

dinners. Today, aluminum is commonplace in the American kitchen.

THE ANSWER

NO, MY FRIENDS, Karl Marx did not have the answer—he lifted no burdens from human backs. The answer is not in the class struggle. The answer is in competitive free enterprise. The answer is in the co-operation of inventor and investor; in the co-operation of the manager and the worker with his know-how. The answer is to substitute slaves of iron and steel for the strength of human backs. The answer is constitutional liberty, which sets men free and says that what any man honestly makes is his “to have and to hold.”

Wages can be paid only out of the product; and the larger the production, the higher the wage. The more money that is invested in horsepower and equipment—the more capital that is put to work—the less will children and women and men have to work at killing toil. The *true* remedy for our troubles is *more* capitalism, not *less*.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Benjamin F. Fairless points out still another idea that Karl Marx missed completely.*



KARL MARX completely rejected the only economic system on earth under which it is possible for the workers themselves to own, to control, and to manage directly the facilities of production. And shocking as the news may be to the disciples of Marx, that system is capitalism!

Here in America, ownership of our biggest and most important industries is sold daily, in little pieces, on the stock market. It is constantly changing hands; and if the workers of this country truly wish to own the tools of production, they can do so very simply.

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