

17. Gueson Road,
Cambridge.
10. 3. '39.

Dear Dr Polanyi

Here are my
"reactions" to your questionnaire.
I am afraid they will not be
as useful to you as the
questionnaire has been interesting
to me, but I hope they will be some use.

I have mis-laid
your address, but I am
sure my father has it and
will send this on.

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy A. Taylor.

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Kingston

Kingdom

Leicester

Kent

20th March '38

Dear Brewster

a number of
my friends seem to think
that you are the person
responsible for the editing
of the "X" hair. This was to
be a pamphlet.

In case this ^{is} should not be mistaken,
so, please excuse my
addressing this letter to you.

In fact actually I ~~had~~ ^{had} ~~not~~
cannot remember having had
any communication ^{from} you, ~~one~~ ^{time} or

Merrill's letter

~~to the~~
The pamphlet contains
a report on a speech which I
delivered at the H. North
Conference. The title of the
Report is "The Philosophy
of Fascism". My lecture was
on the Political, Economic
and Philosophical ~~Foundations~~ ^{background}
of Fascism. ~~An outline of~~
~~the philosophy of Fascism~~
my talk ~~was~~ ^{was however} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~made~~ ^{made}
~~quite~~ ^{of a more philosophical nature}. ~~In reference to the~~
~~fact~~, the lecture is obviously not
of moderate but ~~rather~~
~~political and economic~~
strongly biased ~~towards~~ ^{towards}
the ~~political~~ ^{political} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~economic~~
to ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~political~~ ^{political} ~~is~~
only a ~~regional~~ ^{regional} ~~problem~~.

~~I am not very happy~~
~~But why publish a MS~~

You know that you will appreciate an
distribution of your work to have
this must be a type of work
that is in

"during" ~~is~~ ~~about~~, but

I wonder whether I should not mention
as that I do feel somewhat vague
about my future project. If you
know how different it is for a man
to do the type of writing we are
doing, unless he can feel that
he is being supported in
opposite it extremely. In
spite of my efforts, sustained off
the you mentioned were just
can't I know that you believe
that unless there is a change coming
your unexpected change of policy
on the part of Oxford, there is nothing
hardly any chance of my ever
receiving a post in this area.
But does this also mean that
I cannot expect to be considered
for the ~~future~~ a tutorial class ~~after~~
after all the work I have done in
this area? after all the work I
have done in this district!

~~Attempt~~ I appreciate the effort
which was apparently ^{made} to present the
~~its main~~ outline, ^{of my talks} correctly. But I
cannot help saying that the
^{presentation is still} ~~Report~~ ^{is still} ~~not~~ ^{inadequate}.
Alfred C. had sent me some
notes which I promised to
correct and pass on to you,
but ^{on} ~~on~~ ^{reconsidered} further consideration I
~~did not do so~~, unless I had
at least some assurance that
the production would be
adequate. I had no information
whatsoever about ^{the intentions}
of your Committee, ^{at the time} and ^{as I}
had no further communication ^{with} ^{the} ^{Committee}
assumed that the intention
of publishing had been dropped.
I should like to make it clear

at this point that apart from A.C.'s
note I never had any communication
from any body on this matter. I
~~was shocked to hear from Hilda~~

I was more
amused to
hear from
Hilda that
she had
seen a
proof of the
report of
my speech;

~~that a report of my speech~~
~~was going to be published;~~
I had had neither a MS
nor a proof.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
Karl Bays!

Kingsnew
Kingsdown
Levenock
Kent

20th March '39

Dear Mrs. Webb

A number of my
friends seem to be firmly
convinced that you are
the person responsible for
the editing of the "Xmas Answer
to Yousim" pamphlet.

In case they should
be mistaken, please excuse
my addressing this letter to

you. Admittedly, I cannot
remember having had
any communication with
or from you, written or
otherwise, on this subject.

The pamphlet contains
a report on a speech which I
delivered at the St. Asaph
Conference in August 1938 on
"The Political, Economic &
Philosophical bases of Fascism."
The title of the report is: "The
Philosophy of Fascism". As a
discussion of this subject the
lecture is obviously not only
inadequate but abnormally biased
towards a political and
economic aspect. To what
is essentially a religious problem.

Dr. Karl Polanyi

81. Rainham Road
Gillingham Kent
26th March 1939.

Dear colleague

I enclose some written work which I hope meets with your approval as I am sending copies to the local papers in the hope that they will be published. The latter portion "New Methods" etc is very sketchy - but if the papers publish it and criticise it ~~to~~ write replies I can then answer them and will send copy on to you.

