



## “To tear humanism from the clutches of the bourgeoisie”

The pivotal role of *Réflexions sur la question juive*

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