

KARL KORSCH: REV_RY THEORY, ed. & altogether too much commented on
by Douglas Kellner Univ. of Texas Press,
1977

pp. 34-35 Q or perhaps it is better to misquotes, not by changing
what Marx means & KK Q H, but puts it in the type of
framework that you can't but misinterpret. Thus the KK Q of

H"rev. was lodged & expressed as if in the very form of their
thought" is here interpreted as meaning bourgeois rev.

only, rather than dialectics of rev. which ~~created~~ created
ground for Marxian dialectic of prol. rev. What I do think Kellner
grasp correctly, p. 35 is "What has not been perceived is the
extent to which Korsch believed he was merely restoring Marxist
orthodoxy." ***** plus p. 37: re KK's "transcendental underestimation
***** of ideology" which DK makes the
equivalent of "ideology, in general as a material
component of general SOCIOHISTORICAL Reality... Hence a theory
of rev. must take seriously the CR. of ideology & change of consciousness"
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p. 68, ftn. 72: "KK's orthodoxy is crystal clear in his enthusiastic
review of Lukacs' Leninism & HIS RAPTUROUS PRAISE
OF STALIN's book Lenin ... & we can dispense
with studying the texts of Marx & LEARN MARXISM IN ITS 'CP, PLETED
FORM" from Lenin. *****

1994 at ...
11/1976 KK ...

KK's "dialectics" is a matter of deriving his th. from requirements
& possibilities of the his. situation. "Kellner is also correct
when he says on p 74 "But it seems clear that KK the pol. theorist
of pr. goes too far in REJECTING THE AUTONOMY OF TH. & MINIMIZING
THE ANTICIPATORY COMPONENTS OF TH."

re 1930 addition to new print of KK's
MP begins on p. 76.

p. 171, KK, "The Crisis of Marxism:" Marxism today
is in the midst of an historical & th. crisis. It is
not simply a crisis within the Marxist movement but a crisis of
Marxism itself."

RE: KM, 1938 KK defines the center of Marxism
as 3-fold: (1) principle of his. specification
(2) the principle of change & transition
(3) the rev-ry pr.

p. 281 THE MOST TELLING REJECTION OF MARXISM IN MCCARTHYITE
1960 Lecture in Zurich that KK yet dares call
10 Theses on Marxism & Kellner dares say is not such a rejection
judged by letters esp. to Matwick.
less than 2 p., 1st 2 points: "1) Today it is senseless to ask to
what extent the teaching of KM & FE is still theoretically
acceptable & practically applicable.

2) Today all attempts to restore
the Marxist doctrine as a whole & in its original function as a
th. of the wkgclass social rev. are reactionary utopias."

& #4 states: "The 1st step in re-establishing a rev. th. & pr. consists
in BREAKING WITH THE MONOPOLISTIC CLAIM OF MARXISM TO REV_RY
INITIATIVE & to th. & pr/LEADERSHIP."

He then mentions lists everything from Thomas
to Froudhon & Bakunin as equal to H. & imp. also are Ref-ism,
, syndicalism & bolshevism."

Asian society., but these & others' are before 1930

The 1947 letter to Brecht does plus
And one letter in 1956 on Polish strikes
& his aim "to restore ideas of Marx". & then all that
follow in Kellner's p. 105 that KK spent his "last yrs" not
specifying how many in McLean's Psychiatric Hosp. & died
in Belmony. Mass/10/21/1961.

Fred Halliday's Introduction to KARL KORSCH's MARXISM & PHILOSOPHY
1970 NLB pub/ 1886-1961

WWI begins KK's active pol. life; 1917 joins USPD & joins KPD, 1920

1/1919 Spartacist uprising in Berlin & in April Munich Soviet Rep. suppressed
bloodily but remains very active in Workers Councils which continue

3/1919 KK's sets out what he calls "industrial autonomy" in What Is Socializa-
tion

p.9: FH: // "While other Marxists correctly stressed the absence of a rev-ry
org. to seize power, Korsch emphasized that the th. & cultural pre-
conditions for seizure power were also lacking." plus also lacking
"the socio-psychological preconditions for its seizure were lacking"

cf NLR #51 p.27 .contains KK's ~~KK's~~ position & opp. to RL, defending VII

1922 KK writes introd. for new pub. of KM's Critique of Gotha Program

reproduced in this ed; indeed this ed. of M&P also contains

1930 introd. to M&P which he called an Anti-Cr. & Marxism of 1st Int. ('24)

p.13: "Since H's ~~phil~~ idealism expressed ~~th~~ this heroic epoch of
bourgeois, it died out when the bourgeoisie ceased to be rev-ry/
(1840s) The new rev-ry class was the prol. which found its th. expres-
sion in dial. mat. HENCE the his. rel. bet. bourgeois phil. & Marxist
materialism could only be understood within the basic Marxist
outlook itself. Marxism is NOT a phil. but the HEIR of phi."

NBNBNB (rd) this neither to KK nor KK FH means men making his but continuity of ide
"The mistake of vulgar Marxism was to fall into a 'transcendental
underestimation' of the resilience of the intell & ideological
apparatus of bourgeois soc."

1924 5th CI Congress Zinoviev attacks KK & GL & "professors" Deborin
joins the cabal he himself denounced & later expelled by 1931 Stalin
KK however continued to be member since he was MP on Ger. Till 1928

"What was thereby created is a th. of prol. rev., NOT as it developed
out of its own foundation, but on the contrary, as it emerged from
the bourgeois rev.; given this rel., its form & content still bear the
marks of Jacobinism as the th. of the bourgeois rev."

p.22: "By the early 50s, however, KK was evidently afflicted by
the isolation of his position & by an increasing pessimism;
writings at the height of Cold War fell into despair &
reneged any connection with Marxism" But after 1953 hope
revived & showed increasing interest in the colonial world.
planned to write on Ch. Rev. planning introd. on Maos essays
"stressing their th. originality"!!!!!! oh oh oh

KK'S ANTI-CRITIQUE pp.89-126

p.101, ftn.11: "RL in an article in Vorwärts #14,3/1903, states in all seriousness
that the th. stagnation which can now be detected in the move-
ment has not occurred 'because our pr. struggles have
surpassed Mxism but on the contrary because KM's th. achievements
is in advance of us as a practical militant party. It is not
because is no longer adequate for our needs, but because our needs
are not yet adequate to profit from Marx's thought.' RL turned
the rel. of th. to pr. on its head; this dictum has certainly not
put it back on its feet."

p.123: "Trotsky's perceptive cr. analysis of 1908 showed that this was true
of the 1st phase of its his" whereupon (ftn.38)

p.124-5 Concl: I now think that the abstract formulation

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of this demand in my book is genuinely misleading, & must emphasize that the pursuit of rev-ry struggle by what M&P called 'ideological dictatorship' is in 3 respects different from the system from ~~which~~ the system of intell.oppression est'd/ in Rus.today in the name of the 'dic.of the prol. & not over the prol. 2ndly, it is a dic.of a class & not of a party or party leadership. 3rdly & most importantly. 126

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