

Lenin on dialectics by Cliff Slaughter, 1963

p.4 "Now Lenin's Ntbks are largely a comment on Hegel's idealist logic. We therefore need to represent the way in which Mx took over the Hegelian/dialectics. In fact Mx stood Hegel on his head, or rather on his feet. Marx developed a mat.dial. whose LAWS WERE A REFLECTION of the materialist notion of the contradictions of material reality & not, as H thought, the Divine Reason.

"The next point is the dismissal of certain wrong ideas about dialectics."

p.5: claims it is a myth that there was a rev. in VII. in 1915.

"proof" is L's writings against Narodniks & esp. against "legal" Marxists, like Struve, who used Mxism to prove inevitability of cap.

Vol. 6E, Ch. 27, which Slaughter summarizes thus: "Thus Lenin was able to... the young Mx in the criticism of the idealist dial. because of the work done by the older M&E in the interim."

p.6: "In the period since the foundation of the 3rd Int., the essential point of concentration in Mxism the 'conscious reflection of the economic process' of the class struggle, has been the construction of PARTIES of Bol. type."

I. Lenin & Hegel... 1961, 1st beginning of pub. in English of new ed. of Coll. Works... pub. of Vol 38... Phil. Ntbks. p. 12 "Lenin rewrites the passage" (from Hegel) which he always reads him "materialistically."

"There is no examination of VII's work... wks. only a speculation that these passages imply a condemnation of L's past phil. assumptions."

of L's spirited sallies at H's failure to leave idealism behind" but then quotes from his notebooks on phil., rather than on Dialectics, tho there are plenty in that too. On p. 21 Slaughter writes stupidly, quoting from L's Two Tactics of SD on parties: "All this reads very strangely besides D's suggestion that only in 1914 did L consciousness understand the role of consciousness & the role of the masses in his." (I of course never said that, what I said he didn't understand the importance of idealism & subj-ty as mere materialism as basis for that consciousness, etc.)

II. The Idealist Dialectic

p. 29 "Already in his E&P MSS (1844) the youthful Marx brilliantly exposed this fundamental weakness of the idealist dialectic."

p. 33: "Lenin could base himself not only upon the phil. rejection of H by the young Mx but more soundly upon the scientific eco. & social study carried out by Mx in fulfillment of this turn to materialism."

III. Mxism & Revisionism

p. 44: L's studies of H in 1914-16 were undertaken in the midst of an all-out fight against revisionism in the int. socialist movement."

p. 49 L & the Party: "Above all, L contributed to Mxism & the wkg class the theory & method of bldg. a rev. party to lead the struggle for power."

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L's history  
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