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Editorial

With this, the first issue of *Progressive Worker*, we renew the fight to revitalize the Revolutionary Working Class movement in Canada. We pledge anew to raise on high the banner of Working Class struggle which has been dropped by the faint of heart.

In casting about to find a few words to say about our intentions, we were reminded of the words of William Lloyd Garrison, the great anti-slavery agitator, when he introduced the first issue of "The Liberator". They are just as fitting for us today as they were for Garrison and "The Liberator" in 1831.

"I am aware that many object to the severity of my language; but is there not cause for severity? I will be as harsh as Youth, and as uncompromising as Justice. On this subject I do not wish to think, or speak, or write, with moderation. No! No! Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm - but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present. I am in earnest - I will not equivocate - I will not excuse - I will not retreat a single inch - and I will be heard. The apathy of the people is enough to make every statue leap from its pedestal and hasten the resurrection of the dead."

Like Garrison, we will be heard - and we will not retreat. We have not occupied the stage for the purpose of soothing ruffled nerves - but rather to act as a goad. We are here to fan the flames of discontent, and disdain to dissimulate or hide our intentions from any man - friend or foe.

We will speak out consistently and unwaveringly for the destruction of the system of capitalist exploitation and its replacement with a new Socialist society in which man can, at last, reach his full stature.

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COPS SCABHERD FOR D.S. SCOTT



MILITANT WORKERS DEFY COPS AT TEAMSTER'S STRIKE

The strike at the Scott Transport is ended; and the manner of its ending served to underline the partisan role of Courts and police, again, as always, on the side of capital against labour. Less than 72 hours after a police detail had resorted to violence, and the arrest of women and children, in order to smash the picket line - and at the very moment when workers were standing in court facing a charge of unlawful assembly - the company officials made a complete capitulation, granting all demands of the strikers, and to openly admit that the workers were in the right from the beginning.

It was clear from the start that this Company was guilty of a flagrant violation of the workers' right to organize. Those among the employees who dared to insist on their rights were fired on the obviously trumped up charge of "incompetence" which had gone undetected until they had decided to become union men. Others - totalling more than 30 - were fired out of hand when they stood in solidarity with their union brothers.

Into this situation; at the call of the boss, strode the law in all its majesty, prepared to do battle in defence of the rights of capital.

First, came an injunction ordering the striking workers to remove themselves

from the vicinity of the Company premises. But their places were quickly filled by women and children - and by brothers from other unions who rallied around in solidarity. The company vehicles remained immobilized. Then came the next foul act in the drama.

On the afternoon of Saturday, October 3rd, following an hour long conference between company officials and police, held in the firms private offices - a large force of police was mobilized, obviously prepared to do violence. Many of these thugs in uniform openly displayed their not so latent fascist tendencies. Quickly going into action they manhandled women, children and a somewhat amazed puppy into the paddy wagons and carted them off to the local bastille. All of this in defence of the sanctity of capital.

We are not at all impressed by the phony charges of unlawful assembly. These charges are a subterfuge designed to clothe the unlawful and brutal acts of the police in a cloak of righteousness. We are not being misled: the police did not arrive on the scene in response to any outcries of public alarm - the only way in which an unlawful assembly can be detected. These doughty defenders of capitalist "law and order" came in response to a command from the employer. Their task was not to calm and protect an alarmed public in

Progressive Workers Movement

Statement of Principles

The historic period in which we live is mainly characterized by the transition from Capitalism to Socialism. This transition, which was initiated by the Great October Revolution, has now become the world camp of Socialism. It is a period of intensifying struggle between the two opposing social systems - Imperialism and Socialism.

This is a time of Socialist Revolutions and of revolutions for the national liberation of the colonial peoples. Our era is marked by more and more peoples taking the path of transition to Socialism - the triumph of the forces of Socialism on a world scale. We are now witnessing the breakdown of the imperialist system, the revolutionary destruction of colonial exploitation by the aroused peoples in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The contemporary world is marked by a number of fundamental contradictions all of which, and the struggles to which they give rise, are closely inter-related and exercise influence upon one another. For an understanding of the modern world, and to impart correct leadership in the struggle, it is necessary for us to consider ALL the contradictions and their inter-relationship at all times - not eliminating any or substituting one for another.

