



THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS IS TO END THE UNBRIDLED EXPLOITATION OF FINANCE CAPITAL AND MAKE THE RICH PAY FOR THE CRISIS!

Since the onset of the current crisis, in July 1974, the profits of the rich have steadily increased, while the conditions of the workers and the broad masses of the people has been steadily deteriorating. The trend of the rich becoming richer and the poor becoming poorer is actually accelerating in the conditions of stagnating and declining production, the ruination of whole sectors of the economy, huge stocks of unsold goods, tremendous unused capacity in industry, slump in sales, and so on.

The fact that in the conditions of the crisis, the rich are becoming still richer is one more testimony to and indictment of the parasitism and decay of the capitalist system which has reached its highest and final stage and is heading for collapse. It is the monopoly capitalist system which prevails in Canada, where a handful of financial oligarchs, the millionaires and billionaires of Canadian and foreign origin, own and control all the main means of production and dominate every sector of the economy and every aspect of life of the society. The most parasitic stratum is the finance capitalists — rentiers, the people who live by "clipping coupons", who take no part in any enterprise whatsoever, whose profession, in spite of the fact that they say they "work" very hard, is idleness.

These finance capitalists enrich themselves through the high returns they make off their invested capital, in the form of loans, bonds and

stocks, from rampant speculation and manipulation on the money market and the stock market, etc. We have seen in recent weeks how hundreds of millions and billions of dollars have been made by hoarders and speculators on the gold market, and how immense fortunes are being expanded and consolidated on the stock market day after day as well.

The sway and domination of finance capital in Canada is all-pervasive and there is not a section of the society which is not beneath the thumb of the banks and other money-lending institutions and other sources of finance capital. The entire population is in hook to them, as are even the governments at every level and the country itself.

There is the immense consumer debt, which, by the end of last year, had reached \$40 billion. This is the equivalent of about \$2,000 owed by each person in Canada to the chartered banks, the consumer loan companies, retail stores, etc. This consumer debt is a very heavy burden on the backs of the working people, especially those who have been thrown into the streets with no means of livelihood and no prospects of paying off their debts. For those who are still employed, the burden of debt is another factor contributing to the anguish of job insecurity which they are forced to put up with.

The governments of the rich at every level in Canada are themselves deeply in debt to the native and

foreign moneybags. The public debt in Canada of the federal government alone is approaching \$65 billion. The interest payments on this debt are so enormous that they consume fully 17 cents of every tax dollar paid from the people. The debt of the federal government is mostly owed to the moneybags within the country, while the provincial governments owe about half of their multi-billion dollar debts to the finance capitalists in the United States, Japan and Europe.

The governments dig themselves so deeply into debt in the first place in the process of spending money in the service of the bourgeoisie. The governments invest in those sectors of the economy which are the most profitable for the moneybags, while they allow those sectors in which the rate of return is lower to stagnate and fall into ruin.

On top of all these debts, there is the direct foreign investment in Canada, which also tallies up as part of the country's international indebtedness. Foreign capitalists, mostly from the United States, have exported capital to Canada in the form of their branch plants and other establishments, to the tune of over \$40 billion. Altogether, Canada's net international indebtedness totals something in the order of \$60 billion.

Between the consumer indebtedness, the public debt and the international indebtedness of the country the Canadian people are burdened by more than \$160 billion in debts, which is the equivalent of more than \$7,500 per person, or about \$15,000 for every working person in the country — which is about the level of the average annual income of the Canadian worker.

The finance capitalists do not give a damn where their capital is invested, or whether it "creates jobs" so long as it realizes the maximum rate of return. They do not care whether the economy develops on an all-sided basis or not. That is why in Canada, the economy is highly top-sided, with the most highly developed sectors being those bound up with the plunder of the natural resources by the imperialists, mainly the U.S. imperialists, while manufacturing remains small and weak. Similarly, because agriculture at this time is a sector in which the rate of return is lower, the moneybags and their governments are entirely willing to let this vital sector of the economy stagnate and fall into ruin, even to the point where Canada has become a net importer of food aside from cereal grains, while small and poor farmers are being driven off the land at a rapid rate.

The political parties of the rich have been professing, during the election campaign, that they are appalled by the size of the federal deficit, by the soaring debt. The NDP and the Liberals are even talking about reducing Canada's foreign debt and the foreign domination. But they will never put their words

FURTHER NEWS ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY IN THE ELECTIONS

PCDN received the report that on February 13 at 7:30 in the morning, four policemen in three police cars attacked the Marxist-Leninist candidates in Gatineau, Christine Dandenault, and one election worker who were heading out the Party Programme to workers at the entrance of the CIT plant in Gatineau. The policemen strangled the candidate, threw her into the police car and slammed the door on her foot. Then they drove both the candidate and the other Party activist three miles away and let them off without laying any charges. The cops, however, did say that they were considering laying charges for either so-called insulting authority or assaulting police. They also claimed that the activity of the Marxist-Leninist candidate of distributing literature to the workers entering the plant went against "some bylaw".

In another similar incident, the Marxist-Leninist candidate in London-Bessex, Susan Belland, was arrested by the police. She was charged with obstructing police on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 30. Her "crime" was to distribute election leaflets to the workers at the Ford Motor plant in London. The police also issued a ticket to the comrade for "failing to walk on the sidewalk on the highway" — section 123 of the Traffic Act.

In both cases, when the comrades were harassed by the police, the workers came forward to take even more leaflets from the Marxist-Leninist candidate and denounce the police. In Gatineau, when the cops approached the comrades, one worker walked up to the candidate and asked her "What do these good-for-nothings want? The candidates of other parties have come to the plant, shaken hands and handed out their programmes. You have every right to do this here." When the police arrived, one of the comrades addressed the candidate and told her that the company does not want to see any Marxist-Leninists near its premises.

On February 14, in Thunder Bay, the Marxist-Leninist candidates had acquired permission to visit the shipyards and to the premises to discuss with the workers. On the morning they were scheduled to make the visit, the company called the visit off due to "personnel problems". The fact of the matter was that the workers on the night shift had walked off the job to protest unsatisfactory working conditions, and the company did not want the Marxist-Leninist candidates anywhere near the day shift workers where they could discuss this matter with the workers. It is quite clear that the monopoly capitalists know that this is the Party of the working class.

PCDN has also received the report that on February 15, the Marxist-Leninist candidate in Spadina riding, Barbara Seed, was fired by the hospital where she has worked for six years. On February 14, on the pretext of "punishment for returning late from a leave" and because of their political beliefs, the fact of the matter is that only the Marxist-Leninist Party has the solution to the problems facing the Canadian working class and people, and the candidates of the Marxist-Leninist Party are the only ones who are seriously and honestly dedicated to serving the interests of the Canadian working class and the broad masses of the people. The rich do not want the views of the Marxist-Leninist Party discussed and for this reason, they do everything in their power to silence these views, distort them, force and attempt to intimidate the Marxist-Leninists. The cases we are citing today are only a few examples of the countless cases which have taken place, both during and prior to this election campaign.

