

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

From J. G. P. ...
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Post ...
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To Prof. A. Pannekoek 16/2
Regenteselaan 8
Zeist
HOLLAND

I hope to print each portion of 16 pages a page
the sample is No. 40. and will follow you
the sample & headings etc. so far as possible type
The lighter type and no headings - always for all the
of the 1941 - 1945 until the 1st of October. 74 Bridge Street
Melbourne 3.5.7
Australia
January 3 1941

Your letter of Dec 18th reached me on
Dec 29. It seems a pity now that you did not
send part of the mss. for Watson's Councils by air
mail (keeping a copy to send again if you get
word back of its not being received) as there is no
sign to date of its arrival in Australia. I wish
the last copies of *Spaniards* received here are
of September dates - nothing later.

Although the paper position is deteriorating
every month I am still optimistic as to being able
to regularly print the issues - as I was always
able to get some printing done all through the
war and we do not expect the shortage to be
as bad as it was then; I am also in closer
contact with my printer who also has
improved his own trade contacts for supplies.

The 40 hour week becomes the general Australian
standard of hours this week. Trams (Sunday) the hours
of Melbourne will not run as the tramwaymen have
declared a strike over their demand that the
standard week must be of 5 days, not 6. The
Government Tramway Board can only declare that there
is too great a lack of manpower to institute a
5 day week for a 7 day service. Must expect that
the Board will have to give way. So soon as I

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74 Bridge St
Port Melbourne 3207
Australia

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To Dr. A. Pannekoek
Regentenschaap, 8
ZEIST
HOLLAND

744 Bridge St
Port Hall 507
Dec 8 1947

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Dear Madame Paruchuk,

The MSS does not yet arrived - Sea mail seems
now very slow when air mail is so quick. Your air mail letter of Nov 26
received this morning morning as I expected you to be arrived on Sat Dec 6
as Saturday is a half holiday in Port office and he early morning delivery vehicles
started at 5:30 am.

You will see by the enclosed copy of the report I intended to set the
Workers Council up. Not as part of the paper course - but as a separate
16p. pamphlet. The matter I had not been included in a small
pamphlet to announce the forthcoming issue of the book, but I
got sick for a couple of days and the coming down such as in a my
with a 3 day a doubt with the printer so the matter was
put off. I had intended to fill the remaining gap with a
summary of your summary. Still it will give you an idea of
the size of page. The book is 200 p. - a 200 p.
paper bound book of 8 leaves = 16 p. The
paper front is 200 p. but we can only print
100 p. for the first.

The "wild stakes" - the term is quite unknown in Australia
such stakes are called "unofficial stakes" it is not specially
mentioned by the Union. Such operations outside as in
England seem to be called "wild-cut stakes" - I do not know
the connection as a "wild-cut" gold mine in Australia is
a term for a very shabby transaction. In the book the
term "wild stakes" would be of course understood. I will not use
stake or indicate any other reference.

So far I have had no response to my appeal, I
think the attacks being made on the Fabian Party by its
inhabitant of the banks has shown that many so-called
socialists are only so in name. At the first attack on capital
one sort of profane might many have discovered that
the solution is only an ideological solution - so even
market change affect this and speculation they are prepared to
become aware of. That is one reason I am emphasizing the
practical principle as much in my writings - but you are only
scaring them away! Capitalism in Australia is now
expanding fast - there is full employment especially a
great demand for girls and women with the consequence
that a very large percentage of workers receive now take on
some kind of part employment outside which was not
the case thirty to thirty years ago. This is unequally
little these people in Australia or today and what you
once I would call poverty is not always regarded as such
by those who live on such a scale. Compared to the
life forty years ago they think they are well off.
Because they have a few pounds and the things they need
are not yet fully available in the market they are not aware
that they are poor. When they are once more a glittering market
they will know it. You did not say anything about
methods remarks. I give the impression that things are very
similar in U.S.A. Sincerely yours
John Dawson

16/9 47? 74 Bridge Street
Port Melbourne
AUSTRALIA. S.C.7

Dear Comrade Panikoth, Your air-mailed letter of Aug 30 received today, September 16th, and I hasten to offer to do all I possibly can in the direction you desire. Although the paper position has deteriorated considerably - and will be worse when the full effect of Government restriction of imports depletes stocks held in Australia - I am prepared to go on as far as is possible. I do not want to mislead you. So far I have NOT got many readers amongst the younger workers. Still even an odd copy or two in the right hands could be an aid to "miracles" if the will to put into practice was there. Here and there there have been workers with a personal magnetism that compels their fellows to listen. The main thing wrong with leadership is that the "leaders" are more self-seeking conscious than class conscious.

We would have to decide how many copies it was necessary to have printed over and above the ones used as supplements each month in my paper.

I have been urging the remnants of the S.W.S. to try and get going again on the lines of Job Organisation - (most of them are now old men like myself. We are well fitted to counsel any young worker with the view and go to organise, but not to do the job ourselves. I still can see the limitations placed upon distribution with our almost non-existent organisation

in production - but still, way, may open up that we
are not aware of today. If you can give me some
idea as to the number of copies necessary and
send along the first batch of copy, I will go
ahead with it to the best of my own resources
and with any additional help that might come
along. (I do not expect my business to be as
good as it has been, owing to the restrictions on
supplies).

I will try and get the matter set up in 10 pt. type
- (use 8 pt. type) and use bigger margins.

There is no need to return the Study Guide
Prof. I still have 50 copies or so on hand. No
one seems to want them. I can only do so
much and no more. I had the idea, if the
Study Guide could be improved and better written that
I would advertise to contact students in
county centers and out-back industrial towns, the
four groups, but no one hardly showed
any interest or will to cooperate. If you
should know of any who would like a copy or
two I will gladly send them along. You might
let me know, critically what you think of my
address on "Mathematics as an opposition tactic
to U.S.A. capitalist expansion" enclosed with
this letter.

