

Dec. 17, 1889.

Dear Hans —

Greetings. And I wish I could tell you about the magic journey. Long, leisurely days spent with our oldest friends, not looking right or left, just feeling the bodily presence of a loved city. Being off, before you had time to shake off the enchantment.

I had barely two days in Vienna. Karl had five, and he went to the Voparkensbase and visited Frau Kerschinger (von Hinterhaus), who knew him at once and loved him right and left. They talked about my mother, and Ebi, and Kari of course.

I went to Rudolfs, where I had two days and three nights. Most of this time was spent in talking to newest and oldest friends: earnest young historians, and old revolutionaries, untrampled by the bounds of history. It seemed to have the right length, like a flash of lightning: the essentials stood out, all else was blotted.

My two Vienna days I spent in what appeared like chasing a phantom. Who knows, I may yet bag it. For some time I was wondering whether the "Mach-Felmar", the extraordinary story of the Schutzbund in the year following the defeat could not be written. It is

one of those hidden wonders, and soon the ones
who still remember, will be gone. There are not
they - children in historiography - essential events, around
which no organized interest centers, (or even powerful
and organized interests act in blotting out their memory).
The January 1918 strikes. The Kvanstadt rising. The Hungarian
workers' councils ^{of 1956}. Such a neglect in the organization of
the Schenkbund that lived on through ^{after 1934} years. Up to
the middle of 1936 I was connected with it, as editor of
their central newspaper "Der Sprecher" - an office in
which I succeeded our friend Ludwig Wagner. I brought
out the paper from issue 5 to 19, (I was also
a member of the "Wiener Stadtdarstellung" and its 4-man
"Büro").

The complete batch of the "Sprecher" issues I had
^(from Pinkering) with me, to Vienna, where they turned out to be the
only copies in existence. I donated them to the
S. P. archives, in return of their photo-copies, which
I shall use for my research. The plan to do this
work has in a way every body's blessing, though
both Parties in question wouldn't mind if it petered
out. The S. P. is unenthusiastic to see any revolutionary
traditions unweakened. The C. P. gets into a state of

The Ambassador has a publication in Canada (McClelland + Stewart) and Empire (Wesleyan) & the rest of it. I be decided any day now.

nerves at the mere idea of anybody "researching about" on his own in a field where their vulnerabilities are so obvious. These two reactions made it even clearer to me that the only chance to do this work is in genuine independence of the two Parties. - I propose to read up all available material (O.P.'s posthumous book is on order from the Libr. of Congress, by interlibrary loan); then to spend 2 months or so in Vienna, following up my old Schupfand contacts (they shall exist).

It was suggested to me from many sides (Marsha not least) that I should turn to the Kormov Shipping for a small stipend (this would cover the fares to Vienna and give me some ^{in my research} standing). I intend to do this quite soon, including a short outline, as Marsha advised me to do (having first spoken to Christian Boudy).

Could you help me in two respects, Hans?

First, in telling me more about the Kormov Shipping - I understand it to be "progressive" as against a "Catholic" opposite number, (so as to cater for the Propag) but otherwise bona fide independent. Would you agree that this is so?

Second, would any old friends person and lend me ^{articles} material - post-February "Arbeiter-Zeitung", "Die Revolution", etc? Yourself? or The Worker? Please write as soon as you can.

We were happy with your letter, which came yesterday.

Love,

Edna.

P.T.O.

4) prisoner under Mussolini's ^{prisoner in Spain} Resistance leader San Xay, in Italy
Fustikina & Libovca Secretary of Union.

P.S. When the Idemfound research firm
occurred to me (about a year ago) I wrote
about it to Leo Valiani, the Italian
Socialist historian ⁺ with whom I am in
touch about the history of the January strike
in Hungary. He was much interested in
the Project. It should not be difficult, I think,
to get it published also in Italian. Which
should help to get it eventually published
in Austria — Propag and all that —

Dear M — This week's medical
check was totally negative! Can we
meet in January, when I intend to visit N.Y.
again? ² While Jena visited Hungary,
enjoyed my niece's ^{years} and spirit —
that a warm & lively person she has grown to
Love K Co.

Wednesday

Dear Rona,

Well, last night I saw "the girl",
Our plane was late, so I arrived shortly
before her class began (which I attended
with much pleasure) and afterward we
joined my business friends for drinks and
dinner at the Ritz Carlton. At 10 she
had to leave for another engagement,
but at least some we had, Kari - I believe
enjoyed. Also, it is always wholesome to meet
the miserable class enemy in the flesh, for
once. Well, I suppose you will hear it all from
her. As for my part, I was enchanted.