The political parties of the rich have constituted themselves into a political "Mafia" and because of their political interests in Canada as proof that Canada is a democracy, and even more, they tout the fact that the Marxist-Leninist Party has the "right" to participate in the elections as "proof" of their democracy, in actual fact this is a fraud and this political "Mafia" runs the elections in such a manner as to deny the Marxist-Leninists any rights whatsoever. They use their monopoly over the news media to perpetrate the fraud of so-called "major" and "minor" parties and through this manoeuvre, stifle the views of the Marxist-Leninist Party, which is the only party which represents a genuine opposition in Canada. The NDP is the most notorious in this regard because it attempts to pass itself off as the paradigm of democracy, as the "workers' party", as the party which has something good for everyone, the champion of democracy, of the immigrants, the welfare recipients, and everyone else. They have been the most vicious in trying to "stamp out" the Marxist-Leninist Party and in every city where the social-democratic labour aristocrats have absconded with the workers' funds to finance the election campaign of the NDP, they also exercise fascist dictatorship over who can and who cannot use the union halls. This is the most blatant violation of basic democratic rights.

Various examples of their fascist "Mafia" activity have taken place across the country, one of the most recent being in Winnipeg when the Marxist-Leninists tried to rent the union hall for an election rally on February 13. The chairman of the board of the centre who is the chairman of a committee of any private club to decide to which organizations it will rent space. Karen Naylor, Marxist-Leninist candidate in Winnipeg Bird's Hill, who had tried to rent the hall, pointed out that the centre was financed by various locals and is owned by a number of unions. She herself is the chairman of local 67 of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport and General Workers and her local also helped finance the union hall. The Marxist-Leninist Party has been the only organization which has ever been denied space in the centre for the past 12 years. To best illustrate the manner in which the political "Mafia" works, the centre donated the space to the NDP for an election rally where Broadbent appeared as the main speaker. The chairman of the board of the hall admitted that the centre usually "donates space" to the NDP because "We're directly tied in with them".

The NDP imposes its hegemony over the unions and hopes through this manoeuvre that it can railroad the support of the workers for the NDP. It is quite obvious, however, that they are only fooling themselves and that this activity will boomerang in their faces as is already the case in various parts of the country where, under the leadership of the Marxist-Leninists, the workers are coming forward to support the worker politicians movement and taking up the Programme of the Marxist-Leninist Party to Make the Rich Pay for the Crisis! It is precisely because the workers and broad masses of the people are coming forward to support the Programme of the Marxist-Leninists, that the political "Mafia" comprised of the Liberals, Conservatives and NDP, and various junior partners, want to exclude the Marxist-Leninists and do everything in their power to attempt to discredit the Marxist-Leninists and silence and distort their views.

PCDN calls on the Canadian workers and broad masses of the people to take a militant stand against this political persecution of the Marxist-Leninists and to thoroughly repudiate these activities, perpetrated by those who shed crocodile tears about the "violations of human rights" in the Soviet Union, while they trample underfoot the rights and liberties of the workers in Canada. We call on the workers to politically persecute the Marxist-Leninists, commit genocide against the Native people, oppose the right of Quebec to self-determination and shamelessly organize to shift the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the entire working class and people and prepare to unleash fascism and war. They should handily arrest our comrades in Gatineau and London-Middlesex and charge our comrade for walking on the wrong side of the road, while they will nominate the Canadian ambassador to Iran, who has committed flagrant violations of national and international law purely for purposes of taking the world to the brink of world war — as a national and international hero.

This shows that legalities are for use

ELECTION RALLIES

THE MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY OF CANADA DISCUSSES THE FIVE KEY ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ALL CANADIANS

You Are Warmly Invited to Participate in the Election Rally of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada

Main speaker: COMRADE HARDIAL BAINS, PRESIDENT OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY.

Local candidates will also address the meeting

CULTURAL PROGRAMME: Canadian revolutionary songs to be performed

The Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada resolutely fights:

1. for an end to the all-sided crisis with economic crisis at the base by making the rich pay for the crisis;
2. for an end to all war preparations and Canada's participation in any unjust and predatory war, by opposing all imperialist powers, including U.S. imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism, imperialism and other imperialists and reactionaries;
3. for the right of the people of Quebec to self-determination advocating the free union of Quebec with the rest of the country;
4. for the immediate restoration of the hereditary rights of the Native people (treaty and non-treaty Indians, Inuit people and Métis), and for full compensation for all the damages done to the Native people by previous governments; and
5. for the democratic rights and liberties of the people and against the fascization of the state.

Meetings will be held in the following cities

VANCOUVER

February 16, 7:30 p.m.
5880 Main St.

MONTREAL

February 17, 1:00 p.m.
McGill Student Union
Ball Room
3480 McTavish

TORONTO

February 17, 7:30 p.m.
62 Claremont St.
(5 blocks west of Bathurst,
2 blocks north of Queen)

EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECHES DELIVERED BY COMRADE HARDIAL BAINS, PRESIDENT OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY OF CANADA, IN QUEBEC CITY AND EDMONTON
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DEMONSTRATE ON FEBRUARY 17th AGAINST ALL IMPERIALIST POWERS!

TORONTO
Nathan Phillips Square
1:30 p.m.

End Item.

COMRADE BAINS ADDRESSES A VIGOROUS MEETING IN QUEBEC CITY ON THE KEY ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ALL CANADIANS IN THE ELECTION

A very enthusiastic meeting was held in Quebec City on February 6, the second in a series of election meetings on key issues of concern to all Canadians held in the region. The meeting on February 6 was addressed by Comrade Hirdial Bains, President of the Marxist-Leninist Party, as part of the Fourth National Tour organized by the Marxist-Leninist Party in which Comrade Bains has addressed election meetings in all the major cities across Canada, in all ten provinces.

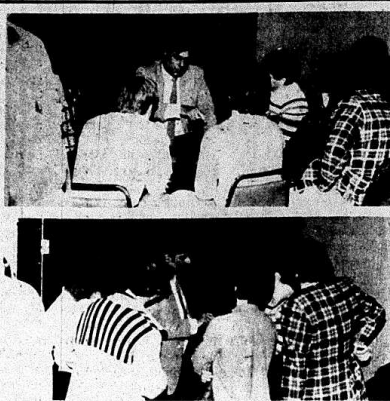
More than 50 people attended the meeting in Quebec City, many coming to a Party meeting for the first time, showing the fruits of the Party's work in taking the programme of the Marxist-Leninist Party to make the Rich Pay for the Crisis as the only way to get Canada out of the crisis and to build a secure and bright future for Canada, to every section of the society. Many Party badges, calling on the people to "Support the Worker Politician" and large quantities of revolutionary literature were distributed at the meeting and the participants were also very stirred by the Canadian revolutionary songs which were played prior to and after the meeting.

