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TRUDEAU'S "NEW SOCIETY" AN OLD CAPITALIST STORY

Leading the Canadian bourgeois State, Trudeau has tried for some time to convince the Canadian people that its "anti-inflation" measures constitute a master-piece of a new philosophy of life and even for a "new society" that all Canadians should build, believe it or not, "together".

"This regulation period, he says, will help us not only in limiting the growth of the inflation rate but it will also give us the necessary time to reform our economic institutions, our attitudes and our political trends". And where does this reform lead? Down the path of an increased intervention of the bourgeois State in the Canadian economy. For it is in the "mixed economy" that, according to him, lies the solution as it has "made possible the prosperity which we have enjoyed" (1).

But who enjoyed this prosperity in the past? And who will enjoy, in the future, the reforms that will reinforce the dictatorship of the bourgeois State?

Trudeau's "mixed economy", means the \$1.5 billion coming from the pockets of the Canadian working people in order to create Petro-Canada. And whether it serves American imperialism (as shown by the \$300 millions given on a silver plate to Syncrude, an oil consortium in Alberta) or be it for the benefit of the Canadian bourgeoisie as a spring-board to compete against American imperialism (as Maurice Strong, president of Petro-Canada would want it). Petro-Canada is a new and useful instrument of the bourgeois State. How? By undertaking the less profitable operations, namely the research and the oil exploration, which constitute the major priority of this new State corporation.

The Mixed economy, it's time and again subsidies and tax reductions for United Aircraft, Noranda Mines, C.N.-C.P., all companies renowned for their exploitation of their workers.

This "mixed economy" which Trudeau tells us to reinforce, (at our expense for sure) is nothing more than an increased boost from the bourgeois State to Canadian and American monopolies in order to help them get through the crisis by means of a greater exploitation of the Canadian proletariat.

That is why the adoption and application of the infamous Bill C-73 and all the repressive rules connected with it, are of capital importance to the "reformist" manager of the bourgeois dictatorship State. For, to allow the bourgeois State to intervene more in the economy, thus maintaining and increasing the profits of monopolies, it is a must to "re-distribute the revenues" of the society i.e. to take away from one place in order to give to another. That's why the bourgeois State freezes the wages of the working class and lowers the social expenses, on the one hand, and creates State enterprises and nationalizes passenger rail transportation, on the other, thus helping our "poor" exploiters who are in such a bad position.

Even if the most reactionnary people, feigning naïvety, are against Trudeau's project because it would lead us right towards... socialism(!), we can see very well that the latest major blows of the bourgeois State are just placing it more directly at the service of the large trusts, banks and all companies that get rich with the workers' labour.

TO OVERCOME THE CAPITALIST CRISIS



DOWN WITH CAPITALISM ITSELF!

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But where is this new society which Trudeau is urging us to build? This society that he is proposing would not only still be based on the dictatorial power of the bourgeoisie, but this power would even be reinforced by means of a greater interpenetration between monopolies and the bourgeois State.

No, such a society holds nothing new for the Canadian proletariat and for the masses. More than 40 years ago, Bennett, Canada's Prime Minister at the time, was also praising the intervention of the bourgeois State as a solution to the important economical crisis of the early thirties. So, we already have heard this song. And it is in vain that Trudeau will add his own verse (not very different from that of the N.D.P. social-democrats), for he will never succeed in making us sing this song along with him and his masters.

The new society we want to build is not a modified capitalist society, but a real socialist society, based upon the State of the dictatorship of the proletariat against the minority of Canadian and American exploiters and parasites. To build that society, we have to destroy the old one, capitalism itself.

1. La Presse 20/1/76

WORKERS' MOVEMENT IN SHORT

E.B. EDDY: an example of the canadian monopolists' voracity

The workers of E.B. Eddy company, a Weston subsidiary, have been on strike since last September, facing the biggest Canadian monopoly. Weston is one of the biggest international monopolies; this means that to its 278 companies established in Canada we must add 303 established in England, 183 in Australia, 168 in South-Africa etc. Weston declared \$180.7 millions of net profits in 1974!

Its voracity knows no limit in its attempt to pay as little as it can the working force of its employees in order to exploit them the most. So, since the beginning of the strike at E.B. Eddy, Weston didn't even accept to negotiate with the representatives of the 1,400 workers who are asking principally for a \$2.00 per hour wage hike and indexation. These demands will only recuperate the loss in their purchasing power since 1973, (more than \$1.25 per hour). The inflation rate in the Ottawa area is indeed one of the worst in Canada; more than 25% in the last years!

The situation is more difficult for the company now that it has run out of the accumulated stock piles before the strike; so it's now willing to negotiate. But the workers' resistance keeps on growing, since this situation shows them that they are the masters. Without their work there's no production!

The lies of the Weston monopoly

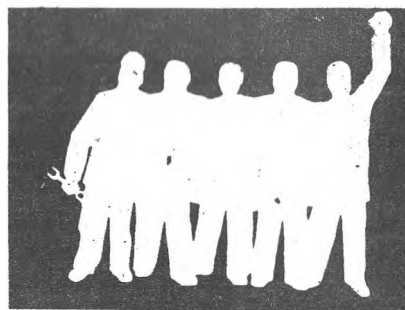
Here's an excerpt of a paper (1) concerning the struggle of E.B. Eddy's workers:

"For the last raise in the price of bread, Loblaw's said that it was due to the raise of the suppliers prices, but the supplier was WESTON and Loblaw's is its subsidiary; Weston said it was caused by the supplier of milk and flour but these products are supplied by Donland and West Cane Sugar, both Weston's subsidiaries; then Weston said it was because of the price of the flour but it was two other subsidiaries of Weston (McCarthy Mill and Soo Line) who provided the flour; in the end Weston said it was the cost of distribution but then again it was the National Grocers, another Weston's subsidiary, who made the distribution".

That's how monopolies shift over the masses the burden of the crisis and get wealthier at their expenses!

A 29.5 million gift from the bourgeois State

That's the price paid by the government to buy an old part of an E.B. Eddy factory containing a 50 year old machinery. That's where the bourgeois State puts the money, it extracts from the masses through income taxes and by the cuts in unemployment and family allowances. These funds serve directly to fatten the exploiters!



A PROVIDENTIAL FINE

The anti-inflation commission just imposed a \$125,000 fine to the Irving Pulp and Paper company of New-Brunswick, because it was still "defying" Trudeau's law, by conceding to the workers a 23.3% wage increase. With this judgment, Pepin's Commission wants first of all to intimidate the Canadian working class by ruling out all possibility of negotiating contracts above the Trudeau limits. This judgment shows the panic of the commission's bureaucrats in face of the working class' opposition to the bourgeoisie's crisis policies. The paper industry workers will not let themselves be tempered with such measures any more than the other contingents of the proletariat.

As a matter of fact, with this fine "compelling" the company to lower salaries, now much will Irving's monopoly be saving on the back of the workers, while wearing the face of the insulted virgin?

The Common Front's theme week, concerning the situation of the 125,000 women of the Front revealed to what extent these workers had to suffer from the crisis' effects.

Their salaries are still under those of the men; in many cases they have to be working at least an extra hour a day to get the same wages!

With regards to the working conditions, their situation is deteriorating day after day. In the last few years, the elementary school teachers, of which 92% are women, have had to accept a 20% work load increase without any 'break periods' during their working hours. In addition, they have to continuously go through recycling processes, learning new pedagogies methods. And all this without any monetary compensations.

The bourgeois State offers aggravates this situation, the wage gap is widening between men and women for equivalent jobs, maternity leaves are without pay, and the government has not even answered women demands to set up nurseries in working places. That is one way by which the bourgeoisie crisis measures attack women. After that and women's year, bourgeois politicians will speak proudly of their 'efforts' to assure equality of sexes.

editorial

SOCIALISM, A SYSTEM INFINITELY SUPERIOR TO CAPITALISM

Unemployment infects all capitalist society. In Canada, alone it is now reaching a record level since the Second World War. Inflation plunders our wages. It is well known now that butter is at least \$1. a pound, margarine as well. Even though our standard of living is dropping considerably, the Canadian monopolist bourgeoisie and American imperialism are worsening our situation by freezing our wages using the measures of their lackey, Trudeau. In France, Spain, Italy, the USA, Japan, the proletariat, dealing with similar measures, is standing up against this decadent and outmoded system which only succeeds in creating more and more unemployment. The Third-World refuses to bear the burden of the crisis imposed by the two super-powers. They are at the head of the world-wide revolutionary struggle. Everywhere in the world, revolution is the main tendency.

