

THE CM IN SOCIO. & ECONOMICS by Jos. A. Schumpeter

FE mentions in 1888 Preface that each moved toward CM positions for
"some yrs before 1845" But when I again met Mx at Brussels in spring 1845,
he had it already and it out & put it before me in terms almost as clear as those
which I have stated it here. (p. 5 of Feuer coll.) (NB I saw April 1888 Mx TO FE writes
that he has reread Holy Family & found nothing to "be ashamed of.")

Moreover JS correctly notes that in those years "Engels was certainly further
along as an economist."

1. Theory of His

p. 205 It is an essential feature of the Mxist system that it treats the social
process as an (analytically) INDIVISIBLE WHOLE & uses only ONE CONCEPTUAL
scheme in all its parts... social class... as a living, feeling, acting... IS ALSO
THE CLASS OF HIS ECO. THEORY.

p. 205 "If Engels was right THE BIRTH OF ECO. INTERPRETATION OF HIS. DATES FROM 1844
& Mx in Preface to the Critique says he considered it the leading thread
in my studies."

"In the 2nd place, it must not be forgotten that Mx (deeply
regretted as he was in... in the Ger. ... had an enemy to fight an obstacle to
overcome that barred the way toward an acceptable THEORY OF HIS... the doctrine
of "the general progress of the human mind" that made a purely intellectual
... PROCESS (THE CAUSALLY IMP... ind. variable in social his...
the eco. interpretation had done nothing else except he beat back this kind of
thing by compensatory overemphasis of "obj." eco. conditions, it would, because
of this merit alone, have to stand high in the his. of eco...."

2. Theory of Class

p. 206 Nevertheless, Mxists are right in claiming that the sentence
(his. of all society is his. of class struggles) contains the
principle of a theory of the social process that was novel SPECIFICALLY MARXIST
in the same sense AS was the eco. interpretation.

Even the significant terms "class
culture" occurs in Manifesto; this part of Mx's ideology or analysis
was so I believe fully developed (NEVER TO BE ALTERED) by 1847 (against Fr.)

p. 207: But Mx weakened his eco. theory of the class structure still
further in order to fulfill his ideological desire to
come out with the great battle array bet. bourgeoisie & prol...."

(rd class relations as "pivots of his THEORY OF HIS."; it is they which, in his
system, implement the eco. interpretation of his.

p. 208: In other words, the idea of making social classes & relations bet. them
the pivots of the his. process & the conception of class culture &
so on MIGHT prove analytically variable even if we refuse to accept
Mx's particular theory of social classes."

Ita. p. 209: I believe that most historians will agree that it would be difficult
to improve Mx's statements within the same space."