

circumstances that centre in this, viz., that two very different kinds of commodity-possessors must come face-to-face into contact; on the one hand, the owners of money, means of production, means of subsistence, who are eager to increase the sum of values they possess by buying other people's labor power; on the other hand, free laborers, the sellers of their own labor power, and therefore, the sellers of labor...With this polarisation of the market for commodities, the fundamental conditions of capitalist production are given. The capitalist system pre-supposes the complete separation of the laborers from all property in the means by which they can realise their labor. As soon as capitalist production is on its own legs, it not only maintains this separation, but reproduces it on a continually extending scale. The process, therefore, that clears the way for the capitalist system can be none other than the process which takes away from the laborer the possession of his means of production, a process that transforms, on the one hand, the social means of subsistence and of production into capital; on the other hand the immediate producer into wage laborer. The so-called primitive accumulation is, therefore, nothing else than the historical process of divorcing the producer from the means of production...The starting point of the development that gave rise to the wage laborer as well as to the capitalist was the servitude of the laborer." 22

The analysis Marx provides explains how the 1967 military occupation intensified the capitalist transformation of the Israeli economy, including even its co-operative and collective semi-subsistence agriculture. How, consequently, the simultaneous availability of Palestinian sellers of labor for any price, and of Jewish possessors of rural "national" land resulted in capitalist relations of production; these Palestinians (as the case in transformation of all producers into wage workers) became "free" sellers of themselves only after they have been robbed of all their own means of production and all other guarantees of subsistence. This is another way of saying that proletarianization is essentially the alternative for no other choice. It is the entire separation of the direct producer from the object and means of labor. It is this decisive modification of the place of the direct producer in the capitalist (as compared to pre-capitalist)