There is the contradiction that exists between the Socialist camp and the camp of Imperialism; it is a contradiction with a fundamental class content - one between states that are under the guidance of the dictatorship of the proletariat and those under the dictatorship of the monopoly-capitalist bourgeoisie. The basic contradiction between these two world systems can not be resolved by agreements between "sober leaders", nor will they automatically disappear in the process of peaceful competition.

There is the contradiction that exists between the workers and capitalists in the capitalist nations. A contradiction which is growing in intensity as the crisis of imperialism and capitalism deepens and becomes more acute and can be resolved only by means of the Socialist Revolution.

There is the contradiction between the exploited and oppressed colonial nations and the imperialist nations. Resolution of this contradiction will be achieved only through the revolutionary, anti-imperialist struggle and the advance to the Socialist Revolution.

There is the contradiction that exists among the imperialist countries and among the various monopoly-capitalist groups. The main feature of this contradiction is the rise of a single power - U. S. imperialism - to a position of dominance over all other capitalist and imperialist states.

The contradiction between the camp of socialism and the camp of imperialism intensifies as the world base of Socialism develops and expands while the world base of imperialism is narrowed before the advancing forces of socialism and under the hammer - blows of the national liberation movement. In this situation, imperialism attempts to resolve the problem with the export of counter-revolution and plots of war against the Socialist camp. Against this is required the maximum unity between the countries in the Socialist camp on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and the principle of proletarian internationalism.

In the struggles in capitalist countries between worker and capitalist, struggles given rise to as a result of the contradictions between exploiter and exploited, it is necessary for the working class, in order to achieve victory for themselves to: Strengthen the international proletarian forces by supporting, on the basis of proletarian internationalism, all socialist countries without distinction; help the revolutionary struggles of the peoples in the

oppressed nations; master Marxist - Leninist theory and carry the struggle through to the Socialist Revolution, the conquest of state power and the transition to Socialism.

The vast areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America are the focal and concentration point of all the various contradictions which exist in the world today. It is these areas which are at the center of the revolutionary storms now raging against imperialism - it is here that imperialism is being subjected to serious challenge by the armed people in revolutionary struggle against oppression.

The international Socialist Revolutionary Movement and the armed struggles for national liberation in the colonial countries are two great, merging currents in the stream of anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle moving in the direction of a socialist solution to the contradiction in the contemporary world.

The anti-imperialist struggles in Asia, Africa and Latin America can not be reduced to a question of regional significance only. These struggles are an important component of the international proletarian revolution. They are hammering at and undermining the foundations of imperialist rule and destroying colonialism old and new. Viewed in this light, the cause of the Socialist Revolution depends, to an important degree, on the outcome of the people's revolutionary struggle in these areas which contain the overwhelming majority of the world's population. The anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle is, therefore, of considerable overall importance to the proletarian world revolution.

Imperialism, assailed and besieged by the revolutionary peoples, seeks to solve its problems by resorting to war and the exportation of counter-revolution and attempts to intimidate and blackmail the peoples with threats of thermo-nuclear war.

Given the united and determined action of the Socialist forces; the national democratic struggles; and the peace forces of the world, the imperialist plans for world war can be defeated and nuclear weapons can be banned and destroyed. War, however, still remains as a possibility so long as imperialism exists and will end only

when an end is put to the system of exploitation by means of Socialist Revolution.

In the fight against war, it is necessary that the working class and progressive forces distinguish between unjust wars of imperialist conquest and just wars of the peoples against the imperialist oppressors.

The contemporary period is marked by a resurgence of revisionism in the service of imperialism and demands a united and unyielding struggle on the part of Marxist-Leninists in defence of the basic concepts of Marxism - Leninism and for the Socialist Revolution.

This new ideological assault is, by far, the most serious ever encountered by the Marxist movement. This is primarily due to the fact that Khrushchov and the Central Committee have placed the great prestige and influence of the C. P. S. U. and the U. S. S. R. in the service of the modern revisionists. These modern revisionists deny the applicability of basic Marxist-Leninist concepts to the situation in the contemporary world. They challenge the propositions; proletarian Socialist Revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat, putting forward the proposition of peaceful transition to socialism and socialism by example.

