

Jan. 3, 1983

Dear Azamkar:

Very hurried, very briefly, being sent through Neda-Michelle.

First, on the question of coming here for several months, which would be great, BUT THE TIMING you suggested, at time of April D.C. conf. is WORST OF TIMES SINCE I WILL NOT BE AT CENTER FOR 2 full months. INSTEAD, therefore, I suggest June, July, Aug., which means at time of preparation for conv., many theoretical discussions, some of which you will surely be invited to sit in at REB.

As for the paper for April Conf., very, very few suggestions, such as: (1) re subjeading, it shouldn't be "search for", but disclosing of historic roots, etc.

(2) don't get them scared with phrase "revolution in permanence", especially since Mao made it appear that he is for that. Instead, just say "phil. of rev." adding as it related to the Middle East. (Indeed, either at that point, or in bibliog. add GRUNDRISSE, or Marx's Ethnological Notebooks transcribed by Lawrence Krader. The point is one work by Marx should be mentioned & either of these two books are on pre-cap. So-called backward technology which led to Marx's prediction of rev. "East" ahead of West.

(3) There should be a concluding state by your, to the effect: The aim of my paper is to contribute to working out both the likenesses and differences bet. the rev. of 1921 and the one in Iran 1979.

Yours,

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December 25, 82

Dear Raya

Seasons Greetings!

Now that E&A issue #7 is out, I find the opportunity to get back to my work on Sultan-Zadeh both for the next issue of E&A and the Washington conference. I have just finished the draft of an abstract plus a personal information sheet to be sent to that Iranian Research Group. I will also be writing a letter to the editor of the Historical Documents of the Iranian SD and workers Organizations; Khosrow Shakeri, who I mentioned to you in my previous letter. Hopefully he would want to help me on my work and establish relationships with us. As soon as I can come up with something I will send a draft of that for your consideration.

But now, what I really want to say is this: I keep having the feeling that in near future something is going to happen in Iran that might mean the resumption of an ongoing revolution. I can't help thinking that this time Marxist-Humanists must shoulder a major responsibility of carrying out this historic task. What seems crucial to me at once is to set the records straight on Lenin and Leninism since not only the left in general and the Iranian Left groups in particular--from opposite directions-- are all showing a total misunderstanding of Lenin, resulting from disregard of his philosophic reorganization and of course Stalinist interpretations, but as you know and I have recently found out, historically, Lenin's ideas have had a major influence among the Iranian revolutionary masses. We have Lenin's picture on an Iranian rug that you sent to me a couple of years ago in E&A#7.

For this and above all our groups' philosophic and organizational (i.e. Marxist-Humanist) preparation for the revolution I am thinking about and have discussed it with Cyrus --though not yet with any of the others-- a possible stay in Detroit after the Washington Conference as preparation for the eventuality of returning to Iran. What do you think?

Secondly, and not unrelated to the first, Bessie suggested that I discuss with you the possibility of having a regular column in N&L about events that are taking place in Iran written by one of E&A comrades as a way both to publicize M-H among Iranians who do not yet receive E&A and for our own education about Iranian Revolution. Do you think that this can be discussed in upcoming NEB meeting?

yours,

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