But why revolution? In order to establish the socialist system, the system which historically succeeds capitalism at it's last stage, imperialism. And in what way is that system superior to the last one? In the way that we are shown that socialist countries such as China, Albania, North Korea, and Vietnam experience neither unemployment nor inflation. They have put an end to starvation, the cause of death of millions of Chinese peasants under the yoke of imperialism and feudalism. They eliminate once and for all the glaring disparities that for instance, increase the gap between different revenues within capitalist societies, and, on a world wide scale, distribute goods in such a way as to favour the advanced countries, especially the two super-powers, the U.S.S.R. and the USA, at the expense of the Third-World.

It is in this way that recently the people of Laos acceded to independency and set out on the road to socialism, supported by Vietnam who sent them rice, while Thailand was trying to block the supplies from coming in. This is what a social-

ist system makes possible: barely finished with the horrors of an imperialist war which tried to destroy them, the socialists of Vietnam are able to help another country. The straightening of its economy has allowed this to happen since it is guided by the principles of socialist economics, which are based upon the rational planning for the people's needs, and not capitalist anarchy, the goal of which is the law of maximum-profit. Thus practice verifies the indisputable superiority of socialism and the state of the dictatorship of the proletariat over capitalism guided by a bourgeois state.

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How much longer will we stand for the Trudeau measures and all the other crisis measures of the Canadian monopolist bourgeoisie and American imperialism? The Canadian proletariat has begun to answer by a fierce resistance to the Trudeau plan. But it is not enough. To march resolutely towards socialism, we have to seize hold of Marxism-Leninism and work eagerly at the task of building the Proletarian Party, which will be the vanguard of the people during their struggle. "EN LUTTE" is setting up marxist workers cells to respond to the needs of the conscious workers on the importance of learning from the experience of the international workers' movement. This experience is in fact the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism. It is in this way which Marxism-Leninism is merged with the Workers Movement, a merger which breaks down the division, encouraged by the bourgeoisie, between intellectual work and manual work, between workers and intellectual revolutionaries, in fact between theory and practice.

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LONG LIVE TO THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!
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WHILE THE BOURGEOIS STATE PREPARES ITS "NEW SOCIETY" THE PROLETARIAT IS ACCENTUATING ITS RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

The State, as the defense of the "ultimate interests" of the Canadian bourgeoisie and its ally, American Imperialism, tries the best it can to portray itself as the savior of the challenged interests of Capital, threatened by the economic crisis to be sure, but some what more by its consequences: The increased rivalry between the Imperialist powers and the unprecedented development of the resistance of the proletariat. If today, Trudeau is advocating his concept of a "new society" it is with one single aim, to justify in a misleading phraseology the increasing intervention of the Capitalist state. Such an intervention aims particularly at shifting over to the proletariat the burden of the economic crisis, but also at repressing the protest movement which is rising everywhere across Canada against this offensive of the bourgeoisie.

In these pages, we plan to make known the sharpening of the resistance movement of the working class. We shall also look into some aspects of the tactics of the Capitalist state to impoverish the Canadian working class and to consolidate its instruments of division and repression against the people and the revolutionnary movement.

IN SPITE OF THE TRUDEAU'S MEASURES, CAPITALISTS CAN EXPECT THE WORST IN 76.

A complete army! More than 1.700.000 workers (almost one fifth of the whole Canadian working force) will be re-negotiating their collective agreement, this year. The chief sectors which are going to be assaulted, constitute the most strategic ones: railroads, construction, and car manufacturing. No wonder the bourgeoisie is scared! For neither the Law, nor the police, nor the courts of the bourgeoisie, nor the treat of the Capitalist state can stop the struggle for better salaries!

ONE GOAL: REPEAL BILL C-73.

This year again, the industrial proletariat will be in the front ranks of this resistance movement. Already, the 20.000 workers of the Pulp and Paper industry, on strike for the last five months, without any strike fund, but with muscles, full of hatred against these exploiters which offer them peanuts, have shown unshaken determination in bringing monopolies to their knees. In New Brunswick, the workers have snatched a 23.8% hike from the Irving Pulp and Paper for the first year of their contract! The result of this Canada wide conflict will exert great influence upon the up coming struggles, mainly amongst the Quebec Paper-Mill workers, due to strike in April.

During the year, three major conflicts will have crucial significance, as much because of their strategical position on the economic front, the number of workers affected and also for past combativeness and their determination to defy the Trudeau measures.

The conflict in the Railroad sector just beginning will once more take on Nation-wide dimensions, for more than 95.000 workers of many Canadian regions will be involved. While the eleven companies offer a ridiculous 9.5%, the Associated Railroad Unions, in their absolute determination to combat the Trudeau law, request more than 20% for the first year, this is only the equivalent of the average increase in the industrial sector for 1975. Many workers, with the experience of their lastest struggles will not field one inch of ground to their exploiters!

The construction industry will also suffer a big blow: more than half of the 700.000 workers of this sector across Canada are entering negotiations for a new contract with the capitalist entrepreneurs. These capitalists are already turning white with fear. That stands to reason! During the course of September, the Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, workers, were granted a 45% raise for an 18 month contract!

As only one hundred entrepreneurs employ more than 500 men while over 80.000 others employ 20 workers or less (this category falling outside of the scope of the Trudeau measures control board) already see themselves driven to the wall and obliged to accept this type of agreement. The measures will thus accelerate the concentration of enterprises in this sector; the capitalist state in Quebec having already gone one step in this direction by forcing them to join into a single employer's association.

Next September, another negotiation is going to add its weight to the resistance to the Trudeau measures. The 54,000 automobile workers are firmly determined to claim heavy wage increases from G.M., Ford and Chrysler. They will be that much more pressing since G.M. has just recently announced benefits of over one billion: that is an increase of 30% over 1975. The United Automobile workers are ready to launch this strike across the whole of the North American continent, in order to maintain the equality of salaries between the U.S.A. and Canada.

Other important sectors will be equally shaken. Around August, the 48,000 workers of the food industry will also claim wage increases well above those allowed by the Trudeau measures: This applies to the 16,000 workers of the rubber industry as well (including Firestone). The workers of Northern Electric and the 11,000 of the British Telephone, complete the alignment of the most British workers, forces.

Furthermore, other batallions shall intervene to sustain the resistance to the Trudeau measures. Already, one of the most important, that is the 180.000 workers of the Common Front of the Public Service of Quebec has started to skirmish with the bourgeois state. Their wage claims are in direct contradiction with the self financing policies which the bourgeois state wants to enforce by decree. The bourgeois politicians have also noticed, with irritation, that their ultimatum, has had no effect. This struggle could well have a mobilizing impact upon the 9.000 Hydro-Quebec workers, 1.600 of whom went on strike early last February. In Ontario, more than 60.000 civil servants are also due to renew their collective agreement. They will undoubtedly take advantage of the precious gains made by the Common Front in Quebec.

ONE OBSTACLE: THE UNION BOSSES KNEEL BEFORE THE BOURGEOIS STATE.

The Canadian bourgeoisie and American Imperialism have proven their inability to maintain this revendicative

movement within the framework of the process established by the bourgeois democracy: negotiations, conciliation, arbitration. They had to change the rules of the game once more to their advantage! The Trudeau law permits the carrying out of the only solution left to the bourgeoisie confronted with the crisis: lower the workers wages.

In the face of these attacks, the Union bosses complain and their only efforts consist in spreading among the workers ideas of capitulation and resignation. That is the game Joe Morris plays when, scared to death at the idea of a general strike, he tries to keep the workers within the legal framework! The same with Jean Gérin-Lajoie (Quebec leader of the Steel Workers), who spread his propaganda among the workers of the Gaspé Copper Mines, recommending that they accept Noranda's provocation offers depriving them of the monetary recuperation they so badly lack. The same role was played by Claude Edwards, president of the canadian Union of Public Employees, when the 47,500 civil servants voted in favor of the negotiators' agreement.

They should expect to pay a high price for this treason.



Domtar workers in Quebec's North-West "We shouldn't only occupy our "shops", but the whole of politics"

The Domtar strikers in Quevillon, in Quebec's North-West, are continuing to defy the Trudeau measures which are trying to protect the \$82.5 million profit this monopoly gained in 1974. In spite of the two injunctions the company received, one preventing picketing lines, they still gather in front of their trailer to keep an eye on the entrance to the factory.

The Domtar workers' resistance against the Trudeau measures is also Quevillon's resistance; regularly the population gives them money, and certain shopkeepers are providing them with grocery bonds to support them. Workers who found a job elsewhere are generously giving a part of their pay to the strikers.

This strike is helping them to be conscious of their own strenght and that of the bosses; they often discuss recent workers' struggles. What preoccupies the most conscious workers is the necessity for the proletariat's political unity against the capitalist class. Referring to the last conflict at United Aircraft, everyone agreed in saying: "We shouldn't just occupy our "shops" but the whole of politics!"