In the ideological struggle the embattled Marxist-Leninist forces around the world are immeasurably aided by the Communist Party of China's firm and unyielding stand in defence of the fundamental revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism. In this struggle against the modern revisionists, the Communist Party of China is a strong rallying point for Marxist-Leninists in the international movement.

At this critical juncture in history, it is essential that Marxist-Leninists mobilize their strength in a revolutionary organization; formulate a program; state their views in clear terms; begin the important task of rallying the working people and progressive forces of the nation in the struggle against imperialism and reaction; and lead the working class in the direction of Socialist Revolution and the transition to Socialism.

In the formulation of our program

and tactics, we must pay due attention to the international situation and relationship of forces and to the objective reality of Canada in the contemporary world.

TOWARD A MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY IN CANADA

While it is true that there are distinct national characteristics in Canadian affairs, which spring from our particular historical development and distinguish our situation from that in other lands and that they, to some extent, determine our tactics in mobilizing the working people, these are superficial in nature and do not alter the basic Marxist-Leninist approach to the solution of the fundamental contradictions that beset the Canadian Capitalist Society.

CANADIAN MONOPOLY CAPITALISM

The distinctive development of the Canadian Capitalist class and of monopoly-capitalism has been largely determined by Canada's position between two imperialist powers - Britain and United States.

Defeated by the superior British forces in the Revolution of 1837, the Canadian bourgeoisie had to content themselves with the compromise represented by the constitution which was granted them by the imperial government in 1867.

This constitution - although amended a number of times - is now an anachronism and in no way reflects political realities in Canada today. There is widespread discussions on the need for a new constitution enacted by Canadian Parliament and controlled in Canada. Given a continuation of present conditions, this could only be a bourgeois constitution which would in no way alter the fundamental fact of class society in Canada. It could well be that the power to amend would merely be transferred from the imperial to the Canadian Parliament.

With the rapid decline of British Imperialism in the post-war world and the rise to a position of dominance by U. S. Imperialist interests, Britain's hitherto dominant position in the Canadian economy passed to the U. S. monopolists. Canadian economy and industrial development is, therefore, under U. S. domination and suffers the distortions and anarchy consequent on that domination.

But it must also be taken into account that the main section of Canadian monopoly capitalists are in partnership with U. S. imperialists in the exploitation of Canada.

It is also to be noted that Canadian monopolists are imperialists in their own right and often enter into joint agreement with U. S. imperialism for the exploitation of peoples in other lands INCLUDING U. S. WORKERS. Canadian E. P. Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Argus Corporation (one of the largest monopolies in the world) has holdings in a score of countries, with the U. S. being numbered among them. Cyrus Eaton and the Norris family are only two among a number of U. S. monopolists who developed out of the Canadian capitalist class.

While the Canadian bourgeoisie often express irritation and discontent about their inferior position vis-a-vis the U. S. they can never be consistent and can not help but make compromises with the U. S. monopolists on all important and fundamental questions. To expect the Canadian monopoly-bourgeoisie to act in a radical or progressive manner would be naive indeed. While aiming the blows against U. S. imperialism, it will also be necessary to engage the Canadian monopolists in battle - otherwise victory will elude us.

THE TWO NATIONS OF CANADA

As a consequence of the defeat of France at Quebec in 1759, French Canadians have been compelled to exist as a conquered and oppressed nation, first as a Crown Colony and, after 1867, as a minority in the Canadian bourgeois state. The contradiction in this situation gave birth to the struggle for national liberation from joint oppression and exploitation by the Canadian and U. S. monopoly capitalists.

The working people of French Canada are moving to the fore as a decisive force in the struggle for national self-determination and the question of a Socialist solution is being wisely discussed. This struggle begins to merge with that of the working class struggle in other regions of Canada and is directed against the common foe the Canadian and U. S. monopoly-bourgeoisie.

AGRICULTURE

Canadian agriculture is marked by

a high degree of monopolization. But there is still a considerable force of working farmers who are at the mercy of the Canadian monopoly-capitalists. In many areas, these farmers work part-time in industry and so come in contact with the working class, often joining labour organizations.

THE WORKING CLASS

Out of some 20 million people, scattered across a country that is second in the world in terms of land area, we have some 6 million workers of whom less than 30% are organized in labour unions.

