RACISM
Concepts relating to Race have had devastating affects upon mankind, and have resulted in prejudice and intolerance, persecution and death against minorities throughout the world.

Racism has been a tool used by the capitalist class to cast the blame for existing social evils against certain sections of the community and by so doing creating a scapegoat, and diverting the attention of the working class away from the real cause of the problems - capitalism. As long as workers do not properly understand how capitalism operates the danger of the persecution of minorities, and the pernicious doctrine of racism, will remain. Once the workers understand the true cause of their problems - we will have socialism, and this is the only complete guarantee that any minority can have against the ever-present threat and horror of the unscientific and inhuman attitudes of the racist.

The very term 'race' is vulnerable to wide interpretation, and becomes questionable, and has been purposely distorted. When an attempt is made to divide the human species into various races, difficulties of scientific and accurate classification arise. The prime reason for this has been man's unceasing migrations since his origins, and the consequent interbreeding which has resulted. Race purity, with possible isolated exceptions such as the Pygmies of Central Africa, is non-existent and as a consequence the term 'race' as applied to man loses its significance. In fact, many social scientists would like to abandon the use of the expression altogether. Whether we like it or not, and the socialist could not care less, we are all now very well mongrelised and we belong under the common banner of homo sapiens - the human race.

Charles Darwin, in his work The Descent of Man, doubts whether any trait may be adduced that is distinctive and constant for a certain race, and states that man has been studied more thoroughly than any other organic being, and yet there is the greatest possible diversity amongst capable judges whether he should be classed as a single species or race, or classified in from 2 up to 63 different races, and he quotes the various authorities with their individual preferences.

We are not anthropologists - we are socialists - and when we use the term 'race' we do so with the realization that:

(1) The only true race as far as man is concerned is the human race - the one to which we belong.

(2) The term 'race' as applicable to man creates problems inasmuch as it is most difficult to establish clear cut physical distinguishing characteristics that have been inherited, and that are sufficient to classify one group from another.

(3) It is an obvious error to refer to nationalities and place of birth as a hallmark of race. The 'British' race, the 'German' race, the 'Japanese' race, etc. are false and inaccurate terms.

(4) The race concept has been artfully and deceptively used as a divisive method for splitting the working class into opposing camps, and by so doing creating the compounding existing miseries, and deluding the workers into placing the blame for the problems on certain minorities. And.

(5) As socialists, we assert that the color of a man's skin, the shape of his head, the nature of his hair, and all the multitude of physical qualities that he possesses, have nothing whatsoever to do with his intelligence and behavior patterns. These are determined by environment - and environment for each includes that which is external to our body and also all that which is internal to our body and race concepts play no part in this process as are irrelevant.

The all important question is racial discrimination, and all other allied forms of intolerance, and anti-democratic conduct, is eliminated within the framework of capitalism? We say they cannot.

Capitalism is an ever-growing fertile breeding ground for all forms of discrimination, as this takes place continuously or with varying degrees of intensity. Further, the overriding problem of poverty, war, insecurity and unemployment are all embraced, as far as the working class is concerned, irrespective of race, and the political energies of the working class should be diverted solely to the achievement of socialism which will eliminate the capitalist system in its entirety, and with it the base cause of race intolerance together with all the other major social evils that exist today. In the United States we have the history of the forced importation of black people from Africa who were originally brought over as slaves to live a wretched life primarily in the south. Subsequently when they achieved a higher status, and became wage slaves, they suffered the double indignity of
I and, most important, they have customers in the marketplace. So the black population becomes involved in the operation with each other. Also, comparative harmony and cooperation are necessary. In the factories, who in order to produce effectively and socially in the workplace, a system of an educated working class, in which the capitalist class can make from an educated working class. In order to produce effectively and socially in the factories, they have to work in comparative harmony and cooperation with each other. Also, the black population becomes customers in the marketplace and, most important, they have the vote. All these considerations have changed the race climate. But the change has not arisen from altruism and compassion, but because the economic and material conditions have shown the capitalist class that racism can affect profits adversely; that modern capitalism needs an educated working class, and in the advanced industrial countries, capitalist democracy is the most practical form of administration. And this means that discrimination against sections of the population because of skin color, etc., can be disruptive to profits, and the realization of surplus value, which is obtained by the exploitation of whites and blacks, through the wages system, by the systematic process of paying for just a portion of the values the white and black workers produce, which approximates to their cost of subsistence, and retaining the difference. Now if there were no such phenomenon as racial discrimination, the black and white workers would be able to ignore each other's complexions and suffer the inequities of war, poverty, insecurity and unemployment and wage slavery, together, in blaseful misery, victimized by racism. But what a poor second best this would be, when socialism as an alternate system can be worked for and obtained.