So, I will be writing for the first batch of copy from
you to go ahead:

Yours faithfully
Jim Dawson

74 Bridge Street 16/10
Paul Mellin
Australia
Nov 14, 1947

Dear Dr. Bannock,

I have had a reply from Paul Mathick as to the number of copies he would take of "Workers' Councils". Perhaps it will be better if I quote direct from his letter. I had mentioned that I thought the I.W.W. and the W.S.P. would probably do something towards circulating the "Workers' Councils". I know Mathick is only too right (see) because that is exactly the position in Australia. The old one a two who call themselves the I.W.W. in Australia are the most rabid narrow sectarian bigots one could meet. They drive workers away from an organization. Probably all so-called revolutionary organizations have these individuals whose sectarian letter kills the spirit. The Socialist Party of Australia would read Workers' Councils if they got an odd copy or so free - they would NOT sell a single copy nor pass it on. All my publications with the exception of the reprint "The Program" were boycotted AND CONDEMNED. I was told I would only be readmitted to membership if I burnt or destroyed every bit of literature I had issued. That has been the spirit of all Socialist parties in Australia with the exception of the Victorian Socialist Party, which was the advance what the Australian Labor Party became. The V.S.P. merged individually into the Labor Party. Most of the metropolitan Labor members of parliament

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Larkin, late John Paine

were members of the Victorian Socialist Party, based, like John
Thomson & others, on German school Protestantism General 18
and many others. With all other Socialist Parties, - 19
the Socialist Labor Party - The Australian Socialist Party founded
by the German Social Democrat Party in Sydney who had a
beer licence but did not put the profits on beer into a
printing press and plant - and like the Socialist Party,
Australia - all have been narrow organizations - limited
zealots or rather bigots. The great majority of those who
would be socialist, tried to work in the Labor Party.

Mathick writes: "I am sorry to hear that Pannekoek
could not get his book on Workers Councils published in England,
as that would have been the logical place . . . from what
people told me about it, it seems to have a real
meaning presently only in Europe, although, of course,
it is good to know what has meaning in Europe all
over the world" [this sentence is ambiguous, but I give it as in
Mathick's letter] "Still from a 'marketing' point of view,
America would be a bad place for publication" [I
have already told you that that is the position here in Australia -
bookellers will not handle real socialist books as they
have found in practice there are no longer readers]
"People, here, know nothing about the council
movement" [all the greater reason that some attempt to
bring it before them must be made] "and what is more,
they do not care to know anything about it. There are
only a handful of people, mostly Europeans, who would be
really interested and as these are reading your journal
already, they will be able to read Pannekoek's book in

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involvement, which will cut down their desire to buy it at
second hand in book-form. In other words, I do not expect
that you, or we, could sell many copies of the book in
U.S.A. As to England, I think the Glasgow Group would buy
some, and maybe also the Freedom Group. I don't have
any longer contact with the first, ... maybe Pannick
himself could give you some advice as to the circulation
possibilities in England. ... In brief, I am only too
very pessimistic regarding the circulation of Water's
bulletins in America. There is no way for me to help
finance the enterprise. ... Maittick here very plainly
tells me his economic-financial position - I apparently
am in a much better position myself. Maittick
further states: "at present there is not a single
person living in New York with whom I could cooperate
on anything," and he tells me the struggle he is in
getting your "Tennis as a Philosophy" through the press.
... "I [Maittick] would suggest ... to send 100 copies
[of Water's bulletins]. After they have been sold, we will
pay for them and take another 100 copies, and so forth,
if there is an "and so forth." He then asks me
how many copies I would like to get of your "Tennis
as Philosophy." "maybe we can arrange the whole
thing on an exchange basis ..." [I probably would
be able to arrange for some ~~particular~~ publishing of your
book in Australia as the title would sell a certain
number of copies - I don't know how I could finance this
entry though even apart from procuring the necessary
dollar exchange which I am afraid would be required

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by the Australian Government who would also I think place an
exchange or sending back the funds even if the book
was sent without the cash. I had to sign a statement
Declaration over the entry of the "Western Socialist" to the
effect that I would not pay for them - (they would have to
come in free of neither now or in future years after
the war. The exchange position is worse now.

Mathick also tells me "Have no illusion about the
W.S.P. and the I.N.W. with regard to Pannekoek's book.
They will not buy any, save a few out of curiosity's sake.
But they will not circulate them. They are both too
dogmatic and organization-conscious, so that they
could be interested in propagandizing a point of
view different from their own. The enthusiasm you
have towards the I.N.W. I can understand well. It
is somewhat of a wish-escape - hope despite factual
knowledge and experience - because there is no organization
besides that approaches on viewpoint to any slight
degree." "Still it has no basis in fact. The I.N.W.
is today just another insignificant trade union
movement - despite their program - they have no future
and out of sheer bitterness, they become more and more
sectarian at the same time when they are willing to
compromise their principles in order to keep the sect
alive. The thing is really dead, it makes no sense
to try to blow life into this cadaver, however nice it was
in its youth. I have been a member of the I.N.W. for
many years. The W.S.P. is just a bunch of petty
bureaucrats office boys. They like to educate the pass

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The time away; they are wholly meaningless, save as a private outlet for some would-be educators....
This, Gmüde Pammebeck is a abridged copy of
Mabuchi letter. So I expect it would be useless
expense to print more than 1,000 copies for
finally binding into a permanent book. Still
if only 20 to 50 copies of that number got into
young white organizers' hands some thing
worth while will happen. I am prepared to
the extent of my ability and health to
carry the torch and pass it on.