I would have made the latter part more detailed only I felt so tired this evening.

Yours fraternally
R.Risborough

P.S. Am sending off form for Geneva scholarship by this post, all good wishes from Mrs R & myself R.R.

Tel. NOR 3006

99 Cranbrook Road,
Birmingham 21.

April, 1939

Dear *Karl*

Subscriptions to the general funds of the Christian Left for 1939 are now due. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to Kathleen N. Saw, 99 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham 21. It would be of great help to the Committee if subscriptions were paid early in the financial year which began January 1st, 1939.

NOTE.

At the last Committee meeting it was decided to bring the finances of the News Sheet into line with the rest of those of the Christian Left. In order to close the account for 1938, a free copy of the St. Asaph Report has been sent to each member. We hope you approve this decision. No further literature will be sent unless you reorder for 1939.

For 2/6 subscribers to the News Sheet will receive copies of News Sheet for the current year plus copies of all other publications issued at a price of not more than 6d each. The first issued for 1939, "The Christian Left and the Churches", is now ready for distribution. All accounts and payments will be dealt with by the Treasurer, and not Elsa Young, 16 Highbury Grove Court, London N. 5, who will now only deal with distribution and enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

K.N. Saw,
Treasurer.

Nellie Depree

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29 Ladysmith Ave.,
E. 6

April 14, 1939

Dear Norman,

I'm sorry not to have replied to your letter earlier, but I didn't get it til I came home on Tuesday. I would gladly write to Morley magazine, and also enquire about having official notice sent round but for these considerations:-

1. I strongly suspect that they don't issue a magazine in the months after Easter.

2. Many classes finish completely at the Easter term--ours has only one more lecture--and all without exception drop in numbers to about a half their original number. This means that if there is a magazine or notice its circulation is limited to a very small number.

Don't you think it would be better therefore to wait until the new session in September? Or do you feel that it would be worth it (if there is another mag.) even to the few. I am aware it is a very urgent thing, but at the beginning of the session there are masses of keen people, and it seems that then the iron would be hot. Will you let me know what you think? Vic or I are sure to be joining Morley for one thing ~~or~~ another.

Vic and I have got more and more interested in this business since we saw you and got the hang of it more. We talked about it quite a bit with different people at the F.O.R. conference. The host and hostess were the headmaster of the school and his wife, who had attended W.E.A. lectures in Canterbury this winter. They had Polanyi lecturing on the Working Class movement and had heard quite a bit about the cultural movement, and were very interested. We also introduced it to others--it is surprising how new it seems, isn't it. Incidentally, a school-teacher was there from Edinburgh who was telling Vic she knew the Grants well for many years.

We are wondering about getting into touch with Marjorie Young ourselves. What do you think? We have very little time but feel we would like to help if we can, and are still rather vague about a good deal of it. What practical steps if any are being made to build the cultural unity other than the enquiry, or is that just the part of the movement which the Christian left have undertaken?

Let us know when you're coming to London again.....

Yours, Nell.

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4. BOLTON GARDENS.

S.W. 5.

April 4th 1939.

Dear Karl,

I want you very much to write a pamphlet for the Christian Left pamphlet series on the analysis of recent European history up to the present moment, say, from the Italian invasion of Abyssinia. We shall follow this up by a pamphlet dealing with the future, but first there is an obvious need for a clear analysis pointing out the significance of what has happened in the last few years.

These C L pamphlets are beginning to circulate and you would be reaching a public worth instructing.

The pamphlet should not be more than 3000 words and preferably about ~~2500~~ 2000 - 2500 words

I very much hope you will do this. The sooner we get it the better of course, but there is no exact time moment.

Yours ever,

Henrietta

I must come down & see you one day. It's so long since I had a talk with you.

Alex Maron

78 Seaton Rd.,
Felixstowe.

April 15, 1939

Dear Norman,

Here are the answers to the questionnaire. I am sorry I kept them so long, but you understand. Things are getting more quiet now, so I have a little more time to spare.

I do not know if you are interested, but a cell of the Communist Party is being started in Felixstowe, this is of course confidential. Let me know if you want further details.

Yours sincerely,

Alex

L. Priestley

152 Adnitt Road,
Northampton.

April 29th, 1939

Dear Miss Young,

Thank you for the document sent me April 26th. I read it with great interest, and would be pleased to cooperate in the inquiry.

I would like to suggest that inquiry be also made as to the effect contemporary literature, notably right wing newspapers, has on diverting the attention of the workers from ~~the~~ the class war, to narrow patriotic channels. For example, do workers today regard war as a struggle for ascendancy by opposing capitalist interests, with worker soldiers as mere pawns?

