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***** ORGANIZATIONALLY SPEAKING *****

CD FELT THAT The Marx Centenary was a great challenge to us, and looked forward to the 4th Constitutional Conv when finally would turn to the concreteness of growth, now that we had what we called "TRILOGY OF REVOLUTION", i.e., M&P, P&R, RL WL KM. He feared that his illness would keep him from attending Const. Convention & his hands too shook. On this platform

Alan column

he called upon Mike Connolly who had his total confidence these last months and here is just one sentence of what he dictated:

Frank Connolly

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CHARLES DENBY, WORKER-EDITOR,
MARXIST-HUMANIST

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The following year he plunged into dictating his own life-story. From the very title he chose for his autobiography one can sense the direction in which he will develop. It is a quotation from the great American Abolitionist, Wendel Phillips, whose perspective was always world-wide, "The world is my country" he, in this specific, speak of the oppressed of the world whose

"INDIGNANT HEARTS BEATING AGAINST THE WALLS OF THE AMERICAN BASTILLE."

THE HERE AND NOW:

The Transition Per. 1953-5
1955: THE CRITICAL YEAR

Where Phil. is Phil. of a Revolution.

The 1960s: That is where Phil. becomes the concrete path to Rev.

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From the 1st issue CD's suggestion how to present Phil's life

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WHERE REV. BECOMES PHIL. OF REV., THERE PHIL. BECOMES CONCRETE PATH TO REV.

Thus, at one and the same time, CD BROUGHT LOWNDES COUNTRY TO Det. and as we all discussed NEW generation of revolutionaries
NEW 3rd world
CONCRETE, NEW dialectics

Just as CD had given form to how to present phil. by presenting dialectics of rev., a concrete one--RR for VIL--,

SO NOW HE WAS TRIED BITING INTO Hegelian dialectics himself, ending with his rhosing, not So. of Logic BUT PHENOMENOLOGY. The specific

that had such a pull on CD was that phil. of Enlightenment. UPSETS HSEHLD. ARRANGEMENTS BY BRINGING INTO THE HSE. OF FAITH THE GDS. & FURNISHINGS BELONGING TO THE WORLD OF

HERE & NOW

***** ORGANIZATIONALY SPEAKING, CD *****
FELT HE SHOULD SHOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED THESE 25 years since last (1952) IH WAS PUB'd.

Ever since 1968 dashed all hopes of social rev. but BLACK RENASCENCE UNABATEDLY, as was clear to CD when he called BL/RED CONFERENCE, CD began to think what, IH WOULD ACHIEVE with a He began it with his return to Montgomery,

"No one Moved" + W

THEORY/PRACTICE ----1978--FF.

MARX CENTENARY, he felt, was a great challenge to us, this time since we had long since broken with the concept of "the party to lead" but hadn't worked out PHILOSOPHY & ORGANIZATION.

CD's oral words, as he dictated them and was heard by all others as THE WRITTEN WORD--his great talent in dictating, be it in 1952, or now in 1978,

OR AS WE MUST NEW TURN TO HIS LAST YEARS, wracked by cancer for 3 long years, he turned to Mike Connolly in whom he had such total confidence that he felt as one on this, the Marx centenary year. Therefore let us listen

oh Trilogy of Rev.

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III, Book '78, Part II, I.H. to Marx Centenary, 1983

Ever since '68 rev. was aborted--but Bl. remained unabated
Just as in Part I Christine, now NO ONE MOVED OFF AWAY OFFICE
Gambusio's last letter: WHATEVER ELSE FOR ACOT--KIM ABLACK WORK
whereupon he dictated to Mike:
THE GENIUS OF CD LIES IN THE FACT THAT HIS LIFE'S GOAL IS TO
LIBERTY OF WORLD OPINION
HIS AIM WAS TO SHOW THAT, JUST AS IT IS EASY FOR ALL TO DENY
AND OF NATION, SO IT WOULD BE TO ACT OUT S-D OF THE IDEA
Always with word, Freedom. His GOAL WAS TO WITNESS THE AM REVOLUTION
It remains our goal.*****

RD, 11/6/83

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NOV. 6, 1983

From 78 - Part II of D.H.
To ...

① Transition Per
② The City 1965
③ Where Phil. =
There Per. 1965
Concrete Path to Rev.

CHARLES DENBY, WORKER-EDITOR,
MARXIST-HUMANIST

A life like CD's continues beyond the physical end, not because of any religious belief, but because of FREEDOM'S ETERNAL CALL, which was CD's life's purpose - and it will continue to be ours.

When, 35 years ago, I first met CD, it was naturally his appearance and eloquence as he told of his life in the racist South and the hellish factories of the North that were most exciting elements

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1983

When, next year, our paths crossed again though I was in W.Va. and he in Detroit, I heard his voice, not his. His sureness that the r & i miners would be sent up to Det. where they'll be sure to be welcomed - not as individuals but a COLLECTIVE voice.

The following year he plunged into dictating his own life-story. From the very title he chose for his autobiography one can sense the direction in which he will develop. It is a quotation from the great American Abolitionist, Wendel Phillips, whose perspective was always world-wide, "The world is my country" in this specific, speak of the oppressed of the world whose

World country

"INDIGNANT HEARTS BEATING AGAINST THE WALLS OF THE AMERICAN BASTILLE."

THE HERE AND NOW:

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② 1955 THE CRITICAL YEAR

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I tried to present philosophy

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Form 78 to Marx Centenary

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Goal Aim to make it as easy to grasp meaning of SD? See
as it has always been easy to understand SD of Nations because
that is what all are fighting for = FREEDOM His goal to witness

Am. Rev. - to be BE that remains our goal. RD 9/8
I believe good.
FIRST ENCOUNTERS, 1948, 1949-1950, 1952: INDIGNANT HEART

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object
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is the dialectic
of trying to
succeed

II. THE HERE AND NOW: "Enlightenment upsets the household arrangements
which spirit carries out in the house of faith
by bringing in the goods & furnishings belonging
to the world of the Here and Now." -- Hegel

The transition per., 1953-4 -- When I moved to Det. in 1953... Self-dev.

1955: The Critical Yr. -- a) The decision was 1) N&L 3/17
b) Not to separate Th/Pr, P&N + M&F, FORM
of presentation differs
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