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September 14, 1944

Dr. K. Polanyi,
49 A. Horsley Lane Garden,
London N. 6,
England.

Dear Karli:

I have temporarily resigned my present job and am joining the Overseas Division of the OWI. My next stop is London, then the continent. I am looking forward to seeing you.

The book is now with the publishers. (Apparently, one has to go to London before one can finish it).

Attached is an article on which I would like to have your comment.

Love to you and Ilona.


HANS.

HZ:W

*You know, of course, that we had a son - John,
2 months old and a jolly fine fellow!*

~~Thunfisch~~
~~Waldschnecke~~
~~Waldschnecke~~

Dem elef a fowadluc ⁿ a filal ⁿ a
gyözi hell ~~stara~~ ^{stara} // Mejerer
ido : Tamulthuk a Copastala
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Tamutak a zomndamk is!
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Az ^{ohi} ~~uog~~ ~~uul~~ ~~erok~~.
Oh ~~uog~~ ^{Mejangeri} ~~uog~~ ~~uul~~ ~~erok~~.
Nem velleben ~~uog~~

January 29, 1945

Dear Karli,

I am reading an interesting book I happened to see lying around: Joseph Needham is the author, and you probably will know him as he must be one of the rare authors who quote both Polanyi of Great Britain ("Time: The Refreshing River"). It is a very stimulating book indeed and it occurred to me in this connection that the exchange of intellectual production between England and the United States is very much hampered by the mutual embargo on books. Unless an English book is published here, it may not be sold in the United States, and vice versa.

This is a very sad state of affairs because it favors books which please the majority. Since we have now even an Assistant Secretary of State in charge of cultural relations, it might be possible to do something about it. There are two questions I would like to ask you in this connection: Do you think there is enough non-fiction book production in England to make a monthly report in an American magazine worth-while? And if so, would you be interested to write it?

I wish you were around here. There are so many things to be discussed - big ones and small ones.

The Russian advance has again involved us into a wave of optimism and even such reticent commentators as Dorothy Thompson predict Germany's downfall in three weeks. I somehow cannot see it yet. The Germans do not seem to have lost major parts of their army in the latest eastern campaign and seem to be strong enough to keep their shortened defense lines in the East until the Spring months between April and June make major battles impossible because of communication difficulties.

While it is true that they lost Silesia, I think that their recent offensive in the West safe-guarded for them the mining in the Ruhr district for another couple of months or so. I think it possible that the Germans will be able to hold Breslau for a while longer, and the lower part of the Oder River. In case they cannot hold the upper Oder, they still could fall back to the Sudetan Mountains without too much loss.

By holding Budapest, they prevent the Russians from breaking into Vienna and invading Moravia, the only easy access to Czechoslovakia.

Apparently the Germans still hope for some kind of disagreement between the Big Three. Gossip has it that Stalin's main offer will be to help with the Japanese War, and that he will insist rather strongly on non-interference in Europe. Such an offer would, of course, parallel wide-spread sentiment in the United States. Where that would leave the British, I don't know.

Personal affairs have not changed much. Our son has already his first teeth and has doubled his age while ours increased by a fraction of one per cent. Eva is trying to get back into business which puts quite some strain on family life and also Maudi, who functions as head nurse.

My book should at long last reach the publisher before another month.

Lots of love from all of us and especially from Jean who says:
"I know where England is. That's where Karl & Ilona are."

Sincerely,

Klaus

HZ:W

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August 15, 1947

Dr. Karl Polanyi
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

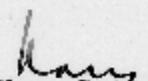
Dear Karli:

I thought I should draw your attention to an article on Max Weber's concept of race. Your negro student at Columbia might be interested in it. It appeared in the June issue of Social Research.

I hope you have a fine summer and see Ilona before it is over.

With cordial regards,

Yours,


Hans Zeisel

HZ:jb

My dear Karlis,

IV.27.

I am with you in my thoughts
but I wish you would be (as I
never am) philosophical about
this Ford business, although it
comes at a critical juncture.
The plan must be that you
will somehow fight through
this year and we shall start
now preparing for the next. There
is no sense denying that it
all came too fast. —

Eva was just here on her way
to the stoneware factory. By now
I am quite sure, unfortunately,

that her instincts mislead her
because she fears too many things.
By now, we set our children out,
Johnny to Rudas, Jean with Arjun
and though they could worse — it is
all unspeakably silly: no father,
no mother — and I am all alone.
We have 4 houses and live in one
\$ — we could see a fortune by
renting the ~~beach~~ country home and
431 — keep Eva's studio and rent
a house here for two years and then
see where it leads. Instead we are
bankrupt with great debts and no
relief, at best, before another year.

And, yet — there is absolutely
nothing I can do. ^{or anybody!} Eva's fears are so
strong that they cannot be forced
nor persuaded: one can only turn them
into aggression or self-aggression and
misery. So, one must wait —

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You see, I am trying hard to be philosophical, but that is all. Costly life goes by —

The work goes slow but not too badly. There are aside plans: to publish the minority dissents or court decisions in matters of civil liberties: ("Indices... Dissenting.")

Go and see my children some time, take them somewhere.

Much love
yours old Hans

HANS ZEISEL

TEA BUREAU INC.
500 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

October 4, 1951

Dear Karli,

Thanks for the Solon article. My lectures are going well. Your election poll idea was very good. You, yourself, might care to look at the data sheet I put in the student's hand.

Love,

Hans

hz hmf

HANS ZEISEL

TEA BUREAU INC.
500 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

December 3, 1951

Prof. Karl Polanyi
R.R. # 2
Pickering Ontario
Canada

Dear Karli:

May I have your formal consent that your paper together with the other three and Paul's old one appear in a book called "The Common Frontier of the Social Sciences, edited by Myra Komarowsky of Barnard?"

We miss you. When do you come? Last week we could not help remembering our abortive effort to drive her up to Toronto. Now she is there, and we not.