I am more than ever becoming aware that
idealism is a virtue of those in more
comfortable circumstances than is the lot of
the workers. And only in rare instances
is it possible for such idealists to gain
the necessary practical viewpoint.
The worker idealist must expect to live - I might say to expect that
only personally. I knew one worker in Australia
who had the mental capacity to grasp
practicality and get not lose the earthly
touch with his fellow seamen - but
Billberry was a boogie and still is. I have
not seen him for over 20 years during
which time he has had two periods as
secretary of the Brisbane Branch (Queensland) of the
Seamans Union which is officially dominated by the
Communists. I have not little time out of business
(as it is my only means of finance) 60 hours a week leave, methodically
fixed and adds to mental lethargy. I am putting No. 40 to press
this week-end. Sincerely,
Jim Dawson

74 Pring St
Newellman 507
Jan 15 1948

Dear Comrade Parnoch,

As I indicated yesterday, the
printing sent you in October has arrived OK.
This morning I received word from the
printer that because of a breakdown, I will
not be able to get a return (14 pages) set in
time to go with the February issue now
being set up, but will start with the
March issue.

The printer has set off all the necessary
pages in stock but I have paid \$50 on
what he has available and will hope
that he will be able to make it up.

Very little newspaper paper (the cheapest) is
available so the supplement rather than
1500 copies will be printed on a light
good white paper, and the 500 copies to be
bound in book form. I have not yet decided which
of two papers I will choose. The cheaper
lighter of good strong quality is not as
white as "wilt" and a more expensive heavier

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quality paper, especially in the case of
the 1500 copies. I will be able to arrange for
the necessary paper.

The above mentioned paper while
is under the 12th day and the State Publishing
Company has been advised of the situation
and they are doing their best to get the
paper in time. I will be able to arrange for
the necessary paper.

74 Bridge Street
Port Melbourne S.C.7
Australia 16/15
Jan 22 1948

Dear Comrade Pannekoek.

I regret intensely that you feel uneasy about my extending to my readers the views you express to me in a personal letter. If you only knew the poverty of knowledge in Australia about Europe you would understand that many others beside myself find in your viewpoint the mental catalysis that disintegrates the component parts of the news supplied to us by the Australian press and by a class-conscious analysis that of itself does not suffer loss in the process, our understanding is enriched and we are better able to ~~sum~~ sum up European events. We find the matter Comrade Kenafick translates from the European papers we receive a help also - but to me your view is a more personal one such as from an umpire who fairly weighs events and does not give them any emphasis that may mislead. Perhaps I am prone to evangelism in this regard and I need the corrective viewpoints of yourself, Smathick, and one or two others. I have actually your viewpoint as expressed in the letter you mention, already set up in ~~print~~ type. I will read it through again - cut out what maybe is not essential to the public - and even give it a thorough going over from your expressed view of Jan 13th and maybe not use it at all. I did not intend to use your name - I merely put it as a European view ^{from} other matters I had been writing up for some time and

To some extent I am handicapped at present by having to run my business of a china and glass retailer which requires more attention now than during the war. I cannot neglect this source of my livelihood and the means of meeting the deficits of printing. I must give at least 60 hours a week to business and about 40 hours a month to the printing & publishing and some in reading of papers and journals attending meetings and giving an occasional Sunday night address to the League for Freedom (an anti-militarist organization) Forum. There are so many facets to capitalism that maybe at times I get them mixed up in presentation. One fails if one is not intelligible. One is not intelligible if he leaves out the point of impact of the worker, and of the working class to capitalism. Without superfluous explanation - to which vice I seem to be addicted - I try to include more than one facet of a subject in each issue, as I found in my own case that I needed just that. Thirty years ago when I first read Vol 1 of Capital, I got a better viewpoint and an interest in the philosophical undertone which Marx introduced in the opening chapters. For some years I was mainly a bush worker - hundreds of miles away from cities - and hence no contact personally with socialists. The individuality and independence of Henry David Thoreau's outlook was no doubt a real influence on my life. I was early left an orphan and had been totally on my own since seventeen years of age. At 18 I worked in England for two years, and never had an opportunity to contact the socialist movement there, being at that age in a personal struggle with religion. On getting stranded in London and seeing the social pit yawning open for me I was persuaded by the Agent General for Western Australia to return to Australia. The W.A. Government advancing me the fare back which I had to repay later.

There is a ~~distinct~~ distinct growth of working class mass pressure visible in Australia - but due only to a favourable labor-market and offset by the very cause of that favorable market i.e. the war economy which has drawn away 50,000 workers from purely civilian ^{employment} goods.

put seemed so commentatory that I think others would find it likewise.

I would ask you to bear in mind continually that my paper is an individual effort and I seek so far as my propaganda will allow me, to present a free enquiry attitude to events - based on a constant striving to understand dialectically the movement of the capitalist progression. I am (with that queer humility that is part of our stubborn struggle to understand - in the light that to understand is to overcome -) aware constantly of my limited power of thought and analysis.

I only received the bare rudiments of school education and considered as a full time wage worker at 12 years of age, groping for understanding and have had to seek out or stumble upon those few who like Marx could give us the aid to understand the extant process of capitalist society. 'Tis not commendation I need, it is the serious earnest criticism that will sharpen still further whatever faculty for free enquiry I am capable of. So far as I know, there is no one in Australia who has attempted just that which I am trying to do. Therefore it is very necessary for pertinent criticism.

I received safely today the 18½ folios enclosed. ^{There was no delay or Customs examination.} You will by now have received my wireless message and the following air letter telling you I received the main parcel of 79 folios. I am not sure if I asked you to let me know the total number of folios of Typescript there will be in the whole book, so that the
 In future send enough copy only for a monthly part so long as I have several ^(over) parts in hand

printer may estimate the quantity of paper required for the whole book and in order that I may be able to buy it ahead or at 16/116 least have it put on one side if future supplies appear uncertain - as it appears that the Government here intend even more drastic curtailment of dollar purchases.