The workers are more and more inclined to the idea of socialism, for the strike opened the eyes of many concerning bourgeois laws and the Trudeau law in particular. Through their experiences, and also through their discussions with Marxist-Leninists, they clearly see that their strike, along with those of thousands of other workers, will prepare them for the political and revolutionnary struggle that will take away the power from the capitalists, do away with crises and the bourgeoisie's "Trudeau law", and finally build socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat over the minority of exploiters!

LETTER FROM A WORKER THE BOURGEOISIE'S LIES AND CONFUSIONS

EDITOR'S NOTE

We are printing today a letter sent to us by a worker because we believe it expresses vividly the point of view of conscious workers regarding the Trudeau measures and the bourgeoisie's continuous lies. By writing to us, these workers participate directly in the actual tasks of propaganda and agitation which we must carry out in order to build the Proletarian Party.

Furthermore, we need such correspondence to verify the soundness of our work, to see if our explanations are clear enough and if there are points less well understood. To us, your letters represent an important form of inquiry. Of course we won't be able to publish them all, but each of them can bring us information and understanding which will help us in the elaboration of the newspaper.

Write to EN LUTTE!
Help the building of our Marxist-Leninist newspaper!

Dear newspaper,

Knowing you are very busy, I thought that I would write an article concerning profits, bosses and their State. Even if you don't print it, I hope it will be helpful in your economic and political analysis of our society in allowing all workers to see through the bourgeoisie's lies, to assimilate Marxist-Leninist science and build an authentic Communist Party. Long live the proletarian revolution, long live EN LUTTE!

I bring to your attention a newspaper called "Dialogue" edited and written by the company where I work (we call it "Monologue"). I write to you not to have a good laugh over this scrap of bourgeois nor to particularly denounce my bosses' ideological manoeuvres, for, as you must know, not one worker in the shop pays any attention to them.

Still, their last editorial "Let's talk about profits, they create jobs" made me think a lot. As a matter of fact, in this article, we can learn a lot about 200 years old notions of political economy, refuted even by the bourgeois economists (example: "profits are rewards for the risks of business" as if to say that profits get their source in the risked capital.) Since the economist Adam Smith (1723-1790), it has been acknowledged that man's work is the only source of wealth. Later, Karl Marx explained that profits are the part of the work that goes unpaid by the capitalists, and he has established their relation to wages by this law:

"Profit rises to the extent that wages fall; it falls to the extent that wages rise."(1)

That brings me to the last measures (which concern directly the shop where I work) of the monopolies' lackey, Trudeau. Almost all the workers are now aware that the wage freeze has the purpose of improving the unsteady position of the Canadian and American bourgeoisie dealing with an international market in crisis. For it's those profits that will allow them to buy "new shops and machines" so that their "companies will become more powerful", according to the editorial of "Dialogue". They will be able to exploit more and more the working class (namely by intensifying and increasing the production, thus adding to their profits). Well, that money, they can only subtract from our salaries.

All the conscious workers are aware of that, when they

see the bosses' State take away, in income tax, the benefit of their labour and give it away in subsidies to companies. Of course, it wasn't enough for them! Those pigs want more, always more profits, more of our people's blood. Not seeing the end of the recession, and realizing the constant drop of their profit rate, they are loosing their heads still trying to use their worn out lies. They try by every means possible to slow down the wheel of history as well as their own disappearance as a class. Above all, they try to prevent the working class from assimilating, through the science of Marxism-Leninism, the experience of the international working class movement. For only Marxism-Leninism will truly guide us towards the building of a Communist Party, the essential weapon in the fight of all the workers for the overthrow of the Canadian and American bourgeoisies, and the edification of socialism.

Quotations from "Dialogue"

Profits is freedom?

Canada's economy's based upon a system of free enterprise in a competitive market, where profits reward the works of business. The survival of the system in which you live depends on profits. The system brings you freedom. It allows you to choose the business or career you desire. It gives you freedom of religion; a lot of people outside the free world don't have those liberties.

Profits create jobs

Jobs are partially created out of savings; the savings a company realizes on its benefits which are reinvested in the business. The reinvestment allows the creation of new factories that in turn will produce more and offer more jobs.

The company's profits are the source of those savings which enable the industry to grow and employ more people.

Editor's note: Inside the same issue of *Dialogue* sent to us by our correspondent we found this "prayer of a capitalist". We couldn't resist publishing it. Note the economic terms used to deal with such an extremely "spiritual" topic:

"Thank God for this day; here is the beginning of a new day. I can misuse it or profit from it. What I do today is important for I spend a day of my life at it. When tomorrow will come, this day will glide away never to come back, leaving in its place something in return.

The balance-sheet of this day has to contain profits, not losses; good, not evil so that I don't regret the price I paid for it." (*Dialogue*, vol. 2, Fall 1975).

(1) Marx, Karl, *Wage Labour and Capital*, Selected Works, vol. 1 p. 166, Progress publishers.

WHY A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE TRUDEAU MEASURES?

OUR OBJECTIVES WITH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Since 1972, the proletariat did not stand still with the arms crossed in face of the bourgeoisie's offensive. On the contrary it went on mobilizing and attacking vigorously the capitalists' profits, forcing them to include wage indexation in more than half of the collective agreements signed in 1975! But this fierce resistance of the proletariat is presently being coopted by reformist policies which still dominate the workers' movement and considerably limit its horizon only to the struggle for immediate economic advantages. Thus; presently, the union movement is dominated by reformist union bosses such as Joe Morris of the CLC, Louis Laberge (Q.F.L.), Jean Gerin-Lajoie (Steelworkes) and Marcel Pepin (CNTU), who try to contain, by every possible means, the revolt of the masses in front of the bourgeoisie's crisis measures. They're bourgeois reformists because their actions aim to divert the proletariat from the revolutionary political struggle to abolish the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and to build socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat over its exploiters!

It is precisely the role of communists to show the unavoidable character of the crisis under capitalism and to put forward the necessity of revolutionary political struggle and for a Proletarian Party to lead to it. That's why EN LUTTE! is organizing a political denunciation campaign of the Trudeau measures, consisting of intensive communist agitation and propaganda which will mainly show to the most advanced and conscious workers the following points:

- 1- The struggle against the Trudeau measures is necessary but insufficient
- 2- As long as capitalism exists, there will be crisis measures, and to get rid of crisis, we must get rid of capitalism
- 3- To get rid of capitalism and crises, we must necessarily destroy the bourgeois state by which capitalists exert their ruthless domination over workers and the people
- 4- Only the socialist revolution led by a Proletarian Party will destroy the bourgeois state, build the dictatorship of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie, and get rid of the crisis and capitalist exploitation
- 5- Presently, such a Proletarian Party, vanguard organization of the working class, is agonizingly missing; and all isolated and partial struggles will result only in partial victory as long as the Party does not exist. So our present task is to work for its building by assimilating Marxist-Leninist theory and rallying to EN LUTTE's! Marxist workers' cells (EN LUTTE! is a Marxist-Leninist group struggling to build the Proletarian Party in Canada!)

EN LUTTE! is presently engaged in a political denunciation campaign of the Trudeau measures and the bourgeoisie's crisis policies. In Canada, the Canadian bourgeoisie and the American imperialism want the working people to pay for a crisis that will only disappear with the destruction of capitalism. In fact, the capitalists use their state to freeze wages, without touching their profits of course, and to attack the workers' right to strike! These measures are the worst offensive against the working class since 1940-1945 and must be swept away by the organized and unified resistance of all Canadian the proletariat!



The supplements "to overcome capitalist crisis, Assimilate Marxism-Leninism" are available at The "Librairie l'Étincelle", 4933 Grand Pré street, Montreal, Librairie populaire du Québec, 290 de la couronne street, Quebec, and at the following address for the North West area: c. p. 441, Noranda, Diffuse Marxism-Leninism, assimilate the proletariat's revolutionary theory and prepare the socialist revolution!

Last January, we started a political campaign against the Trudeau measures, using a poster and, in particular, a slogan which read "To overcome the capitalist crisis, assimilate Marxism-Leninism! But this slogan does not suit the role which it is supposed to play: to enlighten the proletariat on its immediate and long term objectives: towards what it should aim. To be sure, it is always correct to say that we must assimilate Marxism-Leninism, but it is in itself incomplete. Because, to learn for the sake of learning, and to assimilate principles merely for contemplation will never overcome the capitalist crisis, or anything else for that matter. Our slogan did not show that theory is at the service of practice. For, proletarian theory, in effect, is revolutionary precisely because it is the synthesis of the practice of the international workers movement; a result of the concentration of the correct ideas of the masses.

What has to be done then, is to express in our slogan, the teachings of this theory; that is, the absolute need to abolish capitalism in order to be finished with its crisis. For, it is in convincing ourselves of this truth, that we will pose the question of how to attain this objective, and that we will be able to sharpen our methods, and our tasks, in order to realize our goal.

To overcome the capitalist crisis, eliminate capitalism itself! Prepare the proletarian revolution!