The labour unions are, for the most part, in the control of conservative and opportunist elements who also, in partnership with professional politicians, exercise control over the social-democratic movement (N. D. P.) for their own narrow ends. These officials are in league with and often bureaucratically appointed by - the U. S. heads of "international" unions. The mass labour movement, therefore, reflects to a great extent Canada's status in relation to U. S. imperialism.

An exception to this situation is the Canadian National Trade Union movement which is almost entirely confined to French Canada and reflects the national struggle in that land.

In a land of abundance, we suffer from serious chronic unemployment and misery. Fully one-third of workers receive sub-standard wages that keep them below the poverty line while an additional one-third are on or just above the line.

The increasing monopolization of an already highly monopolized industry, the application of the benefits of automation to the generation of greater profits, and the growing crisis of the capitalist and imperialist system, indicate that there can be no hope for a fundamental change in these conditions of mass poverty and degradation while the system of capitalist exploitation continues.

Our youth are leaving schools and universities to enter a world that has no need of them (except perhaps as blood sacrifices in imperialist war). They face a future that is bleak indeed unless the system of exploitation is abolished and replaced with a new, socialist system.

It is the responsibility and historic task of the Marxist-Leninists to formulate and advance a program that will rally and inspire the working people of town and countryside to rise in struggle against the forces of reaction and war. A program that will rally the working class as the consistent revolutionary core of a peoples movement; that will rally the broad democratic masses in the struggle against monopoly-capital; to defend and expand democracy against the growing menace of fascist reaction; to improve the living conditions of the working people; to defend peace, oppose the imperialist plans for continuation and expansion of the arms drive and give active support to oppressed nations fighting for liberation.

We must be mindful, at all times, to keep in the forefront of all our activity; the need to raise the socialist consciousness of the working masses and convince them of the necessity for Socialist Revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat and the transition to Socialism to achieve the thorough resolution of the contradictions of our society - which is capitalist in nature.

THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE

- (1) Take Canada out of the U. S. dominated counter-revolutionary and aggressive alliances such as N. A. T. O., and N. O. R. A. D.
- (2) Keep Canada out of the O. A. S.
- (3) Remove nuclear weapons and U. S. war planes from Canadian soil.
- (4) Assist in all possible ways the peoples of oppressed nations fighting for liberation.
- (5) A Canadian foreign policy based on peace, friendship and equality with Socialist nations and those newly liberated from the imperialist yoke.
- (6) Expropriation and nationalization of monopoly-capitalist industry (which is chiefly U. S. controlled): elective committees of working people to manage the plants; working people to be armed to defend the nationalized industries against the attempts of monopolists and imperialists to re-establish their control by forceful and violent means.

FRENCH CANADA

The two Canadas suffer from exploitation at the hands of the same monopoly-capitalist and imperialist ele-

ments, therefore, the things which tend to divide our two peoples can be only superficial in nature while those things which tend to unite us are fundamental in character. As the common struggle against monopoly and imperialism develops the superficial divisions will be resolved and unity on the fundamentals will weld us closely together in struggle against the common foe.

Relations between the two nations must be firmly based on the strict and unwavering recognition of the right to self-determination, up to and including the right of secession and on the basis of proletarian internationalism.

AGRICULTURE

Promote unity of action between the working class and working farmers and the rural proletariat in common struggle against monopoly exploitation and to improve living conditions.

WORKING - CLASS MOVEMENT

Organize the underpaid, unorganized majority of Canadian working people into independent and rank and file controlled Canadian unions.

Lead the struggle for a return of democratic control and against the bureaucratic and reactionary officials (both Canadian and U. S.) in the union locals - the basic organizations of the movement.

Advance militant demands for improvement in living standards, the broad development of social security measures for extensive cuts in hours of work, extended vacation periods. Oppose lay-offs for any reason. Guarantee work for all, including the youth leaving schools and universities.

Arouse and inspire the workers to carry forward the fight for expropriation and nationalization of monopoly.

It will not be sufficient to advance such a program and leave it to fate to give it life. There must be a vehicle - a political party - to organize and lead the masses in a fight to make the program a reality.

We would be naive indeed if we were

to expect the liberal and petty-bourgeoisie to lead the struggle for these demands.

