

...cause is the highest stage in which the concrete  
Notion as beginning has an immediate existence in the  
sphere of necessity; but it is not yet a subject..."  
Kegel, Science of Logic, Vol. 2, p. 172

LAST EXCERPTS FROM NETTL re: German Rev.

1918--The German Rev. begins, pp. 706-736

11/9  
Nov. 9 a general strike breaks out in Berlin and large  
groups of armed workers and soldiers stream out into the  
street. It was the effective end of the Empire.  
Schneidermann declared the "Democratic Republic then and  
there, to prevent a complete Spartakus takeover." (p. 711)

11/11  
On Nov. 11 Spartakus issued a special supplement to the new  
Rote Fahne which had a detailed program, p. 712-713

RL was released from the city jail at Breslau; allegedly  
the Oct. 12 amnesty was supposed to apply only to those  
serving a specified sentence. Only when the revolutionary  
wave reached Breslau <sup>on Nov. 9</sup> were the jail gates opened.

F. 735: "If anything, the membership of Spartakus  
was even more revolutionary than the leaders. The pressure  
for action came from below--just as RL had always predicted."

Ch. 17: Irresistible Force and Immovable Object

The conclusion of that chapter contains Nettl's whole  
thesis: "Marx left two great alternatives--one basic, one  
derived. The basic variable was revolution--formal or  
real; objective or subjective, an event that happened or  
the one that had to be made. (Extreme positions, these, with  
an infinity of possibilities in between). The irreparable  
break, which transformed possibilities into irreconcilable  
alternatives, took place in 1910 with RL and KK holding  
the two sawn-off ends. (The revisionist controversy  
was about 'how,' not 'what,' about the small present,  
not the great future--really a second-rate <sup>dispute</sup>.) From  
this first break derived the second variable: Socialists  
making the revolution, or leading it. The pull of the

Russian October Revolution prevented any intermediate positions from developing and produced a new break right away--only RL's death prevented her from developing and defending her leadership of an alternative revolutionary Marxist ~~Communist~~ tradition against other claimants. But nonetheless, the

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Ch. 18: ~~Revolution~~ Luxemburgism