TO OVERCOME THE CAPITALIST CRISIS, DOWN WITH CAPITALISM ITSELF

THE TRUDEAU MEASURES WILL AGGRAVATE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

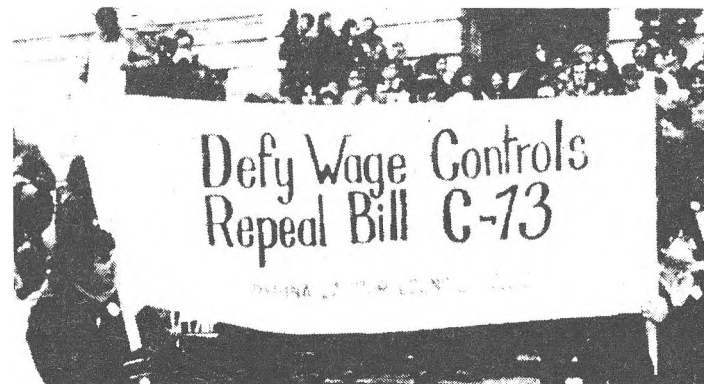
Even the bourgeoisie and government "experts" say that the country's economic situation will get worst in 1976, and we should expect a considerable drop in the standard of living in the next ten years... Even the most ardent defenders of capitalism can't hide the fact that the system is in deep crisis and that this crisis will keep aggravating.

Thus in 1975, the official unemployment rate has reached a new record since 1945 with an average of 7.1%. The "experts" of the Canadian Economic Council forecast an average of 7.6% in 1976 and an inflation rate higher than 10%. That is not all: these gentlemen tell us that the rate of growth of the economy will be inferior in the 1975 to 1985 period, than it has been from 1965 to 1975... now in 1975 the rate of growth was 0%! So this means we will experience an "under-growth" of the economy in the next ten years.

Worse yet, Trudeau now threatens to impose a prolonged wage freeze: we will be obliged, he says, to maintain the controls for those who will have refused to play the game or won't have shown that without controls they can develop the virtues of self-discipline and self-control". (Le Devoir, 8/1/76) The aim of the Trudeau plan is very clear: to impose a long-term control on workers' wages for a period much longer than the three years initially forecast in Bill C-73. Here again, a new provocation of this servant of the capitalist showing that his so-called "fair society" only exists for the exploiters and monopolizers of the wealth produced by the proletariat! Oppose the crisis measures of the bourgeoisie! Prepare the socialist revolution!

In Saskatchewan, 4000 Workers Demonstrate Against the Wage Freeze

Last February 2nd, more than 4,000 workers coming from all corners of Saskatchewan invaded the Capital, Regina, in order to protest in front of the Provincial parliament against the wage freeze. Naturally, it was the decision of the N.D.P. government of Alan Blakeney, to support Trudeau's anti-inflation program, that has provoked the largest workers demonstration in this province since World-war two. Effectively, this so-called pro-worker government has imitated its Manitoban equivalent, the Neo-democratic government of Ed. Schreyer: both have signed agreements with the Federal government, in order to better attack the working class and the people of Canada.



THE N.D.P., AN OTHER BOURGEOIS PARTY

It is to the great satisfaction of the Capitalists that the N.D.P. has shown its true face by giving its support to the Trudeau measures. Thus the president of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Lorne Humphreys, hastened to praise this "nice gesture", while the president of Texas Oil of Moose Jaw, Gene Chura, was lauding the benefits of the wage freeze... One understands why!

But the adoption of the wage freeze by The N.D.P. government is no surprise to the workers of this province; far from it! Al Blakeney campaigned to initiate a wage and price freeze long before Trudeau. At the last N.D.P. congress of Saskatchewan, they saw Blakeney and his cabinet lackies used the worst anti-democratic tactics to defeat some other delegates proposals against the wage freeze. Already, the anti-inflation board has attacked the salary increases gained by the workers of Canada Safeway Ltd of Regina and the government is dragging its feet in the public sector workers' negotiations, before using its bludgeon there as well.

THE WORKING CLASS GETS MOBILIZED

But the N.D.P. succeeds less and less in putting the workers to sleep with its social democracy, as rotten as Capitalism itself. The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour regrouping 55,000 workers, has denounced the N.D.P. and the wage freeze and called for a demonstration at the parliament buildings in Regina, even if Prime minister Blakeney was away in the "beautiful Hawaiian sun"!

The factory workers of Regina, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and Saskatoon, public service and hospital workers, farmers and Metis Society representatives, students of the University of Regina, together with various other popular groups participated in this demonstration.

Following the demonstration, an assembly was held to denounce the Trudeau and N.D.P. measures. After the union leaders speeches some workers of the public sector spoke and called for a country-wide general strike against the wage freeze. Consequently, everywhere in Canada, the working class is getting mobilized in the struggle against the crisis policies of the bourgeoisie, while rejecting more and more all the false alternatives, would they be social-democracy or others, to the crisis of this decaying system.

THE NEW UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW: STARVE IN ORDER TO DIVIDE

It is with an unusual cynicism that our bourgeois Ministers are smiling with satisfaction after the setting up of their new system to consolidate their profits: the "Trudeau measures". In effect the capitalists! "new society" is already starting to show its true colours: a systematically organized machine to lower the standard of living of the masses, reduce to misery thousands of unemployed and repress the workers and the revolutionary movement: their satisfaction equals their self-confidence but by bulging this way, they are giving rise to a huge storm.

The newspapers are doing their utmost to promise (and we now know the value of these promises) a boom in jobs for... 1978 and in the meanwhile a record level of unemployment: "the economic recovery of Canada could very well be slower than expected and more damaging to workers than any other period since World War II" (La Presse 27/01/76). The bourgeois State feels in good position to harden its unemployment insurance regulations to be sure to transform the unemployed as beaten dogs begging their allowances and ready to accept the worst jobs. Indeed the unemployment rate will beat all records for the last thirty years. (Last January, Canada had 800,000 unemployed.)

So, aiming to chain workers more and more to the bosses' exploitation, the new unemployment insurance law aims to take away from the workers three extra weeks of unemployment allowances if they voluntarily leave their job, disgusted with the miserable conditions imposed. As well as cutting off the allowances of workers 65 years old and over, judging probably that old workers should be just thrown away, the new law requires workers to accept any job, at any salary, under any conditions or else their allowances will be cut off. All this will allow the Unemployment Insurance Commission to save \$500 million while increasing the contributions paid by workers by 12%.

WITH THE PEPIN COMMISSION, THE CAPITALISTS WILL SEE THEIR DREAMS FULFILLED

Up to now, the capitalists are quite satisfied with the Pepin commission and its "fair" decisions.. When Bell Canada pockets more than \$100 millions in surplus profits due to new rate increases, Pepin keeps quiet... If Bennett's Social Credit government in British Columbia increases car insurance premiums, by more than 100% in one shot Pepin judges that it's not his business... In Toronto the news papers that Loblaw's, a subsidiary of the giant Weston monopoly, shut down on October the 18th and reopened a few days later under the name of Ziggys with a 20% raise of its prices; Jean-Luc Pepin found nothing wrong there.

To save face, Pepin launched a great advertising program: he sent questionnaires to 6,500 companies about their price, wage, and profit policy and forces 500 big corporations to reveal their financial reports for the last 5 years. What game is the government playing here? The enormous publicity around this program show that Trudeau and Pepin want to make us believe that the capitalists will be submitted to controls as well as workers... As regards control, the bureaucrats of the Pepin Commission will at best give advice to the capitalists on how to disguise the price increases their products behind the so-called increase of their cost of production! Because, as incredible as it may seem, Pepin went so far as to say that the companies would not be penalized for too high price rises, but that the commission would rather force them to reinvest their accumulated profits

The new program of unemployment insurance reveals more than ever how unemployment is a creation of capitalists to exert pressure to lower the wages. The capitalists like to talk of "normal rate of unemployment (4%)" (cf. a letter of the Quebec employers council La Presse 18/11/75). To describe what is normally necessary to constitute an "army of reserve" of the working force ready to replace the workers used up or disgusted by exploitation. However in the crisis situation, the number of unemployed greatly increases and the bourgeoisie takes profit of this to simply lower the real wages by threatening to replace the "unsatisfied" workers by hungry unemployed workers. So unemployment is really an absolutely necessary instrument of the bourgeoisie to exert its reactionary violence.

Thus, we can easily understand that the new unemployment insurance law with its "new society" taste is a manoeuvre to divide the working class aiming to break its solidarity and combativeness by accentuating the competition for survival among workers. It is not sure however the manoeuvre will succeed.



in the company. To make more profits while paying less salaries, is this not the dream of all capitalists? With the Pepin Commission, the capitalists will see their dreams fulfilled.

