

November 4, 1983

Dear Mihailo,

Yours of the 28th made me feel as good as when first we met and I showed you the notes I had made of your article in Socialist Humanism before ever I had met you but already had felt the type of affinity with a Marxist-Humanist that not only disregards national borders but for whom truly the world is "my country."

It would indeed be interesting if the Yugoslav partisan with whom I shared vodka in Ann Arbor was the one you intend to visit. She had us laughing when she told us the nickname --"Silky"-- by which she was known in the partisans, all the time laughing at herself for being "petty bourgeois", wearing silk stockings, and in general looking like the middle class enemy, when insisting she wanted to become a guerrilla fighter. I did mention you and the fact that a friend of mine, knowing my love for both Yugoslav and Russian dissidents, had bought me a book, Comrade Forest, which was about the Yugoslav partisans, because my pen name in the movement at that time was "Forest". The real point now is not to fail to meet this time. You and Kristine are welcome at my home, and if you cannot come here John and I would be happy to come to Ann Arbor. Please be sure to let me know a few days in advance, as I am often out of town.

Under separate cover I sent you a copy of Indignant Heart: A Black Worker's Journal and herewith enclosed is our latest issue on him.

I am also enclosing the circular I received about the 1985 conference on Antonio Gramsci and Rosa Luxemburg. Here, too, there is something humorous. Because I was very busy and did not answer at once, they evidently decided I was friendly only to Russian-speaking individuals, and I received an invitation handwritten in Russian. I am sure I cannot get to Hamburg then, but I wrote to Ulrich Schreiber that I might contribute a paper.

Thank you for intervening on both Praxis International and Joachim Israel. HE did seem quite interested in my writings; is he the one whom will become the next editor of Praxis International?

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28 Oct 1983

Dear Raya

Thank you for your letters; the other one with the sad news of death of Charles Derby just arrived. I am sorry I never met him. I know that his book Indignant Heart exists but never had a chance of reading it. I sympathize fully with you, I know very well what it means to lose an old friend and I can imagine what great personality he was.

Yes, I also was happy those few hours that we spent together. Most people cannot even imagine the kind of friendship that links people who struggle for the same noble goals - no matter what distance separates them.

Already in New York I persuaded Joachim Israel to write a survey of your books - he is quite impressed with you and was eager to do it. Then when I met with Dick we spoke about the publication of your text, and although he had some objections, he agreed. I told him that it is not easy to understand why he withdrew when once you were such good friends (and afterwards you published so much excellent work.) That did it. I am glad that he immediately wrote to you. I don't know about that 1985 Hamburg meeting, unless a letter went to my Belgrade address. I am supposed to give papers at two conferences on Marx - one in the Gramsci Institute in Rome, Nov 16-15, the other in Paris, Dec 6-9. A little too much. Horstine and I plan to visit in Ann Arbor in the second half of December. We must get together then. Who is that partisan friend of mine in Detroit? Horstine's partisan sister Lora lives there!

Very cordially yours  
Juliano

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January 3, 1984

Dear Simon:

It was good to hear from Judith about your interest "in principle" in the projected Encyclopedia of Modern Socialism, which Yugoslav scholars are preparing, but which will include contributions from other writers throughout the world. I am enclosing the information that had been sent to me when I was asked to participate and accepted the invitation. I'm sorry it looks so sloppy. I was making marks and notations on it as I was trying to make up my mind whether I wished to join in the undertaking. I know quite a few of the Yugoslavs, and the Swedish scholar, Joachim Israelj of the Institute of Sociology in Lund, as well, of course, as the English scholars. I thought the many English participants (a good many of whom are Trotskyists and New Left Review) would be of special interest to Harvester, as well.

When I saw Professor Mikhail Markovic last week (he is currently a professor at the University of Pennsylvania; we were both included in the volume on Socialist Humanism edited by Erich Fromm, which Doubleday published) I gave him your address.

Here is the address of Prof. Zoran Vidakovic, who is the member of the Editorial Board of the Encyclopedia to whom you could write directly: Prof. Zoran Vidakovic  
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Yours,

\* You will be interested to know that Joachim Israel uses the Humanities publication of the Hegel Society of America's papers on the Art and Logic in Hegel's Philosophy edited by Steinkraus and Schnitz. He was evidently sufficiently impressed with my piece in that collection on "Hegel's Absolute Idea a New Beginning" that he singled that out. When I met him in September at the International Conference at the New School he told me he plans to have a class in all three of my works and has promised to do both a review and an article on my archives.

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