

The Letters Editor,

Marx's Ten Commandments

From the Communist Manifesto here are Marx's and Engel's ten commandments:

1. Expropriation of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.
2. A heavy progressive tax.
3. Abolition of the right of inheritance.
4. Confiscation of all the property of all emigrants and rebels.
5. Centralisation of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with state Capital an exclusive monopoly.
6. Centralisation of transport in the hands of the State.
7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the State; the bringing into cultivation of wastelands and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.
8. Equal liability of all to labour. Establishment of industrial armies especially for agriculture.
9. Combination of Agriculture with industry, promotion of the gradual elimination of the contradictions between town and countryside.
10. Free education of all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labour in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production etc etc.

This is about where we now are at.

Rudd proposes application of resource rents of mining land to public purposes.

A heavy progressive tax is in vogue.

Rebels will soon have their property confiscated.

The Central bank has the exclusive monopoly of credit control.

Tony proposes a green army to tidy up the National Parks.

Julia is busily centralising Education.

Marx would be quite pleased - we are doing well. He did not even think of hospitals and payroll tax.

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