When Comrade Bains was introduced to the meeting, he was enthusiastically received with a standing ovation, and his speech was intently listened to by the participants who enthusiastically applauded what Comrade Bains had to say, as well as asked him large numbers of questions after the speech ended. Extracts from Comrade Bains' speech are reproduced below. In its issue dated Monday, February 18, PCDN will carry the full report on the four National Tours by Comrade Bains as well as pictures of the election rallies. In today's PCDN, on page 3, we are also printing extracts from the speech delivered by Comrade Bains in Edmonton on February 10, dealing with an



Photo shows Comrade Bains addressing the election meeting in Quebec City on February 6, 1980.

important aspect of the Party's Programme to Make the Rich Pay for the Crisis as the Only Solution to the Crisis!



Photos show the serious discussion in which the participants in the meeting engaged Comrade Bains following the speech.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECH DELIVERED BY COMRADE BAINS IN QUEBEC CITY ON FEBRUARY 6th, 1980

Comrades and friends,

I am very honoured to be here at this time when a very important election is being organized all across Canada by the Canadian capitalists. At the outset, these capitalists announced that these elections were not very much wanted by them. At that time as well as since that time, we announced that for the Marxist-Leninists whether there is an election or not, we carry on our work among the masses of the people because elections are only one front of struggle as far as the people are concerned. To be able to come here and speak at this time is very important because Quebec is one of the very important areas, a nation which played a very important role during the Second World War, as well as afterwards against the Anglo-American imperialists in North America, as well as on the world scale.

Quebec has long-standing revolutionary traditions. These long-standing revolutionary traditions contain two elements. The first is the struggle against colonialism — that is, the struggle against foreign oppression. And the second is the struggle for social liberation. Both the workers' movement as well as the anti-colonial movement have a rich history in Canada and Quebec.

At this time, on the world scale as well as in Canada, two vicious wars are being organized. One is on the question of what is described as "national unity". That is whether the nation of Quebec has the right to self-determination and separation or not. Various bourgeois politicians have spoken on this question. Of these politicians, René Lévesque is very well known to everyone, as are Claude Ryan, Trudeau, Joe Clark, William Davis and others. If one goes into the history of this question we find that neither René Lévesque, nor Claude Ryan, or others are for separation or an independent nation of Quebec. It is extremely fraudulent for the PQ to describe itself as a "separatist" party when at the same time it does not have the courage and conviction to call for a referendum in which Quebec is declared a separate nation. Why does the PQ not declare Quebec a separate nation? An independent nation? While René Lévesque does not even have the courage to call for separation in the referendum, he tries to foment every kind of national- and social-chauvinism, in exactly the same manner as the likes of Trudeau, Joe Clark, William Davis and others have been doing for a long time. Whenever the people of Quebec and the workers across Canada make an advance against the rich of this country, the rich form this question — it is sometimes described as "bilingualism and biculturalism" or as the question of separatism and the independent movement in Canada. As far as the point of view of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada is concerned, the nation of Quebec can never win genuine social and national liberation if the workers of Quebec do not take up the cause of overthrowing all the rich, both in Quebec as well as in the rest of the country. The working class is an internationalist class. Its mission is not to replace one exploiting system by another. Its mission is to eliminate all exploiting systems.

In Quebec today, as in the past, it has been the rich, both of Anglo-Canadian origin, as well as of Quebec origin, as well as of U.S. imperialist origin, who are the cause of the problems here. It is they who foment this social-chauvinism, it is they who are behind all these ill-begotten schemes of René Lévesque, Claude Ryan and others. In the 1973 election, Rockefeller, a billionaire, a bloodsucker of not only the people of the United States, Canada and Quebec, but also of the peoples of the world, was the greatest spokesman for René Lévesque. What kind of independence is René Lévesque going to have with David Rockefeller as his sponsor? The fact is that in terms of this referendum, René Lévesque never talks about economic independence. He never says that we in Quebec should eliminate the

bloodsuckers, whether they are of Anglo-Canadian origin, or of Quebec origin, or of U.S. imperialist origin. Instead, he prides himself for saying that Quebec will remain in the economic system of Canada. What is the economic system of Canada? It is a system of exploitation. It is this economic system which is the cause of the national oppression of the nation of Quebec. By keeping this system of exploitation, one cannot talk about any kind of independence.

The Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada is not a separatist party. But at the same time, the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada is not a chauvinist party. This means that if the people of Quebec want to separate, if they want to have an independent state, they have every right to have it. They have not only the right to have it, but the people of the rest of the country have no ill-feelings towards this decision. If the people of Quebec want to separate, then our Party would not oppose separation. At the same time, if any force in Canada, whether Trudeau, Joe Clark, William Davis, or Peter Lougheed in Alberta or anyone else, tries to keep Quebec in Canada by force of arms, we will be in the forefront of opposing such an armed occupation and armed suppression of the nation of Quebec, as was the case in 1970 when we were in the forefront of opposing the War Measures Act, as well as the occupation of Quebec by the Canadian Armed Forces.

The right to self-determination and separation, the right to an independent state, is an inviolable right. It is a right which belongs to the people of that nation. It is not up to the people of any other country to decide. When various reactionaries in Canada suggest that we should have a referendum on a Canada-wide scale to decide the destiny of Quebec, we say to them that the people outside of Quebec have nothing to say about this matter.

Historically, in 1867, as well as before, this current federal state was imposed on the nation of Quebec by force of arms. The people of Quebec were never consulted on this question. The people of Quebec were presented with a fait accompli. And this arbitrary suppression of the nation of Quebec has carried on since 1867. There has not been a single nationalist movement in Quebec which has challenged the very foundation of the British North America Act, which has changed the very foundation of the capitalist system, and all these nationalist movements — the latest of which is being run by René Lévesque — use the just aspiration of the people of Quebec for self-determination, to eliminate oppression and exploitation, for the purposes of dividing the working class in Canada, for the purposes of inciting animosities based on cultural and social values. They want to keep this question boiling. Ours is the only Party which stands against the British North America Act. We call for the proclamation of a new constitution in Canada in which the right of the Quebec people to self-determination and separation is guaranteed as an inviolable right.

