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RE*EXAMINATION OF THE CONCEPT OF REVOLUTION by Herbert Marcuse

A.

I. Historical concept of actual tendencies --~~inherent~~ tendencies
II. Dialectical " --counter- "
III. Mxian theory is itself a POWER in the struggle & SUBJECT TO THE VICISSITUDES

B.

I. GLOBAL context of re-examination within theoretical framework & extension of social basis of potential rev.

(As against those who see only 3rd world, however, & are against city-based leadership, we have to see the 3-partite div.--1st, 2nd, &3rd worlds. Prol. is "not a subversive force while colonial is not just "reservoir" (Lenin)

II. DISTRUST OF ALL IDEOLOGIES incl. socialism made into ideology, but, unfortunately, neither of 2 opp. groups--intell. &ghetto- "constitutes the 'human basis' of th social process of prod."

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C.

Reflects & comprehends but does not dominate. HENCE re-examination is inherent in it.

p. 31 "Conclusion: the Marxian concept of a rev. carried by the maj. of the exploited masses, culminating in the 'seizure of power' & in the setting up of a prol. dic. which initiated socialization, is 'overtaken' by the his. dev....

"However, this 'invalidation' of the Mxian concept is an authentic & accurate ; the truth of the concept is preserved & reaffirmed on the level actually attained by the his. dev....agrarian areas of the 3rd..it (rev. prol.) provides the popular support for the nat. liberation fronts.

AND THESE AREAS & THESE FORCES ARE NOT EXTERNAL (sic!) to the capitalist system...NL movements are expressive of the internal contradictions of the global cap. system."

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"The 'negating' forces abroad must be 'synchronized' with those at home, must have its obj. basis in eco. &pol. process of corporate capitalism."

I. NOTION OF RUPTURE with continuum of domination. TOTAL TRANSVALUATION OF VALUES'

DEFINITE NEGATION: "ALSO IN THE SENSE that this a social class subj. is free from, that is, not contaminated by the exploitative needs &interests of man under cap...."

II. "In accord with this situation, the role of this opp. is a strictly preparatory one: their task is RADICAL ENLIGHTENMENT, in theory &by practice, & the dev. of CADRES &NUCLEI for the struggle against the global structure of cap."

"In the emergence of new powerful efforts to construct a qualitatively different society in CUBA, in CHINA'S CULTURAL REV. &last but not last, in the more or less 'peaceful' co-existence with the SU."

Concl. "One aspect, however, seems to be incompatible with this interpretation. There is in Marx a strain that may be called a rationalistic EVEN POSITIVISTIC PREJUDICE...'higher stage of human dev.' (as against) "the alternative 'socialism or barbarism.' ...objectified verdinglicht behind the technological veil...(destruction) seems to be self-propelling..the awareness of this possibility should strengthen & solidify hope--it is the only hope."