

January 7, 1984

Dear Asadkar:

Because my laryngitis has persisted, I will have to be brief. I agree with you that the Lead of EAA should be on Grenada and not have Grenada as a sort of "appendix" by putting it in Spot 3. But before I make any suggestion as to what should be the Lead (which is mainly from my Lead) and what should be added from my PPL, I want to talk about the first footnote in the PPL, which is to be eliminated, and why it is nevertheless so important that it will become clear why I stress dialogue, and even why I consider Grenada the topic for your Lead rather than the Middle East:

1) There is an error in that ftn. 1 to the PPL on p. 15. The error is that I accuse the U.S. of "wrongly" dating the Minutes of the Central Committee they found to be 1982 instead of 1981, giving the reason "since 1982 would mean that Coard had resigned a full year ago, which flies in the face of all we know."

My point was that it's simply impossible to consider that Marxists could have disagreed with each other to the extent of one leader resigning from ~~one post~~ without anyone except the CC knowing. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ And, indeed, he praised both himself and Castro for non-interference in internal affairs. If today's "revolutionaries" (for old revolutionaries like me, it was impossible to conceive) consider that this is a Marxist way of behaving to nothing less than the dialectic of revolution, we will have absolutely no revolutionary ground for either philosophy of revolution or actual revolution.

2) Now then, the reason for choosing Grenada is precisely the fact that this question ~~of dialogue~~ is no longer a theoretical question but one of the grounds for counter-revolution within the revolution. In fact, I wanted to suggest to you that the first part of the PPL title: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ "Counter-revolution and Revolution", should be included as part of the title for the EAA Lead.

3) However, let it begin with the paragraph -- ~~not~~ underlined as an "introductory note" but as part of the Lead itself -- that would read something like this:

Because the U.S. imperialist invasion of Grenada ~~is~~ the ground for which was laid by a counter-revolution within the Grenadian revolution itself, ~~XXXXXX~~ illuminates so sharply the questions facing Iranian revolutionaries, we are presenting the Marxist-Humanist analysis of the events in Grenada for discussion with EAA readers.

4) Use (I am following the form and pagination of our new pamphlet) paras. 1 through 4 from the Lead; cut para. 5 & 6; use para. 7, deleting the one word, "Obviously."

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Paste up
Dear Asadkar -- Raya's voice has given out as she was dictating this letter to me, and she has asked me to continue with the sequence as she was working it out. Let me indicate here a few points she made, other than sequence, and then simply ~~cut~~ the paragraphs she suggests using, which you can compare to the original pamphlet. (It seems simpler than giving you paragraph numbers or first and last words. Hope you agree.) I've numbered them as pages I, II, III etc. to avoid confusion, on the paste-up.

The CUES, then, in addition to what RD has already indicated from first page of our pamphlet, continue as marked on the paste-up through next two pages. You will see a notation on paste-up p. III about RD's suggestion for a possible addition at end of first para. on that page. She felt you might wish to include ftn. 7 from the PPL, about the Afro-Asian pamphlet here, to bring in Iran right here. It could remain as a ftn. if you wish, but she felt you would want to expand it, or rewrite it. If you feel that it should not be included at this point, but rather in the para. from the PPL, as she originally wrote it (paste-up p. VI), that is up to you -- but she would like it expanded, in any case.

She felt that, with the final para. of her Lead ~~removed~~ cut, the first page of the PPL would be able to follow, as is.

I think it might be better to add a phrase, since the para. before has been cut, at top of paste-up p. V, identifying what follows as having come from an interview in the Village Voice. Something like: In one of the most important statements Bishop delivered when he was in the U.S. from May 31 to June 10 -- his interview with the Village Voice -- Bishop traced the development ... etc. What do you think?

Many of the footnotes are eliminated, through the cuts, of course, and they will have to be renumbered. Please be sure to cut footnote 1, which RD has taken up earlier in this letter. (We plan to have the locals add a P..S to the ftns. in the pamphlet which RD will write, along the lines what she has written here to you. But just eliminate it in your article in EAS.)

Let me summarize what RD has cut: PPL pp. 2, 3, 4, first 2 paras. of 5, last para. of 6, all but last para. of 7, 2nd and 3rd paras. of 8, all but top of 9, all of pp. 10, 11, 12, 13 except for last 2 paras.

enough I'm sorry I had to substitute for RD -- but hope this will be clear enough. You will have a magnificent lead for EAS, I'm sure!

Warmly,

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Dear Raya

Dec. 31, 1983

Seasons Greetings!

With the hope that this new year of 1984 will bring with it greater revolutionary as well as philosophic developments for all toiling masses around the globe who are striving for freedom!

In our discussion around the upcoming issue # 6 of EZA that we held one day after an exciting meeting in B.A. ⊕ and in which our new member - comrade Roy - joined, I had proposed to have Granada as our lead rather than as an "appendix". After a lively debate on this question I was assigned to ^{discuss} it with you.

My feeling is that because the events in Granada have so much ramifications for all revolutions, especially in Third World, a lapse of time can not lessen its importance as a lead. I had also thought that we could write an expanded "editors note" in which we mention Iran and Lebanon and the dangerous games of U.S. Imperialism in the Mid-east, and possibly give it a starred title. or as Neda later suggested assigne Lebanon to the last page. Neda had also proposed that we have a lead on Iran and put Granada in the "third spot" of the first page.

Now the other question is this: what we should use on Granada, the NW NW Lead or the PPL, both of which -

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were written by you?

I like the lead very much and think that it has most elements of the PPL, even if in a more politicized manner. One possibility is to combine the two so that the discussion on Philosophy becomes more prevalent in the lead (given the "time lapse" for actual events).

The PPL is also too long for 2VA and may force us to increase 2VA pages to at least 14.

To begin with, I'm translating the PPL and will not do any "editing" until I hear from you on all these questions.

Thank You so much
yours, Uzad Kar

* For more info. about the meeting see Shelia's letter of Dec. 21 to Olga, Eugene & Mike.

Many facts are not known so can be at
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