As I said before, our Party is not a separatist party. For a Marxist-Leninist Party to tell the workers of Quebec, to tell the workers in the rest of the country, that the declaration of an independent state of Quebec would eliminate exploitation, would be deception and opportunism of the first order. It would be treachery and betrayal. In Quebec, as well as in the rest of the country, the system is the monopoly capitalist system. It is this monopoly capitalist system which is the cause of exploitation and oppression in Quebec as well as in the rest of the country. It is the working class which is the revolutionary class, which can eliminate both the national oppression as well as social oppression. This is why we, as the political representatives of the proletariat in Canada, which includes Quebec, call for social liberation as the most important immediate task,

and within this, we, as the class which has no reason to exploit the nation of Quebec, which has no reason to keep the nation of Quebec in subjugation, fully guarantee, that if the nation of Quebec wants to separate, wants to exercise its right to self-determination, then it can do so. It must be constitutionally as well as otherwise guaranteed. But René Lévesque's "separation" is no separation at all. The propaganda of the PQ is a fraudulent, imperialist and reactionary propaganda.

René Lévesque talks a lot about French traditions, about Quebec traditions. If you ask René Lévesque which French traditions he is talking about, you will find that he is talking about the traditions of the French imperialists and French colonizers. He is not talking about the traditions of the working class of France. He is not talking about those traditions which made France a most revolutionary nation. He is not talking about the revolutionary fighting traditions of the working class and people which have stood in the forefront of progressive humanity for several hundred years. He is talking about the traditions of the feudalists of France — of those who ruled in France before the bourgeois democratic revolution took place in 1789, and the culture which he is talking about in Quebec is the culture of these feudalists in Quebec — the representatives of the Ancien Régime — who even stood against the French Revolution in 1789.

With such a fanatic commitment to backward ideas, with such a fanatic commitment to the backward march of history, to reaction, René Lévesque cannot fight for the real liberation of the nation of Quebec. He cannot fight for real separation, in the sense of fighting for the elimination of exploitation of the nation of Quebec. Only the workers of the true revolutionary traditions of the people of France. Not only do they represent the true revolutionary traditions of the people of France, they also represent the revolutionary traditions of the workers from over 45 different nations which are represented in Canada today, including Britain, Ireland, Italy, etc., as well as various countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is this rich heritage of the people in Canada which holds a brilliant and glorious future for Canada and which represents an end to exploitation and to the national oppression of the nation of Quebec.

We Marxist-Leninists stand for the genuine elimination of exploitation in Quebec, as well as in the rest of the country, so we call on the Quebec workers to take up the task of overthrowing the monopoly capitalist system in Canada. They should Make the Rich Pay! They should not allow themselves to be diverted by these phony fights which the rich of this country are organizing.

Newfoundland, a debate is being organized as to whether the resources in Newfoundland should belong to the people of Newfoundland or to somebody else. In Alberta, talk is being raised about the "nation of Alberta" — according to this, if Quebec separates, the "nation of Alberta" will also separate. The point is that even if the resources in Newfoundland were under the jurisdiction of that province, they would still be controlled by one set of monopoly capitalists instead of another, and not by the people. It is a fact that already the rich in Newfoundland transfer the jurisdiction they have over the province to the U.S. monopoly capitalists. The same is the case in Quebec which is indebted to the tune of billions of dollars in order to provide cheap hydro-electricity to the U.S. imperialists and the same situation exists in Alberta and elsewhere. For instance, they are talking about the "nation of Alberta", but there is no such thing as the "nation of Alberta". It is a bunch of traitors in Alberta who have sold out the resources which belong to Canada to the foreign, mainly U.S., imperialists, who are raising these diversionary issues.

All these regional conflicts which the rich are generating are conflicts instigated by the imperialists to line up the people behind one section of the rich or another. Paul Desmarais in Quebec is no less an imperialist outside of Quebec than is Conrad Black, or McLaughlin or others — they are all part of that handful of monopoly capitalists who try to use the specific conditions within various regions as well as the question of the nation of Quebec to foment these kinds of conflicts in order to mobilize the workers behind one set of exploiters against another set of exploiters. Certain trade unionists in Quebec are saying that independence should be realized before social liberation can be attained. These trade unionists who advocate this have let their senses go astray, because for the workers, there can never be such a thing as independence first and social liberation later on. Every worker knows that if he remains enslaved to the system of wage-slavery, if he remains enslaved to the capitalist exploiters, it makes no difference whether it is the fleur de lis or the maple leaf or the stars and stripes, or whether the exploitation is carried out in the English language or the French language or some other language. The workers in Quebec know that their real cultural and social traditions cannot flourish so long as the exploitation of the workers is not eliminated in either Quebec or the rest of the country.

The Marxist-Leninist Party is the only party which stands against all the national- and social-chauvinist conflicts. Ours is the only party which squarely puts the question to the masses of the people: should the workers of Canada unite to Make the Rich Pay! or should the workers of Canada be divided according to the various sections of the rich and take up the cause of the rich and slaughter one another? The rich of this country are in fact organizing this kind of slaughter and René Lévesque is part of this slaughter. We firmly denounce René Lévesque, just as we denounce Claude Ryan and William Davis, Trudeau, Joe Clark, Blakeney of Saskatchewan, Peter Lougheed of Alberta, William Bennett of British Columbia and others who are creating this national- and social-chauvinist atmosphere. They want to plunge Canada into a reactionary civil war in which the workers fight with one another while at the same time, the rich of this country go scot-free. The should unite as one, as real brothers and sisters who have one cause, and that is the cause of building a new Canada, a Canada which guarantees genuine freedom and independence for the people of Quebec, as well as provides genuine prosperity to those regions which are oppressed at this time, as well as restores the hereditary rights of the Native people, and makes it possible for the Native people to live in their traditional ways, as well as eliminates any kind of social discrimination based on religion or ideology — whether it is the discrimination against women, or the discrimination against the people of various national origins. Only a new Canada can provide a glorious future for everyone.

