Marx's practical activity for many years. The expected uprising did not come; he wrote the 18th Brumaire and then gave himself up to his theoretical studies, although he still kept in touch with events.

In 1859, the same year in which Darwin's "Origin of Species" appeared, Marx brought out his "Critique of Political Economy," which was in fact the first instalment of "Capital." Thus, the first clear explanation of the theories of organic and of social evolution appeared in the same year, for in the preface to the "Critique" Marx formulates the theory of the Materialist Conception of History in unmistakeable terms. In both instances prejudice retarded the acceptance of the theories for a long while.

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tion to provide the goods and services required to maintain and improve the living standards that the people of this country enjoy."

Providing the rank and file of the F.O.L. unions are prepared to cooperate and "accept the guidance of their leaders," the master class of N. Z. can count on the Federation of Labour in their current crisis.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Nordmeyer, in a speech at Palmeston North, said that an increase in the family benefit, would be infinitely better than an overall increase in wages, it would be unwise to press for additional wage claims in the light of existing circumstances.

"These difficulties would be minimized," he said, "if the family man alone received some additional revenue. That does not mean increased spending power as a whole." (The Dominion" Wellington 15-5-58.)

This calls to mind a passage in the S.P.G.B. pamphlet, "Family allowances" pp 11 & 12. "But the real issue is not that certain unscrupulous employers may seek to save out of wages amounts paid in Family Allowances, but that once it is established that the children (or some of the children) of the workers have been 'provided for' by other means, the tendency will be for wage levels to sink to new standards which will not include the cost of maintaining such children."

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The Companion Parties of Socialism hold:

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4. —That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind, without distinction of race or sex.
5. —That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.
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