The Social-democracy is a trend of bourgeois ideology, and a political detachment of the capitalist class in the labour movement and, therefore, incapable and unwilling to carry forward the struggle for a program of fundamental radical and socialist content.

The League for Socialist Action (Trotskyite) makes a pretense at being revolutionary but gives no indication that it is even remotely in touch with reality. The members concentrate on the cultish worship of Leon Trotsky; make indiscriminate attacks on working-class groups and engage in constant internal bickering and ideological hair-splitting. This constantly splintering ultra-leftist sectarian group concentrate on promoting splitting activities in the labour movement and are unlikely to win any significant support amongst the working people.

The Communist Party has fallen into the hands of the revisionists led by Morris and Kashtan who are supported and encouraged by the Khrushchovites. They engage in vicious, unprincipled attacks, against the Communist Party of China, (foremost defender of Marxism-Leninism in the international movement); they promote the "parliamentary" and "peaceful road" to Socialism thus disarming the working class in the face of capitalist class violence; they abandon and attack the Marxist-Leninist concepts of Socialist Revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat; they abandon proletarian internationalism in favour of allying themselves with the Canadian liberal bourgeoisie; they accept - and try to get the working masses to accept - the ideology of Social-Democracy, the main bulwark of capitalism in the labour movement. Having abandoned Marxism-Leninism, the C. P. leadership is quite incapable of leading the struggle for the realization of a program of fundamental working-class demands.

We require, and must have, a proletarian party that maintains its own ideological and organizational independence in leading the struggle for the realization of revolutionary objectives. A Marxist-Leninist Party that will never lose sight of the

Socialist goal while it builds a broad united front of the people against monopoly and against the imperialist policies of aggression and war.

The Marxist-Leninists who are engaged in leading the immediate struggles must link these struggles with the fight for long-range general objectives. They must educate the workers in the revolutionary spirit of Marxism-Leninism, strive tirelessly and unendingly to raise their own and the workers level of political consciousness and understanding and undertake the honorable and historical task of preparing and leading the proletarian Socialist Revolution.

The Progressive Workers Movement calls on Marxist-Leninists everywhere to begin banding themselves together, to discuss, amend and popularize the program for the promotion of mass activity and the preparatory work for the Socialist Revolution. That they begin their own education in the theory of Marxism-Leninism as they engage in and promote the struggle. That they work to educate the working people in the spirit of Socialism.

We propose that the Marxist - Leninist worker's groups begin discussing plans for holding a national conference in the near future for the purpose of organizing a Marxist-Leninist Worker's Party in Canada which shall dedicate itself to

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the face of an unruly mob. It was much more menial and considerably less heroic - to clear a path for two scab operated trucks. This is a fact well known to all - including the police and the courts before whom the workers stand charged with unlawful assembly.

It is high time workers everywhere became incensed, to the point of action, by these recurrent attacks on striking workers. Injunctions and police brutality cannot run trucks or operate machinery. Nor are there sufficient jails to hold all the toilers of the nation. Let us determine to work toward the end that legal interference in strikes will result in wheels everywhere immediately ceasing to turn. We have the power, if we will but use it.

As a start toward this desirable

raising again, to a place of conspicuous honor, the proud banner of proletarian struggle. Let us be ever mindful of the resounding words of the Manifesto of the Communist Party.

"The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist Revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win."

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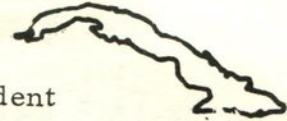
end, we would recommend to our Union brothers that they give some thought to the organization of a rank-and-file, intra-union solidarity committee. Such a committee could, when the need arose, go into immediate action to mobilize support for any harrassed and hard-pressed picket line. Let us consult together on ways to halt these attacks on labour before it is too late.

-- Jack Scott

CUBA

the Hope of America

By Sharon Wood - A Canadian Student
who spent eight weeks in Cuba.



From time to time, we read in our newspapers and hear on our news broadcasts how horrible the new Cuba is. These reports often relate that thousands are fleeing and still more thousands are starving and being shot by the present military dictatorship. We hear every day about Cuban tyranny, Cuban injustice, and Cuban slavery. However, this summer 45 Canadian students, 84 American students, and 15 English students spent two months in Cuba. The Canadian tour was sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and all three tours were completely paid for by the Cuban government.