The second question which Comrade Bains took up in his speech was the question of the war, on which the rich are united as one. Illustrating how the stands of all the political parties of the rich are the same on this question, Comrade Bains denounced their attempt to line up the people behind the U.S. imperialists in their rivalry against the Soviet social-imperialists, by portraying the U.S. imperialists as a peace-loving nation — a nation which fights for "human rights", etc. Comrade Bains pointed out that the shamelessness and disgraceful activities of the Canadian government and the political parties of the rich are such that they tell outright lies about U.S. imperialism. Giving the examples of how all the politicians of the rich stood behind U.S. imperialism on the matter of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Comrade Bains also gave the example of René Lévesque. He pointed out:

"René Lévesque, who shamelessly speaks in the name of the people of Quebec, has never even issued a statement on such a vital question. Does René Lévesque agree with Joe Clark's statement that Canada has 'vital interests' in the Persian Gulf region? Where does René Lévesque stand? If René Lévesque was a genuine patriot of Quebec, he would have reflected

See page 4: SPEECH BY COMRADE BAINS

EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECH DELIVERED BY COMRADE BAINS IN EDMONTON ON FEBRUARY 10th, 1980

Comrades and friends,

At the beginning of the election, our Party pointed out that it does not matter how many elections the government organizes, our activities remain basically the same. Elections or no elections, we organize to overthrow the present social system. Our Party has advanced the slogan **The Only Solution to the Crisis — Make the Rich Pay!** This slogan has become very well known across Canada. The first part of the slogan, however, is usually forgotten, that the **only solution to the crisis** is to make the rich pay. The issue is not whether it is our Party or some other party which is presenting this as the solution. The issue is that this is the **only solution**. The political parties of the rich — the Liberals, the Progressive Conservatives, the NDP and others — are presenting other solutions and you will find after the election that it does not matter who forms the government and it does not matter which solutions they are flaunting, these solutions will not be real solutions and they will not sort out the problems.

For example, the economic crisis in Canada cannot be sorted out by having either the merchant marine that the NDP is proposing or by building the industrial base in Canada or through the various other theories which they are presenting such as attaining so-called "self-sufficiency" on the front of energy. None of these will solve any of the problems facing Canada, because the questions of unemployment, inflation and other aspects of the economic crisis, as well as of the other crises, have nothing whatsoever to do with whether there is a merchant marine or whether there is an industrial base in Canada, etc. Unemployment exists because of the monopoly capitalist system. That is, the domination of finance capital in all sectors of the economy. Finance capital dominates in such a manner that it does not participate in any productive cycle. Finance capital merely there to collect interest, to participate in speculation of all kinds, in the form of stock market deals, as well as engaging in financial and monetary manipulations itself. Finance capital, as everyone knows, is the most parasitic capital in the society at this time.

Wherever finance capital has gone it has brought destruction. For instance, during the past two decades, the big monopolies have merged in agriculture. At the same time, the number of small farmers has declined by about 50 percent. In 1961, the farm population in Canada was more than 2.1 million, but by 1976, it had declined to only 1.1 million. In Prince Edward Island the actual number of small farmers eliminated during the last 10-11 years is 70 percent. On the one hand there is the rise of big monopolies, and, on the other hand, the destruction of small farming. In Canada, there are all sorts of myths which the bourgeoisie likes to promote and one of the myths is that Canada is self-sufficient in food. They even go so far as to say that Canada can feed other peoples because Canada produces wheat and various other cereals which are exported. However, it is the case that Canada is self-sufficient in food. If cereal grains were removed from the picture altogether, then Canada actually is a net importer of food. And these food imports are not merely restricted to tropical fruits and other foods which cannot be produced in Canada — they include large numbers of foods which can be produced in the country.

A similar situation exists in manufacturing. Wherever finance capital has been invested it has given rise to the highest level of monopolization. One of the manufacturing sectors is textiles. Over the last 10-11 years, over 50-60 percent of textile production has actually been moved from Canada and taken to other countries by the multi-nationals operating in this sector. Not only this, but this sector operates on the basis of very old means of production. Many other examples can be given to show that finance capital actually flourishes by destroying various sectors of the economy. The rich do propaganda that they want to hand over money to various capitalists for the purposes of "creating jobs". In the 1978-79 budget of the federal government, some \$5.1 billion was handed over to the monopoly capitalists in the form of "incentive" grants, "research and development", and in other forms, all with the expressed purpose of "creating jobs". This amounted to over 11 percent of total budgetary expenditures, one of the largest categories of government spending. During this period, the number of unemployed actually increased. Over the past 10 years, all the money which has been handed over to "create jobs" has actually had the opposite effect, because the money which is given out is not for the purposes of providing jobs but for the purposes of maximizing profits for the monopoly capitalists in the country.

Throughout the election campaign, not once have any of the parties of the rich talked about the question of monopoly, except to a small extent in relation to the interest rates we raised.

One of the things the rich have promised to do. Not a single measure has been proposed however to curtail the activities of finance capital. The situation has gone so far that the federal government alone pays billions of dollars every year to service the debt which it owes. One of the biggest allotments of government expenditure in the budget is the money earmarked to service the debt of the federal government. The federal budget in 1978-79, for example, was \$48.6 billion, of which \$6.5 billion (nearly 17 percent of expenditures) was earmarked for payment of interest to finance capital. Who are these people to whom the interest is paid? These are the banks in Canada, the banks abroad, as well as the Bank of Canada itself. This is the various financial institutions

in Canada, as well as those in other countries which fleece the government, and it is to them that this huge amount of money, in interest payments is given. They talk about deficit budgets and the necessity to eliminate the deficit in the budget. Broadbent made the best statement on this question, he said that it does not matter which government — whether Liberal, Progressive Conservative or NDP — comes into power, no government can eliminate the deficit in the budget.

However, if the Marxist-Leninists form the government they will eliminate the budget deficit within a month because the way to eliminate the budget deficit is to expropriate monopoly capital without compensation and there is no question of paying them these interest rates or even of honouring the debt itself.

What is necessary for Canada is to expropriate monopoly capital, finance capital. Finance capital is the most ruthless form of capital which ever existed. In the *Merchant of Venice*, Shakespeare writes about Shylock the moneylender and the pound of flesh. Today, the entire nation is bound hand and foot by the handful of financial institutions which demand a pound of flesh every day. Usury which was one of the evils of the feudal system is now the main form through which the exploitation in Canada and all the capitalist-revisionist countries takes place. Capital itself is presented as a commodity which can be bought with so much interest on it so that a person can carry on some activities with this finance capital. Canada's national and international debt total about \$125 billion. If all these people to whom the debt is owed demand that Canada make good that debt with gold or hard currency, Canada would be bankrupted in financial terms.

A few years ago the *Toronto Star*, addressing itself to the problems of the economic system, wrote that if we stop doing what we are doing then we will be slaughtered. The implication of the *Star* was that we simply cannot stop going in this direction of disaster. In Canada at this time, all the theories about the economy which are being advanced here will increase the crisis — they will not eliminate the crisis. For example, when Broadbent talks about processing raw materials in Canada, he is perpetrating a fraud. If raw materials are processed in Canada, there has to be a need for the processed materials in Canada and outside. Broadbent never elaborates what he is going to process in Canada, and in which economic sector this processed material will be used, how this economic sector will be opened, or what kind of processed material is needed abroad, what kind of processed material is demanded by foreign countries!

