

Dear Professor

Ernest Mandel, the noted West European Marxist scholar, plans to visit the United States from September 4 to November 4, 1968, and will be available for selected speaking engagements at universities throughout the country during that two-month period. He will be a principal invited foreign guest at the Socialist Scholars Conference in New York, September 6-8.

Mr. Mandel, editor-in-chief of the Belgian Left Socialist weekly La Gauche, has an international reputation in the fields of economic history and theory. His major work, the two-volume Traite d'economie marxiste, has gone through three editions since its original publication by Juillard in 1962. It has been translated into numerous languages since then. Under the title of Marxist Economic Theory, it will be brought out this year in an English and American edition (Monthly Review Press) with additional material on the economy of the Common Market countries and the impact of Liberman's ideas on the U.S.S.R.

Enclosed are two critical appraisals of this book, one from the review of the first edition in The Economist (Sept. 22, 1962) and the other excerpted from George Lichtheim's recent work Marxism in Modern France.

Mr. Mandel's latest work, The Formation of the Economic Thought of Karl Marx, which traces the principal discoveries of Marx from his first economic writings to the publication of Capital, was published by Maspero last year.

Mr. Mandel has prepared lectures on the following topics:

- The Marxist Theory of Alienation
- Problems of Soviet Economy
- Marxist Economics and Contemporary Capitalism
- Competition Between Europe and the United States.

He could also participate in seminars in such departments as economics, sociology and international politics.

He has an excellent command of English and has addressed audiences often in England.

His presence in this country offers your faculty and students an unusual opportunity to hear the views of an outstanding authority on the latest developments in the economic life and thought of both East and West. Please address any inquiries regarding Mr. Mandel's speaking schedule and appointments to me, whom he has asked to make all arrangements for his tour.

Sincerely,

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