This question, to my mind, is very important, for while the working class continue to accept bourgeois patriotic ideals, we shall never achieve emancipation. May I also ask if the inquiry is being carried out under the auspices of any particular political party?

Yours sincerely,

L. Priestley.

(NG) No Jews

Aus einem Brief an H.G.

In geistigem Betrachte ist das Schicksal der Juden wohl das Grauenhafteste was die Geschichte der Menschheit bisher hervorgebracht hat. In gewissem Sinne ist dies eine Selbstverständlichkeit. Hat es doch schon in rein geographischem Verstande eine Menschheit (früher nicht gegeben als einen von einem Kulturerlebnis umfangenen Kreis aller Bewohner unseres Planeten. (Dem entsprechend ist auch die neue Diaspora nicht mehr mittelländisch, sondern im Wertsinne planetarisch.)

Doeh nicht darum geht es hier vorerst. Was ich meine ist, dass nur die Juden allein ihrem ~~Wunsch~~ eigenen Geschick keinen Sinn zu geben imstande sind. Dass sie allein von einem geistigen Ereignis unerhörtester Dimensionen ausgeschlossen sind, wiewohl sie in dessen leidendem Mittelpunkt stehen. Dass das entleerte Symbol noch immer Menschenantlitz trägt wiewohl es aus dem Leben, welches ihm entsprang, ~~ausgeschaltet~~ ausgeschaltet ist, Dass sich die neue Welt im Kampf um ein Objekt entzündet das, wiewohl Mensch, von diesem Kampfe nicht weiss. Denn fast alle religiösen Ideen des unsere Welt beherrschenden Abendlandes stammen aus dieser müden Gebärmutter: Glaube an Blut, Rasse und Auserwähltsein; Glaube an Liebe, Gnade und Weltberuf. Sowohl Natur als auch Geist sind dem Abendland durch dieses Medium geoffenbart werden, sofern sie Quelle lebendiger Sinnggebung sind. In Berlin und Moskau häufen sich Spannungsenergien, aus deren Ausgleich im fiebernder Weissglut eine neue Menschheit geboren werden wird. Und beide Spannungspole sind mit Elementen jüdischen Wesens aufgeladen: des mosaischen Macht und Rassenglaubens einerseits, des christlichen universalistischen Messianismus andererseits. Die bloss leibliche Existenz des Judentums muss - geistigen Gesetzen gemäss - als Stein des Anstosses wirken. Nicht im Sinne des Anstosses zum Werden und neuen Leben, sondern im abgründig Negativen verstandenen blossen Ueberlebens: - einer toten Hülle.

An Rußland glaube ich so unbeirrbar wie an Amerika. Die Geschichte der Staaten bietet eine Kette äusserstventtäuschender Phasen, die nicht ~~so~~ ^{weniger} als zukunftssträchtig schienen. Dennoch: nach dem Gesetz ihres Antretens entfaltet sich ihr Werden. Vielleicht schon in diesem Menschenalter wird sich Amerikaner als Führerfigur in einer menschenheitlichen Problematik bewähren. Das Gleiche wird auf Jahrhunderte hinaus Russlands Rolle sein und selbst wenn sie zu ihrer Entfaltung Menschenalter bräuchte. - Die internationale Lage ist nun auf längere Zeit hinaus geklärt. Deutschland und Italien sind auf dem Marsch. Eine Umkehr ist ausgeschlossen. Der deutsche Weg ist verzeichnet. Erführt zur Weltherrschaft oder zum Zusammenbruch. England hat sich endlich zu einem Entschluss aufgerafft (beiläufig nicht zu einer Entscheidung). Er lautet: Deutschland muss entgegengetreten werden, jedoch nicht in einer Allianz mit der S.U. So soll Deutschland der Weg zur Lösung seiner Probleme auf Kosten der S.U. offen gehalten ~~warten~~ bleiben. Das ist der englische Ausweg. Man erhofft davon eine Art Abbremsen des deutschen Vorstosses und eine Errichtung relativer Machtpositionen welche zur Beeinflussung der deutschen Stossrichtung geeignet und verwendbar sind. Damit ist eine überaus gefährliche Phase der Gesamtentwicklung erreicht. Neue Zwischenformen, die Frieden und Krieg überbrücken,

eingeleitet.

