

The Developed Social System of Socialism and the New Civil Law Book of the GDR

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As the chairman of the commission for the working out of the new socialist Civil Law Book nominated by the Ministers' Council the author, Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Justice, starts with the statement in this article that the new Civil Law Book must correspond with the developed social system of socialism and the legal order based upon it. The lines of the preparatory work for this law book are given by the resolutions of the VII. Party Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the new socialist constitution of the GDR. They proceed from the fact that socialism is a relatively independent social-economic formation in the historic stage of the transition from capitalism to socialism.

The new Civil Law Book will contribute to guarantee the individual rights and property rights of the citizens. Its function is the concrete regulation of the constitutional basic rights of the citizens and of those social relations which result from covering the material and cultural needs of the citizens. Its supreme task will be to express by law the new position of the individual in the socialist society and to show how from the socialist relations of production increased rights and authorities for every citizen are to be deduced which base on the principal harmony of the individual interests with the social needs.

Within the social process of production the Civil Law Book will above all regulate the sphere of individual consumption and the relations of circulation and distribution which are connected with it.

Thus the Civil Law Book does not concern the sphere of production and the connected vertical and horizontal

correlations of the socialist producers and of other independently managing units.

The legal regulation in this sphere is the task of economic legislation. But from the relation between production and consumption many points of contact between the Civil and Economic Laws result which make a harmonized regulation necessary.

The new Civil Law Book shall regulate the following spheres: the citizens' legal capacity and capacity to act; the protection of the personality rights of the citizens; the personal property; the property and use of land as far as citizens are concerned; the contractual relations of the citizens with the institutions for supply and services especially in form of the goods-money relations but also such relations between the citizens which are based on personal property and mutual aid; the protection of person and property against infliction of damage; the hereditary transmission of property of citizens. The author enters some problems of the limitation between the Civil Law Book and economic legislation and sketches the demands on the Civil Law Book.

The Importance of the Marx' Political Economy for the Cooperative Relations in Agriculture and Food Production

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Starting from the economic theory of Marxism-Leninism and the structural-political conception resolved by the VII. Party Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany as well as by the 10. German Peasants' Congress to shape the complex, rational, industrially organized economic partial system "agriculture and food production" the authors out- 1722