The delay in leaving the first part to be issued until March issue is unavoidable. The March issue will be printed about the 20th of February - I am a week late in getting the February issue set up owing to the three weeks Xmas holidays that has been gained by most industry in Australia as a wage war has raged. Practically all factories and mines enjoyed this 3 weeks recess.

One matter I am not sure about - Do you want "Workers' Councils" to appear with your name as author? or do you want only the title "Workers' Councils"? I am having the Preface you sent me as appearing in the Dubai edition printed as an introduction. Nothing at all from me will appear on or in the book whatsoever. My introducing remarks will appear in the columns of "Southern Advocate" only. I told you in my last letter that the workers on Melbourne farms have won recognition of a 5-day working week, even though owing to lack of manpower it will be April before workers can demand for a 5-day week. In South Australia the railway men went on strike against overtime working. They have won. As a result there will be no trains running in South Australia on Saturdays or Sundays. The information in the Melbourne Press is that the Railway Commissioners see no other alternative - evidently they will not risk a long strike upsetting the State economy and the getting the wheat harvest down to the seaports.

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74 Bridge St
Port Melbourne S.E.7

Dear Comrade Pannebook,

April 5 1948

Herewith the first section of Workers Councils. I struck a snag the first issue. On correcting for the press one of the printer's employees slipped the lines corrected in to the wrong pages in five instances. I had had to leave my work during business hours to finally ok the proof and not having time to read the whole 16 pages through again did not notice what had been done - mostly in running back over pages to gain space of which I was quite unaware. Anyway it is a lesson to me. The printer insists I pay the full amount of reprinting again (£33) as I ok'd the proof.

Also it is costing much more than I reckoned on.

I have yet to go into this matter with the printer.

I expect in future I will have to cut down the paper to 4 pages or so to make up.

The struggle in Australia is working up as full support for USA-Britain vs Russia and the workers are splitting accordingly. As a stone to show heads the Labor Club at Melbourne University over 300 members is now almost totally Communist and no other organization in the University in opposition. In Sydney there is a strong radical element opposing the Communists. I have not been as well as I would like and the strain is great. - Sincerely Jim Dawson

STAATSBEDRIJF DER P.T.T.

VERKORTINGEN VOOR BETAALDE DIENSTAANWIJZINGEN

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- x (bedrag)
- XP = Hode betaald
- PC = Kansgeving Ontvangst
- TC = Collectieonting
- TR = Telegraf Resant
- GP = Post Resante
- MP = Eigenhandig
- LX = Geluktelegram
- RM = Overneming

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Dr. A. Fennekoel,
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NEDERLANDS

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If anything is enclosed it will be sent by ordinary mail.

"Workers Councils" Box 573D Melbourne.

July 11th 1948.

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Dear Dr. Pannekoek:

Jim Dawson asks me to write to you. I have been conducting his correspondence and helped with the paper now for the last four months. Jim himself, if you but could realize what he does, is a miracle- he manages to work about 80 hours in the shop and to bring out the paper, ~~xxxxxxx~~ With the exception of Comrade Kenafick, who translates French, Spanish and Dutch and myself who does French, + German, he has no assistance, and I think I ought to impress on you that he puts every penny into your book, and has to help to set up the paper and the book- therefore when you find printing errors etc. you must realize the conditions under which Jim is working.

The point at issue is your latest instalment ("The Foe") which reached us last week. I have gone through it and corrected some of the linguistic mistakes- you have a beautifully clear clear style, but there are one or two occasions where you didn't find the right word. Now, we are of the opinion that the book ought to be up to date. Considering that it was written during the war, we believe that the last two sections of this part i.e. on Fascism and Nazism ought to be revised by you. If we publish it as it stands, we think the book would suffer by being three years behind the time- as the references in these two parts -and these ONLY- are of rather a topical nature. We therefore have the following proposition to make to you:

a. Condense the two chapters into one-NOT any longer than the present manuscript- and add a chapter on RUSSIA or else on the task of the workers in face of the present two camps in world politics, *or whatever you think fit.*

b. Or else, leave out the chapter on Fascism, bring the one on Nazism up to date and add something suitable.

We sincerely hope you will not be offended by these suggestions, they are made because we wish the book to be as valuable as possible and believe it should be as topical as possible. You will, we think, agree that the last two sections are somewhat out of date now.

If you are agreeable, make, if possible, your revision shorter as Jim is in great financial difficulties, the book has cost already over £200 and will be more. If you can do the above, please let us have it as soon as possible, so that we can go ahead with ~~the~~ printing.

In any case, please reply by AIRMAIL and let us know your ideas, I presume you have a copy of the manuscript, if not we would send you these two sections by airmail.

There is another matter: Have you got a copy of Corten's ~~the book~~ "Reply to Lenin" re Left wing communism- in GERMAN or French (we would prefer German). If so, and if you could send it, with a brief introduction giving some background of the book (about 2000 words) I should be glad to translate it and it could be published in instalments on the paper.

If you yourself have written anything new, and not too complicated, we should, of course, be glad to print it.

Let us hear from you as soon as possible,

Yours Fraternally,

Bob Berry

Bob Berry
per J.A. Dawson.

"Workers Councils" Box 573D Melbourne.

July 11th 1948. 16/19

Dear Dr. Pannekoek:

Jim Dawson asks me to write to you. I have been conducting his correspondence and helped with the paper now for the last four months. Jim himself, if you but could realize what he does, is a miracle- he manages to work about 30 hours in the shop and to bring out the paper, ~~except~~ With the exception of Comrade Kenafick, who translates French, Spanish and Dutch and myself who does French, German, he has no assistance, and I think I ought to impress on you that he puts every penny into you book, and has to help to set up the paper and the book- therefore when you find printing errors etc. you must realize the conditions under which Jim is working.