Handwritten notes in red ink at the top of the page.

sind zu erwarten: Teilkriege, Besetzungen, gegenseitige Vergewaltigung neutraler, jedoch unter Vermeidung eines Gesamtkrieges noch für längere Zeit. Russland will neutral bleiben und seine Positionen der USA derart angleichen, dass diese beiden grossen, ideologisch interessierten neutralen ~~Autarken~~ Weltreiche etwa in gleiche Distanz zu den (besonders im pazifischen Bereich verankerten) Ereignissen gelangen.

Das englische Volk hat sich von der "Volksgemeinschaftsperiode" der Mitte des 19. Jahrhunderts nie erholt. Es ist abgestumpft, zur spontanen Mitarbeit im modernen Staat unfähig, das Opfer einer kapitalistisch-oligarchistischen Entwicklung. Anzeichen spontaner "Regeneration" sind abwesend.

1. Mai 1939.

Die Geschichte der Menschheit ist nicht nur eine Geschichte der Kämpfe, sondern auch eine Geschichte der Liebe, der Gerechtigkeit, der Hoffnung. Die Menschheit hat sich immer wieder aus den Tiefen der Not und der Verzweiflung erlöst. Die Geschichte ist ein ewiges Werden, ein ständiges Überwinden der Vergangenheit. Die Menschheit hat die Kraft, sich selbst zu erneuern, sich selbst zu befreien. Die Geschichte ist ein ewiges Werden, ein ständiges Überwinden der Vergangenheit. Die Menschheit hat die Kraft, sich selbst zu erneuern, sich selbst zu befreien.

An Russland glaube ich es unbedenklich zu sagen, dass die Geschichte der Menschheit eine Kette unersättlicher Sehnen ist. Die Menschheit hat die Kraft, sich selbst zu erneuern, sich selbst zu befreien. Die Geschichte ist ein ewiges Werden, ein ständiges Überwinden der Vergangenheit. Die Menschheit hat die Kraft, sich selbst zu erneuern, sich selbst zu befreien.

Neue Zwischenräume, die Frieden und Krieg überbrücken.

16, Highway Grove Court
N.S.

May 15th 1939.

Karl, dear

I am terribly sorry to hear about Iona. I hope she is better. Please give her my love.

We had an excellent & joyful week end. I was very much impressed by Edna Umpleby's answer to the document, which Elinor will have sent you, and so Elinor & I continued to meet her, and, in fact, drive her from Derby to Sheffield, on our way north on Saturday. She is extremely intelligent, open minded, practical and may prove very useful, as she is younger than most of our contacts. She is engaged to Holmes, who also has answered the questionnaire & I hope to arrange for them to meet more of us when they are both in London.

So that was a good start.

And Sunday's discussion with Hope & Varley & his sister was excellent. For one thing, Hope is now really interested, I think - and that's important, because he is a person with very few illusions. I felt that Varley & his sister had a little too great an ~~firm~~ idealism to be so useful - they believed too much in the socialist task of S.C.P. conferences at Swanwick. And they believed too much in education (meaning W.P.A.)

But all the same, they are warm hearted creatures who feel themselves anybody's equal - completely unconventional and straightforward and honest - the real material in which new forms of life may be born.

The discussion wandered a little - both Hope & Varley had a lot to say & tended to pursue their own pet red herrings. And it seemed better not to discipline them too harshly. But what we tried to discuss were new methods of approach to the problem.

I feel myself that the questionnaire has, in its present form, done its job. Both Hope & Varley said that the thing was too complicated and too overwhelming — Hope's suggestion was that we should ask only two questions — Do you think the working class can be made fit to vote? If so, why? (I think it was why & not how!) Varley said we should offer the questions only a few at a time. ~~At~~ On the other hand, Edna Umpleby (the document) said that it was completely clear.

But both Hope & Varley as well as Edna Umpleby felt that the question of hospitality was of paramount importance. The need was for much easier association and meeting.

We considered the prospect of trying to run a small camp in the summer for whole families — using the holiday work pay scheme to collect together a dozen or so people who would work together on this ^{with us}, while giving the rest of their families as good a time as possible. Even at this late date this seems to me possible —

The important thing would be to give an unconventional
a enjoyable ^{a cheap} holiday to those members of the family
who didn't see the significance of talking about
new forms of life, while those who did would
have time & opportunity to hammer the thing out.

Anyway, we'll have lots to talk about on
Saturday.

Lots of love - to you & Ilona

Marjorie.



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June XXIII. 29

My dear Mark:

I'm terribly disappointed to find that I shall be able to be at the L.C. group when you come down to speak ~~to~~ it on Saturday week. But I have to be away that weekend. I should have welcomed the stimulus of hearing your talk, as also the pleasure of seeing you again.

