all the classes. YOU have to grapple with what actually happened objectively as well as its philosophic significance, both inherent in itself, and in relationship to, as a measure of, Marxist-Humanism, specifically its revolutionary, journalistic expression. YOU will have to bring into class a very brief 2 page write-up for News & Letters, which may or may not print it. YOU yourself will have to learn how to listen when you consider the audience not a "them", but a part of your self, working out, developing,--what you said and what were their comments critically--and out of that conclude for the future, perhaps making an essay of the event or point developed.

Part III of the Report (p. 16), "Return to the Beginning" isn't part of the classes. But it is the type of Retrospective that unfolds an actual Perspective because it does not alone have you grapple with the parallelism of 1953-55 and 1983-85. That parallelism was between the birth of Marxist-Humanism in the McCarthy Period, and Marxist-Humanism in the period of the Reagan Retrogression when we embarked on the Marx Centenary Tour, when we already had accomplished a "trilogy of revolution" and had in hand RLWLHM, whose Ch 12 threw down the gauntlet to all post-Marx Marxists to return to Marx's Marxism, not Engels', not Lenin's, not Mao's, and thus to take on the task of concretizing Marx's Marxism for this age.

The Perspective thus becomes the new doors this period of Marxist-Humanism has opened on the Black Dimension, on WL, on all activities as well as philosophically with Dialectics of Revolution, i.e. philosophic preparation for actual revolution. This is what led us to our Perspectives for 1986, formulated in 1985 for a biweekly. Preparations for this developed in the new collectivities of worker-intellectual for trips to Appalachia, to Mexico and with work among Latinos in the U.S.; in the Workshop/Classes in which the type of letter we received directly from South Africa showed a new relationship with international revolutionary forces.

Finally, the reason for this letter being addressed directly to the organizers is the work you have to do right now in preparation both for workshop/classes in February and the Financial Appeal which will appear in the N&L now going to press, and which will mean much needed follow-through by the organization as a whole, including for the much expanded new edition of Frantz Fanon, Soweto and American Black

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Thought which will be a near-book.

No sooner was 12/29/85 expanded REE over and the New Year of 1986 greeted, than, on January 3, I wrote a special "Dear Sister-Comrades" Letter, which, of course, as always, meant not only for WL N&L, but for all, which includes non-members as well. It was in fact mainly for the reviews and other relations members are establishing with WLDOR. In this case Diane's review for a Black feminist journal was to be a model of how, at one and the same time, one concentrates on a single subject -- Black, or Youth, or WL, or Dialectics -- and still makes it so comprehensive, global, that Dialectics of Revolution reaches literature. I thus as well sent out her review to the new Black scholars that have become our friends. I hope you do similarly.

Yours,

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