

FD, cartella 3, 14

Padova 16 dicembre '78

Dear Harry,

I received through Silvia your pages from 87 to 91. I will try to communicate directly with you (sending on the same time a copy to Silvia) in spite of my bad English, just to be more quick. I have very few notes to give you about your piece. Generally I think ~~xxx~~ that in a certain sense there is too much emphasis on the struggles of self-reduction as related in some way, if I have well understood, with "the origins" of the strategy of ^{with and} the forming of the group Lotta Femminista in Italy. Nevertheless I would require too long time to define in a more articulate way these origins, and I never had the time to write a piece about so that now I do not have anything to suggest you to read on this propos. In any case I think you can leave the things like they are or to make more soft the connection if you can do it easily. There is not anything bad in any case.

+ P.88 line 7 :my name is Mariarosa, not Maria Rosa

line 9 :Lotta Femminista, not Feminista

could you also add here a brief note saying that soon after L.F. became "Wages for Housework Committees and Groups"?

line 14 Could you add a phrase after the first 4 words: "Basically they saw, beside the factory, the house, the family, as other place of production, production of labor -power, the woman as the subject of this work of sf production and reproductions of labor-power, the domestic work as specific ~~form~~ form of the work of reproduction. They founded ~~the~~ wages for housework as strategia against this work" Of course all this is in a bad English, but my preoccupation is that all these ~~xxx~~ theoretical points will be enunciated.

I would alike also to add the relative literature ^{remember!} in a note when you will send me the notes.

following lines :we opposed the interpretation that used to see the women basically as a reserve army, saying that they were on the contrary already occupied, ~~and~~ in the domestic work, and that in any case also their occupation in the extradomestic work was defined by their ~~being~~ subjects of a second labor market different, on a certain extent, from that of men. Their functioning as a reserve army is secondary to all of that.

Your piece, last lines of pa.88, is not clear about that. Particularly I would like to cross out the words "reserve army" from line 18.

May be also I have not understood well the meaning of the word "draw" at the line 14. In this case, excuse me.

That is all. I would like to see the notes. If you will say to Phil Mattered what of our materials you have not yet received from Paolo, I will give them to him for you.

Hoping to see you soon, may be in jenu^a
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p.88 line 9: and subsequently, with women from other countries, an international