The point at issue is your latest instalment ("The Foe") which reached us last week. I have gone through it and corrected some of the linguistic mistakes- you have a beautifully clear clear style, but there are one or two occasions where you didn't find the right word. Now, we are of the opinion that the book ought to be up to date. Considering that it was written during the war, we believe that the last two sections of this part i.e. Fascism and Nazism ought to be revised by you. If we publish it as it stands, we think the book would suffer by being three years behind the time- as the references in these two parts -and these ONLY- are of rather a topical nature. We therefore have the following proposition to make to you:

a. Condense the two chapters into one-NOT any longer than the present manuscript- and add a chapter on RUSSIA or else on the task of the workers in face of the present two camps in world politics, *or whatever you think fit.*

b. Or else, leave out the chapter on Fascism, bring the one on Nazism up to date and add something suitable.

We sincerely hope you will not be offended by these suggestions, they are made because we wish the book to be as valuable as possible and believe it should be as topical as possible. You will, we think, agree that the last two sections are somewhat out of date now.

If you are agreeable, make, if possible, your revision shorter as Jim is in great financial difficulties, the book has cost already over £300 and will be more. If you can do the above, please let us have it as soon as possible, so that we can go ahead with the printing.

In any case, please reply by AIRMAIL and let us know your ideas, I presume you have a copy of the manuscript, if not we would send you these two sections by airmail.

There is another matter: Have you got a copy of Gorter's ~~Handbook~~ "Reply to Lenin" re Left wing communism- in GERMAN or French (we would prefer German). If so, and if you could send it, with a brief introduction giving some background of the book (about 2000 words) I should be glad to translate it and it could be published in instalments on the paper.

If you yourself have written anything new, and not too complicated, we should, of course, be glad to print it.

Let us hear from you as soon as possible,

Yours Fraternally,

Bob Berry

Bob Berry
per J.A. Dawson.

74 Bridge Street
Port Melbourne

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July 26 1948

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Dear Comrade Pannebock.

Your air-mail letter with U.S. cheque

received today.

I have got into a jam for both time and finance.

The extra cost of paper and printing compared to a year ago, when I had expected to use ordinary newspaper paper was further accentuated by the necessity of reprinting the first portion. What support I do get is all from the

older generation. Unless it is possible to get the book finally into the hands of young enthusiastic workers, then we are but one more ideology - no matter how soundly based on theoretic understanding. The long

building up of reliance upon State tribunals has fixed a pattern in Australia which is only partly offset by the exploitation and fomenting of grievances by the Communists. Only in Broken Hill - an isolated

mining town (lead and silver) in NSW - has there been shown a determined opposition to State Tribunals. They alone of all the Unions have kept outside the Arbitration Court - they have kept outside that Court for 28 years following an 18 months lockout by the mine owners.

So far as I can see the Communists show no opposition to the Court as a Court of the State. They would no doubt use it if they got control to discipline the workers. The workers as a whole really believe they will get a just fair go by the Court - if not today, then in the future.

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A Liberal judge who really believed in holding the scales even - Mr Justice Higgins - and who ruled the Court for the first decades of its existence laid the foundation of the present pattern.

Realistically there appears to be only similar patterns in other countries. The Vatican, and the Moscow Statism are similar. The ~~only~~ only difference between the three is the degree of the working class being subjected to the State rule. In the avowed Capitalist States there is still a rebellious element able to participate in strikes who are not instantly jailed. On the other hand - we see it at work in Australia and U.S.A. - there is a strong movement to bring the Law into operation against strikes especially those you term wild strikes.

Personally I am out of the struggle and have been forced to put in 60 to 70 hours a week in business in order to extend the means by which I can finance my printing activity. It is working out badly - I do not even get time to read or think as I am too tired out at night - also my wife is very sick - we have no family. A young Austrian German who was deported out to Australia from Britain after Dunkirk and was put in the labor camps is now at the University doing a rehabilitation course and going for his Master of Arts degree, is helping me out with the mailing and correspondence etc. I pay him £5 per issue of the paper. As he lived in Germany under Hitler and his family suffered severe disabilities - and he is the modern type of Socialist

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I do not think he can do much harm even tho he is not a partisan of Workers Councils. He is not a wage working unionist but of the intellectual type and hopes to become a teacher. You have probably see this had a letter from him about your book. I had got him to go over the typescript to get the language idiom & syntax correct. I have not yet had time to read the last lot received myself, but will do so before sending it to the printers. I will not be able to finance the next issue till next September at earliest.

In brief the working class of Australia hope to gain their desires thru political participation in the State. The old social-democracy pattern is repeated here with an active participation of the Unions in the State Courts.

As things are I am being placed more and more in the position of a schoolmaster intruder giving unwanted advice to the Australian Labor Movement within the capitalist system. They are quite satisfied to quarrel amongst themselves along the road they are travelling. Thus the practice of capitalism has its reflex in the practice of the Labor Movement within the system. The working class do NOT want to get outside capitalism.

Fraternally

Jim Dawson



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3 BIG STRIKES THREATENING

Wharf Tie-Up Extends: Pit, Ship Troubles

Within a few hours of the *Eximo* being towed to the wharf, the work has stopped in industry, Australia, and a third strike is being threatened.

A spread of the Sydney waterfront strike, which today has cut off the coal and oil supply to the wharves, has now spread to the South Wales wharves, and the Waterside Workers' Federation.

Some operations, such as the unloading of goods, are still being carried out, but the wharves are being used only for the unloading of goods.

A series of one-day stop-work meetings, by means of which the wharves are being closed, is being held in the Sydney waterfront.

A threat by the Communist-controlled Seafarers' Union, to strike in support of the wharves, is being met by the Government.

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into chaos if direction is decided at tomorrow's Commonwealth-wide stopwork meetings called by Conciliation Commissioner Hamilton Knight's recent decision.

Queensland miners also threaten to fall into line. The Queensland secretary of the Miners' Federation (Mr. C. Tucker) said members of his branch would follow any advice given by the Central Coal Board.

