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Australian Lecture Tour

PROFESSOR ROGER GARAUDY

Marxist Philosopher, Revolutionary Activist

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ROGER GARAUDY, born in Marseilles in 1913, is one of the most gifted of contemporary Marxist philosophers. Garaudy has perhaps done more than any other one man to foster exchange and dialogue between the Marxist trend and other significant trends in modern thought, such as Christianity, existentialism and structuralism.

Already well known in this country for his contribution to Christian-Marxist dialogue, he has maintained a constant stream of publications on a far wider range of philosophical and political questions over the past 30 years. His written works, more than 20 in number, appear in many languages. Three of his books are currently available in English, **From Anathema to Dialogue**, **Karl Marx: The Evolution of His Thought** and **Twentieth Century Marxism**.

The measure of the breadth of his interests and their connection with political activism may be gauged from the fact that his work on Arab philosophy was published in Arabic in Cairo by a group of supporters of the, then, Colonel Nasser and by the revolutionary Ben Bella in Algeria soon after that country had won liberation.

Within France his writings as a revolutionary pamphleteer, expressing the case against French colonialism in Algeria and Vietnam, are as well known as his philosophical works.

The most fruitful and innovatory part of Garaudy's work has come since the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in 1956. The terrible revelations of the reality of the Stalin era made by Khrushchov at this Congress gave rise in Garaudy to an intellectual crisis which led him to rethink all the former verities, not as a sceptic, but in order to give them a firmer foundation.

Unlike those communists who sought to react to these revelations by quickly turning the page, Garaudy plunged into a systematic study of the philosophical foundations of revolutionary politics.

His exceptionally rich and varied life led from a Catholic worker's home through a brief period as a protestant convert to the French Communist Party at the age of twenty.

He has experienced the reality of the 20th century in the Nazi prisons and concentration camps of World War II, in the leader-



In Havana in 1962, Roger Garaudy and Fidel Castro

ship of miners' strikes, as a Communist Deputy in the French Parliament and in his travels which have taken him all over the world and given him experience of virtually all regimes of East and West.

A Professor of Philosophy at the University of Poitiers, Roger Garaudy has several times been guest lecturer in major universities in various countries, including the United States, and will make a further tour of that country after his visit to Australia.

An activist in the events in May, 1968, in France, this experience and the events in Czechoslovakia in the same year led him to the writing of his latest controversial book: **The Great Turning Point of Socialism**, in which he discusses frankly his views on the main theoretical problems for Marxists today, the problems of the plurality of 'models' of socialism and socialist strategy.

It is this book, and events that followed, which led to his expulsion from the Communist Party of France earlier this year.

In Australia Garaudy will lecture on these as yet unanswered questions of socialism and on Christian-Marxist dialogue.

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