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Dear Friends:

The Organizational Report given to the REB last night by Olga is, with the discussion, too long to be read to the locals. It should be read individually and a meeting scheduled for discussion, with your minutes sent as promptly as possible to the Center. This is true throughout the Pre-Plenum period, so the reporters can have the benefit of your discussions in making their final Reports. I do want, however, to call to your attention the fact that the Chicago Youth were invited to this meeting and participated fully in the discussion.

Mike reported on the following important communications received at the office: First, from India we received a 23 page review of RLWLKM, that was written by Gabriele Dietrich and printed in The Marxist Review. We had also received a letter from Margaret in Italy, who wishes to contribute an article for Pre-Plenum discussion on the situation there. Gary has written to say that he had begun to write on "what the pamphlet, Dialectics of Revolution, meant for and to Youth, with hopes of turning it into a review for the Youth page" and now will be expanding that into an article for a pre-Plenum Bulletin. Detroit reported a successful garage sale, where they made \$200. We continue to get exciting minutes from Salt Lake City, and Mike read several paragraphs from their last discussion to the REB; the discussion are not separated from their plans to have several new friends present at the Plenum.

From Wayne State University Archives Library we have received a letter to tell us that they will have to conclude the exhibit on July 8 both because they cannot expose the rare documents for too long to the destructive effects of the light, and because they must prepare the gallery for a UAW 50th anniversary exhibit. They refer to "that historic night, March 21" and say that they are "sorry to have to bring this exhibit to a close, but those who have not been able to see it here will have the unique opportunity to view it on videotape."

Although we had already reported that Bochenski's Guide to Marxist Philosophy listed Marxism and Freedom, I have first now received the book itself and see that it was no mere "listing" but had a lengthy paragraph in which not only the anti-Russian Chapter 3 is focused on, but they quote from my analysis of the attacks on Marx's 1844 Essays, saying: "She finds that the Soviet attack on Marx's Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts 'continues to spend incredible time and energy and vigilance to imprison Marx with the bounds of the private property versus State property concept.'" Moreover, what is important about the Guide is that an absolute majority of the scholarly books recommended on various varieties of Marxism have a reference to me -- from Livergood's analysis of Marx's PhD thesis, to Fromm's Socialist Humanism.

Now that you have the discussion on the Draft for an Organization Report, we expect that all local organizers will prepare their reports and send them to the Center as soon as possible for inclusion in a pre-Plenum Bulletin.

Yours,  
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