Wharf Strike

Hundreds of wharf laborers assembled at picketing centres in Sydney today when calls for labor began the men would not offer. The Port Committee of the Seafarers' Industrial Union dismissed the dispute this afternoon.

All wharves are likely to be restored for work in the morning but the cessation of shipping will be so great that labor will be insufficient to man all vessels.

As day shifts take priority, labor will be left for the midnight shifts and this problem, therefore, may not arise again until there is a surplus of labor.

Mine Threats

Sydney reports say that stopwork meetings will be called by the miners' leaders in the next few days.

These would mean the loss of 70,000 tons of coal, including about 28,000 tons in NSW.

Overabundance in that State, however, is the fear that

stopwork meetings would decide on a general stoppage. With no reserve to draw upon an emergency, a general coal stoppage would affect all nationwide coal essential services.

The combined Mining Union's Council, representing all unions in the coal industry, is conducting the Central Council—the National Seafarers'—between miners' conventions—will meet tomorrow.

Mr. Tucker said in Brisbane that if the Coal Industry Board's application, and did not extend its provisions to Queensland, the situation would meet with a sympathetic response from the rank and file. But Queensland miners would not accept any lifting of present conditions.

Seamen's Move

Shipping men say the union may decide on direct action at tomorrow's monthly stop-work meeting.

Conciliation Commissioner Hamilton Knight rejected some of their claims in his decision on the wage and modified others.

About 20 ships are likely to be affected here. Oversea vessels will be provided later.

Melbourne seamen will meet at the Waterside Workers' Federation rooms in Flinders Street at 9 a.m.

LIBERALS DEMAND ANTI-RED ACTION

Liberal Party members joined today with the State Executive of the Australian Labor Party, in asking that the Federal Government should intervene to protect unionists victimised by Communist union controllers.

"This is the first time details of the fight between loyal unionists and Communists have been made public," said Mr. Gullett, MHR.

"Men like Mr. Miller must have the support of all decent Australians, whether they are unionists or not. Labor supporters would walk out of the movement."

He is no friend of mine—in fact, he worked against me at the elections. As a Labor man and according to his lips, he has worked all his life to help his fellow workers and so help Australia.

"Because he has had the temerity to criticize the strong arm methods of Communists in his own union, their expenditure of union funds, and the way in which their bullocks have been conducted, he has been hounded from his job, harassed, isolated, and persecuted."

'RIGHT PLACE'

"Unionists have to realize that there can be no compromise with Communists in Australia any more than with Communists in Berlin or Moscow. If the unions do not rid themselves of Communists, the Communists will destroy us by having the work on which we base ourselves, and they are now destroying the once great A.L.P."

"The right place for Communists is in jail. The Government should back up men like Mr. Miller with legislation that will put them there."

The Acting Premier (Mr. McDonald) and the Prime Minister (Mr. Gullett) should declare the Communist Party illegal.

Reports clearly showed that the interests of individuals who do not share their beliefs and demands for the welfare of Australia.

If the Labor Party allowed Communists to continue to run the two unions, good laborers would do more than walk out of meetings and "quit" — they would walk out of the movement.

He agreed that the Arbitration Act should be amended to force industrial militants to observe Court awards.

The deputy leader of the Federal Country Party (Mr. McKelvey) said in the statement of Mr. Peters, Mr. Miller and other unionists was "obscure tyrant".

'ALL LIES'

The acting secretary of the Building Workers' Industrial Union (Mr. B. Heine) was invited today to comment on an article in the Herald on Saturday which gave the history of Communist events in Communist-dominated unions.

The article quoted as a change of example is the case of Mr. A. Miller of the B.W.I.U. as an opponent of Communism.

Mr. Heine said the article was "all lies". He refused to comment further.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Carty) declared his opinion: "It is a union fight, and it is not getting into it," he said. "It will end itself all right."

The Federal Minister for Labour (Mr. Holloway) also declined to comment.



CARPENTER A. T. Miller works alone on the job today at the Works and Housing Depot, Salmon Street, Port Melbourne. Work at the store had been declared black because the Building Workers' Industrial Union says that Miller is unfranchised. Miller previously worked at Craig's Building. The job there was also declared black. Miller says: "My only crime is that I was forthright in my criticism of Communists."

1/4 Bridge Street
Port Melbourne S.C.7
Cushat's 16/24
Feb 2 1949

Dear Comrade Pennsbach

You ask "how are you"? Physically I am in fair health. My trouble is financial. I delved deeply into the funds of my business over the year years and the expenses of printing The Workers' Committee proved too great a burden. Although I did not expect very much financial help from sympathisers and had not built too much on that, the actual printing expenses of the book parts proved to be more than double than I had planned for. You should see this and even hope you write as you have received the last issue and book part mailed about October last. I have had help from a student at the University (Collection - German) in the mailing and as I did not physically myself address all packages I have no proof that all those on the list went out.

I am working from 6 hours to 20 hours a week in my business to keep solvent & to gain the necessary finance to ~~finish~~ finish Workers' Committee as agreed upon. The printer has now all the matter set in type (except the last portion) received about middle of 1948 including Part III I also received from my student friend (H. Meyer) the Part IV which he got at my P.O. Box. And which I will print in printed parts as soon as financially possible. Nothing can be added in the parts already

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I am a bit but happy as to the matter until I get
roughly parts together & look up your letter containing
the outline. How much more mss. is there to send me
to complete the work?