Everywhere in Canada, workers, working people, the unemployed, and students, are rising against the Canadian bourgeoisies and American imperialism's will to make them pay for the most serious capitalist crisis since World War II. It is the duty of EN LUTTE! to relate in every way the forms and extent of this opposition movement, and to denounce with facts, the infamous Trudeau plan, on the wage freeze and all of the bourgeoisie's dictatorship's State's crisis measures against working and popular masses. Write to EN LUTTE! to denounce the effects of the Pepin Commission's manoeuvres in your own factories and workplaces, to expose feelings of anger, and the consciousness of the masses in face of this bourgeois state's offensive and to make known your criticisms and comments about the Digest. This is the way you can participate in the political campaign against Trudeau measures. Let us build together our communist newspaper, an essential tool and weapon in the course of eliminating the capitalist system.

THE TEN POINT PROGRAM OF THE C.L.C. THE REFORMIST POLICY AT THE CAPITALISTS' RESCUE

On last October 30th, the leaders of the Canadian Labour Congress, a trade-union federation grouping more than 2,000,000 union workers across the country, adopted a so-called "action program" against the Trudeau measures. As far as this action program (!) is concerned, we have the impression that the C.L.C. leaders devoted themselves to an oratorical marathon and a publicity campaign donating \$500,000. to the bourgeois information media! However, the C.L.C. leaders presently exert a very bad influence on hundreds of thousands of workers, angry after the freeze on their wages. Their influence is bad because they propose "cures" and "means of action" which aim to drag workers along with reformist policy. This policy carries on the illusion that it is possible to improve the system for workers without touching the capitalists' power, trusting in the good will of our present members of parliament.

A 100% reformist program

Consequently, the union leaders will "invite their members to ask their local members of parliament to reject Bill C-73" (the review Control News, C.L.C., no. 1, p. 1). What then? All the Liberal members of parliament will vote for the law, all the Social Credit and Conservative members will reject the law through pure electoral opportunism. Because they agreed to have controls in 1974, the N.D.P. members who apply the C.L.C. leaders' reformism (on the political scene) will of course, as a rule, reject the law while their colleagues in power in Saskatchewan and Manitoba apply the wage freeze program. So what does this C.L.C. leadership proposal mean if not to spread the illusion that members of parliament can change their point of view when in fact, they all represent the interests of the different sections of the bourgeoisie.

But the C.L.C. leaders go even further. They put forward to the government a 10-points program as "the only correct and fair method to solve the economic problems in Canada" (Control News, no. 1, p. 1). Maybe you think that the only fair and correct method to solve the economic problems in Canada, in terms of the interests of the great majority, of people, thus, in term of the workers' interests, consists in attacking the basis of the capitalist system which gives rise to crisis, unemployment and inflation. Open your eyes! This method is too radical and sure for the C.L.C. leaders who, fundamentally accommodate themselves very well with the capitalist system and the class collaboration from which they live so well... For now, these

gentlemen's means simply consist in begging more low-cost housing, more jobs, a program to check land speculation, pension increases, income tax decreases and so on without ever questioning the capitalist system itself, and by putting the blame only on the Trudeau government (as if it is worse than any other), for the "bad position" the Canadian people find themselves in. Moreover, the C.L.C. leaders would like the strict guarantee that any taxation concession consented to companies would eventually be reinvested with the aim to create new jobs and not used to pay more dividends" (8th point of the C.L.C.'s program)

That is precisely the policy which certain sections of the bourgeoisie are applying now: invest now, pocket the profits later! The C.L.C. is really very kind to advise the capitalists to improve the system... while creating at the same time the illusion that unemployment, accompanying capitalism, could be eliminated only through the good will of the present members of parliament!

To struggle for reforms aiming to mobilize and educate the working class on its long terms interests and to increase its capacity to overthrow the capitalist system is one thing... But trying to make the Canadian working class swallow the so-called "neutrality" of the bourgeois State and to disarm it in front of the bourgeoisie's offensive, as the corrupted C.L.C. leaders do, is another!

Right from the start of their campaign, the C.L.C. leaders have rejected the idea of a general strike against the Trudeau law because, according to Joe Morris, president of the federation, it would be an "insurrectional strike". There is no need to say that these leaders haven't consulted anyone in launching such nonsense! This lack of democracy indicates that the leaders do not want to mobilize the proletariat in direct actions! As a Regina worker said in a protest meeting in February, "remember that the workers' movement has been built by breaking the reactionary laws." Only the mobilization and unity of the proletariat and every strata of the people attacked by the law can in effect defeat the wage freeze.



Down with reformist illusions!
To overcome the capitalist crisis, down with capitalism itself!

DOWN WITH REFORMISM AND ITS REVOLUTIONNARY DISGUISES IN 'OUR RANKS'!

Trudeau measures, wage freezes, the drop in buying power and the almost inexistant right to strike: the Canadian proletariat whom the Capitalist want their own crisis to be paid by, is facing the bourgeois state's biggest offensive since World War Two. Therefore today, the proletariat needs a clear orientation for its struggle: expressions and slogans that clearly point out the way it will be able to, with support from the whole people, master the actual crisis of Capitalism.

Now, what do these reformists of all sorts propose, including this phoney vanguard party of the Canadian proletariat, the "Communist Party of Canada Marxist-Leninist" (C.P.C. (m.-1.)?)

IMPROVE CAPITALISM, THAT IS THE REFORMIST SLOGAN

Let us display the reformists solutions. The N.P.D.: elect a social-democrat government who would "civilize" international monopolies. The "Communist" Party of Canada ("C.P.C."): jointly with the N.D.P., elect a "democratic coalition government" (1). The Trotskists: for a government of unified workers' organizations under the N.D.P." (2) Decidedly, this is more and more converging to the reformist's camp. As for the C.L.C. leaders, we have known for a long time now, that they made the most important union central, the principal financial supporter of the N.D.P.

We are now well settled. All these phoney saviors of the people are proposing the same solution to us: change the government, or if we want, put a "workers' government" in place to administer an unchanged bourgeois state!

This is a false solution for the proletariat and the Canadian masses. In British Columbia, there was a labor government in power, in England, in Germany, there are still labor governments in power. Did they stop the prices from climbing? No. Did they eliminate unemployment? On the contrary, it has increased in these three places as everywhere in the Capitalist world. Did they eliminate capitalist exploitation, the ultimate goal of all the workers in the world? They never even had the intention to do so!

To favor a change of government, is asking us to leave intact the bourgeoisie's State of dictatorship; to not destroy this repressive machine which is entirely at the service of our two principal enemies, the Canadian bourgeoisie and American Imperialism. Furthermore, it is asking us to reform the bourgeois state so that it serves a little better the interests of one or the other gang of exploiters of our country.

We will never accept these reformist plans. In order to eliminate our enemy and their exploitation system, the real cause of unemployment, inflation and the people's miseries, we must destroy the bourgeoisie's repression machine and replace it by the State of dictatorship of the proletariat. And only the socialist revolution on a Canada-wide level will enable us to do this.

SPREAD CONFUSION TO DIVERT THE MASSES FROM THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION THIS IS THE (C.P.C. (m.-1.)'s PRACTICE.

What way does the C.P.C. (m.-1.)'s slogan "the government has to be defeated" fit in this same reformist policy.

At first glance it looks so similar to all the others on which we have just commented, that we are tempted to stop there. But let us continue on. For this slogan hides some understanding quite difficult to see at a superficial glance. In effect, the C.P.C. (m.-1.) indicates in one place that "this slogan is also crucial, since the workers must be moved by the idea that they can defeat the imposition of the Trudeau Bill on the backs of the workers" (3) Well then! There is no question here of a change of government but rather of forcing of the government to retreat in face of the organized resistance of the Canadian proletariat, with which, the Canadian communist and the workers movements should be in full agreement.

But then, if "defeat the government" does not mean change the

government, why then launch such a confused slogan, if it is not to draw almost everybody's favour, including that of the "small entrepreneurs" (4) as well as that of those who genuinely aspire to socialism?

With its slogan, the C.P.C. (m.-1.) spreads the most complete confusion on the road to revolution in our country. A communist slogan must enlighten the masses on the immediate objectives of their struggle, showing clearly the path for their complete liberation. To spread confusion is not an accident but the trademark of all reformists and opportunists and especially this false vanguard Party of the Canadian proletariat.

To understand a bit better what they plan to demonstrate, let us examine another quote of the official organ of the C.P.C. (m.-1.): "This government bill is at the same time anti-worker and anti-national, and the slogan "the government has to be defeated" is at the same time, in the interests of the working class and against those of the American Imperialists." (5)

Now, C.P.C. (m.-1.)'s intentions are clearer and show their proximity to petty-bourgeois anti-imperialism also preached by the N.D.P. and the C.P.C.