The fact is that Broadbent is not even a good salesman in the capitalist sense. In the international arena, for instance, there is a market for raw materials. When Canada approaches the international market to sell raw materials, there are buyers for the raw materials. Broadbent will simply go there, say that because he is such a Canadian patriot, he does not want to sell raw materials, he wants to sell the processed materials. These buyers of raw materials will simply go somewhere else. These buyers will not simply sit down and say: "All right, because Broadbent says this, now we will wait for the processed materials to come."

What Broadbent refuses to recognize, with his gibber about raw materials vs. processed materials, is that it is because of the all-sided U.S. imperialist domination of Canada, and specifically because of the enormous debt owed to the U.S. finance capitalists, that the plunder of the resources is on such a massive scale. The fact is that almost every year Canada records a surplus in merchandise trade. But every year, the country nevertheless records a deficit in the balance of payments. The reason for this is that even the billion-dollar surpluses in merchandise trade cannot make up for the billions of dollars flowing out of the country in interest and dividends on the foreign finance capital invested in Canada. Every year, the government is required to go deeper into debt to compensate for this balance of payments deficit, thus compounding the problem. Broadbent, of course has no solution to the problem, because like Clark and Trudeau, he too is an advocate of still more foreign finance capital flowing into Canada as a means of "creating jobs", etc. Lately he has even taken to "demanding" that Chrysler and other U.S. monopolies invest more in Canada!

Broadbent does not address himself either to the fact that at present Canada is forced to depend on imports from the United States for the machinery to produce the instruments of production, and that for the Canadian economy to be developed on a truly self-reliant basis, Canada would have to stop importing these machines from the U.S. and develop its own heavy machinery base. The same is true in terms of food products and in terms of manufacturing.

Of course, when this issue is raised — that we should stop importing all these things into Canada, then they turn around and say: "You must be kidding! The United States of America would never agree with this." And when we say that these people are the pimps and prostitutes of the bourgeoisie, they try to divert the issue by saying that we are just being abusive. But this is not abuse; it is an actual fact that these people who on one hand present themselves as "nationalists", as people who are interested in Canada's independence, when the real measures are proposed, say that this cannot be done because the U.S. imperialists would simply "invade" Canada. They raise all kinds of fear psychosis that we are only 23 million people and we will not be able to stop the onslaught of the U.S. imperialists into Canada. First of all, the issue is not whether the United States will come into Canada because the

United States of America is already here. It is not only here, but it also has its willing lackeys such as the Canadian ambassador in Tehran, as well as the Joe Clarks, the Flora MacDonalds, the Trudeaus, Broadbents and others who carry the dirty work for the United States of America.

The second issue is that whichever governments have ever come into being — whether Liberal, Progressive Conservative, or even the New Democratic Party on a provincial level, they have all brought U.S. finance capital into Canada. They are the ones who are responsible for the balance of payments deficit, for they advance the theory that without American investment there cannot be any development in Canada. There are two theories which are generally promoted through the official circles, 1) that Canada needs foreign investments, especially U.S. imperialist finance capital; 2) that Canada does not have technical know-how and for this reason has to bring into Canada technical know-how, heavy industry, and so on and so forth. If one goes into all their theories, one finds that these people — the Liberals, the Progressive Conservatives, and the NDPers — are actually the agents of foreign finance capital and Canadian finance capital and they try to fool the masses of the people by saying that there are some measures which could solve the problem, but the measures they propose are for the purposes of enriching the same people who are the cause of the problem.

For instance, the example of Chrysler is being discussed, because, as everybody knows, Broadbent promised to give three hundred million dollars to Chrysler so that Chrysler does not lose money. The same kinds of measures are proposed on other fronts, such as the example of the forest monopolies, but let us take the example of Chrysler. Why should the NDP worry about Chrysler? The thesis is promoted that if Chrysler folds, the workers will lose their jobs. But if Chrysler folds, it is not the workers who will lose their jobs, it's the American investors who will lose their investments. Because, when they say Chrysler is having problems, they never point out to the people that Chrysler is having problems because the rate of profit for Chrysler is low, so that the investors are taking their money away and putting it into other sectors. Why is it that all of a sudden Chrysler is having this problem of losing money, incurring deficits, etc.? Furthermore, the directors of Chrysler, those people who are running Chrysler, are also the ones who are on the boards of directors of the most powerful financial institutions in the U.S., such as the Chase Manhattan Bank and others. If the U.S. Chrysler capitalists and the capitalists who control the big banks are one and the same, then why can't these big banks simply bail out Chrysler? Why are they asking the taxpayers to bail out Chrysler? And why should the workers' pension funds be used to bail out Chrysler? Furthermore, Chrysler is privately owned — even though it has public shares, the controlling interest is held by a few people. As a result, when millions of dollars are given to Chrysler, this is simply handing over millions of dollars to the people who are actually the cause of the problem in the society! Giving out these millions of dollars to Chrysler will mean that the budget deficit will further increase, inflation will be exacerbated, and as far as Chrysler is concerned, it will implement its programme to "rationalize" production. It will simply use the money it will receive from the U.S. government and from the Canadian government and from the workers' funds to "rationalize" and, within a short period of time, large numbers of workers will lose their jobs. This fraud is perpetrated that Chrysler is having problems for some mystical reasons and that we should bail out Chrysler. This is the "solution" for unemployment put forward by people like Broadbent and others and they are running around carrying out this propaganda on a large scale.

An example of another field where large amounts of fraudulent propaganda were carried out is the crisis in the health sector. When it became impossible for ordinary workers and ordinary people to have any kind of health care on a private basis the rich started this propaganda of having the health insurance schemes. In the health insurance schemes, it is the governments which set the premiums — how much everyone should pay — and it appears as if the people are paying less and getting better services. However, the premiums are increasing. The central issue is that when the health sector was in serious crisis and it was becoming obvious that the rich are so barbaric that they will even turn dying patients away from the doors of the hospitals, then they introduced these health care schemes.

Who are the people in the health sector who are the decisive element? It is those who control the pharmaceutical companies, the ones who control all the instruments which are used in the hospitals. These are all the monopolies in the health sector. So all these monopolies in the health sector are given a guaranteed income through these insurance schemes. The pharmaceutical companies, like the oil barons and others, have made fabulous profits. At the same time, health care for the workers and broad masses of the people is deteriorating, and hospitals are closing down, beds are being cut back, because it is expensive to run these hospitals. Even at the height of their health insurance fraud when there was big talk about health insurance being a so-called "socialist" measure, neither the drug houses nor the companies engaged in supplying hospital equipment, etc. were ever touched. Today, also, when they have started shutting down the hospitals, they leave these monopolies intact. A time will come when it will be

impossible for the people to even pay the premiums and this will be the final collapse of the health sector. They usually blame the ordinary people for demanding "too many health services" and for "abusing the system" and for "feigning illness", etc. but if one looks at the facts of life — the number of times people go to the doctors and the number of the diseases which actually get cured, the situation is really scandalous. Statistics show that the number of people cured and the amount of money paid is becoming more and more a national scandal as less and less people are being cured while the profits of the monopolies in the health sector are soaring. Even those diseases which were eliminated at one time through concerted international action are coming back, such as tuberculosis. This means that the health sector does not operate in the interests of the people to improve their health, but so as to maintain the profits of the monopolies intact.