As you will understand I get little time to ^{the} relax
and concentrate on the matter, our ^{partly} ^{time} ^{to} ^{investigate} ^{or} ^{study}
what is in circulation - being costs are rising as the cost of
government increases and becomes incorporated into ^{the} ^{cost}
and competition in business is increasing as supplies
become greater. I am aware enough in the field of
capitalist business if I wish to get the hundreds
of pounds necessary to finish the work. I understood
Conrad Kerapik's report on ^{his} ^{book}
"Babunin and Marx" which you will have
received by this I expect. Was marred by a terrible
lot of printer's errors. The big operators are
blind fools and not too good in English. The cost for
accuracy is prohibitive at present. I expect to
mail out 2 parts of Workers Councils each of 32 pages
(64 pages in all) within the next 2 months. The printer
reads about 30 four pages of Part IV to complete
the section. If you think it advisable to print
a first book ending at Part III, that would leave
room for a colophon at the back of the book. Let me know
by return mail and I will not ^{hesitate} ^{until} ^I ^{hear} ^{from} ^{you}
thankfully.
Jim Dawson





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32 Chrystobel Crescent
Hawthorn E 2
Victoria
Australia

12th February 1949

Dear Dr. Pannekoek,

I am forwarding you by this post a copy of my recently published book "Michael Bakunin and Karl Marx", which I hope you will find interesting. No doubt you already know a great deal more about Bakunin than I do, but I thought the correlation of his ideas to present-day movements might prove of value. As I said in the conclusion of a recent article of mine in J. A. Dawson's paper, it looks as if a synthesis of Marxian and Anarchist ideas on a higher plane is the only feasible line for the working class movement to take to-day.

I have just finished reading your "Lenin as a philosopher" which is now in the Melbourne Public Library. Had I read it before I published my own book, I might not have referred so critically as I did to the "Marxist" Dialectic, as

it seems that it is Lenin rather than Marx
that is primarily responsible for use or misuse,
of the Dialectic by the "Communist" Party to-
-day.

You will probably disagree with some
of the points in my book. If you do, I should
be glad to hear your views as one can always
profit by informed and sincere criticism,
as I know that yours would be.

yours sincerely,
R. J. Kenafick

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74 Bridge St
Port Melbourne 542

March 4 1948

Dear Comrade Pannekoek

I have received cheque for \$200.00.

Many thanks. I will proceed as fast as finances and the resources of the printer allow to finish the book. I am still tied up to the headmill of business and probably will have to form a limited company to introduce others with finance into my business to pull through. One at least gets a practical experience of this stupid system of capitalist production. You will see that my experiences with the apathy of the workers have dampened down my ideologic enthusiasm - but I am still realist enough to know that action by the workers alone can accomplish what we desire. One can only help towards their understanding so that class action and not communist-Soviet intrigue may be the mainspring of such action and that it be not readily defayed.

I am penning this in haste to let you know the safe arrival of your cheque.

Faternally
Jim Dawson

74 Bridge St ^{10/182}
Port Melbourne S.C.7

July 25 1949

Dear Comrade Pannekoek.

You will have read of the coal strikes in Australia. There are many angles which have enabled the Communists to exploit the circumstances. The A.L.P. (Australian Labor Party) opposition also has many angles, not the least in the A.W.U. (Australian Workers Union) opposition to the Miners' Federation of Australia. The A.W.U. is — in the sense that the coal miners' union is Communist controlled — so then in that sense the A.W.U. is Catholic controlled. The A.W.U. rank and file, however, being hogtied to the Arbitration Board have far less control over the prospects of control than have the coal miners over their union lodges.

One can only conclude that all are satellites to the major planets of the World Struggle. The fight between the Vatican & Moscow is reflected in Australia as well as the struggle of Russia against U.S.A. and her ally Britain.

Today one cannot hold to ideologies. Until each one of us frees himself from ALL ideology, he cannot escape being enmeshed in the machinery of the World Conflict.

Until the workers concentrate on Direct Action to get into the closest contact with their own immediate employers, I hold there is little good in the organisations they at present support. And logically the workers will not get far today with

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Direct Action unless they become very realistically subtle. On the surface it seems to be asking the impossible. It would seem that Stalin is right when he says "You can't back heads" - the total social practice of people earning their livelihood is as strong and valid as the Law of Value.

Things are not so good with myself. I have lost control of my business and had to turn it into a Pty Ltd company. I was unable to carry on any longer. To gain a livelihood I now have to play ball with the system.

I cashed your check (enclosed) and paid the money over to the printer - ^{now I have to replace it as you will see.} ^{At the moment it is being added to my overdraft etc.} The first cheque for \$200.00 apparently went through O.K. This has been returned from U.S.A.

marked "Savings Account Not subject to check"

With this calamity I will not be able to do anything more this year unless the printer actually has set up the type and is prepared to wait indefinitely for his payment.

Any move in Australia Pty would have to be a rank and file movement - Alas I am now outside the water.

Respectfully
Jim Dawson



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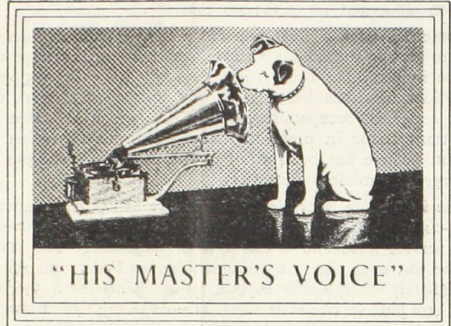
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But not this car; not this driver. A clear patch and you put your foot down in 3rd. In a flash the needle says 50—you're away.

How long have you been travelling now? Two hours? Three hours? Travelling fast—60, 65, 70, 75. But there's no strain. You're fresh; relaxed.

A corner comes and goes; and another and another. A surprising absence of roll. You work out your average. It's high. Somehow this car grips a bend and straightens it out; comes to a hill and flattens it down.

You sit enjoying it.

It's a good road now. But there have been bad patches; they got lost in the torsion bar suspension, and not a kick in the steering. Only your eyes noticed.

Two hours to go. The light fades. You snap on the head lights; brightly reassuring in the dusk.

