

Dear Raya:

February 26, 1978.

First, I do acknowledge the Christmas letter including its contents. Please tell Olga.

Second, I did not succeed in locating the Fifth Congress' protocol - not yet. But in using my copy of Rosa's Collected Works published in German in East Berlin between 1970 and 1975 /5 volumes, the last containing the Accumulation of capital/ I found in vol. 2 the speech you are looking for: those she held at the 1907 congress in London. Besides, the reference at the end of the speech is to the Moscow /1963/ edition. I keep searching for this Russian edition but just in order you might not wait too long I send a photocopy of the German text in the next few days. There is no doubt you have around somebody whose knowledge of German is good enough to translate it for you.

Third, neither in these Collected Works nor in other publications I went through did I find much about Rosa's involvement in the feminist movement. For instance I saw a collection of Clara Zetkin's essays called /in German/ Contributions to the history of the proletarian women movement in Germany /published in East Berlin in 1958/ - Rosa is mentioned but once and that with a quotation on the German revolution in 1948. Hoping to come across some reminiscences in other articles of Zetkin I went through the 1921, 1922, 1923 volumes of Die Kommunistische Fraueninternationale /Communist Women International/ edited by Zetkin - in those years the memory of Rosa must have been still very fresh and her name was not yet spoiled by Stalin. But I did not find anything connecting her with feminism.

A volume of memoirs of her contemporaries - and of Liebknecht - called Karl and Rosa /on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, East Berlin 1971/ was very interesting - for me at least, but as far as Rosa is concerned it revealed some of her exciting human features /for which I personally do like her/ but hardly more. Of course I keep looking for further material but it seems doubtful now that I could find much.

Fourth, however, why not write directly to Feliks Tych in Warsaw? He is the editor of her letters to Jogiches, he devoted most of his research to her, wrote extensively both on her life and works. The Poles - I mean people even in the official institutions - are far less dogmatic than would be people here when dealing with Western non-communist researchers /I mean you in this case/ and I do not doubt myself that Tych would be delighted in advising you as to where

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you could find exactly what you need. With the material possibilities he commands in the institute of party history where he's working I am sure he is the ideal partner. The exact address of F. Tych I do not know but you either obtain it through Urszula /I hope so/ or you could write c/o Zakład Historii Partii przy KC PZPR /ie Institute of Party History with the CC of Polish United Workers Party/. I am sure this would be sufficient for Warsaw post office to be found.

Fifth, a more personal question: Why do you concentrate on the period just preceding the first World War? Is there any special reason? And sixth, and last: Besides telling you what I did find in the meantime I also shall inform you in my next letter of the Czech book you mentioned in your first letter /Women fighting for socialism/. Yet I must warn you: as far as I skimmed it there is not much that would either of value or interest /and I would not expect much anyway for books published on these themes after 1969 cannot be worth much/. That much for the time being.

Best wishes for you and the whole family.