

Solidarity Pamphlet #30 PARIS: MAY 1968 begins with Rue Gay Lussac, Sun, 5/12
"carries the scars of the 'night of the barricades.'"

Mon. May 13: FROM RENAULT TO THE STREETS OF PARIS from 6/15a./

The Sorbonne "Soviet" Many aphorisms quoted, p.18, p.21
CONFRONTATION BET. Daniel Cohn-Bendit & J.M. Catala, gen. sec. of Union of Communist Students in front of packed auditorium on night of May 13 after massive march when CP told their militants to disperse rather than join with students for discussion at Champ de Mars. "A revealing answer," replied Cohn-Bendit, "the orgs. hadn't foreseen that we would be a mln. in streets. But life is bigger than the orgs. With a mln. people almost anything is possible. You say the Comm. hadn't sanctioned anything further. On the day of the Rev., com., you will doubtless tell us to forgive it 'because it hasn't been sanctioned by the appropriate sponsoring comm.'"

"This brought house down." (p.21)

The Censier Revolutionaries

p.23 "On the 1st day abne, Renault, Citroen, Air France, Boussac, the Nouvelles Messageries de Presse, Rhone-Poulenc, & the RATP (Metro) were contacted, then the movement snowballed."

p.24 : "More & more wks. dropped in to draft joint leaflets with the students. Soon there was rm. big enough for the daily 'Assemblee Generale'. The students learned a great deal from the wks. self-discipline & from the systematic way in which they presented their reports. It was all so different from the 'in-fighting' of the pol. sects. There was general agreement that these were the finest lectures ever held at Censier!"

Q of leaflets from: AIR FRANCE: "We refuse to accept a degrading 'modernisation' of our affairs into our own hands. Like the students, we must take the control of our affairs into our own hands."

RENAULT: "We must now struggle for a fundamental change in society. As wks. we should ourselves seek to control the operator of our enterprises. Our objectives are similar to those of the students."

RHONE-POULENC: "The action of the students has shown us that only rank and file action could compel the authorities to retreat... We should decide the purpose of prod...."

"Every day dozens of such leaflets were discussed, typed, duplicated, distributed. Every eve. we heard of the response: 'The blokes think it's tremendous... Some say let's push all together now & take the lot. The leaflet certainly started the lads talking. They've never had so much to say. The officials had to wait their turn to speak!..'

Then comes exposure of CP betrayal & Trotskyist etc. plus "conclusion: ~~what~~
This has undoubtedly been the greatest rev. upheaval in W.E. since the days of the Paris Commune.. Then, after stressing it happened in Fr., "not in some underdeveloped country" proceeds to blow horn for itself based on E. Morin giving Soc. ou Barb. credit, against IS's attack on Cardan, but mentions nothing that IS got Voix Ouvriere, tho that is listed as having issued pamphlet, etc. etd. concl. "One doesn't get beyond bur. org. by denying all orgs...." Action or thought? For rev. socialists the problem is not to make a synthesis of these 2 preoccupations of the rev. students. It is to destroy the social context in which such false alternatives find root."

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NIR #52.11-12/68 FESTIVAL OF THE OPPRESSED, France 1968

Andre Glucksman STRATEGY & REV.
E. MANDEL " LESSONS OF MAY
J.M. Vincent the PCF & its His.
Andre Gorz The Way Forward

(Also Lenin on Students"
+Editorial Introd. which mixes up Lenin, Mao,
Castro, LT & of course themselves as reflected esp. in Glucksman

Handwritten notes: 1848, 1917, 1968, The Shuffler goes by, Solution

Handwritten: 1/20/69

Mandel lists onpp 23-4 which factories did what from removing mgr. to est. direct relations with peasants. but ends with absence of adequate rev. leadership which is again just a matter of crisis of leadership.

Vincent on CP's History nothing in it except the cliché Rev. will not be repetition of May 1968 any more than 1917 was mere repetition of 1905.

Andre Gorz "The Way Forward" re Guevara strategy "Terrorism is not a short-cut which economizes on pol. ~~xxxxxxx~~ wk. 'it is point of departure' for such wk. Q Berte Brech on 6/17/53 v.g., ftn. p.55

(all from Le Temps Modernes 8-9/68 but GLUCKSMAN was in Fr. by Christian Bourget)

Andre Glucksman: Strategy & Rev. in France 1968.. An Intrody "To define a pol. situation as a battlefield implies that armies exist.... The May struggles unfolded on 2 planes: (1) pol. struggle for power (2) class struggle opposing rev. & counter-rev... To interpret the IMAGES of May, they must be divided.

- I. The Return of Rev.
 - Act I - war in Vietnam greatest ind. power losses
 - Act II - monetary crisis
 - Act III - best-policed state in West staggers

Today history is knocking on our doors. 1848-1968

II. The 3 Operational Theatres Q Mao on politics out of barrel of gun

III - The Rev. Situation MOUTH OR REVOLT OF THE PROD. FORCES, p.87 Not to mention Q Grundrisse.

IV THE SAFETY CATCHES, p.92 "The stake is rev." p.98: "Each crisis raises fears as to the strength of the safety-catch obliging the FR CP to choose its camp. Nothing excludes the possibility that it will pride itself--at the cost of an internal explosion--ON THE SINGULAR HONOUR OF BEING THE 1st & legal CP IN A FASCIST STATE. Then we shall know that, by the intermediary of the CRS, the cossacks will be enforcing the rule of order in the Latin Quarter for the protection of the Kremlin while the t.u. POLICES the factories TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR WESTERN ORDER.

"This is the Gordian knot that is strangling Europe; this is what blocks the May movement." V. Action --3 obstacles = apathy, fear, mystification