Love,

Hans

hz hmf

*Mausi is very unhappy about
Misi's resigning Chicago.*

HANS ZEISEL

TEA BUREAU INC.
800 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

August 25, 1952

Dear Karl,

Attached is Misi's answer to my first letter and my answer to him. Please let me have your running advice in this matter because I don't feel at all sure in this strange field. Please be good enough to return Misi's letter.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Hans

Prof. Karl Polanyi
Pickering
Ontario

Aug 27

[1953]

Dear Hans,

I met B. and we discussed the contract which is the stereotype but for a reservation. B. had mentioned previously that Norman Collins signed a contract with them seven years ago for a Dreyfus book, yet since that time he works on films in Hollywood and seemingly lost interest in the matter. The reservation is for the case if he turned in a manuscript. I don't know how it will read in the contract but it may prove a rather peculiar condition. If Collins will turn up and wants his book published I not only cannot insist on the publishing of mine but his book would kill all the chances to get my book published by other publishers. I was promised that the contract will be mailed to me about this week end if so I will know more. Certainly the thought that I may work in vain would haunt me while I work on the book.

Maybe the text of the reservation will dissipate these anxieties.

Cordially yours,

Michael

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July 7, 1953

Professor Karl Polanyi
FRD #2
Eckering
Ontario, Canada

Dear Karli:

Enclosed is my letter to Simon & Schuster.

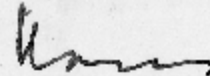
The family was briefly united in Monmouth, Illinois where Eva's stoneware is being baked. However, we will stay united: we rented a big house for a year and will sublet house and apartment in New York. It is better so.

Eva and the children radiate. I am enclosing some of Jean's poems. Aren't they incredibly sweet? The first real writer in the family since ~~Wanda~~ *Hona*.

My work is difficult: terra incognita with high expectations all around.

Kind regards to you all,

Yours,



Encl: 1

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ask
Hans

[195-239]

Karli,

How is this to be handled? I have
no good suggestion. I should consider the
possibility small that N.C. will come
up with a book. But: suppose M's ~~book~~
manuscript is ready, how does S & S
handle it they with ^{N.C.} N.C.? Write
him: ~~if~~ "our deal is off" — or "unless
you give us a manuscript within
3 months — it is off.". In that case:
why can't they write him now, "our deal
is off?" Life is complicated. What do
you suggest.

Cordially
Hans

Hans Zerkel

O Karli,

Febr. 28 [1955]

I thought I could stand and mend
it all by myself, by just being modest
and patient. To no avail; I overtook
my strength. Yesterday I blew my top
again, goaded by mother-in-law (who
in her unassuming ways has arrogated
the supreme authority in my house)
and forms the crucial link in a ~~solid~~
front which now is also threatening to
absorb Jean, with Eva ~~developing~~
developing in her mother's image. The
only consolation is Jean's wisdom. "The
three women are difficult" she explained
to me.

But all this does not help me. I have
no home, ~~and~~ not enough strength
to bear the Chicago solitude and

no desire to start all over again; not even the money or the time to run temporarily away from it all. The worst is: for the first time my work goes badly ~~attempts~~, I manoeuvre instead of getting things done.

I feel trapped and almost without hope. I thought I could get some help from Eva (Mauro I had to give up long ago); But I got none. To live without earthly worries with children and her mother, undisturbed by a husband (who is difficult enough and for whom no love is lost) just eats her time.

I don't know why I write you all this. I suppose because you have shared my hopes to pull through this and, therefore,

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should have Ret 1 utterly failed.

Love
H.

I am leaving for Chicago and
shall report on McKee

" MARY
AT 2-2171

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[1955?]

Dear Karli,

IV.3.

From the distance here in my solitary cell things do not look quite as bad anymore, but that is a poor consolation. Anyway—

The editor of the Chicago Pocket Books has Freeman's letter on his desk and is favorably considering the matter for next spring publication "if he can get it from Farrow, Huns" - so, at least, he told me.

From McKee still no word but Karlieu is going to ask him soon. —

Poor Adlai: only another heart attack can save him; or do you think the farmers and the South and Nixon could suffer?

I am now writing my first "legal" piece; a note for the Harvard Law Review: on mutual experts in injury tort trials.

What do you say, by the way, to the British Parliament's vote on the capital

punishment. I am just through reading
the record of the debate. I must say, Eden's
home secretary (Maj. Lloyd-George) emerges as
a considerable ass and Mr. Silverman
as a man of very great stature. If the
Lords don't break his drive, this vote will
in due course eliminate c.p. from the British
Empire. All that is left then on the map, are
a few states on the Am. Continent, Austria
and similar backward countries.

Kind regards to both of you

H

Our dear husband, father and grandfather

Mr. Alexander Striker

peacefully passed away in his 86th year

on October 14, 1955

The Striker and Zeisel families

Friday
Wednesday } Miss Foster
Tuesday }
Ford

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[1955 n'52?]

Dear Karl,

Monday 11.6

It is about time we meet. In the meantime, I wanted to let you know that I talked the other day to Oppenheim. He quite spontaneously said how ~~much~~ the collaboration with you opened a new vista for his work, although the pressures of his own job don't permit him ~~to~~ continued intensive cooperation.

On the other hand, Mikhail told me that he did not express ^(Russell) enthusiasm for the endorsement of the project.

To ~~be~~ come to the point. He would be very happy to put into writing his enthusiasm if ~~you~~ you thought it might help supporting the request for the continued grant.

~~My report on the meeting with Oppenheim,~~
I shall probably come to New York around the 15th or 16th.
Cordially,
Ams

Wien, 19. Juni 1956.

Liebe Ilona, lieber Karli!

Es war uns eine große Freude, einmal etwas von Euch zu hören, besonders aber zu wissen, daß es Euch gut geht und daß Karli mit seinen Arbeiten so viel Erfolg hat. Wir gratulieren!

Deine Freundin Trude Kurz war einigemale bei Hans, ich habe sie leider nicht kennen gelernt und sie hat hier alles erreicht, was sie wollte. Sie kann hier ihre Doktorarbeit einreichen, muß dann die Rigorosen und das Philosophicum ablegen und dann hat sie es geschafft. Hans und Frau Kurz haben sich sehr gut verstanden und Hans war froh, daß er ihr helfen konnte.