The same is the case on other fronts as well. An example is the British steel industry, which has been "nationalized" and "denationalized" three times. Every time the steel industry is what they call "ailing", the state takes it over and makes it profitable, and usually the "Labour" Party is voted in to buy this steel sector at exorbitant prices. They use the taxpayers' money to make it a going concern and then the "Labour" Party is defeated, the Conservatives are brought in, and, lo and behold, they sell the steel sector at a low price to the capitalists. All across Canada these acts of deals go on all the time, whereby the entire risk-taking is done by the state, while the profits are expropriated by the individual corporations. So all the propaganda carried out by Broadbent and others about the virtues of the "state" sector is a fraud — the state sector is a sector in the service of monopoly capital. The state manages those sectors which are impossible for the individual capitalists to take up — such as in the health sector, where it was absolutely necessary that they have insurance as a guarantee for the drug houses and other private monopolies involved in that sector.

All the measures which the politicians of the rich are proposing are not measures to deal with the crisis. They are measures to enrich the monopoly capitalists and it will be proven that every single measure they take will have this result. What is happening in Canada at this time is that the crises are becoming increasingly frequent and their duration is extending. The latest crisis set in in July 1974, and has now gone on for six years without any change or recovery whatsoever. The length of time of the recovery period between crises is also decreasing and recovery periods are also less frequent. The workers and broad masses of the people should think about this matter, that the issue is not of today's or tomorrow's policies. The issue is that the crises will become more and more severe and more frequent, while the recovery will be less frequent, and none of the governments of the rich can change the situation. The only solution to the crisis — the only way the situation can be changed — is if the rich are made to pay. They must be expropriated without compensation, and this will change the situation.

When the Marxist-Leninist Party talks about making the rich pay, such as when we say that the banks must be taken over, the defenders of the status quo say this means we will take over everyone's savings. The Party's Programme is to take over the banks — not everyone's savings. The banks must be taken over to make sure that they are in the service of the people, and that the individual savings of the people will remain intact. It is nothing but the expropriation of an individual's savings. The same thing is the case in terms of making a distinction between private property and individual property. We are against property which is used for exploitation, but not individual property which is for personal use. Our Party is participating in the elections to call upon the workers and the broad masses of the people to give up all the illusions which the capitalist political parties are creating — that the problems can be sorted out by making the people pay — and we call upon them to take up the only solution to the crisis which is to **Make the Rich Pay!**

The capitalists cannot give a scientific argument in refutation of our Programme. They cannot in a serious manner say that the measures which we are proposing will not work and will not get Canada out of the crisis. This shows that they have an ulterior motive. Their ulterior motive is to keep the crisis — they do not have any interest in eliminating the crisis. They try to tell the masses of the people fairy tales such as: "Nothing can be done." "This is the way things happened in the past, this is how they will have to be in the future as well."

The Programme which we are presenting is so serious, scientific, as well thought out, that nobody has yet written an article to refute it, not in Canada, and the fact remains that the situation in Canada will never change unless the measures which we are proposing are implemented.

What is the conclusion from this? All the political parties of the rich are saying that they are interested in solutions. At the same time they are rejecting the only solution, that is to **Make the Rich Pay!** This means that they have an ulterior motive to keep things the way they are. For this reason, these political parties of the rich do not deserve any support even in electoral terms. There is propaganda carried out that to vote for the Marxist-Leninists is a waste because they will not form the government. It is a laughable situation that these same people who say that to vote Marxist-Leninist is a waste advocate voting for the Liberals, PCs or NDP, even if the situation will not change, and they call this a useful vote. How is it a useful vote to elect one's own exploiters, one's own enemies? How is the issue that because they are going to get elected, that's why it is a useful vote? This is a ridiculous situation. Only a vote for the Marxist-Leninists is a useful vote. This will put a lot of pressure on the rich and even this can force some structural reform which is advantageous to the people.

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THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS -- MAKE THE RICH PAY!

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the patriotic traditions of the people of Quebec who refused to be mobilized as cannon fodder for the Anglo-American imperialists at the time of the First World War, and who carried a vigorous campaign against conscription during the Second World War, and refused to side with these imperialist powers. René Lévesque never remembers the patriotic traditions of the people of Quebec. He only remembers the reactionaries and traitors, fascists who never for a minute hesitated to slaughter their own people, such as Duplessis. Duplessis never stood for liberty, whether for the liberty of people of other countries or the liberty of the people of Quebec. Under his regime, the Marxist-Leninists and the progressive workers were persecuted. He instituted the Padlock Law, and draconian laws were enforced against the democratic and progressive forces. Duplessis is one of the mentors of René Lévesque who has put him forward as the hero of Quebec. Genuine patriots never hurt the interests of their people in any way. They do not slaughter the people of their own country and when the people of that country are in danger from foreign powers, the genuine patriots are the first on the scene to warn the people of their country to remain vigilant against the threat which exists from the U.S. imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists. However, René Lévesque never issued a statement on this question of such vital importance for the cause of freedom and independence, and for the lives and liberties of the people of Quebec, the people of Canada and peoples of all countries.

Comrade Bains also elaborated on the stand of the so-called "Workers' Communist Party" which claims to present the "workers' alternative" and which is calling on the people to oppose only Soviet social-imperialism and to demand that the Canadian government strengthen its presence in NATO and NORAD and arm itself to go to war. Comrade Bains pointed out that the central issue is that anyone who supports the aggressions by one imperialist power or another imperialist power is a traitor to the country and one day will be tried for war crimes against the people. Comrade Bains also denounced the stand of the so-called "Communist" Party of William Kashtan which is brazenly running around telling people that they can not denounce the Soviet social-imperialist aggression against Afghanistan because according to them no aggression took place. Comrade Bains pointed out: "Is it not a fact that Soviet social-imperialist forces have occupied Afghanistan? For them it is not important that the Soviet social-imperialists do not stand for freedom and liberty but for enslavement and that they actually claim that no aggression has taken place against Afghanistan." Comrade Bains pointed out that the only force which opposes the two imperialist blocs is the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada, and that for this reason, the rich and their news media have either been silent or distorted the position of the Marxist-Leninist Party on this important question. Comrade Bains pointed out that this shows that the Canadian government and the reactionary political parties do not want to have a force which opposes all imperialist superpowers.

