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Dear R.D.,

Thank you for your letter of October 20th. I am at the moment in hospital as an aftermath of a heart attack and not supposed to write letters, but the topic you write about fascinates me so much that I want to send you a line. I feel that the male Social Democrats never could understand Rosa Luxemburg, nor could she acquire the influence for which she had the potential because she was a woman; and the men could not become full revolutionaries because they did not emancipate themselves from their male, patriarchal, and hence dominating, character structure. After all, the original exploitation is that of women by men and there is no social liberation (as long as) there is no revolution in the sex war ending in full equality, which has never existed since pre-history. I believe she was one of the few fully developed human beings, one who showed what a human being can be in the future. Indeed, as you say, she was not concerned with the woman's question which is, after all, only the human question; in this respect quite the contrary to Klara Zetkin, the bureaucratic leader of the allegedly revolutionary woman's movement. Unfortunately I have known nobody who still knows her personally. What a bad break between the generations.

I hope to get out of the hospital in a few days and take a rest, then I hope to finish a manuscript of an analysis of Freud from the standpoint of his bourgeois prejudices.

I am, with warm wishes,

Yours,

*W. G.*

P.S. Thank you for sending me the article which I shall read very soon.

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