Bei uns geht alles ganz gut, wir sind gesund und Hans hat wie immer sehr viel zu tun. Daß unser armer Harald nicht aus Rußland zurückgekommen ist, werdet Ihr wohl erfahren haben und was das für uns bedeutet, könnt Ihr vielleicht verstehen; er hat uns doch dank seiner großen Intelligenz niemals irgendwelche Sorgen bereitet ~~und~~ ^{aber} es war leider ganz unmöglich, ihn aus der Kriegsmaschine herauszuhalten. Aber unser Walter macht uns ja sehr viel Freude und tritt ganz in die Fußstapfen seines Vaters. Er ist Dozent an der Universität Bern, hat einen sehr guten wissenschaftlichen Namen und fährt nächstes Jahr nach Boston, wo ihm eine Gastprofessur angetragen wurde. Vorher fliegt er noch nach Seattle, wo er einige Vorträge zu halten hat. Er war auch im Mai in Moskau, wohin er eine Einladung von der dortigen Akademie der Wissenschaften erhielt, es wurde dort ein Kongreß für Atomforschung abgehalten, der sehr interessant gewesen sein soll. Walter ist seit vier Jahren verheiratet, hat einen kleinen 18 Monate alten sehr herzigen Sohn. Ich habe ja nicht viel von dieser kleinen Familie, weil Bern doch von Wien zu weit ist, um öfter als zwei oder dreimal im Jahr hinzufahren. Heuer im Sommer werden sie aber bei uns längere Zeit in Tirol sein, worauf wir uns natürlich sehr freuen. Daß Ihr schon zweifache Großeltern seid, freut uns und ich lasse Kary schön grüßen; wie wird sich aber kaum mehr an uns erinnern. Sie war aber damals wirklich ein reizendes unternehmungslustiges Kind. Ich habe schon ziemlich lange von Recha nichts gehört, obwohl ich ihr einigemale schrieb. Wißt Ihr etwas von ihr? Hoffentlich geht es Oscar nicht gar zu schlecht.

Nun wünschen wir Euch allen weiter viel Erfolg und alles Liebe
von Eurer

Trude + Hans

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[1956-57]

Carli, old friend,

I know it is a bit
personal. But then, why should
you not know how much we
all love you. This is a passage
from my mother's letter.

Carli's wunderbare, im wörtlichen Sinne,
ganz einzig dastehende Art, ist mir
so nahe vor Augen. Seine strahlenden
Freunde, sein offenes Sinn für alles Gute,
Schöne, Kluge, seine Kunst, die er
unabhängig ist, von allen
Leiden des Lebens, die selbst das Älteste
Lügenhaft -

Work here is going very well.
Free Press announced your book, I see.
What will your publicity be?
If you don't come soon to N.Y.
I shall come and visit with you,
and thereby make good on my
old promise.

Kind regards also to Rosa

H.

The Quadrangle Club

1155 EAST FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET

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Feb. 5, 1957

Karl, dear old friend,

I never thought Red Buller could set a shining example for anything. But the way he got out of town under the knife and back to work should give us great confidence.

Enclosed is, black on white at last, the book; announced amidst Mommson and the usual high quota of distorted humorians.

By the time the Jung Report will have its book, the your other one will be out.

My last trip, you will be glad to hear, was peaceful and lovely, and the family togetherness might yet be saved.

I am now working hard on an analysis of the delay problem in the civil courts;

it is a question of great urgency and
loved to the jury by the proposal to abolish
the jury in order to relieve congestion.

A major offer by my friend Marion H.
to return to McClure raises again all kind
of questions, I am not good at answering.
So many other people depend on my money,
that I wonder whether my decision is fair.

Much love to all of you and,
please let me know, when I can be
of help anywhere anytime.

As ever yours

Klaus

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DATE

TO *unlike anything ever written. Now*
 FROM *work on the second volume through*
IN RE *great and tears —.*

At home: Johnny ended his school year with excellent marks, good tennis, studies history through the summer so that he can be through High School next summer at 16. Jeanine is lovely, though less organized than Johnny. Eva full of new ventures, hopes and a new office & in mid-town. Meantime it even looks as if the old chair would finally come to fruition. A pair of mechanics here at the University seemed to have solved the last ~~big~~ problem! In the meantime, we are all, as always, close to broke. Mother away in N.H. Roden after ten years broke with her unambitious boy friend, still at 50 is always a tragic step. But she is radiant and in good form.

I am still sad about Mithel's misadventure; I hope it don't reoccur too soon.
 This is just to keep in touch. Drop me a note and give my love also to Rosa
 Hans

[19612]

Dear Karl and Lona,

I did some thinking about your project and here come to these conclusions, for what they are worth. I shall put them in the form of positive recommendations, the implication being that I do not believe anything else can work.

In the present world situation, the basic questions for any prominent project for a board of sponsors of anything, are these: Who else will be on it? Who runs it? Do I fall into a political trap? etc. Therefore I suggest these steps:

1. A tentative list of sponsors is made who, if they consented, would become members of the board.
2. The publisher Feltrinelli himself (I do not believe anybody else can do it of the people you have mentioned so far) must take the initiative and approach these people ~~asking~~ ^{suggesting} them the following items for consideration:

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- a) A prospectus of the planned journal
- b) The tentative list of board members, who are herewith approached.

The prospectus ought to be printed and contain

Purpose
Outline of content
Methods proposed
etc

The board members might best be approached in two steps. First asking them if whether they might join our board, provided the others on the list joined, so to say asking for a declaration of interest. And then when you have these conditional consents, to ask for the final one, when you re-submit the list of those who have given conditional consent.

So much for the public stance of the Journal. As to Schlesinger etc, I quite see that if anybody he might get contributions from the East,

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but I don't think ~~we~~ we can start merely with the hope that he can. There is, of course, the possibility you hinted at the other day; that one centers on the neutralist process and thereby forces the big partisans to join.

My problem is, and it must be for many; who is going to write about what? I am sending you the last few copies of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, because it so clearly has a relevance to your plan.

I still don't know exactly when I can come to see you but it will be soon. In the meantime we will be in touch.

Love to you both

H

If you call next time, call

NU.4.2693, there you need not call person to person because only I answer — if I am at home. Best time, as a rule is ~~after~~ 10.30 pm or so.