"The question of war," Comrade Bains pointed out, "has to be looked at from the point of view of who is the source of this war and how this war can be ended. The greatest source of the new world

war are the U.S. imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists as well as the Chinese social-imperialists and others, such as the French, the British, the German, the Japanese, including all the members of NATO, NORAD and other military alliances. They are the ones who are the source of a new world war, so our opposition to the war has to be opposition to these imperialists and social-imperialists. The Canadian people must demand that Canada does not participate in war preparations on the side of U.S. imperialism or Soviet social-imperialism; that Canada should withdraw from NATO and NORAD and that the Canadian people should not support any imperialist or social-imperialist blocs.

"The theory is being advanced here that Soviet social-imperialism is the greatest and main enemy of the peoples of the world and we should oppose it. It is very convenient for the Canadian reactionaries and for the U.S. imperialists to float this theory. Soviet social-imperialism is the enemy of the people of the world, as is U.S. imperialism and other imperialist powers. But as far as the Canadian people are concerned, their internal enemy is U.S. imperialism together with the Canadian reactionaries, and the struggle of the working people of this country, the struggle of the broad masses of the people of Canada, is against the rich of Canada and the rich of the United States and other countries. How can the workers and the broad masses of the people in Canada really believe that U.S. imperialism is not part of the main internal enemy of the Canadian people? U.S. imperialism owns 80 percent of the key sectors of the economy. U.S. imperialism controls the entire defence apparatus. U.S. imperialism exercises pressure on the government, as well as controls the educational and other sectors of the economy in Canada. To suggest that Soviet social-imperialism is the main internal enemy of the Canadian people is farcical because Soviet social-imperialism is not in Canada as the enemy of the Canadian people. It is an external main enemy of the Canadian people alongside U.S. imperialism. But U.S. imperialism, besides being an external enemy of the Canadian people is also an internal enemy of the Canadian people.

"When the propaganda is carried out that Soviet social-imperialism is the main enemy of the Canadian people, it is very convenient for the Soviet social-imperialists to put up the colours of being Marxist-Leninists and fly their flags around, as it is for these people who do not say that U.S. imperialism is also part of the main enemy, internal and external. This shows that they are imperialist agents. This is the way the Soviet social-imperialists argue on the question. When chieftain Carter issued his "State of the Union" message on January 23, he deliberately issued his statement to contain communism. He said he would do everything to control communism on the world scene, and deliberately included the Soviet social-imperialist state as a communist state. It is very convenient for Jimmy Carter to come out and say that the U.S. imperialists are opposed to communism. With this he kills two birds with one stone: 1) he opposes his rival — Soviet social-imperialism, 2) at the same time, he opposes all the communists in the world — the genuine communists, the Marxist-Leninists. His opposition is opposition to his imperialist rival, as well as opposition

to the Marxist-Leninist forces.

"The American imperialists carry their propaganda about how certain of these so-called 'Marxist-Leninists' — the Chinese and others — are on the side of U.S. imperialism, and are crusaders against communism, and it is convenient for the Soviet social-imperialists to put themselves forward as being communists because all the imperialist countries and all the reactionary propagandists call them communists. It is very important for us to unmask this reactionary propaganda, and show that these people are not communists, are not Marxist-Leninists, that they are in fact the agents of one bloc or another of imperialist nations. The Canadian workers should oppose all the imperialist countries, including the Canadian imperialists who are also advocating war, participating in war preparations and want to embroil Canada in war."

In this respect, Comrade Bains pointed out, the workers of Canada and the broad masses must be very vigilant as to what the Canadian government is up to. Giving the example of the disgraceful activities of the Canadian embassy in Tehran, in which the ambassador with the blessing of the government forged the passports of six Americans, as well as exit papers, Comrade Bains pointed out that if any ordinary person participated in such activity he would be dragged before the courts and jailed for many years but the Canadian government gives itself the right to commit any kind of illegal act such as it did at the beginning of the 1970s in Quebec.

"This kind of illegal activity," Comrade Bains pointed out, "is carried out for purposes of preparing for war and to train the people not to worry too much as to whether these legalities are adhered to by the government and its agents, or not. As far as legalities are concerned, they are for the people and not for the Canadian government functionaries, or for the members of the RCMP and others. The opposition to the war can only be carried out if we carry out vigorous struggle against U.S. imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism and the Canadian government itself, and call upon the Canadian people to build a new future for themselves — a future without war, a future without fascism, a future without the social system of monopoly capitalism in Canada."

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against the ordinary people, while the rich can violate these legalities whenever it suits them to do so. PCDN calls on the workers and the broad masses of the people to take a militant stand against the fascist activities of the rich and their police forces against the Marxist-Leninists. The rich want the people to accept this state of affairs — the arbitrariness and high-handedness of the rich, all carried out in the name of "freedom", "democracy", etc. — so that the people become indifferent to the crimes committed by the rich on the national and world scale. The people must not allow this to take place and must vigorously stay the ugly hand of reaction and take whatever action is necessary to show the rich that they cannot carry on in any way they please.

In conclusion, Comrade Bains pointed out:

"Part of the bourgeois ideology in Canada is to propagate spinelessness, the psychology of fatalism and despair, and to say that there are no possibilities whatsoever for any kind of serious change in Canada. As far as our Party is concerned, we are opposed to any such mentality, any such hysteria of despair being generated in Canada. The U.S. imperialists can be defeated — they have not won a single war since the Second World War: they had to sign an Armistice in Korea; they had to actually run from Indochina. There has not been a country in the world where the U.S. imperialists have had an easy time of it. The real strength lies in the people of the countries of the world. The rich raise various issues to promote this spinelessness and defeatism such as how can the people of Afghanistan possibly liberate themselves? We say that if the people of Afghanistan look at the strength of the people of other countries and rely only on it and their own strength, they will win independence and freedom. The same is the case with Canada and the Canadian people.

"With these remarks, comrades and friends, the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada calls upon you not to waste your vote in this election by voting for any of the parties of the rich, because if any of these parties are voted in, it will be more of the same. They will continue to shift the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the people, as well as foment reactionary civil war, as well as drag Canada into an inter-imperialist war, as well as Only the Marxist-Leninist Party stands against the reactionary civil war in Canada as well as opposes Canada's participation in any inter-imperialist war. Only the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada and the Marxist-Leninist forces on the world scale fight for genuine peace and the cause of peace and genuine freedom on the world scale can only advance if we oppose all the imperialist powers, whether they be Russian, or American, or Chinese or others, as well as end the monopoly capitalist system in Canada.

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