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Dear Egon:

What a great compliment you give me by writing "I dare say, Hegel would probably have been himself at your discovery." Many a time when I work "with" Hegel, I say to myself: I wish I had your reaction, your recognition that, though I seem to go far away from you, and though you did not consciously work this out, you couldn't because of the limitations of the specific historic period in which you live, and I happy to be lucky to live when mankind is so much more politically-philosophically mature. So I am especially thankful to your letter of June 4.

The greatest Hegelian principle you discover--don't always underestimate yourself!--is the one where you write that the pull of objective history toward real freedom "will not be achieved through any one revolution..." Precisely. This is what Hegel calls "the negation of negation" and it is this double negation which has become an imperative of our age which has learned how many first negations--even such great historic ones like 1917--step midway even where they do not sour. This is precisely why I have a whole part of MAF entitled What Happens After. Unless we spell out the need of this double negation; unless we make that central to our philosophy of Marxist-Humanism; unless we refuse to be put off with "let's first make the revolution" before we discuss what happens the day after, we will not rise to the challenge of the times.

Because you found Richard's essay on Sarge fascinating, you may also find my criticism of it useful, so I enclose copy of a letter I sent him.

What in you are working on now? I received a card from the Gibsons who are away from Milwaukee for the summer, and that must make the town duller for you. Or have you made new friends?

I received a very lovely and thoughtful note from Regina, and wrote to her at once, suggesting that she come for a month or so to work in the office which will not pay her, but then she can become part of our family, and we'll not let her starve. I take for granted that, whether she says Yes or No, you will definitely bring her with you for the Labor Day weekend. Yes?

Thank you very much for the \$50 contribution; we are now in the new offices--415 Brainard, Detroit, Mich., 48201. And, although we have had to skip the June issue, we are sending out the Political-Philosophic Letter on the Arab-Israeli war. I just finished writing it and it will take Olga a few days to stencil and send out. I will look forward to your commentary on it.

Every one asks to be remembered.

Yours,

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