

Dear Dave
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Dear Dave:

Do you suppose I will see you this year finally at the convention? My impression is that you are the "senior" member of the London Marxist-Humanists --but if I'm wrong on age, I'm not wrong on what counts, the length of your adherence to Marxist-Humanism. The reason I'm putting all this emphasis on "age" is that youth are not necessarily conscious of health and the sensitivity they need to have toward the health problems of someone like Harry, who is in his 90s. I know that Olga wrote you about his state, but I decided to confide in you by sending you the letter I had received from him. (Please return.) The whole point has been, for several years now, that he is so very, very anxious to see me again, and so self-conscious about not having a Marxist-Humanist organization in Scotland, that he was determined to try to make the trip this year just when I was getting reports from his closest friends that it would be too dangerous a journey under his present circumstances; that he needs not to take the journey, and would appreciate having it postponed, but did not want to tell me so. But, they concluded, if I took the initiative, ~~XXXXXX~~ Harry would be greatly relieved. This is what I did and the enclosed letter is his response. Now, is there a way for you to relay the seriousness of his state of health to the other comrades? My trust is in you.

The new edition of the paper has just come off the press and since this is the issue that has our Draft Perspectives, I'm anxious to get your comments. I do feel that you have the best appreciation both of Hegelian-Marxian dialectics and experience -- I mean organizational experience. I'm referring to Part III on "Marx's Final Writings Let us Hear Marx Thinking." The whole question of new paths to revolution and the deafness of post-Marx Marxists to these new ideas both on paths to revolution and forms of organization is our task. Would you be willing to write your views on this question for a discussion bulletin in this pre-convention period?

As usual, I am running a losing race with time, and have so many deadlines to meet -- not only for this convention but the expanded edition of ACOT, the deadline of which is this very week, if we wish to have it out by August -- that I will have to cut this letter to you short. Give my warmest greetings to all the comrades. I hope all can come to the convention.

Yours,



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