Moreover, I hope that we shall meet one long, and I must propose a visit. I hope too that it will be possible for your group & ours to cooperate a little more closely in the future. I think there are ways in which both bodies could be mutually contributive.

Yours and

Kenneth

Coto, 183 Cliffe Road Rochester
10th July 1939.

Dear Dr Polanyi.

At our very pleasant gathering on Saturday you were unwise enough to say that you knew nothing of the racial blending which, some of us think, helped to form the English character. At the risk of boring you, may I offer a few observations which I was happy to pick up at some lectures I attended 15 or 16 years ago?

It is generally agreed that the English people is a mixture of the three principal European stocks and generally their physical appearance clearly indicates the predominance of one of these races.

This predominance varies in locality as well as degree, and a few remarks on this aspect will be given at the end of these notes.

Ordinarily the three are known as the Baltic or Nordic, the Alpine or Slavonic, and the Latin or Mediterranean.

The physical characteristics of the Nordic are:—
height over 5'-6", Fair hair and complexion, and grey or blue eyes. Nose long, and generally somewhat convex. Skull long. (dolichocephalic)

Mental characteristics—Possess initiative and adaptability enabling them to appreciate and so adapt his movements to the man at his side, so that as little confusion as possible results. Produces a greater proportion of men with rare quality of leadership. Many of their characteristics are thought to be due to their sea-going (Viking) ancestry.

(The theory of "re-capitulation" is largely interwoven with practically all the matter in this letter.)

Good at
Cooperation.

Their fair hair and blue eyes, it has been suggested, is due in some way to the bleaching action of the sunlight in northern climes over many centuries (as the red pigment in the hair is dominant to black).

Their height also may be due to hypertrophy of the paratoid gland. Their art is "Dramatic" as exemplified by Iselin & Shaw, but probably has not the refined sense of art and music possessed by the other two stocks. Temperament inclined to Phlegmatic.

The Alpine Stock was Brachycephalic or broad-headed and is known by a stature of approximately 5'6" brown hair, and hazel eyes, prominent cheek bones, Gregarious, and work well with hordic leaders. Their other name of "Slav" is a reminder of their history in some respects. They have great qualities of perseverance, application and endurance. Their art is "Lyrical" as noted in the Swiss yodelling.

Temperament Optimistic and enthusiastic (men who dream dreams and see visions)

Last, but not least is the oldest civilisation of the three, the Latin or Mediterranean type. with a stature generally below 5'6", a small, dark long-headed people who were one of the earliest to reach these shores and believed to have travelled westward along both shores of the Mediterranean. Their art is "Plastic" as shown by the Pyramids, the glories of Rome, and perhaps nearer home by the megaliths and similar stone remains of the neolithic age found in this country and the north of France. The temperament

more individualistic outlook.

Renal gland active i.e. colouration of skin

"Latin" is well known for its emotional characteristics.

The blending of these three stocks in pre-historic, (as well as historic times) has produced the

English people we know today, and probably in another 500-1000 years the American nation will become as stable in its outlook and reactions.

The preponderance of one stock over the other varies as well geographically as in intensity, as for instance in the South-eastern part of Kent, where the Saxon type predominates. I cannot say how matters are at present, but a few years before the war practically every man on parade in the E. Kent Buff regiment had fair hair. This Saxon ancestry can be generalised geographically by a line drawn midway down a map of England and is situated east of that line, but there are "pockets" of other types in various places. e.g. The shorter and broader headed type of the Lancastrian as opposed to the tall, long-headed Yorkshireman. The Roman occupation of Britain was also responsible for many of these "pockets" and local intrusions such as the Armada wrecks and settlements of refugees such as the Huguenots and their artisans in weaving etc.

I do hope, Doctor, I have not wearied you too much with, what is to me, a very real and intense conviction.

With kind regards to Madame Polanyi and your good self.

I Believe me

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Young

47, Lawns Court,
The Avenue,
Wembley Park.

2nd August, 1939.

Dr. Karl Polanyi,
Kent.

Dear Karli,

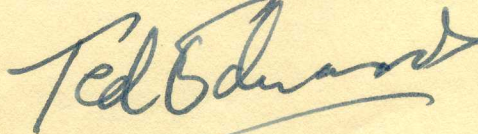
I enclose herewith a paper which has been sent to my office, in the expectation that it might possibly be of some use to you. I do not want it back and so if it is of no special interest please destroy it.

When I see you again however, I should be interested to know whether there is anything of particular significance in it.