INTER-COMMUNICATION

HOME OR
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TO _____ FROM _____ DATE _____

[1961?]

Dear Karl's home,

My Felkneilli idea is blossoming as follows (Just an idea).

1. F. should make it his aim to give all the Paternak royalties to an East-West Foundation.
2. That is he should try to have, through appropriate mediators, the Soviet government and all heirs agree to such a transfer.
3. One of the conditions should be the liberation of Paternak's friend who was sentenced to Siberia.
4. The board should be constituted



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FROM

DATE

in such a way that both FM and
Wet had it.

5. This would advise (aside
from group 1 million \$ to your journal)
full atonement all around and might
even rehabilitate Paternak in the
Soviet Union.

6. And I even knew the man who
could negotiate such a deal: Leo
Szyf who, on his way back from
Russia (where he was welcomed as
a friend) stopped over at Feltrinelli,
whom he happened to know through Tom.

How say you?

Hans

Dear Karls and Hona,

One other thought,

I should think that after the
recent Pasternak money affair,
Feltrinelli will not be persona
grata in the East. In other words,
my guess is that his publications
could displace all East contributions.
Could he not be moved to found
a foundation that could be
administered by a board of trustees
trustees so that his person

is out?

The proposition should then go to the five trustees whether they would take on the job of starting such a journal. One of the trustees ought to be a Russian, one an Indian, ~~and one an American~~, and ~~so forth~~.

The purpose of the Foundation:
a journal called Co-existence and
Co-operation.

Love
H.

Jan. 22, 1961

Dear Hans:

This avalanche of letters is being precipitated by communications that have meanwhile reached us from Europe. E.H. Carr, who was to begin with very sceptical of the need for a new venture in publishing has now shifted to a friendly neutrality. Rudolf Schlesinger, Editor of Soviet Studies, Univ. of Glasgow, has in principle accepted to act as Editor, provided something in the nature of an Editorial Board can be set up in whose behalf he would act as Secretary. R.S. is regarded in the realm of free scholarship as the greatest asset to such a periodical, while being perhaps the only person safely above suspicion in the Zwischenwelt that we have to persuade of the bona fides of the undertaking. He is keeping in close touch with Joan Robinson, who is sympathetic. Everyone is agreed, though, that the first steps are delicate and that there must be no reverses. The core group mentioned above might be based on England, Italy and Poland. Italy seems to present no difficulties, they simply abound in independent high class scholars a la Franco Venturi. Our friend Valiani, with whom we talked the matter over, is looking round there for main contributors. But as to other parts, we feel we are in dire need of your tactical genius. Some very great English name would be needed among the sponsors, a kind of Archangel of Coexistence, before we can feel that the Poles can be tackled, men like Infeld, Lange, Adam Schaff, Kalecki, and perhaps writers, like Slonimski, Wazyk. Whom of your atomic scientists would you think of (a) as being the right people to ask to participate, (b) as

helping to persuade others, outside the atomic fold, to participate? In other words, we need you urgently, and before we make mistakes. We'll do our best not to do so till February 2.

Yesterday I had a good talk with John P. I asked him point blank, whether his experiences with co-existential collaboration would not advise me to discontinue my attempt. To recruit serious contributors from both sides, particularly since the Western (liberal economy) representation would (and should) be preponderant. He said that he had never thought about a "co-existential extension of bridging activities", but that he does not at all regard such an endeavour as doomed to failure. He agreed that the strength of latent Western opposition to co-existence should not be underrated, also that the consequent significance of the intellectual penetration of the problems, set by such a development, would certainly be a real factor in the shaping of things. I mentioned that no extension of Pugwash or any derivative of it was in question, but that the circle of themes would not be limited to economic policy, but should comprise technology, armaments, ethics, political science (independence, federation, etc.), in which he strongly concurred. John rightly used the phrase of "working on the fringes" in regard to the participation of ~~semi-committed~~ Easterners on semi-committing themes.

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October 19, 1961

Professor Karl Polanyi
R. R. #3
Pickering, Ontario
CANADA

Dear Karli,

Of course! Here is my letter to the
Press. Send me your Shakespeare piece with
whatever note you want me to forward to the
Press.

Love to you all
Cordially,

Hans
Hans Zerkel

HZ/mns
Enclosure

Oct. 25, 1961

Draja Evacu

Hat ki érte ezt ami
 ember: életünk?

Mindennapom el kell
 hogy mondjam nekem,
 (Köna is meg én is
 egy éjszaka) hogy minden
 volt maximálisan, de
 minden bízog és
 nemesség, és egy
 120-ral minden a let
 csoda! Kétgy is
 voltunk vele azon
 a hiten, és csak két
 a mely ragyogás, az a
 a drága hó kerek nyel
 a tekintetben, a punta
 valamit szívnemelt adó
 csoda batorító
 Kiva csodája mint
 valami az emberiség
 megfigyelésének ny.
 Draja Evacu, egy nagy
 történelmi Karliok.

1/2/62

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Oct 10 K '62

Dear Hans It is quite possible that Feltrinelli with whom both Rudolf + the Poles are in personal business relations poses an avenue (perhaps his Paris agent?) Even then the U.S. remains a problem of the first order which must suggest a combination of publishers and readership. The overriding question is undoubtedly the guarantee of independence and integrity, short of which no free flow of contributions and, of course, no moral impact is conceivable. - I suggest a separation of the editorial board from the "Sponsor" who might consist in a very few outstanding personalities e.g., K. Baldwin, K. Compton, J. Reissman, Oppenheimer, Gunnar Myrdal, E.H. Carr, Sartre, Russell. Some of them are 'quakers', others are not. They are non-merchants who for the sake of the world service find a sponsorship would represent could be expected to give their names. This would solve the publisher's issue which wd. prove not want to follow as soon as the eminent contributors were

Notes

on the great topical issues of the day
are offered to the general public.
(The variety of existing questions
would do the trick) The international
approach must be maintained
Mahalanobis (Calcutta), R. Frick
(Norway), Cardenas (Mexico) etc.

