

ROUGH OUTLINE RL BOOK

in 1898

The very entrance of Rosa Luxemburg into Germany lit up, ~~the~~ the whole German movement. Here were the direct ~~and~~ inheritors of Marx-Engels; here was the first challenge to revolutionary Marxism from within its own organization and yet so incomplete, if not inconsequential were the answers to Bernstein that it took this young woman to hit out in full and in such a total manner that it remains to this day the answer to Reformists, to anti-dialecticians, to any separation of theory from practice, intellectual from workers, revolution from vision of the future society.

It also -- and that none noted, including herself, -- was the beginning of the separation from Jogichem, not because there was any division on the question of Reform or Revolution "in general" but because ^{With she was alone - she part his opinion of -} ~~both as an independent thinker and activist their attitudes were~~ very different to organization, to thought, to relations between organizations of the Left.

Quote an early letter to
Jogiches where RL asks an immediate
answer to a question she intends
raising in the pamphlet, which turns out
to be nothing short of an anticipation of what Accumulation of
~~the~~
Capital will be, and that she is definitely ~~reinforcing~~ feeling
her independence.

Steve Brown's Collection
of letters

In April 1917 = Johnstone was infected
= patient is now ~~dead~~

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This whole period, 1898-1905, can be considered the one where she speaks German. The next period, 1905-1912, is the one where she speaks Russian, and for which she draws her most original, political, strategic theory of the General Strike. Not only does she single out the General Strike as the political great achievement of combining economics and politics in a revolution, but the superiority of the Russian workers in doing that, ~~is not of~~ ^{as "Avant-garde"} So that, whereas up to that period everyone had to learn from Germany, now the Germans must learn from the Russians if they are not to fall into a parliamentary swamp. The concept of spontaneity, not as if it were the total opposite of organization, but rather as related to organization, ~~and~~ ^{of} ~~theory~~ ^{the way} and to the total uprooting of capitalism, ~~inborn~~ ^{long} ~~and~~ ^{and} developed them.

Also, as a corollary, which again no one saw, and perhaps even including her, there is the complete breakup of the personal relationship with Jogiches. It is so easy to make it as purely the question of a triangle so that whether you take Nettl's view that she was altogether too ~~long~~ ^{long} or as stupidly as Bertram Wolfe, who took the greatest liberties -- outright transformation into opposite of her article on organization daring to call it ~~New~~ ^{Leninism vs. Marxism}, -- who claims that Jogiches took the initiative -- the real historic context was that after the 1905 Revolution, though they both were active in it and had the same view, she not only was sure she could fly alone, but she established new relations with Lenin and the Bolsheviks, and that was climaxed in the 1907 Congress. It thus became inevitable that while they remained colleagues, they were by no means one.

* "The Last Man in the German Social Democratic Party" from Strange Communists

I Have Known, by Bertram D. Wolfe, Stein & Day, N.Y. 1965 pp. 117 to 137.

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It is that Fifth Congress in 1907 that is crucial for Lenin and Trotsky and Luxemburg and the Mensheviks, and above all the relationship of Marx in the 1848 Revolution and his Address in 1850 on the Permanent Revolution to the 1905 revolution in Russia. *serve it today or make relate to coming*

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(whereas originally I thought I would go from Reform or Revolution directly to 1910, I am now convinced that 1905 is not only crucial for RL and not only the Great Divide long before the outbreak of WWI, between Menshevism and Bolshevism, but the relationship of all Marxists to Marx's new revolutionary/continent of thought. While it is true that they took up altogether too much time talking

April 30 to May 19 (May 3 to June 1) *several*

89 Bolsheviks present, 88 Mensheviks so that 177 are Russians plus 45 Poles, 26 Latvians, 55 Bundists. And they further divide that as 100 organizations in Russia, 8 Polish, 1 Latvian, 30 Bund — or a total of 145 organizations. *way*
The delegation of the Poles ~~and others~~ were Luxemburg, Marchlevsky, Tychka,

and a lot of factional work, and even more
in just the agenda, nevertheless, it is the only Congress that seriously
takes up the 1905 Revolution, is truly international -- RL, for example,
first spoke only in the name of the German Social Democracy, that is to say,
she brought the greetings and managed to make that speech the very approval
of the General Strike -- and where they discussed a revolution not only in
relationship to what each of the tendencies proposed, but how that related
to the way Marx acted in the 1848 revolutions.

Now, therefore, it came to Q 1907, so he
fully rebuked RL as Lenin, he ① was not stopped
from 1909 to 1917 by
from 1917 to 1922 by
② when he refused to 1922
chose the alliance of the anti-diplomatic act, which he, resolved, a

1919 to 1914 remain the key for Luxemburg's independence and unique development both in her break with Kautsky and in her analysis of opportunism not only as a so-called tactical question but also in knowing that they ~~revolutionary~~ were not revolutionary. At the very time when Lenin was still bowing to Kautsky as the greatest Marxist theoretician and revolutionary, and in her preoccupation with imperialism and attack on it, in so passionate a manner that it drove her to her most original and also deviant work, Accumulation of Capital, which she and all others considered "pure theory".

What also finally becomes evident, although, just like when she first refused, correctly, not to be shunted off to the so-called "Woman Question", is that it is the women in whom she confided most, and not gossipy questions, but the most serious theoretical development. For example, at the very beginning

*probably 1898 - see lecture
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there is an after-meeting meeting with some of the audience present and the question a male comrade raised on the WQ and gets answers from RL. Then there is the friendship with Clara Zetkin and we really don't know the whole insofar as her influence on the material Zetkin developed on the WQ. Then those magnificent letters to opponents, that is, ~~the~~ Social Patriots, especially that magnificent letter to Mathilde Wurm, where Pentheselēa is invoked. For that matter, a much earlier letter to Mathilda (1906?) where the Negro and Jewish questions come up as one with the greatest sympathy toward the Negro. Now whether the reference to Pentheselia is to the Greek mythological character where she is killed by Achilles or to the German dramatist's rewriting of it as Pentheselia killing Achilles, the point is that her erudition on literature

never failed to be both historic and current, including a reference to
Virginia Wolfe, or her own feeling for a Room of Her Own, which she was
certainly most insistent on. The fact that Rosa did not make an issue
of that within the organization, as she didn't make an issue of current
anti-Semitism, or for that matter, on any national question except to be
against it, though totally wrong, all stemmed from the belief that the
revolution would solve everything and only after that could we take up
individual questions. And yet it is a fact that precisely because you
didn't take up these questions, and especially so when directed at her as
a revolutionary, and yet with a special anti-feminist twist, it was left
for us as an unsolved problem, and for us, too, it came from below first.

1917 and
It is at the point of the 1919 revolution, which will re-
connect with Marx, his philosophy of revolution, and where it gives us
a solid foundation and yet challenges us to work matters out for ourselves,
that we can end with Today's WIM.

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