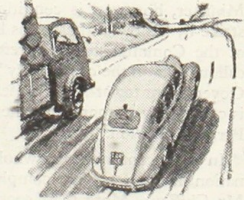
This used to be a long journey.

But this car conquers distance.

And what about space? Plenty.

You can take up to six with luggage—and still have driving fun.

This car is a waste of money if you don't care what a car does. There's such a lot built into it that doesn't really show until you have it in your hands. Once tried, you'll say 'I'd rather go by Javelin!'



Top speed 78 m.p.h. Acceleration 0-50 in 13½ secs.

Horizontally opposed flat-four 50 B.H.P. engine.

* Javelins came 1st and 3rd in the 1949 Monte Carlo Rally, 1½ litre class

1½ LITRE JOWETT JAVELIN



*take a good look
when it passes you*



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J. A. Kint

MANAGER.

To Messrs Dawson & Kilkner
Bridge St
Port Melbourne

74 Bridge St
Port Melbourne 207
July 31st
1949

Dear Comrade Punnett

Your letter containing corrections for the final book form received from my student helper who looks after the P.O. Box for me. I will see what can be done in a month or two when the days are long and warmer. I am having a severe time in business and my wife has been ill. I cannot work as well in the cold weather especially the cold winds - Australia has had a fairly bad winter this year.

I must now say "your attention will be occupied greatly by the heavy class struggles of the workers in Australia" Oh! But that was so. The real case is that there is practically NO CLASS STRUGGLE in the present industrial turmoil. It is largely political i.e., between the Communists and the Labor Party (to some degree between Marxists & the Veterans) and largely a struggle between the Australian Workers Union - the A.W.U. - and the Coal Miners Federation as to who shall be open out mining work. The A.W.U. would push in and seize on the miners if the officials could get the OK from the Labor Government. The Labor Movement in Australia is a mosaic of conflicting ideologies and loyalties. The major class struggle dominates and divides.

This is one of those times when we must be realistic. The coal miners on the whole are certainly NOT revolutionary. The Labor Government is concerned with making the present form of capitalism work and has an eye on the elections to be held later in the year. They hope to have coal produced in quantities sufficient for normal industrial and civil needs and the miners back to work BEFORE the elections. The Government is careful not to antagonize the coal miners too much to a degree that other unions may support them. Minister for Information Calwell a rabid Roman Catholic is however very antagonistic. It would take too long (and maybe I am not capable of explaining) to tell you the political set up of Labor and Catholicism here in Australia. Minister Calwell publicly condemned the appointment of Bishop Gilroy of Sydney to becoming a Cardinal - he wanted that appointment to go to Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne who plays ball with the Labor Party Machine. The Australian Catholic Political Machine is not altogether subservient to Rome. The local opportunism dominates. As I stated before the World Struggle impinges upon Australian political affairs and there is little class struggle evident. What there is, is fostered by the Communists only for the purpose of aiding Moscow. (over)

When the workers of Russia are given control of Russia, then the struggle will go on in the lands between a voracity to U.S.A. and Western Capitalism versus a voracity to Moscow, with the latter aimed seeking the muscle in and use the day to day happenings for their own advantage.

Proper is a realistic movement and one must be continually on the alert to separate the real movement from the myths and the propaganda of the rival forces. The struggle will imperish the world. I can see no evidence anywhere of a move by the workers to gain the wealth of the world for the producers. Everywhere they take sides with one or other of the contestants or are not interested at all except in their own personal measures of escape and gratification of their appetites.

All the main contestants wish to have the State as a powerful institution in their own control. The workers, as yet, excepting individuals, have little interest or opinion on the matter.

The book will now have to await until my finances are such as enable me to proceed with its final work.

Fervently
 Jim Dawson

16/9/48

74 Bridge St
Port Melbourne EC7
AUSTRALIA

Sept. 3, 1949

Dear Comrade Pannekoek.

I received your letter with the cheque for \$200 dollars OK. You write: "I hope there will be no immovability in cashing it. And that then you may go on with the printing..." Dear Comrade you must remember this is not a new lot of cash. The cheque that I had to refund had already been paid over to the printer towards the last issue. I have to refund this money to a business cafe that has it charged up to me. I think I told you I have now lost control of my business and as it is now a legal liability of the company I am in a financial straitjacket especially in the Dollar crisis, and the consequent decrease that the private banks reduce credit drastically demanded by the Commonwealth bank together with the gold strike and that disastrous floods, and the prospect of a poor season for wheat has had a restrictive effect upon trade. I have not a feather to fly with until we see how 1950 turns out. I should rather be running with the hounds to change the system and freed by currency changes to run with the hares and the rabbits. I will carry out my promise to finish the book but will be able to do little before 1950. It is an anomaly that one is dependent upon "good" capitalists to get the finance to propagate a change in the economic circumstances - nowhere in Australia does

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There appears to be any indication that workers will
work for a end which we visualize. They won't
even bring a paper except for a few. Practically
90 per cent of my output was translated free at my
own cost.

I sometimes think that realistic capitalism sees
the impending results of their own system and is
shrewd enough to plan for a future of change
and adaptation to circumstances. This is evident
in certain legal decisions especially by the Supreme
Court of U.S.A. and in British practice to which
the Labor Party conforms to try and save the
capitalist system. The industry - the system of
production itself is more important than the owners or
the workers - both workers and owners will be
forced to conform to the direction of the State or its
regimentation. A critic has said that only one
country is safe from State Communism and that
country is Russia because it has gone further
along the road of a Police State. The Australian
economist Colin Clark avers that Russian production is
only 1/8 that of U.S.A. per head of workers, and only 1/2 of
British man-power production - The lag in agriculture is
even worse in proportion - The Police State has the means
to suppress freedom at home to gain the industrial field for
import and export competition - but it has yet to show its
capacity to produce PLENTY. U.S.A. shows that capacity and its also
business a measure of plenty elsewhere. partially finished