I was very sorry indeed to hear that you were to be unable to attend the Meeting of the Enquiry Committee on Thursday of last week, particularly as you were also unable to attend the last Meeting of the Committee. You may remember at a previous Meeting that I emphasised the importance of your being present at these Meetings from the point of view of the others of us on the Committee. Whilst of course realising that you would have attended if at all possible, and that the reasons which prevented you from attending are in connection with your work and therefore unavoidable, I do hope you will not lose sight of the fact that we others, or at least some of us, feel that there is all too little contact between us and you on this matter, and that if it is of the vital importance which we believe you feel it to be, then something should be done to ensure our getting together about it more frequently.

Hoping you and Ilona are both well,

Yours sincerely,



C.H. EDWARDS.

As you have probably heard we say, I always feel that those of you in the Bulletin Group tend to forget that ^{we} others have not, so to speak, got this matter "in our bones" like you have, and we, or at least I, feel the need for more time to be spent on the theory and essence of it, and not all the time on organisational detail.

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Dr Karl Polanyi
Balliol College
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October 9, 1939

Dr. Karl Polanyi
"Kingsview"
Kingsdown, Sevenoaks
Kent, England

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

It was a pleasure to find your letter of August twelfth here with the photographs of the lovely Miss Auty when I returned from my holiday the first of September. That was a horrible day and those immediately following it were still worse; now, we are marking time - at least we are doing so here, waiting for the embargo act to be repealed.

To return to Miss Auty: It had occurred to me that as the result of the mobilization of several of our lecturers, she might take someone's place. As you may know, most of our lecturers are men and unfortunately it is a little difficult to make arrangements for a woman, even one of such distinction, at our colleges and universities. Moreover, as I understand it, she is not free to come over here until the summer of 1940; and because of the turn of events Miss Auty may not be free to come even then.

I do hope that if she still wishes to visit the United States, we may secure invitations for her. While I am deeply interested in Miss Auty and the possibility of having her lecture here, I am handing the correspondence on to Dr. Fisher who, as you know, is in charge of the Lecture Bureau of the Institute.

Sincerely yours

Eunice Lisowski
Eunice Lisowski
Secretary to the Director

EL

Nether Springs

New Dover Rd.

Canterbury.

16. 11. 39.

Dear Dr Polanyi,

Miss Baxter has handed me your letter
and the information you desire is:

Average attendance for first 6 lectures: - 24

~~Number on roll at 6th lecture~~ 30

There were also 24 at the 7th lecture.

I am enclosing the names of addresses
of those I think may be permanent - there are unfortunately
3 defections already & 4 more probables. We shall have to
shepherd our flock very carefully I fear.

I hope to settle down to doing some written
work soon. Although I have not actually produced written
resumes of your lectures I have endeavoured to reconstruct them
in my head.

Yours truly,

Stephen Mammery.

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Nether Springs,

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desirable

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mr. Karl Blanyi
St Peters Hall
11/8.

15 Museum RT.

Expecting you whenever you
care to come tonight — it
doesn't matter if it is late.

P.S. We are out this afternoon
but do come in and take
possession — the front door
will not be locked and
we shall be back for tea

Yrs David

5-30 at latest. There is a divan bed in both front rooms
ground floor + 1st floor.

Strathcona Hall
772 Sherbrooke St., W.,
Montreal, Quebec.

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Dear Friends:-

We are writing a letter to you collectively from us concerning a matter of which this group of 'us' uniquely can see the importance. We wish that from this end Bill Gibson, and Caroline Stein were here to sign with us.

Caroline, Bill, Ruth and Alex were in England last year - remember? And we introduced into the Christian Left this study of 'The Records'. During the course of a year, we grew so much from our contact with the Christian Left that at times the Records Study underwent severe examination on our part and occasionally on the part of the Christian Left. Critical examination seemed necessary. For one thing, this study seemed too slow and out of touch with the problem of action in our day. And too, it seemed to concentrate on the 'individual' and not on the 'personal' (in the broad sense).

What did these criticisms mean, and what were the conclusions to be drawn? One thing we feel to be true is that living on this continent, removed in some ways from the fundamental movements in history at this time (though how anyone could be this year, is hard to see), we have allowed our bourgeois ideology to carry over into this study. In other words, not the study but 'us' and our narrow reference to our world to-day is to blame for the impression at times given by advocates of this study.

But let us state more frankly why at this time we want to urge you all and the Christian Left folk you know to do this study with H.B. Sharman this summer. We can never do enough fundamental searching into the basis and insights of the life of Jesus, and

especially is this important to-day - if as we believe, it is Christianity which is compelling history to a new stage of development. Are we sure what the Christian force in history is? Are we sure how to become and help others to become free and determining people in the crisis of our day?