In effect, in spite of the more and more numerous actions of the Trudeau government to limit the influence of American imperialism on the Canadian economy and society, the Canadian bourgeois State would be, according to C.P.C. (m.-1.), completely entailed by American imperialism. That is why the C.P.C. (m.-1.) puts forward as much a reformist solution as the others: the national liberation struggle of the Canadian "people" in which it includes some sections of the bourgeoisie against only American imperialism. And, in that sense nothing can be clearer than their slogan "the government has to be defeated" to rally small and medium capitalists to this nationalist project.

Therefore, who is served by such a slogan if not the bourgeoisie? Our enemies ask nothing more than to rely on persons who, presenting themselves as communists in front of the masses, spread erroneous solutions and slogans, which delude workers on the possibility of attaining socialism through elections or by means of the bourgeois parliament. Besides all the efforts of the C.P.C. (m.-1.) to give a revolutionary character to its slogan, it puts forward nothing more than a bourgeois solution to the crisis, a solution taking the form of Canadian nationalism and the way of bourgeois democracy.

TO OVERCOME CAPITALIST CRISIS LET US ASSIMILATE MARXISM LENINISM

Authentic communists never humble themselves by hiding their objectives behind double-meaning slogans. They say it loud and clear: the only solution to capitalism's and imperialism's crisis is the socialist revolution. And in the pursuit of this objective, we have nothing to gain from the bourgeois parties' reformist solutions from the loudest down to the most subtle.

To reach this target, the Canadian workers must first work at the building of their own political party, a genuine communist Party, true to Marxism-Leninism. What is more needed is a political headquarters, armed with a scientific theory and capable of uniting the workers and popular masses in the aim of destroying the bourgeois' State, the faithful servant as much to the Canadian bourgeoisie as to American imperialism. Let us break the chains that tie us still to the bourgeois parties! Rally to En Lutte! to build the proletarian Party! To overcome the capitalist crisis, let us assimilate Marxism-Leninism.

- (1) The supplement of the newspaper "Combat" nov. 75 p.
- (2) Taken from a leaflet distributed by the "groupe des travailleurs socialistes du Québec (G.T.S.Q.) (The Quebec Socialist Workers Group) at a demonstration in Montreal on Nov. 26, 1975
- (3) People's Canada Daily News (P.C.D.N.) vol. 5, no 293-313, page 4 (translation)
- (4) See the letter from a distributor of P.C.D.N., vol. 5 no. 269-274 page 13 (translation)
- (5) P.C.D.N. vol. 5 No. 251-256 p. (translation)

ERRATUM

In the last issue of the Digest (Supplement) we published a photograph of a mass demonstration. At first sight the demonstration seemed to be an expression of Marxist-Leninist leadership of the masses' struggles. On the contrary, however, the demonstration was under the leadership of the revisionist C.P.(USSR). We regret this important error, and hope that our readers have not understood the publication of the photograph as an approval of the revisionist line!

EN LUTTE!

THE COMMON FRONT INTENSIFIES ITS MOBILISATION AGAINST THE BOURGEOIS STATE

The Common Front has tried, since June 30, 1975, to negotiate labor conditions with the State-employer. Until now, the bourgeois State has refused to negotiate seriously with the Common Front: its representatives often leave without reason, and sometimes, are suddenly replaced by others who know nothing of the matter etc... Only 150 items out of 3,000 have been agreed upon by the two sides; that state of affairs is far from being an accident!

The State-employer wants to set an example for the private enterprise

In negotiating with the workers of the Public Services, the State-employer wants to impose the ceiling of the Trudeau measures. Furthermore, it's clear now that the State will not stop at this point. As Oswald Parent, Minister of the Public Service, said: "If there is to be a decree, everything in the collective agreement will be wiped out!" Can we accept that?

No. How could it be different when an hospital worker earns a net \$88. a week, having been working there for 11 years and having to sustain 3 children, pay rent, grocery, heating...? Is it possible to survive? No. It is impossible. He is, day after day, drowned in debts and is forced sometimes to sacrifice the indispensable. That is the current situation of all the workers in the Common Front.

Is it surprising, then, that the workers are getting ready for a strike? Pretending to be surprised, the bourgeois State stands up and threatens to severely repress the workers if they continue to mobilize. But the Common Front didn't wait long to prove that it won't give in to those threats.

The Common Front increases its militant activities!

Thus, in Montreal on January 20, more than 2,000 hospital workers, most of whom were women, demonstrated in front of six institutions against the bourgeois State's offers which increase wage discrimination. The day after, the teachers took over a few schools and held meetings explaining to the parents and students the backwardness on all levels of the State-employer's proposals.

Instigated by this swirl of militant activities, 300 radio-logy technicians were falling into step with the social workers to show their complete disagreement with the government proposals. Friday, January 23, more than 20,000 workers had already had good experience for the future Public Services' general strike! The workers' answer is clear: it is a unified "no" which echoes throughout the province.

The bourgeois State fears the strike!

It didn't take long for the reaction to these enthusiastic activities to appear. Within a day, the bourgeois State made its intentions clear; the wolf can disguise itself as a lamb, but not for long. Tuesday, January 20, Oswald Parent tried to excuse the slow rate of negotiations and admitted that the State-employer was really responsible for the situation. The day after, coming out of a cabinet meeting, Parent fired an ultimatum to the Common Front: "if the workers go on using illegal tactics, he said, there'll be no more negotiations!"

What does the bourgeois State mean by all this? What is illegal in getting ready for a strike which is recognized as a common right by all bourgeois democracies?

In fact, the Canadian monopolist bourgeoisie's and American imperialism's lackies are fearful of the Common Front's strike. What they fear the most is that the Public Services' strike would initiate a vast opposition movement throughout Quebec against the Trudeau measures! And it could really happen!

That's why the bourgeois State wants to use every possible means to prevent the Common Front from striking. That's the way it responded to the "Conseil du patronat"'s directive last May: all the recent enquiries in the employers milieu prove that the Quebec employer is worried about the fact that the government had yet to give itself a legislative tool that would assure the maintenance of essential services in the public and para-public sectors"(1)

Never fear, dear capitalists, the bourgeois State is ready to do anything for the Common Front to raise its white flag of surrender like the traitor Harguindeguy did by accepting 10.5% raise for the Public employees of Quebec (S.F.P.Q.); (in fact, it was only a 2.3% raise as their work week increased from 32.5 to 35 hours!).

The bourgeois State thinks so much of you, dear capitalists, that, last December, it had already voted in more anti-worker legislation, bill 253, with the help of the P.Q.. Now the State is getting ready to use it to deprive the grater part of the hospital workers of their right to strike, alleging that most of the functions are essential during a strike! In the same way, the bourgeois court of justice has set the pace with an injunction forbidding the teachers from Vaudreuil-Soulanges to hold information meetings for parents!

If all means of action are good for the bourgeoisie, what kind of equality is this? In the capitalist system, only the dominant class gets profits from this legality; when the use of the right to strike is threatening, the bourgeois State votes in legislation that will gradually take away this type of pressure.

"Let us develop our resistance and prepare the offensive against the bourgeoisie"

The opposition of the Common Front is a direct hindrance to the American Imperialists' and Canadian monopoly bourgeoisie's projects. That's why the bourgeois State wants to break the spirit of resistance of workers by rendering almost illegal the practice of the right to strike for all workers and the right to hold information meetings.

The workers, unified in the Common Front are relentlessly increasing their resistance. The bourgeois State in fear of a resistance movement from all the workers has even reached the point of using the courts as a toll of repression!

After that, who could still advocate the neutrality of the bourgeois State? It is clear that in order to end capitalist exploitation and oppression, we must break the bourgeois State and build proletarian power!

(1) Excerpt from the "document du Conseil du Patronat" in La Presse, May 5, 1975

MACEACHEN IN THE MIDDLE-EAST, TRUDEAU IN LATIN-AMERICA CANADIAN IMPERIALISM ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE THE CRISIS

One after another, the Canadian minister of Foreign Affairs A. MacEachen and Prime Minister P.E. Trudeau have been making visits to the Middle-East and Latin America in order to consolidate exchanges between Canada and ten or so of these countries. These kinds of trips have been common for 2 or 3 years, and relations between Canada and Europe, Japan and the Third World are getting stronger. As a matter of fact, the Canadian bourgeoisie is trying to diversify its markets and find sources of raw materials (petroleum, sugar, etc.). The reason for this is that 60% of Canada's foreign trade is made with the U.S., and this creates too great a dependence towards the American superpower. So, before going on his tour, Trudeau took care of freezing Canadian workers' wages, thus putting himself in a better position to praise the "competitive prices" of Canadian products on the international market. This is how Trudeau wants to strengthen Canadian imperialism at the expense of the Canadian working class and of the Third World as well!