Oct. 10, 1962

Dear Karl,

I am sorry I couldn't be more helpful with Saburosh. That the book is being set, is simply grand. — I ~~tried~~ called Keri (since I had to go East this week-end) but she can't make it. Maybe I see her with you some other time.

Johnny P. articles are first rate — he is getting his family out of the rut.

Love

Hans

My dear family,

Oct. 30 [1962] ?

These were anxious days, and how surprisingly they ended. It is hard to put the pieces together, at least I don't know what to make of them.

On the surface, the sequence of events is incredible:

We: The Russians have nuclear bases in Cuba.
Blockade.

They: nonsense, we don't need any bases anywhere

We: Here are the photos

They: Fabrications

We: If the bases are not removed we will destroy them.

They: Well, if they bother you as much, we will remove them, if you remove your bases in Turkey.

We: No deal

They: OK, no deal. If you guarantee Cuba we will remove the bases.

We: We will.

They: That's enough, we will remove them, and we want this to be the beginning of happier days. Incidentally, whenever you may call

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offensive weapons, these were not. Because they were under our control and we would, of course, never use them offensively.

Finnis.

What is one to make of this ballet?
If it was only a capitulation on the part of the Soviets, the consequences may be dangerous. Our right-wingers might simply believe that from now on all we have to do is to wave our big stick. It can't be so simple.

Could it be, that the Soviets tried something like the old joke about the man who put his naked foot out of his bed into the cold night air, only to withdraw it later and feel twice as warm under his blanket. Are the Soviets now twice as friendly after having built and withdrawn their base? It could be. If you want to make a big concession without making one, that is exactly what you would do then. Also, the bases fulfilled one purpose: we did guarantee Cuba's security. The very next future should show whether this all was an isolated episode or a momentous event.

There is an interesting side perspective on the episode. The Soviets apparently care a damn for face saving. I don't know about the Japanese or Chinese, but we certainly could not have done what the Russians did. It would have been a defeat with grave (inner) political consequences. I wonder whether this is an advantage or a shortcoming of our democratic system. Along this line, one cannot help noting how close this episode was to an election, in which the opposition made Cuba Do something - their battle cry.

The only casualty, I suppose, will be Mr. Cronkite, who "made false statements" to the President. Mr. Zorin will probably not have to go, because in the U.N. one doesn't have to speak the truth, apparently; Stevenson too could say, two days before we invaded Cuba that one that "no invasion is planned."

But things should now turn for the better, so let us hope and see whether we can understand it better. This is a situation

4 for Karli to explain, as a matter. It is
one he could have invented, so I am
sending him a copy of this letter.

Love

H.

I tried to reach you over the phone, but
absolutely nobody was at home.

December 20, 1962

Professor Michael Polanyi
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
202 Junipero Serra Boulevard
Stanford, California

Dear Misi:

I have your paper on conspicuous production. As I wrote you, I was familiar with the main theme but I also enjoyed the argument around Mises. Let me first say that I completely agree with you on at least three points. First, on the interpretation of Russian production statistics (the main point); secondly, on the implied effort to plan according to market needs; and, thirdly, on the obvious falsity of Mises' position, who simply argued that a planned economy cannot work.

However, I have some reservations which would lead me to a different stance in this whole matter. The comparison you have in mind is obviously with an optimum equilibrium position determined by free market forces.

(I might inject here that I simply do not understand your calculus on page 11 from which you deduce that the Russians lose about half their value.) Two things can be said of any comparison to this optimum equilibrium. The first concerns its practical achievement in a capitalistic economy; and, second, its theoretical meaning. Obviously the equilibrium is seldom achieved. And, as a result, means of production lie idle due to inefficiencies of the system during the business cycle. The theoretical limitation of the equilibrium derives from a fact (which economists usually consider beyond their responsibility) ~~namely~~ that the equilibrium itself depends on the initial distribution of incomes. In other words, if somebody says that the free market equilibrium represents an optimum, this implies approval of the underlying income distribution which constitutes this market. And on what grounds are we to approve initial income inequities? Thus, the equilibrium loses considerable power as a standard for comparison.

Much hinges, of course, on the magnitude of the loss. The only quantitative investigation I have seen is by a fellow at Yale who made such an attempt with respect to the Hungarian economy. His figure was around 15 to 20 per cent.

The Russian idea obviously is to run an economy as a family unit would run itself. Your potato example is, of course, to the point and most delightful. But, by improving its market predictions and by decentralizing the

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Russians might well achieve an improved level of operation. Once the loss in economic values is reduced to a magnitude of 15 to 20 per cent, it would seem to me that the issue cannot be decided any more on economic grounds only. The question is then what type of a society and what type of human motivations are generated by these different systems. And, here, of course, it would be a mistake to identify planning with Stalinism or ^{2x02} its present form, just as it would be difficult to say whether capitalism is the United States or, let us say, its Brazilian form.

But the most important question is this: For better or for worse, there are now two *competitive* systems engaged in solving the problems of the world. And thoughts like yours make an important contribution to their clarification. What I simply do not understand is why you are not more generous and concede more good will to both sides in trying to solve these gigantic problems against great difficulties. Why don't you support those who want to be more patient and less sure of their own solutions? Would such an attitude, if it gained ground, not lead in itself to an improvement of the negative political consequences which we rightly would consider the most serious drawbacks? The *less* tolerant we are, the worse is the other side going to behave. My hunch is that thoughts like yours will move the Russian planners too. But what a difference it would make if yours were not uttered in hostile criticism but rather in an understanding effort to improve solutions. In short, what is an important theoretical insight becomes, in my view, pernicious political propaganda, if its main outlet is a West Berlin broadcasting station.

With kind regards.

Yours cordially,

Hans Zeisel

HZ/mns

Dear Karli,

March 4, '63

Ragnar Fosh ek is good news.

As to the American sponsors, be sure they
are approached from Europe! Rabriantosh
is still in Princeton (Int. for Ar. Studies). How about
Massachusetts, Edmund Wilson, Isaac Stern (the violinist),
some Harvard economists, France: Raymond Aron,
Germany: K. Lorenz (after his book on
Apperception is out). Italy: Moravia (?).

England: Julian Huxley.

