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Apr 20

Dear Raja,

Thank you for your kind note and for the copy of "News & Letters". I am not sure from your letter that you received a copy of my book "Byarn's Social Critique of Culture". I had instructed the Yale Press to mail you one - but they may have sent it to "News and Letters". In any event, I reminded them after I received your note. If you ever see fit to mention it I would be grateful.

I admire your formidable energy. There is not only the constant stream of publications of substance (as you know, I like and admire your two Byarn books), but I now noticed that you yourself are the chairwoman of News and Letters. Congratulations!

Very cordially,

Louis D.

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Recy 10/23/84

Dear Raya,

Thank you for your review of my book. You certainly gave it a great deal of attention for something like 4000 words to be so basically disagree!

I was happy to see your representative at the Haged convention in Albany, but would have been happy even to see you there.

You will be pleased to hear that all the clinical and maintenance workers (below managerial level) of the University here are on strike!!

With friendly regards!

Lain



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Dear LD

"The barricades" of the university, even of one as staid as Yale still display the link of professors not just with philosophy but of revolution, eh? If you "visited" that clerical picket line you would have spotted some Marxist-Humanists, even as you, I'm sure "knew" me in 1947 in Paris when I walked the Renault picket lines, arms linked with Jesuit priests! I never did figure out my attraction to them, or theirs to me. I just accept "God" bounty to me --

I've been under the weather or whatever is the euphemism for being in hospital with loss of partial vision of left eye. Which is why I did not comment on your note 2 months ago re my review of your work on Marx and Culture. I learn a great deal from Ideas opposed to mine and since News & Letters is a popular paper, I do hope it has also helped in the sale of book while I'm still grappling with your latest an Owl of Minera.

Glad you liked meeting my colleague, Kevin Anderson, whom you met at HSA Conf. and I would indeed feel honored if you reviewed my Rosa Luxemburg, Women's Liberation and Marx's Philosophy of Revolution where, for the 1st time I even returned to Marx before he broke with class full and was writing his doctoral on Epicurus. That that was done when my pre-occupation is the final decade of Marx's life has more than a symbolic importance -- it rounds out Marx as intellectual whose greatest love remained Hegel's 2nd negativity.

This is a peculiar way of saying that this year I'm not even sending Christmas cards. I decided to gift you the Introduction & Overview before it is to come out next spring. The "it" is 35 years of my writing on Women's Liberation and the Dialectics of Revolution. Perhaps some man -- you -- will appreciate that force also as Reason for revolution --

Here is to true New Year that this will prove we don't really wish to nuclear bomb out of existence --

Love,

Raya

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March 21

Dear Ray,

I returned from Europe where I am spending my sabbatical leave and found your letter. Many thanks for it and also for the invitation to the Detroit Symposium. But I am leaving again in three days until to summer.

I did review your Luxembourg book for 'The Owl of Minerva' - favorably, I'm glad to say, though with some criticism (not as much or as sharp as yours was, however).

I hope in the mean time your health has improved. I was distressed to learn about your eye trouble and I do hope that it does not slow you down too much in your reading and writing.

I myself feel constantly "unwashed"

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because of the many writing engagements
to which I have committed myself. There is
so little time for real reflection, for the
things I truly want to do. It is, Raya,
the absolute priority of praxis - the atti-
tude I abhor most in life and I criticized
most in Marx (though he restricted the
need for that priority to others - he himself
was basically a "contemplative" person chained
to desk and armchair...)

Well, I did not want to leave
without thanking you for your letter and
the review and wishing you an improve-
ment in your health.

Very cordially,


Louis

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Dear Raya,

You continue to surprise me by your
enormous productivity. Thank you for
"Women's Liberation and the Dialectics of Revolution"
which I received. I have only perused it:
reading will have to wait for the holidays.
I do not believe that my review of your
Lansenburg book has yet appeared. It should
shutty! Best wishes and thanks!



To wish you all the joy
for the
first Christmas
and a
New Year 
filled with happiness.

Lain Dupis

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