What are the results of MacEachen 10 days tour in the Middle-East? The minister's main objective was to negotiate the selling of Canadian industrial products and technology in exchange for the Arab countries "petro-dollars". Accordingly, Canada has signed economical cooperation agreements with Saudi Arabia and Irak just as it had done last year with Iran giving rise to more than a billion dollars worth of orders for Canadian manufacturers. MacEachen also made himself the Spokesman of Canadian companies in such fields as transportation, electricity, telecommunications and farming machinery with the governments of Egypt, Arabia and Irak, and contracts amounting to more than 2 billion dollars will soon be concluded following this tour. Quite good results for the bourgeoisie!

As for Trudeau's trip to Latin America it followed Commerce Minister Gilles Pies' visit to Mexico in 1974, and Cuba and Venezuela in 1975. Trudeau has consolidated the economic ties with Mexico, who is interested in the "Candu" nuclear reactor and in the technology of the Canadian electric industry. With Cuba, he has negotiated new contracts in the fields of farming and electrical goods, nickel and tourism.

But the most difficult game was in Venezuela where president Perez has recently nationalized the petroleum industry of that country. Venezuela is the supplier for oil refineries in Eastern Canada, and this causes a trade deficit for Canada of over \$1 billion a year. Trudeau had to first obtain a guaranty that this supply would not be cut, which he did. Then, he negotiated the participation of the Canadian monopolies in the construction of a 1,700 kilometers long railroad at the estimated cost of \$300 to \$400 million. He also concluded agreements in field of oil research which should allow the company Petro-Can. an instrument of the State, to penetrate into Venezuela. Back in Canada, Trudeau didn't hide his

cards, and proudly declared: "It's now up to businessmen to draw the benefits out of the visit I have made to Mexico, Cuba and Venezuela".

Strengthening Canadian Imperialism on the proletariat's back

In Canada, the economical crisis gets deeper: unemployment and inflation keep on growing, and the Trudeau measures are only worsening the country's economic situation by deteriorating the standard of living of the laboring masses. Furthermore, Canada's economy has to suffer the backlash of the American crisis because 60 to 70% of Canadian exports are shipped to the U.S.. The latter have a tendency to block the entry of foreign products into their market and exert economic reprisals against countries showing too much autonomy in their view. There is also the USSR's superpower policy, attempting by every possible means to take advantage of the decline of American imperialism by entering Canada's territorial waters despite international agreements. In fact the two superpowers are engaged in the struggle for world control and won't hesitate in involving the peoples in another world war, as proven by the mobilization of troops in the USSR, for instance.

The imperialist countries of the Second World like Canada, victims of the economic crisis and harassment of the two rival superpowers, are forced more and more to draw nearer to the countries of the Third World. This phenomenon increases the isolation of the superpowers who oppose the founding of a new world economic order.

To increase its potential in this inter-imperialist competition, the Canadian monopolist bourgeoisie's tactics are very clear: limit wages inside, multiply contacts outside, thus increasing its profit rate. That is the meaning of John Turner's speech before he left the Liberal cabinet last year, when he said that inflation "threatens to give way to non-competitive prices for our products on the international market, and weaken the capacity of our commercial enterprises to expand their operations." (June 23rd 1975)

Following these trips in Europe, in the Middle East, and in South America, Canadian monopolists are effectively going to spread their operations. Noranda just invested \$300 million in Chile, CN-CP is going to draw large profits in Venezuela, MLW Bombardier is well implanted in Cuba, and so forth. We now understand why Trudeau imposed his wage freeze: it's part of the monopolist bourgeoisie's strategy to intensify the exploitation of the Canadian working class in order to raise its mass of profits and remain competitive at the international level. But all these crisis policies won't save a doomed system. Only the socialist revolution will allow the organization of the country's economical life following the people's needs, along with the establishment of egalitarian relations with the other peoples of the world.

IN EVERY CAPITALIST COUNTRY THE BOURGEOISIE IS IMPOSING WAGE FREEZES THE TRUDEAU WAY

Canada is not the only country where the bourgeois state is trying by all types of measures to slow down the capitalist crisis. At the present time, in all the capitalist countries of the Second World, the bourgeoisie is getting particularly excited, jammed as they are between, on one side, the Third World countries which are more united politically and economically, and on the other side the superpowers, themselves in crisis, which are both trying to shift the burden of their difficulties over onto the weaker capitalist countries.

In all of these countries without exception there are emerging at an accelerated rate, "surtaxes", "measures of economical restoration", "support plans", "crisis plans", "prices and wages freeze", "austerity plans", etc... But behind all these measures with highflown justifications, one single reactionary policy is revealed: the working class and other strata of the people have to pay for the difficulties of the capitalists. In the meantime they have to help the monopolistic bourgeoisie save its profit range, increase its concentration and thus remain competitive on the international market, and finally, reinforce the role of the state as a financial backer; a public investor in some sectors of the economy. And everywhere, this increase of the economical role of the capitalist state is matched with the reinforcement of the repression apparatus in order to smash the masses' resistance against the deterioration of their standard of living.

IN BELGIUM, A WAGE FREEZE PROGRAM-LAW

Just like in Canada, Belgian bosses are crying out loud and clear that their state spends too much for health care and housing, for pensions, etc, but does not invest enough into "more productive" sectors, which will "re-stimulate the economy".

Like Trudeau's government, the Belgian government in responding to the monopolist capitalists' demands, has recently put into shape a wage freeze program-law which fixes the rate of wage increases and raises the taxes on wage hikes and social allowances. Under the pretext of "national solidarity", the way Trudeau did by speaking of "national unity", the Belgian bourgeois government directly attacks the working class and the poorest strata of the Belgian people. The wage freeze which was supposed to be matched with a selective price freeze has not prevented the increase of bread, newspapers and gas, thus deteriorating the standard of living of the masses in that country.

What is saved by the bourgeois state upon the people's back is given to the capitalists to refloat them. In 1975, it allowed 60% more for public investments in order to help capitalists to "rationalize" and invest than in '74. It also created a "public holding" to carry out works for which the capitalists ask, like insuring energy supplies.

To make the people accept its wage freeze, the Belgian bourgeois state hardens its political repression. Some times ago for example, it brought out Bill 430, temporarily abandoned because of the masses' opposition, which outlawed the revolutionary organizations of the working

class, reducing almost to nothing the right to strike and demonstrate, and was legalizing the carrying of firearms for the bosses' private militias. Today, the capitalist State wages a new offensive against democratic rights when it hauls strikers before its courts and puts Marxist-Leninist militants in jail. At the opposite end it lets proliferate fascist organizations like the "Union nationale", whose political program is based on anticommunism and the most vicious kind of racism.

IN FRANCE, A POLICY OF "RE-DEPLOYMENT" OF THE BOURGEOISIE AGAINST THE WORKING MASSES.

In June '74, the French capitalist State intervened, supposedly to counter the inflation rate, just before wage increases could catch up to the price increases, exactly like Trudeau's government did last fall. These measures of the French government are raising taxes along with the rates for public services (gas, electricity) and are limiting the wage increases. In 1975, the bourgeois State reinforced this same policy by controlling again the salaries, reducing the creation of new jobs and cutting the investments in social services. Today, the French businessman speaks of "re-deployment" (sic) to characterize the attempts of the bourgeoisie's monopolist fraction, to make new gains, at the expense of the working people. To achieve this, it can count on the help of the capitalist State which is setting up "restimulation measures" through additional credit to public enterprises, and reductions of taxes for private enterprises...

As the inflation rate keeps rising, and the companies lay-off massively, the anger of the French proletariat (which is occupying about 50 factories by this time) increases day by day. So, the bourgeois State has to consolidate its repressive apparatus. Once again, it recently intervened in the most violent way, savagely launching its C.R.S.(1) and dogs against strikers of the P.T.T. (Post Office employees), "Renault", "Les câbles de Lyon" (electric cable company), "Le Parisien Libéré" (printing house), and putting in jail the workers' leaders. What's more, it leaves undisturbed all the bosses' militias, which as in Belgium, shoot at strikers, and the fascist organizations which attack, bludgeon in hand, any Marxist-Leninist or even progressive militant.

THE BOURGEOISIE'S MEASURES GIVE RISE TO THE MASSES' RESISTANCE

In all capitalist countries the crisis measures of the bourgeoisie only sharpen the contradictions between the working class and the capitalists. Because if capitalists have no other escape than to lower wages, eliminate or reduce the quality of social services in order to save their profits, the working class in return has no other choice in preventing its own slavery and freeing itself, than to struggle to defend its living conditions and to unite to destroy capitalism. That's why the bourgeoisie's crisis measures, those of Trudeau or any other, however subtle they may be are all doomed to failure and bring capitalism closer to its grave.

(1) Compagnies Républicaines de Sécurité: The elite police corps entirely devoted to the repression of the French working class and popular movement.

