

# Communists Refuse Advertisement Appearing Below. - New Masses Will Not Print It. Why So?

April 7th, 1938, in note to Mr. Wallis, the advertising manager of New Masses wrote a single sentence: "We do not accept advertising contrary to our editorial policy."

*"The so-called 'profit system,' denounced by socialists and by well-meaning moralists under the influence of Marx, is one which creates profit for the purpose of liquidating the double burden of ground rent and taxation prior to considering the claims of labor upon the industrial output. And if the Marxians are to carry their propaganda onward to success, the burden of proof is upon them to show that the kind of profit system which they execrate will continue in a regime of competition between units of tax-free capital unfettered by monopoly of the ground."*

From BURNING QUESTION: Making Your Living in a Monopolized World, pp. 68-69.

## ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS POSTPONED BY MARX IN "COMMUNIST MANIFESTO" AND IN "DAS KAPITAL"

The claim that "privately owned tools of production" are the force which degrades and exploits Labor is the central thesis of socialism and communism, expressed in Marx's "Communist Manifesto" and in his "Das Kapital." After writing these publications, Marx discovered (too late) that prior to the Industrial Revolution the masses of the country folk of Britain had been evicted from the soil by land monopoly, and flung into the towns.

## GROUND RENT TO GROUND LANDLORDS; TAXES TO STATE

Capital has always been compelled, directly or indirectly, to liquidate ground rent and taxes before payment of wages to Labor.

## LABOR FIGHTS CAPITALIST AS ENEMY No. 1

Wholly aside from and independently of socialism and communism, Labor has fought Capital for generations on the fallacious assumption that privately owned labor-saving machinery is the instrument which degrades and exploits the workingman.

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## LABOR'S FALLACY ENDORSED BY MARX

Marx gained world-wide attention by underwriting the Labor-Capital fallacy. The number of his followers proves the fact of his influence but not the truth of his thesis about the nature of "exploitation." He not only perceived the land question too late; but he completely failed to see the connection of taxes with monopoly of the ground. His followers, accordingly, regard with disdain, as a casual and incidental matter, the taxing function of the State—the most powerful engine of oppression in human society.

## NATURE OF DEMOCRACY GENERALLY MISUNDERSTOOD

The ground landlords of Britain grudgingly allowed modern parliamentary democracy to be born only on condition that the taxing-power of the State be lifted from ground values and brought to bear upon industrial capital and merchandise. Neither Marxists nor academic professors of "political science" have ever explained the origin of the modern state in terms of realistic history.

(Responsibility for the foregoing material rests upon author of the book advertised below; while publishers are answerable only for the following notice):

## WAR AND IMPERIALISM

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