We have had some experience this year both within and without the university field of working with the leadership of the Left. All our experience has brought us more and more to see the fundamental necessity of being clear and committed, of having one loyalty, one devotion, willing one thing - of being wholly responsive at the personal level. How easy it has been for people - especially students to go off the rails on this action business, and commitment to a 'cause' - which has meant to many people we know being effective tools in the hands of people who have assumed leadership. Because the ideal is so great, they are willing to surrender their souls to a policy, a program, a technique of getting the job done. That has been happening here, and is a tragic fact.

The quality of a real Christian is recognized by almost anyone, but the question is (if there has not been a rationalization proving to the self that one is a free person) 'How does one get that way?' It is clear to all of us that Jesus had the answer. But he has been so defied for us or has become so irrelevant that we are afraid to ask - has he the answer for us too. We have listened to interpretations of the religion of Jesus for so long that the revolutionary nature of his teaching has become dulled and blurred and unchallenging. In some ways the writers of the Gospels themselves assisted in this camouflage. It is the purpose of this study to become acquainted with Jesus in so far as he may be known from the earliest accounts we possess of his life by means of the critical, historical method and with the use of Dr. Sharman's remarkable book 'The Records Of the Life of Jesus! The method is itself

revolutionary to most of us involving as it does a scientific, unprejudiced approach. The opportunity of doing this study with Dr. Sharman himself is an opportunity of a life-time and too precious to miss.

How we would love to be able to go to England to do the Seminar with you.

With warmest greetings to all,
and much love,

Ruth
Alex.

[1937 or 1939?]

16 Highbury Grove Court
N.5.

June 6th

Dear Karli,

It is such a long time since I saw you - but I hope that you are very well. We are looking forward to seeing something of Ilona next week.

Now you will see that I have enclosed a leaflet of the seminar to be led by Dr Shauman this summer. I think that

he may be arriving in England about the end of July & will be staying ~~in~~ £ over in Europe some time after the seminar is over.

First, it would be grand if you could possibly come at all to the Seminar. If that is impossible, would

you be able to see Dr Shauman some time. I know that he is very anxious

to meet you - & do you know of anyone else whom it would be good

that we should arrange to introduce to him.

I should be most glad of your cooperation in this. And thirdly, is there anyone - especially students at W.E.A. courses or the like whom you know of whom we might interest in the series.

There are still some vacant places.

Please give my greetings to Hona.

Thanks, & greetings to you also

Yours

Elsa.

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~~noted e.g. that the~~ He triumphantly noted
e.g. that the common drawing store &
gives for the ^{camp} store and ~~of~~ when
the other ^{inmates of the camp} ~~was~~ allowed to were permitted
to ^{draw on their} ~~and the~~ allowance, ~~for~~ the allowance
~~being~~ ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{necessary} ~~of~~ the ^{purchase} ~~purchase~~ ^{price} ~~price~~ ^(paid);
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and if the common allowance had no
allowance of their own fund had therefore
no other means of ~~existence~~ ^{survival} ~~survival~~ ^{income} ~~income~~ ^{income} |.

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~~economic value is bound to~~
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~~and yet nobody can contract~~
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~~public power. ^{no one} Nobody can refrain~~
~~present himself from taking~~
~~part in the creation of ~~the~~ power.~~
~~Nobody can contract out of society.~~

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THE POSTULATE OF PEACE.

Dr Karl Polanyi at the last of his ten lectures on International Affairs at Fort Pitt deal with the attitude of the masses toward the ~~like~~ methods of settling international disputes, asserting that masses of the common people in the civilised countries of the world viewed with abhorrence the suggestion that difficult international problems should be settled by the arbitrament of War, and suggesting that War can only be abolished if some form of international institution can be devised to secure the settlement of major international problems in other ways and this he described as the Postulate of Peace.

The lecturer's intention.

The intention of the lecturer in finishing his course of lectures in this fashion was to pose to the students, for their future consideration, the central issues that confront modern statesmen in the field of international relations, and these issues cannot be settled without some consideration of the history of civilisation.

War as an instrument of policy.

At the present time War is not, nor has it ever been a universal institution for settling disputes. After war became an established x practice the wars between Clan and Tribe were eliminated as the scope of the spirit of patriotism enlarged from clanship to nationhood, then War between nations was justified as an institution by which major differences between nations could be and were settled. The complete destruction of Carthage by Rome was obviously a settlement of the commercial rivalry between the two nations and war would have continued to be recognised as the proper institution for the final settlement of great international problems but for the growth- largely as the result of Christian teaching- of humanitarian ideals and the recognition of human rights to life and property.

