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Dear Anton Pannekoek,

thanks for your letter of Sept. 10 th. Thanks also for enumerating the pages in the English Edition of Lenin's book. I have started typing the manuscript and will be soon able to send you a copy of the version that will go to the printer. However, only after you have seen it. The title will stand as you suggested.

I will not bother looking for a publisher but will publish the manuscript myself. I assure you that it will look alright and will be printed by a capable house. I think I will be able to raise the money for the printing by subscription, at least some of it. The rest I may borrow somewhere, as I am sure that the printing costs will be fully realized in time through the sales of the book. Of course, if unexpectedly a good publisher should show interest in the work, I will be glad to turn the manuscript over to him, provided that the circulation may be increased thereby. All I am interested is the largest circulation, and if another publisher should guarantee a larger circulation than I can envisage myself, he should have the privilege of printing the book. But I feel sure that such situation will not arise and that I will publish it myself. At any rate it will appear soon.

The edition of Lenin's "Empiro-Criticism" I have is from 1927. It does not indicate whether or not this is the first English translation. I will find out, however,

I have seen the French version of your work, but cannot judge it because I do not know the language. The mimeographing, however, is quite bad.

I had no difficulties reading your manuscript and there is nothing, as far as I can see, that would be difficult to understand.

All what you say about Macdonald is correct. "Retort" is a sort of anarchist Quarterly, but not bad. It will print in its next issue your manuscript on the "Scientists's Revolt." Rab wrote me that he is publishing two of your articles in the Western Socialist. I will try to place the remaining articles somewhere, either here or in England. I also agree with your impressions of Rab's party.

Guy Aldred is a little crazy. But it would be good, nevertheless, if he would publish the "Workers' Councils." However, you must be very careful with this man; he is quite irresponsible. You must demand that he submits proofs, as he is capable of inserting into the manuscripts his own idiosyncracies. And, please, do not let him write an introduction; it might turn out to be rather embarrassing. Not necessarily so, but it might. I do not see why he speaks about money; he has money- inherited from some Sir Strickland, and precisely for purposes of publication. However, that money might be gone by now. Tell him, that we (and also people in Canada and Australia) will help him sell the book.



For the first time, visitors are allowed to Germany. I have applied. But it may take  $\frac{1}{2}$  year before I can go. I hope to have your book out by that time. If I go to Germany I will also visit Holland, and you, and your brother in law, Dr. Brauns.

Yes, we are aware of the European conditions, from both, the newspapers and direct experiences. The situation reflects; there is a kind of inflation here; prices going up daily- but not wages. Simultaneously unemployment is growing. In brief, here, too, conditions are worsening. This has a most direct connection with the European situation.

But I think we will be able soon to talk about all these things. Meanwhile I will busy myself with the jobs on hand. Please give my best regards to your family and to Dr. Brauns.

With my best wishes,

Paul Reath