FORSAKING THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT OR THE BOURGEOIS PATH TOWARDS..BOURGEOIS SOCIALISM

Mr. Georges Marchais, secretary of the Central Committee of the French "Communist" Party, (F. 'C'.P.), opened the twenty first Congress of the Party by proposing to get ride of the concept of the dictatorship of the proletariat. In doing this, the F. 'C'. P. and with it, the revisionists of all countries, including ours, are clearly unmasking themselves in front of the Word proletariat.

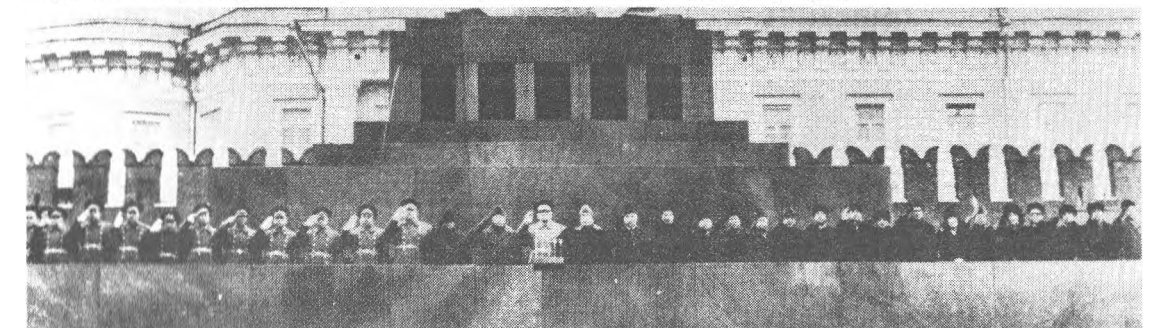
The dictatorship of the proletariat is nothing else than the abolition of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie over the working class and all the people, and its substitution by the dictatorship of the majority of the formerly exploited over the minority of former exploiters in order to prevent them from seizing the power again. Incidentally, it's been a long time since the dictatorship of the proletariat has been forsaken by the first country of the world that has known socialism, Russia. Now, our 'humanist' Mr. Marchais tries to spread total confusion by ascribing to the existence of a dictatorship of the proletariat in the U.S.S.R., the many crimes committed against individuals by the new Soviet bureaucratic bourgeoisie which rose with the restauration of capitalism. So, it would not be the return to capitalism that engenders the repression employed by the social-fascist leaders (socialists in words, fascists in deeds) over the whole soviet people, but the keeping of the dictatorship of the proletariat. This amounts to saying that Mr. Marchais reproaches the U.S.S.R. for keeping a revolutionary "polish" in defending this Marxist-Leninist concept! And he quickly comes to the conclusion that his so democratic and beautiful France (and what about the armed militias of the French bosses?) not only won't need a violent revolution in order to become a socialist country (this was already a position of the P. 'C'. F.) but won't even need the dictatorship of the proletariat to maintain its socialist regime! A little more and he would have told us that, all things considered, the French Monopolist bourgeoisie has "converted" itself to socialism, and that, consequently, the revolution has become useless...

But what is this path towards socialism which not only excludes the masses' revolutionary violence, puts forward the electoral system controlled by the bourgeoisie, represses and fights against "leftists" i.e. consistent Marxist-Leninists, but also denies the necessity of the dictatorship of the proletariat? What is this if not the bourgeoisie path towards a bourgeois socialism; in other words, the path of the French Monopolist bourgeoisie towards an intensification of State monopolist capitalism. Will we have to eternally remind these 'humanists' the price their revisionist friends inflicted upon the people of Chile, by underestimating the power of the bourgeoisie with its armed state and by denying the necessity of a violent revolution?

After this brilliant demarcation made by the revisionists of the F. 'C'. P. we are now able more than ever to judge the worth of the revisionist path. The more revisionism gets closer to the power, the more it becomes 'practical', i.e. opportunist, and the more it shares the interests of 'its' monopolist bourgeoisie. This is what reveals to us its alliance with the Socialist Party whose president, Mr. Mitterand, directed himself, the colonialist politics and, therefore, the police in the mid-fifties.

Our own revisionists, whose main organized representative is the Canadian 'Communist' Party has already given famous examples of this. Take for instance, its ridiculous pacifism that consists in disarming the Canadian proletariat ideologically. Or take a look at its 100% bourgeois solution consisting in a 'federated masses' party and its trend to join the N.D.P., Incidentally, the N.D.P. accepts to apply the Trudeau anti-worker measures when it holds the power, as Mr. Schreyer does in Manitoba, and denounces them when it is in the opposition! "Birds of a feather flock together" says the popular wisdom, and C.'C'.P. and N.D.P. go together well!

With this rejection of the dictatorship of the proletariat, revisionism is digging its own grave. If these famous traitors imagine that their meagre criticism of the new tsars of the Kremlin, done with the aim of discrediting and deforming the dictatorship of the proletariat, is going to win them new fans, they are wrong. For if opportunists may be misleading for a certain time, they always fall in the hole they dig at the first occasion! And proletarians of the whole world won't be long in denouncing this infamous treason! There is only one path towards socialism, and it's the path of proletarian revolution by the means of a communist Party inseparable from the dictatorship of the proletariat, inseparable from the foundation of a proletarian State able to repress and to put a check on the attempts of our dispossessed big bourgeoisie to get hold of its political power over the society again.



All revisionists are alike! They have abandoned the dictatorship of the proletariat and have put the masses under the rule of a bourgeois social-fascist military dictatorship.

THE INSTRUMENTS FOR OUR POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

"DOWN WITH THE TRUDEAU PLAN", A MILITANT THEATRICAL PLAY

The political campaign of denunciation of the Trudeau plan is in progress. Wherever they intervene to denounce the wage freeze and the bourgeoisie's crisis measures, the propagandists and orators of EN LUTTE! are welcomed with enthusiasm by the workers and strata of the people attacked by the Trudeau plan. If the capitalists figure they will get rid of the crisis by exploiting and oppressing ever more the people more and more without any resistance, they're completely off track. What they fail to understand is the fact that their wage freeze will have a boomerang effect, because it raises against them and their bourgeois state all the strata of the proletariat and its allies in a common front of struggle across the country!

In the next issues of the Digest there will be report on the various protest meetings which take place within unions or in public places where militants of EN LUTTE! intervene to denounce the bourgeoisie's crisis measures and to show that the only alternative for the working class and the people is to prepare the socialist revolution in Canada.

To put forward these ideas and encourage discussion during meetings and various demonstrations, EN LUTTE! has produced a film and a militant theatrical play which are instruments in the fight against the Trudeau plan. We present here the content of the play.

A PLAY SHOWING THE WAY TOWARDS UNITY AND RESISTANCE

"Down with the Trudeau plan!" is a play revealing the hideous face of capitalism in crisis and exposing clearly the tough living conditions, the savage — exploitation and repression that represent the everyday life of the working class in Canada. But the play also shows that, far from bowing down before the capitalists, Canadian working men and women have been struggling restlessly for 150 years. It also shows that capitalists are shaking with fear, in seeing, the proletariat draw the lessons of this rich experience of struggle and organize a powerful Marxist-Leninist Party to lead them towards the socialist revolution against its exploiters!

"Down with the Trudeau plan!" is a vigorous call to resist to the Trudeau measures of wage freeze. Some militant songs express in a lively way this call to the class struggle of the proletariat against the capitalists' class:

"Go ahead, comrades, tighten over ranks
The bourgeoisie is arming it self to smash us
No more humiliations!
No more exploitation!
All the working class must rise
And fight back with all its strength!

(no 3 verse of the song "En avant Camarade" translated)

In "Down with the Trudeau plan", it's the working class and the Marxist-Leninist militants who express the justified anger of the masses and orientate it towards the only possible solution for the proletariat: the socialist revolution. A worker expresses this in the following way, his class hatred of the capitalists: "The capitalists, they make me think of the larva which gnaw the spruces: they're just parasites who produce misery because their only goal is to make profits. We should exterminate them, in order to take in to our hands the development of society". To another worker who answers him saying its impossible to do it because workers are doomed to gather only bread-crumbs, the first worker answers: "We're limited to bread-crumbs because for the past 100 years we have been struggling to get bread-crumbs. Now, we want to produce the bread for ourselves and we know how the bakery functions!". Another continues: "What Marx and Lenin teach us is precisely how to fight to get all the bakery!... and the first thing we need in this struggle is the headquarters of the working class, it's a Proletarian Party!"

A Canada-wide Proletarian Party, guided by Marxist-Leninist theory, here's an excellent theme to debate for those who will attend the play! The final song allows the spectators to show their enthusiasm and their agreement with this great historic task of the Canadian proletariat.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE DIGEST

EN LUTTE! replies to the criticism of the Canadian Communist League (Marxist-Leninist) concerning our position on the intervention of Marxist-Leninists on International Women's Day.

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