

the great philosopher who killed the Dragon Poppers,
and showed first that my views were nonsense.

This, as far as I can see, explains what
you say in your letter to Hakatos of which you
enclose a copy. He is anxious about his priority
rights in killing me.

I personally want peace and friendship. I
have been in the Department once since 19 December
1969, and was so badly treated that I shall never
go again. I shall not interfere in connection
with your paper. I do not see what I could do. But
I should like to have a copy of your paper.

But could you not publish your paper
elsewhere?

I should of course also welcome the
opportunity of a reply.

I should leave the B.J.P.S. severely alone,
but it is not impossible that I shall be forced
to submit them some reply to some of their
forthcoming publications.

I have always thought that loyalty is a
thing one can expect of one's friends. It is
disappointing to find that I am mistaken in
this.

Hennie has been ill for 5 months and she
is not yet quite well again.

I do hope you are flourishing
yours ever
Karl

I think I have told you about my finances: I got on retirement a capital sum equal to
two 1/2 years salary, and a pension for my life (Hennie would get nothing if I die) of £30 a month.
Unfortunately, I can't earn anything, being hounded up with the Schlipf papers.

Confidential

March 16, 1971

Dear Mario,

Many thanks for your ~~paper~~ letter of 27 January 1971 which (no doubt due to the postal strike) arrived only this morning. I am replying immediately.

I think I must tell you first that I am out of touch with my former department. As you know, I was on very friendly terms with them for many, many years. But on my retirement, they behaved like fiends. I had for the ~~last two years~~ ^{before my retirement left} everything to them, administration, appointments, etc, though I was always at their disposal when they needed me. But on my retirement, they behaved so badly - and ever since - that I ultimately talked to Watkins about it who in a letter admitted it all and apologized. But this has not led to any change.

About Lakatos I do not really want to speak. He lied to me and misled me; but, what is more important, he told his students lies about me. I wrote to him a letter about three months ago. He sent me a message by word of mouth that he will reply within 6 days; but he has not done so. (The Postal Strike has nothing to do with this.)

I am sure he has succumbed ^{to} the great occupational disease of so many philosophers: he has become a megalomaniac.

I am of course very sad and very hurt about these developments. It is not so much that they have thrown me on the rubbish heap. The queer thing is that there is now a rivalry among them as to who was the