

MINUTES OF REB MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1985

Agenda: I Carrying Out Plenum Decisions, 1. Bulletins, 2. Trips, 3. New edition of FFSABT; II Ongoing Activities and Correspondence, 1. Correspondence report, 2. Work at UIC, 3. Oct. issue of N&L; III G&W

Raya wished to conclude by ^{speaking} speaking about the Marxist-Humanist Archives. She said that she was of the addition we will be making at the end of 1985 to create a new reel of microfilm. It will have not only the Introduction she wrote on 1981-85, but another introduction to the whole reel, looking back. Don't forget that the exhibit dates before 1941. Indeed, Raya said she was now dissatisfied with calling the collection "1941 to 1985". Even if you just look at the work with Trotsky it is 1937. We were so anxious to show that it was the life of an idea, not the life of a person, that we didn't want anything before 1941. Now I have changed my mind on that completely. We want to show the difference between instinct and category, but not completely disregard instinct either. Nor is the way the Guide reads now entirely satisfactory. Look at the way we present "Labor and Society". We show it in 1942 when it was written and rejected by the WP, but we don't show it in 1947 when it was printed in the Interim Bulletins and when it shows the divergent tendencies already emerging in the JFT. It was at that time that I had to write a telegram to stop them from making Palestine the ramparts of world revolution, after I had seen what Begin was doing to the Trotskyists who went there from the concentration camps. But no record of this is in the Archives. We have to re-think the whole question of 1941.

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