War becomes ineffective.

The protracted discussions that took place at Versailles in 1919 were conclusive proof that the Great War of 1914-1918 had failed to settle the ~~conflict~~ problems that had brought about the conflict, but although this was widely recognised the devotees of the Ideal of a League of Nations as an institution to settle major international problems without the arbitrament of War- hoped that the Institution set up would broaden out from precedent to precedent, that eventually the various governments of the world would see the need to make more and more use of the organisation to remedy grievances that might lead to crises- their hopes were vain, the unilateral disarmament of Germany which was to have been followed by the disarmament of the other nations- merely resulted in conference after ~~xx~~ conference failing to agree- because no provision had been made for the discussion and remedying of national grievances or provision made for the security of small nations.

New Technique of War.

The complete failure of the disarmament conference to achieve agreement, has been followed by the re-armament of Germany and the ~~institution~~ institution of an intense race in armaments by the great powers of the world and simultaneously an outburst of aggression by powerful states on weaker ones, Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, China, Checko-Slovakia etc- this brings us face to face with a problem-

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the direct result of the Versailles Treaty and its aftermath- Was the Great War, 1914-1918 ineffective because War was ineffective or because the Victorious Powers had no common agreement as to the principles on which the Problems arising therefrom should be solved?.

Temporary success of New War Technique

If we examine the results of the aggressive actions taken towards Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, China and Checko-Slovakia it is apparent to all that the new methods of attack adopted by the Great Powers of the Anti- Comintern pact have been at the very least temporarily successful, in fact Hitler's method of fermenting internal dissensions and then threatening the distracted country with war has actually allowed him to secure Austria and Checko- Slovakia without fighting- primarily because of the great reluctance of the leaders of weak states to submit their peoples to the horrors of War.

Semi- ~~Racist~~ ^{pacifist} Philosophy of the Retreat from Fascism.

The one hundred per cent pacifist does not believe in opposing force by force, he is prepared to let the aggressor do his worst- trusting that his, the pacifist's attitude will soften the heart of the aggressor- but what we have seen in operation during the last few years has not been the facing of Fascism by the pacifist principle- but the adoption of a semi- pacifist philosophy- giving way to the aggressor to avoid bloodshed in the hope that he will be satisfied, *but increasing armaments in case he does not. he is not.*

Lack of Principle

The clearest example of the lack of principle in the conduct of foreign affairs occurred over Abyssinia- Sir Samuel Hoare made a speech which was accepted as a Clarion call to the world to enlarge the the operations of the League of Nations- followed a few weeks later by an attempt by the same gentleman to make an arrangement for Italy to have a portion of Abyssinia- Great Britain and France to try to persuade the Emperor of Abyssinia to agree to this, ^{the} Hoare- Laval Pact. Let us leave aside the merits or demerits of these policies- the important point about them is that they are mutually contradictory policies, and if the British Cabinet had in its mind the ultimate adoption of the Hoare Laval Pact it was criminal folly to allow Sir Samuel to issue his clarion call for support of the league.

Facing real issues

The success of the German attack on Checko- Slovakia on the 15th of this month has demonstrated clearly to all the world that Hitler's promises are valueless- that his methods of treating the opponents of his regime are particularly vile- vide Mr Chamberlain's speech 17th March- that his philosophy is a bestial amalgamation of the old German Robber Barron Philosophy with anti- semeticism- that his New War Technique will enable him to obtain what the Kaiser failed to secure - the complete hegemony of Europe- unless new methods of preserving peace and liberty are speedily adopted.

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New Methods

The attitude of the peoples of all countries towards War indicates their support can be obtained to prevent it- providing they can be satisfied that some institution will be brought into existence to guarantee the just settlement of International Problems .

In all humility I suggest that the only basis on which such an institution can be built is an agreement- between those powers in the world who believe in peace - Ao formulate the principles on which they are prepared to settle world problems.

C, X. To adopt methods to ensure the enforcement of Judicial decisions

B. To adopt a code to ensure that the necessary facts are fairly presented to the deciding bodies.

World Conference .

For the adoption of such a programme a world conference of powers pledged to resist aggression is necessary- but as events are moving so rapidly a temporary non-aggression pact may be necessary.

No Injustices.

In the final constitution of the New League of Nations, there must be no room for patent injustices to linger or occur- the nations will only agree to real collective security on the basis of X Justice to all

yours faithfully,

E.J. Risborough.