Keep me informed.

Love

Hans

Chicago

Feb. March, 1963

The Quiddig Club

28 Mar.

Dear Karli and Ilona,

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I have your letter and your PS on the
Rozgamon Press. I cannot help your
criticizing me for not acting but giving
advice instead. So let me be more explicit:
So far I know only of three (perhaps 4) names
connected with the Journal:

Robinson, Schlesinger

Fish (Myrdahl)

I put H. in () because I am not sure from
your letter that he agreed to be on the
Board. The question is not whether I
talk to Rabenowitz or not (I can do this
tomorrow) but whether he will join. If you
want, I will talk to him, at your risk.
My hunch is, that the result will be nil.

Point to facilitate matters, will you
send me a typed sheet which contains
all the facts, so far associated with
the Journal?

Also understand that old Pergamon
provides financial reassurance, it
weakens the reassurance of independence.
So it is all very complicated!

But I shall do everything you tell me
to, provided you tell me exactly what
transpired so far, so that I can be
informative.

I am glad you are in good health
again.

Love

H.

Hans Zeisel.

6th Friday

Dear Kerli & Home,

[April 12
1963?]

- 1) a potential contributor to Coex.:
Harold J. Berman, Harvard Law Professor.
See March 1963 issue of the H. Law Review:
The Dilemma of Soviet Law Reform.
- 2) a board member: Sorokin, who
wrote about convergence of Am. & Soviet Cultures in
spite of their antagonism:
v.l. Intern. Journal of Comparative Sociology
p. 143, 1960

3) as a general editorial idea: Compensative
articles on any number of subjects: there are here,
Also, perhaps, a New Yorker style column on ^{identical} ~~the~~
bad things here and abroad.

Don't work too hard.

Love
Hans

4) Read Russell's article
in last Sunday's Times Magazine section

[1963.2]

Cobie Freundt,

June 17

I enjoyed "Acts of Vade.." very much,
especially the next to the last footnote.
"Down with Herkelheim!"

I can reciprocate only with a
less interesting if less dogmatic paper.
The summer will be full of drudgery;
the book is nearing its end and goes
through its arduous stage.

Jeanie has finished school and has
her first "Equity" contract: the lead in
Lolly and two other plays in a Pa Summer-
theatre. Johnny is still undecided how to spend
the summer. Eva concerned with her
design business. Mother goes to her
usual summer place, so all is, if not
very good, so at least well.

The Romeo might have another dance:
Intern. Psychoanalytic Journal....

Wled about your Journal. The first issue
should have an article on Pope John.

It should show that the effort for peace
must come from the heart, not from
the brotherly of the technicians. Also that
the world is ready for it, how else could one
interpret his tremendous echo?!

How is Kari? What is she doing
over the summer?

Kind love

H.

Dear Karl:

June 20, 1963

I just finished browsing through a book, whose author you might know: one C.B. Macpherson, professor of political science at Toronto U.:
The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism (Hobbes to Locke). It would seem to me an outstanding example of Marxist "Zweckgedanke". It so happens that I am reading at the same time the most recent production of the Natural Law enthusiasts in this country (Hutchins and his crowd). Even if one is not quite sure that one should share the conviction that no "ought" can ever be deduced from an "is", one is embarrassed by the intellectual naivete of these Natural lawyers. And a critical analysis such as Macpherson's is a most refreshing book.

What kind of a man is M.?

Love

Hans

[1963]

The Quadrangle Club

Dear Kori & Nora, Sept. 23

How is it possible that for a few months one remains in close contact, writes, visits even and then — wie abgerissen! This shouldn't happen; I don't have friends to spare — well, what happened in the meantime? Jean had her first professional engagement, in Fayetteville Pa., a fine summer stock company. She played Lili in Carnival, a lovely musical; and ~~was~~ another lead in a play called Sunday in Manhattan, a bedroom comedy — and she was very good in both and had two reviews. But, of course, all this is dull; play compare to the hard boards of Broadway. Johnny had an eventless summer, but happy with his girl friend, Eva, busy, as always, but somewhat lapped. She will probably go to Japan for a while, to make some ceramics for imports.

Mother had a very good summer in N. H.; and
Hschem, a tough one (her closed girl tried
died suddenly) but she is well. And as for
myself; the book is inching toward completion
and that is not all that matters. It is a wedding
match: either we win, or the book that reads being
born. All kinds of plans for afterwards, but
only for afterwards. — Today a friend who spent
the year at Palo Alto asked me cautiously whether
Miss or his wife ~~was~~^{was} my wife's relative.
When I told him, he sighed with relief —
apparently a year is more than enough
for Madge to reveal her nature, to the next
unconcerned; & she had established a solid
reputation as — well...

The world is going — coexistence. Will they
it mean for your plans? — If I had some
religion in me, I would have become a
Catholic, to join Pope John. Did you read
his conversation with Bushcher's daughter?
What an extraordinary man. He was the
first statesman with power responsibility, who
asked for an end to the cold war, ironically
while our Presidents kept telling us, that
one cannot deal with the Godless Communists —

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The Quadrangle Club

I had a sweet note from Kasi, who
at long last got her Burberry coat
(at least, I hope so) and I hope to
see her some day.

~~There is one thing though, I let~~

There is one thing though, I let
I cannot easily understand. How come
I have not seen "The Plough" and
the ———? 12

Kind regards from
house to house

H.

C. Eaton

The Quadrangle Club

Dec. 8, 1963

Dear Karli,

Since it is now more than half a year that I did not have word from you, I called Kari to learn of your whereabouts and was shocked to hear that you are again back for some treatment in Toronto. I also learned about the developments concerning Covertence, and the financial issues on what its beginning hinges. My own, rather modest "financial" papers, are at present under considerable strain since mother fell and broke her hip again and now needs a permanent attendant.

So all I have are some questions and some thoughts. The first is my old one: I have yet no vision that to be in the magazine. Could one not at least provide a Table of Contents for the first issue together with a dummy, and perhaps a lot of features for future issues. Secondly, is there a way to channel gifts into a tax-exempt channel? This could be very important. Third, is not Cyrus Eaton a natural source to tap in this situation? Since at this point where you have half the money, he should merely be one of several, the priority ~~one~~ (should be) of less importance.

