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My dear Rosa,

I send this very important cutting and don't wait to have it copied, so I have none of my own. Beppe says he will save me & his, but just in case something "happens", please photost& and send back.

The issue is this: Once the quantity of labour power on a world level becomes the issue, and Marx is outdated (see Vol I, Eng. p. 572):

"The maintenance and reproduction of the working class is, and must ever be, a necessary condition to the reproduction of capital. But the capitalist may safely leave its fulfilment to the labourer's instincts of self-preservation and of propagation")

then the question of quality control becomes ~~the~~ an issue. That is, once the capitalist

1. can no longer leave quantity to the labourer's (i.e. woman's) instincts,
2. can no longer find the machines that will employ all the labour power, since necessary labour is driven down,
3. can no longer ~~it~~ utilise the industrial reserve army as a pressure on the forced labour army,

then capital can begin to decide which labour power should reproduce itself and which should not. Of course the struggle determines which sections must be reduced and/or obliterated as troublesome. So Blacks are at the head of the list. But also other sections who ~~are~~ are not "intelligent" as defined in POWER OF WOMEN are for the axe.

Hitler's chatter about the master race was not a temporary aberration but the most advanced capitalist planning. Now capital may choose the race of labourers who will reproduce and the race who will not.

This is closely tied to the entire democratisation of education, since the meritocracy itself is based on the racist concept that "intelligence" should merit another wage scale and another set of privileges. But up to now, on the whole (with the exception of Hitler) the planning of quality control was left until after the birth. Now this is taking place before.

I write these notes with some trepidation. I can see their use in a document sponsored by the university, and I am disgusted by that, because we here in Britain will once again be told that we must live on the ideas that come from Italy, and a number of women are not very happy about that. I hope therefore that you will use them in such a way that they will not wind up as a weapon against us. Otherwise for the future, we will have to work something else out.

I'll keep my eye open for more stuff, but I've already told Beppe to send you the government paper the article refers to and also to get a classic of Shockley's, who has, to say the least shocked everyone - except the Financial Times.

Love, in haste.

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P.S. Be careful about what you send in letters. all my foreign post is being examined.