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Existentialism vs. Marxism. Conflicting Views on Humanism/by George Novack

I-The Originators--Nietzsche &KH&FE II The Opening of Debate.JPS &Beauvoir

Introd.by GN IIIC-ist-Mxis': Replies --Lukacefarandy.HM

A Summation by GN IV-2nd Phase of Debate--JPS &Cambs VFr&Sov.Views---Vigier&

Gaidenko VI--Orthodox &Revisionist C-ists--Kolakowski &Schaff

where JPS is quoted in Humanism & Diamet GN says, as if his opening debate/rather than B/N is beginning of Existential "Sartre wkd out his original Existentialist ideas under the influence of NON. MATERIALIST thinkers like Husserl &Heidegger as a deliberate challenge to Mixim Epresented them as a phil. alternative to diemat. "p. 3, i.e. what came out of phenomenology &existentialism late 1930s &3/N he presents when debate with CP started in 1945-46, 2then throws in Kolakowski &"revisionists" in FE. By the time p.12f he reaches Mxism GN not only brings it down (1)to pvt.prop. (2) "worker-peasant revolutions in Yugoslavia, China, No. Vietnam&Cuba"(p.13) but (3) further fragments Mxism, thus: "The ideas of Mxism can be divided into 3 parts. These diamat, its phil. &logical method, which deals with the evolution (sic!) process in its entirety, incl. nature, society & the human mind; his.mat. its sociology which investigates &formulates the laws of social dev. &scienti socialism, its pol.eco., which studies the operation of the contradictory tendencies cantagonistic forces under cap.leading to a higher form of social org." (p.13) which is exactly the way state-capitalist Communists & Thomists do.
Then tries to save by ques.of "directive of class struggle &pol.rev.&social transformation" only to end withHIGHER GRADE OF PRODUCTION::!! "thus"... a new rev. to est. new exo. forms &social relations is necessary if a higher grade of prod. is to be instituted chumanity is to move forward. When he does come to B/N he catches only one point since that bk.hardly mentions Farx: "In one significant passage he singles out Mxism as a specimen of the serious atti-tude. This is not a complimentary term in his vocabulation. Seriousness is the antithesis of sincerally because it attributes greater reality to the world than to oneself alooks upon man not as a free being, but as a thing no better than a rock. It is an expression of 'bad faith; that hides from man the consciousness of his freedom. 'Mx', S wrote, 'proposed the original dogma of the serious when he asserted the priority of the obj.over the subj. Man is serious when he takes himself for an obj. "(p.17)

Then GN singles out "Mat.&R v"as most extensive against Marxism as if all the time that J-PS followed &follows CP is not that. Instruction exercises is not bad on 2nd part of Critique de la Baison Dialectique both on scarcity &on terror, quoting J-PS: "His. experience has undeniably revealed revealed that the 1st movement of socialist society in the process of construction could only be...the indissolublt aggregation of the bur., the Terror&the personality cult." But fails to add that the basis for this view is in LT & his "backwardness" of Russia &bur.as due to false distribution, etc. Introd.is50pp.

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