I had one other thought. Co-existence has,
since Pope John, acquired also religious
meaning. Don't there in that direction
^{possibly} some support both moral and financial?

I am not troubled retarded in my
movements, because of great pressure of
work, otherwise I could come and visit all you.

With kind regards^x and all good wishes -

as ever yours

Haus

x also to Rosa

HANS

The Quadrangle Club

Feb. 2, 1964
[1964]

Dear Karl & Rona,

For what must be close to a year now, I had only indirect news about you but not a word from you, although I must have written you at least three or four letters in that time.

Is there any reason for this persistent silence? I am puzzled and a bit perturbed, and I should like to know how you all are.

The new book is slowly drawing to its end; slowly.

Love
H.

You will be interested in Konrad Lorenz' book, *Zwei Naturgeschichte der Aggression*, Verlag Böcker, Wien. Vielleicht könnt ihr auch die Universitätsbibliothek haben. Es ist ein sehr williges Buch für Coexistence.

Dear Karl & Ilma,

August 15

Since I never said anything nice about Emil Fromm, I do want to report that I liked his introduction to Marx's "Vision of Man", a paperback of his by now famous early writings. The publisher, incidentally, is a Vietnam refugee (F. Ungar) who married the German who was Kaelke's baby-sitter for many years.

I am returning you the Encounter issues I borrowed. They are quite amusing, but in fact hardly disappointing. To have a four issue running debate on whether or not Lady Chatterly had coitus per anum, is ridiculous even if this world had no other sorrows.

Mizi's essay on "conscious production", I want to keep a little longer. It's a witty little, and there is, of course, something to his point, but in the main he is dead wrong. Unfortunately the debate does not show this, for the socialist draws the problem, as the Vatican would draw, the virgin birth. The truth is, that the difference between planning and market economy can, at best, be one of degree (percentages) and there are so many appalling factors (non-use of resources = unemployment etc) that the difference in sheer death is probably in the
 (combs)

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not more than)

The Quadrangle Club

magnitude of 10-20 percent, and this might be a price for which it may well worth while to buy-off the market or reduce it to reasonable proportions. -

Jessie is not in Sweden (reading Am. Lit. on the radio - 2 recordings), Johnny and Eva are drinking on the house, and I am not at all quite well again.

From Paris I never heard a peep, although I wrote her (to Montreal). But I do want to see her some day again. Why don't you give me her telephone number(s).

My love to you both

H.

Dear Karli - and family,

This is to wish you all a very merry Christmas. I shall call you X-mas eve; we shall all be at those.

Enclosed is a letter I sent to Mrs. in response to a ^(new) paper he sent me on "Consp. Production". He probably sent you a copy too.

My love to you all

H.

Dec, 20

C O P Y

wholly before
Mauri's death
after his illness
started in
approx. 1959/60

Rawls

1959/60

My dear ^{Hans} ~~Murray~~:-

Fortunately baseless alarm - her voice sounded so poor on the 'phone - drove me home a day ahead of your arrival. It was good to find Ilona well, but I was dismayed at having missed you again.

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Love

Laura

and

Hans

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Hans

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Love

Dear "Stank Hella",

The letters are sweet—
I got Karli's note on the
hypocrite that destroyed my
touching part. But I can't
agree with his religious
belief in the shortcomings
of private enterprise. USA
"public" enterprise, is as a
rule corrupt and inefficient
(e.g. army, navy)—whereas
Am. Tel. & Tel., Dupont,
GM is pretty good.

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Rusona's control over
publicity that can keep
failures from becoming
apparent is probably all
the difference to our
glaring (because public)
failures.

I wonder whether die
Gemeinde Wien Unternehmen
or the now nationalized
Alpine Mountain Gesellschaft
is such a superior
outfit?

I think the case
 for socialism cannot
 be built on the ground
 of inefficiency; &
 certainly not in the
 agricultural field, where
 "private property" seems
 to be ^{even} more deeply meaningful.

Love

Hans

[1950?]

Karl,

Nov. 26

Thanks for your note and the review of Fordet's book. How English are both the author and his reviewer.

First, the reason I did not write further about the paper was simple: I thought it just perfect. The delay in the printing came first from my difficulties in cutting David down to size, and now from a possible shift. Paul suggested that the three papers together with his original ones be included into a volume of "Social Science Boudeline Problems". Since this would be a more conspicuous publication I thought it a good idea and I trust the authors wouldn't mind either. I shall write you soon more about this.

My work goes well, except the lecture which is of varying level. But having had to change it just before the term started, I feel not guilty (just miserable) and will do better next year when I shall confine the topic to: Formation and Measurement of Political Opinion. This is narrower in scope and should be of interest. In the office, the good news is that I shall go to England coming Spring for some weeks. Our British Director especially Gertraud Huxley (a cousin of John and Aldous) is a very delightful person. From Vienna

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England looked as if it were at the other end of the world. From here, England is just Europe and my nostalgic feelings rush early to this fortress of the civilized world. I am embarrassed and ashamed if I think of the miserable winter they will have to live through. The Germans ~~are~~ are sending food parcels to England! It is beyond my understanding how their pride can stand this. As I wrote Huxley: The ~~the~~ main reason for Britain's plight is that theirs is the only country this side of ~~the~~ the Iron Curtain which suffered severely from the last war and from the preparation for the next. We, while we prepare, did not suffer from the war and the French, Italians etc, while they suffered, do not prepare. Somehow ~~somehow~~ I hope ~~Chamberlain~~ Churchill will heed more of Britain's threat, than Hitler ever could have.

Even ~~is~~, or rather Eva's set is going into the home stretch: Opening December 18, trade show in January. The danger is that the house will blow up just before the finish line. It is close to intolerable.

The whole family is slightly uncomfortable and looking forward to a motherly mother and a restful wife.

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I am now doing quite a bit of counselling
work, some of it with prospects for long
range interests (shares in a research corporation).
— All good if one survives the strain.

