

the peasantry; that is, the opposite of its present usage (for a discussion, cf. Shanin, 1983:4a9-4a10). I decided to keep the term, however, since it has gained such a wide currency in the contemporary literature in designating rich peasants who 'accumulate sufficiently to invest in production through superior means of production and/or labour power' (Bernstein, 1977).

5. See, however, Djurfeldt (1982) for an analysis which challenges this position.