But before I go on, I should like to raise
a question with you - and you alone, about Kari.
I trust you forgive my directness, but by now
you know me well enough ~~to know~~ to
forgive such a note. Kari is a great beauty,
but she must do something about her teeth.
Not only about the genetic problems of her

front teeth, but she also has some other signs
of neglect. Can you persuade her to consult
a front rate dentist who would survey the situation,
make a plan for all her teeth, but especially
for the front teeth (shortening, capping, God knows
what). Say you ~~would~~ consider giving her the
necessary money, or at least the bulk of it, or
something like it. — I cannot make any
commitment before I know how much money is
involved, but if it is not too formidable, I should
like to do something for her. ~~What would you~~: Don't
be sure to have her go to the right dentist who
understands such things, I think they call it
"rehabilitation".

Will you let me know right away whether
you think you can successfully engage with
me in this conspiracy?

Love

Hans

Wm. H. 27th Jan 1852



Ms. Hona Polanyi,
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April 26th 63.

Lieber Onkel Karl, Ihr Brief hat
mir unersparlich wohl getan, auch die
Lieber. es ganz richtig formuliert. "Nun
mit 10000 Reichsmark" hat alles
ganz gemacht. Wir haben uns ganz
besonders miteinander zu freuen und
nun hat jedes einmal mehr Augen
Leid, aber, gemeinsamen Freude ge-
dacht, da sind, und nicht mehr
sind, - es war schön!

Nun lebt Oskar, tapfer, mutig,
nun geht alle Kampagne ein,
quasi "ein Stück zu Hause", und
glücklich macht man, das man doch
nicht alles mit Willens Kraft und

du hast dich in demselben Land, die
Wunden der Seele, manchmal - und auch,
wie wohl hat dich so eine
Begegnung mit Aton.

Es ist gut, dass Sie etwas kollektiv
haben - was bestimmt wichtig ist,
und ich wünsche Ihnen ein gesundes
Herzchen alles Liebe und Gute!

Yhre Liebe,
F.

Hans Zecchi, Mitten.
She is 82

[after 24th]
April 1963.

Li be, li be Noan, mi beie in beie
Klan, mit meiein Jendee und Fiedlen,
ich seie in ih, mit Inee, dan ich
habe ih so soo lieb gehabt!

Hier stohnd, wie Lebeax roll, wie
gum anders als alle andere, -
mit beie's ten koreen, so allees, was
so so mit sich ist, geben, so man ich
sein kante, hat freude!

Teie die dankbar und glücklich in
Kran gromer kante, es hat Inee
ja dort sind hat die geliebt,
Nicht viele Frauen so so ein
glück es so so liefe.

Und das ist alles liecht gesagt,

und während ich schreibe, können nur
selbst die Tränen über die Wangen.

Ich wünsche dir in unruhigen
Tage um dich, und möchte dir
gern Trost senden. Laß es
sagen! Immer Ihre

Elise

[1967?]

Dear Kari,

The new International
Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences
has asked me to write a biographical
article on Karl Polanyi. You can
imagine how pleased I am over
the invitation, but you must help
me. Could you, or Honor, at your
convenience, send me

- a) The Obsolete Market Economy
(Commentary)
 - b) Any of the better obituaries or
perhaps that Miklos prepared
as obituaries
 - c) a list of publications
and wherever else "a biographer needs."
- I shall try to reach you on the phone

Before I leave for the far East
and Europe (with Johnny) on Harper's
fully.

Give my regards to your lovely
sons, and my love to you -

Haus

Around July 20 I shall be at

c/o Dr. Konrad Lorenz

Altenberg a/D

N. Oe. Austria

if you could send wherever you
have there, I shall be very happy to M,

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Dear Ilona,

Thanks for your informative
letter. I passed it on to the faculty.

When I am in Vienna next
time, I shall talk to the Europa
Verlag people about Th. Gr. Tr.
OK?

Love

Hans

Sept. 25, 1968

pls. write you address
somewhere on your letter
or envelope.
It takes me ages to find it.

Dear Lona,

I certainly can't do a
thing about Lazarusfeld.

I can do only what I can
do - namely talk to the
Europ. people - - if
you want me to.

Love

Hans

Oct. 4, 1968



W e would like you to
join us for our Wedding and Wed-
ding Feast on Sunday, June 1, 1969
at 3:30 P.M. at 455 South Mountain
Road, New City, Rockland County,
New York.

Jean Richards & Brent C. Brolin

R.S.V.P. care of Mr. and Mrs. Hans
Zeisel, 455 South Mountain Road,
New City, Rockland County, New
York. Telephone: 914-NE42850 or
212-SU77777.

Dear Rosa,

I got your mailing and shall put it to
good use. I am also working on the Coexist.
article for the Bulletin of A.S. I am enclosing
an article that appeared in the (Austrian)
Forum: I dislike this type of German but by
author and topic it should be in Coexistence.
Has about editing, translating it, cutting it, and
posting it in Coexistence?

Has are you and Kari? I am swimming almost
daily in the Danube with Konrad Lorenz. Somehow,
this is heaven.

Love

Harry