While in Cuba, we toured the whole island staying at different places. We talked, worked, and celebrated with Cubans from all walks of life. I feel, we the Canadian students, grew to know Cuba as well as anyone could for only staying two months.

We all felt that our press lies about the existing conditions in Cuba, and, therefore, the Canadian public has a completely wrong idea of what Cuba is actually like. In this article, I will try to iron out some of these misconceptions.

Yes, there certainly are people who have left Cuba. The Cubans explained to us that these people were those with money and position. They owned hotels or businesses. However, let us not forget that this class of people were the minority. The majority, if they were lucky, worked two months out of the year. A Cuban peasant would usually send his daughter to Havana to become a prostitute - there, at least, she would be able to eat and have a roof over her head. I think everyone is aware of what Havana was - the center of prostitution, gambling and corruption. The average Cuban was completely illiterate and many died of starvation and curable diseases.

Now, five years later, the people are free from hunger, illiteracy, misery and corruption. Yes, there are arms in Cuba but these arms are in the hands of the people, not just the heads of government.

They are willing to give their lives at an instant to defend what they have built in the past five years: they know that what they have built and are continuing to build is, for the first time in their history, what they can truly claim to be theirs. The only shooting we knew of was when the young Cuban soldier, 19 was shot and killed by an American soldier at Guantanamo base.

We were all impressed by the spirit and enthusiasm the people possess for building socialism in their country. It is extremely difficult to adequately express, in such a short article, the atmosphere of the Cuban Revolution. However, I think a comment on the educational system is necessary for a better understanding of this enthusiasm. Five years ago there was 40 - 45% illiteracy in Cuba, now it is lower than 2%. Almost everyone in Cuba is studying, in the factories there are special classes at night; on farms and other work centers it is common to see classrooms. Most of the people are striving to complete the sixth grade. They are older people who had absolutely no education before the Revolution. However, the role that education plays in Cuba today is undeniably reflected in the youth, more so than in the older people. The Cuban government has granted 150,000 scholarships. When I say scholarship, I do not want you to think of the type of scholarships issued in Canada. In Cuba, these scholarships are granted on need - need before academic achievements. Therefore, if a student comes from a poor family he has a guarantee of an education, whereas, in Canada, if one happens to come from a poor family, he must make excellent marks or else drop out of University. With these scholarships, education is free - free clothes, free board, free books, etc., \$30.00 a month spending money plus three paid holidays a year to any resort in Cuba. No wonder the young people of Cuba have such a wonderful, alive spirit - When five years ago they had nothing, nothing but hunger, sickness and want. Now they do have a future, they have a reason to live. The Cubans themselves often say the "Youth are the hope of the world".

Profits Get Higher, Bread lines Get Longer

"The economy is booming", we are told, "And most of the plants are hiring." Well, anyway, some of the plants are hiring, and if not here maybe in Windsor, But if an unemployed worker is lined up for bread on Cordova Street (See photograph on cover), in Vancouver and has no money, or is collecting unemployment insurance and trying to make a payment on a house in East Vancouver or Burnaby, just how is he going to be able to go to Windsor --over 2,000 miles away? And anyway, aren't there unemployed lineups in Windsor too? And even if there is a boom in Windsor, isn't it just a mass speed-up and super-exploitation period before the lay-offs this winter? And suppose there are a few jobs available and a worker is able to beat out his fellow unemployed workers for one - would he then be secure? What about the Finance Company? Wouldn't they come as soon as he was laid off this winter and repossess the car and furniture that he had purchased on time? So why go to Windsor anyway?

The Canadian worker doesn't live only in Windsor. He lives in the "Africaville" Ghetto of Halifax, in Quebec, on the Prairies, and in B. C. He doesn't want to go travelling all over the country in search of a job that may not exist. He wants a job right at home - a job with trade union rates of pay and a strong militant union to back up demands for wages and working conditions. There should be plenty of jobs for all; does not Canada have more natural resources per capita than any other country in the world? Why then does there exist the long lean shadows of unemployment, poverty and insecurity that stalk the Canadian working class?