~~After~~ The trip to England looms large in
my joy-program. I intend to make the best
of it. The funny part is that I don't even
feel like going to the continent. Only ~~two~~
a small handful of people in Vienna show
love to me; but I want to bring German
books back. We have none: no Lessing,
no Heine, no Goltz and Keller etc.

The world looks a little better, doesn't it.
The pressure on us and the Russians for better
behaviors seems to go on. Not even the atrocious
bomb came off. There might be a last ray of hope.

I am ashamed that it took your note to
~~cause~~ cause this letter written, but here it is
and more will follow.

Thank love to you all
Yours
Kais

Dear Eva,

This is a letter which I am writing only after considerable hesitation, but I don't by now see any other way. It involves asking you for the kind of errand one does not like, yet I hope you won't refuse.

Very briefly, this is the matter. When I left Chicago, I sold my apartment to Vera, leaving with her at the same time all the things which I did not want to take along, such as linens, books, papers, blankets etc. Our agreement was that she would pay for the apartment in installments and send me the things when I want them, deducting the cost of ~~xxxx~~ shipment from what she owed me. This ~~xxxx~~ amounted at the time to about \$400.00, out of which she has paid as far as I know my last telephone and charge account bill. Otherwise I have received neither any money nor even my stuff, although I have offered her twice the opportunity to give it to somebody who was ~~going~~ coming over here. She has in fact not answered any of my letters in 18 months, so I haven't the faintest idea whether she chucked my books into lake Michigan and kept my other things for herself or what else she did do. I think she feels insulted because I used perhaps somewhat strong language in one or the other letter, but after all this is not a favor I am asking for but simply the fulfillment of a contract. I had ~~xxx~~ of course not put ~~xxxx~~ it into writing, but it was a completely legitimate sale - and I have not seen a penny.

I was perfectly willing to make allowances for the fact that she had a rather bad break. I offered her to pay off in small installments, ~~xx~~ but at least to tell me when and how she would start paying. As far as ~~xxxxxx~~ my linens and books are concerned, she could have sent them without any cost to her at all, as Mitja would have been willing to take them along when he came over on a trip this summer. All of this I have written to Vera at great length, but no reaction. In short, I have arrived at the point where I have to ask for some sort of intervention, though I don't like doing this. And I am asking you because I still feel closest to you, in spite of the fact that you haven't ever written. I hope this will force you to write, but not only about the rather sordid matter involved.

Just a couple of points ~~which~~ on this. The books are practically irreplaceable here, some of them will be first copies for Austria when and if they arrive. I need them badly because most of them belong to my trade and - wonder though it may be - I still work at this trade. The only reason why I haven't got an apartment here and have to live in a furnished room - though it is a nice one - is that I never got this money on which I counted. There are also some cherished possessions - as pictures by a friend of mine, your ceramics and some other similar souvenirs. I just don't want to lose ~~xxxx~~ these few things ~~which~~ which tell me of friends and the past. I beg you to find out what can be rescued and how one can convince Vera that she has a responsibility in fulfilling this obligation. And please let me know what ~~the~~ result you got from her, as I don't think she will ever write.

Otherwise I am well enough. I just had the most wonderful vacation with an American friend who came over from England for this purpose. We have done glaciers ~~and~~ (the Dachstein) and sailed on St. Wolfgangsee, seen Jedermann in Salzburg and had a great time altogether. Unfortunately, it is over, as Bob left already yesterday. He is going to Africa for two years, so I am not likely to see him again. Mitja has been here too, with his wife. I am very glad that I have been able to face him without any pangs. In fact I was greatly amused at some of the incidents connected with him, an amusement certainly means immunity. Eva dear, how are you doing? Have any of the problems of work and family which used to be about been solved? And if how? Is Jean still as sweet and smart as she was, and Piepie ~~xxxxxx~~ as round and heart-breaking? How is Tante Mausi - I still can't call her anything else.

Adress: Al. Sperry. 1/30
Wien I



I had hoped she at least would be faithful and write now and then, but no. Best regards to your and my family, Karl especially if he is still around. Forgive me for bothering you with this unpleasant matter, but what was I to do? And thanks for taking care of it as I know you will.

Lots of love

03/1/31
Post
M. H. ...
: mha



THE QUADRANGLE CLUB
CHICAGO

Dear Karli,

Sunday

A rather miserable weekend is about to be over: much alone and although I have much work to do, and all intention to go at it, I just lied around and couldn't do a thing. Walked about on the campus for an hour, browsed through some books - ending up with feelings badly for a solid two days. It is in such situations that one wonders whether one will get done what one set out to do, and if not - what an enormous waste! ~~I~~ I hope that the routine of a weekday will improve matters, but I am afraid my fidgetiness

goes deeper. I have too many ideas and not the patience to work them out - and yet only the latter is truly satisfactory. The latest is a plan for a law journal for laymen: something like "Law & Opinion" on the legal side of current events from atomic blockade and 3-mile zone to civil liberties, Dr. Keppard etc. I am going to send you a memo. when it's finished.

One of the things that irk me is that, if all goes well, this law school really reach for new heights and my opportunities will grow in a place, where ultimately I cannot stay.

Don't take all this too seriously. I just have to share this Kazonyanummer with somebody, otherwise it eats me up. Give my regards to Miklos, of whose fortitude I often think, when I am down.

Cordially,
Klaus

Dear Karlis,

Oct. 14

Sorry I won't see you this time.
I should have liked to talk to you about
Miklos. I read his historical chapter
and think it is a fine achievement
and I am glad he got it out. But I ~~don't~~
think it should be ten pages in the
final book. This book must breathe
history like Shakespeare's dramas;
through its heroes and villains, not
through historical contemplations.
The great popular appeal must come
from the blood and thunder and from
the people who act the morality play.
Please, help me steering Miklos
back to the drama. The history will
evolve from it easily. I don't want to
be too strict with him so as not to

~~Do~~ hamper his enthusiasm.

Love
Hans

Hans survived the week before
Chicago, I may survive the next
year, especially since Eva's true center
is now the Middle West. The chair in
Oshtemo, Iowa the pottery in Monmouth,
Ill. and the glass in Newark, Ohio. —
The children are happy, Joan in a
better school than she was in, John
in not quite as good a school.