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Dear Sylvia,

I was just about to write you, natch, when your good letter came: and please call me Max; my mother added the ~~En~~ suffix for her own reasons.

Yes, you have correctly summarized the situation I was about to ask you about: last I heard from Ruth was that Menahem was ~~xxxx~~ returning here...You know how much I value & would work for the Minority, and what a loss it will be: but unless Menahem can really get the money--I am less fastidious about sources than he is--I somehow hate to have him subjected to the same kind of pressures all over again: I am truly afraid for his health, the way he has been ~~living~~ living, the tensions. He had a kind of peace & serenity that was touching when we last saw him, and I suppose some of his emotional outbursts also came from the continual tension. over:

So, like you, I don't know what the answer is, and will accept his decision either way...There is a or another curious factor working here: I have had the same urge to "return" to Israel in its hour of peril: tho I was the least brought up Jewish boy in the whole of Westchester county--and I think this may be another hidden factor.

Curious that Corlis Lamont, whose book I reviewed in Monthly Review, told me he had heard that Arnoni would return...I have been saying nothing in ~~general~~ general...I was sure that Menahem would accuse Paul Sweezy of stealing the Lamont book review if he came back! I am joking a little, tho I know the subject is serious...We would, Anne and me, like very much to see you again, if you ever have a small party in the city, or would consider coming up here: about 40 minutes drive or train or taxi...

I love your letters! so try to send me them....certainly if you hear any new news...YOU MUST TELL ME about the ex-ray report? what goes? and about Garrison now? You must replace Arnoni as my gossip source!

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