

## **Childbearing in space, the confidence of humanity, and Socialism**

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The Soviets are setting out to experiment with the gestation of a child in space. This could be one of the forms that love will take in the future. It marks a very important step in the field of reproduction and in the field of science. Only a Workers State can actually do this. This initiative proves that the Soviet Workers State is not strictly determined by bureaucracy, for all the bureaucracy which it has. The bureaucracy still moves the tail-end of the Workers State, but not its limbs. Having now justified its existence, and demonstrated its superiority, the Workers State moves its own limbs. The superiority of the Workers State is no longer confined to its economic form<sup>1</sup>. A stage has come in human development where the social relation takes over from the determinisms of the economy.

Very important matters such as childbearing in Space are already being debated. This is not done in a programmed way, but initiatives like that of trying to create a child in space pose the need for programmed debates. This experiment is going permit new observations in the field of biology and in the field of reproduction on Earth and in space. See how the human spirit<sup>2</sup> projects itself hundreds of millions of kilometres outwards. Gone has the fear of space, the awe of distance, the idea of vacuum!

It is not from the optical point of view that the ability to see has progressed over time, but from the social point of view. It is true that we can see today thousands of kilometres away with new instruments and better mathematics. The true vision, however, is that of Marx: Marx who saw that capitalism would be destroyed.

A similar vision stands behind the wish to procreate in space. This wish can only arise in a Workers State when humanity has already reached a high degree of social self-confidence. If this were not the case, you would hear nothing of this; you would simply observe a people wanting to live better, cohabit better - and defend itself better. Instead of this, you see the Soviet leaders envisaging this experiment. It is the Workers State that inspires them to do so, because this kind of initiative pushes against the bureaucratic restrictions put the way by the Workers State having to coexist with capitalism.

The notion of creating a child in space is consistent with the experience that the Soviets are making in Siberia where they build towns in temperatures of 60<sup>3</sup> below zero. Isn't this a proof of great audacity and human confidence? The pioneers of Siberia see no problem with life - only with social class. Indeed social class is our last problem, and it is going to be resolved by liquidating capitalism.

Humanity has become absolutely certain that the human relations must be based on human love. The intention behind the Soviets' experiments has a profoundly human

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<sup>1</sup> The nationalised economy, planned production and the State Monopoly of Foreign Trade. (Edit)

<sup>2</sup> By 'spirit', the author generally refers to something like the motivating force of human love.

<sup>3</sup> Celcius

character. It is capitalism, on the other hand, that experiments in laboratories to see how better to sell goods, eliminate human beings and dispatch the proletariat. Capitalism would wipe out most of the proletariat, if it could, because it has no more use for surpluses of manpower. Once again it would hurl one mass of proletarians against the other, if it thought it could get away with it. Even the church clashes with capitalism because the church wants people alive and capitalism wants them eliminated.

The forms under which human love ends up being expressed are not governed by sex relations. They are governed by the objective love for humanity; that is to say love for humankind as an integral part of nature and of the universe.

Much time elapsed before this level of consciousness could be reached. With the rise of private property, people developed the fear of shortage, and this fear created egoism. The lack of food in sufficient quantity and for everybody provokes the sentiments of egoism, possession and envy. It is not true that these sentiments are innate. The church says that they are, but the upholding of this falsehood is not even in its interests, for how come god created such a being? You see the stamp of private property on every church notion, like the devil and hell.

The historic process advances through forms straining towards Socialism. They do not follow the pattern of local or partial needs, but that of a logical movement which itself responds to the logical necessity of humanity. Humanity feels pressed and oppressed by the straightjacket that imprisons science. For science is oppressed! The capitalists oppress science by using it to kill people. When science is liberated – it will not be long, in only a few years – we will wipe out all the problems, floods, hunger and misery. All this could already be done, and it will not be long before we do. And when we do, everyone will be an architect, an engineer, a doctor, and the like.

The Soviets' idea of childbearing in space is a rich one. It will bring new measurements in the fields of procreation and birth so far from Earth, and it will tighten our relationship with the universe. This audacious project shows that humanity already embraces the idea of less dependency upon the Earth and improved relations with other worlds. No society composed of classes or led by bureaucrats will carry this out, because only the harmony of Socialism can do it. The point we are at was not reached through calculations and programmes, but through the actions of the whole of society. The economy and science developed within the production methods of systems steadily concentrating and centralising. Every passing day sees all these factors more narrowly dependent upon mathematics, programmes and electronic brains. So much so that the human being can only wonder at the absurdity of having to live as we do, just to work, just to survive, just to make wars; the absurdity of living in conditions where the idea of being useful to nature needs not enter. Such conclusions must be drawn from the Soviets' disposition to create a child in space. It shows that humanity is secure. Secure in the notion that every problem can be solved, absolutely! And easily!

The consciousness of humanity could only reach this peak because the proletariat is the class, the only class in history that can think as humankind. The historic future of the proletariat is not as a proletariat, but as humankind. The proletariat can only develop further as a class by disappearing as class. Such is the Permanent Revolution today. In

fulfilling the superior phase of its development, the proletariat must disappear, which is the construction of the new society.

It is important to win strikes and wars, but it is still more important to build the new society. This is where the historic role of the proletariat enters. As it grows in its class role – through its own way of thinking and programming – the proletariat communicates to the economy, society and science its preoccupation for the universalisation of human kind. Observe how the proletariat grows in the disposition to think in the name of humanity, and not just as a class. This is what it started doing when it built the Soviet Union.

Proletarian internationalism must not be seen as an aim in itself but as a start in the process of the universalisation of humankind. Proletarian internationalism helps to spread worldwide the logical and necessary objective of human progress. Its other facet consists in intervening directly to help others struggle and win; but is this not what one does, really, when one sends a rocket to Mars? What is the difference between boosting a rocket towards Mars and boosting the winning ability of Mozambique, Angola and Ethiopia? One impulse goes towards Angola and the other goes towards Mars; two separate initiatives, but one single objective; two separate modes of organisation, but one single aim. Tomorrow, all the different human initiatives and modes of organisation will fuse in the common objective.

In the future, the technical means will be a thousand times superior to what they are today. We are going to find electronic means, or equivalent, capable of sending and receiving not only human thought, but the specific weight of each thought.

The number of those employed in today's military HQs keeps dwindling. Where thousands used to be involved, you may find only 15 now. The aim is war and massacre, of course. But it demonstrates that it is not necessary to work as brutally as we do today. If we have already the audacity to envisage childbearing in space, it is because we feel part of a quest that transcends life on Earth.

The Workers State has no need to reproduce or expand capital. Those who feel sorry for "the poor little Czechoslovakia"<sup>4</sup> are very mistaken. If the Soviet Workers State had an interest in reproducing and accumulating capital, it would act accordingly in Czechoslovakia. But it doesn't act in that way. Far from it, it supports the revolutions in the world, and it seeks the liberation of humankind. It is capitalism that constantly suppresses and crushes people, again and again, in order to live. The need of the Workers State, on the other hand, is to eliminate every form of oppression.

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<sup>4</sup> From 1968 onwards, the world capitalist class attacked the Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia which stopped the return of Czechoslovakia to capitalism. (Edit)