H.R. MacMillan, E. P. Taylor, K. C. Irving and other money magnates who formulate and carry out ruling class policies in this country know the answer to this question although they are keeping quiet. The Directors of American monopolies who are trying to turn Canada into a super colony and extract maximum profits also know the answer. They all know that a huge reserve army of unemployed is necessary in order to intimidate the employed workers, to keep wages down, to smash unions and

to curtail working-class militancy in general. Also, they all know that the Capitalist system can't provide jobs for all because of its very nature; but they view this as a "natural occurrence" that follows the so-called law of "survival of the fittest". They think their system will last forever. They are wrong.



More and more sections of the Canadian working-class are also coming to realize the answers to this question. They know that the boss hires workers in order to exploit them, in order to make profits for himself. They know too that whenever the workers that a boss "owns" are no longer of any use to him - that is, do not increase his profits - he discards them on the scrapheap. The old workers get the axe because they are "too old". The young workers don't get hired because they "lack a skilled trade". The workers of all ages get laid off in mass because "there is no market". More and more workers are coming to realize that capitalism as a system breeds unemployment and needs unemployment. More important still is the fact that sections of the Canadian working-class have come to the conclusion that the old capitalist mode of production has to be smashed and replaced by a new mode of production - a Socialist one. To this end a new current is coming into being in Canada - a current that will give direction to the daily struggles of the working-class - a current that will aid in the forging of unity between the organized and the unorganized, the employed and the unemployed. It is a current that will put an end to the boss and the bosses system.

-- Roger Perkins

A Better Worlds in Birth

In Canada today, the working class is dominated by the capitalist class. Using their agents, the police, the courts, the politicians and the armed forces; the rich, the monopolies, international financiers convert our countries natural resources and the productive capacity of our working class to their own narrow selfish interests. This system of economics and government, which is based on the rule of exploitation of man by man is called capitalism.

Socialism is the opposite of capitalism. Under socialism all power will be in the hands of the working class. We, the workers, will be the government, the police, the courts and the armed forces - we will control our nations natural resources, the factories, and the banks and foreign trade. A new way of life will be born: away of life that will forever do away with the system of exploitation of man by man.

In each issue of Progressive Worker, we will show what capitalism has to offer the workers and what the alternative will be under socialism.

CAPITALISM

Every week, four thousand jobs are automated out of existence. The end of a school year finds thousands of youth thrown into competition for jobs that just don't exist. Workers in the over 40 category find themselves constantly under the threat of being relegated to the scrap heap.

Automation, cybernetics and increased work loads are utilized by the boss class to squeeze more profits out of the working class.

To protect a decadent system millions of dollars are finding their way into the pockets of international munition manufacturers. These merchants of death and destruction manipulate the Canadian economy through their political agents in Ottawa.

Mouthing platitudes about democracy, defence of the nation and the welfare of our citizens, the bosses' agents in Ottawa are busy behind the scenes carrying out their real role: passing anti-labour legislation, increasing taxation and committing Canadian troops to the role of mercenaries for the protection of imperialism.

Capitalism, is in its death throes, but before it is destroyed by the working class) its appetite for the workers sweat and blood will become insatiable.

Unless it is stopped dead in its tracks it will attempt to carry out its final act. By demanding of the workers' their most precious possession, their lives.

SOCIALISM

Jobs will be provided for older workers who are physically capable of work. For those, who due to affirmity or physical handicap are unable to work there will be provided ample funds and housing so they may live out the remainder of their lives in dignity.

Munition and other factories that are engaged in the manufacture of weapons will be converted to the production of commodities for peaceful uses, except in a few cases, where arms will be manufactured for the defence of the new workers state.

The armed forces will be organized under different lines as they will be used to enforce the new way of life. If they are asked to make sacrifices, they will do it willingly, for they will be part of what they will defend.

Automation will be utilized to its full potential, not for the benefit of a few but for the common good of all. It is true that a smaller amount of working hours will be needed to produce some goods but the workers will benefit from these conditions, instead of lay-offs, the work week, will be shortened, providing more jobs.

Youth will be encouraged to complete their educations, for the new government of workers will need all types of technicians and professionals. All youth that wish to go to Universities will have that chance, the only qualifications will be the desire to learn and the ability.

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