The hopelessness of looking for solutions under capitalism can further be illustrated by turning to Africa. In South Africa, of course, you have apartheid and the sickening spectacle of socially ignorant white capitalists and socially ignorant white workers discriminating against human beings with black skins. However, the writing is on the wall, and there is a large section of white capitalists in South Africa that realize the administration is behind the times, and development is being hampered and stunted, and potential profits jeopardized. Apartheid is a costly system to operate and requires a large bureaucracy of civil servants for its enforcement, and unnecessary duplications of facilities throughout the country catering to whites and blacks on a separate basis.

In the summer of '76 I was in South Africa and was booked to fly British Airways from Durban to Nairobi, Kenya. Imagine my surprise when I went to a South African Airlines office to confirm my reservations and found I had been switched to the Israeli Airlines. A moment's reflection was all I needed to evaluate the significance. South Africa and Israel, at present, are doing business together. In fact, as reported in the press, Israel supplies and sells arms to South Africa. On the one hand you have a State that practises the most virulent and oppressive racist philosophies in the world today, which cause untold sufferings to millions who have the misfortune to be born black, doing business and trading with a State whose origins and history are written in the blood of millions of Jews who were killed and persecuted as the result of similar racist attitudes and beliefs. Rather incongruous, and terribly sad, don't you think? But the socialist well knows that because of similar racist attitudes and beliefs.

Kenya is an African republic state in which the African black population comprises approximately 98%. No racism here - but the poverty is awful. In Nairobi I stayed in a private home that had three male servants, who were paid the equivalent of about $50.00 a month each. In 1976 there were incidents of political violence and rioting, and demonstrations at Nairobi University. The black government and the black ruling class are not at all benevolent to their black brothers and sisters who are members of the working class. As already indicated, the wage level is shockingly low and when in 1975 the legal minimum pay for Kenyans was increased, the workers were reminded strikes were still banned. To black workers who think their freedom and well-being would be assured and improved if they lived in a country where the skin pigmentation was only black, we hope this naive approach would be discarded after an examination of the Central African Empire, where, December 4, 1976, the government announced Jean Bedel Bokassa was appointed president for life, and had renamed the country, the Central African Empire, and proclaimed himself Emperor Bokassa I. Anyone meeting the Emperor as recently reported on
government radio, must bow his head from a distance of six paces, say, 'yes, Imperial Majesty' if answering questions in the affirmative and not use a 'brutal no' if responding negatively. Several years ago this 'champion of democracy', as reported in a local paper, led a detachment of soldiers to the central jail and anparvised a mass beating, which resulted in 3 deaths and 43 seriously injured. Bokasa said this attack was intended to discourage thievery. This surely would indicate black rulers, black governments, and black capitalists can exploit their fellows with just as much refinement and finesse as their white counterparts.

Moving across to Uganda, the population here is also virtually all African and black and in the mid 60's nearly all African employees earned less than 150 East African shillings a month. The president and dictatorial ruler is General Idi Amin, who previously as an outspoken admirer of Adolf Hitler and had planned to build a monument to him in Uganda's capital. However he has recently changed his position on this, as he found out Hitler discriminated against black people. Hitler's attitude to the Jews, of course, had not concerned him at all. In an article published in the Arizona Star, December 5, 1976, the general was interviewed by telephone, professed a love for Americans, and said he would like to be king of the United States, if the American people wanted him. Despots and Demagogues can be found in all shades - black, white, or yellow, all they need is capitalism, together with a gullible unknowledgeable working class, who have become disillusioned. This is precisely the background that brought Hitler to power.

The establishment of the State of Israel had not solved the so-called Jewish problem. Israel is a designated geographical area where predominately Jewish capitalists exploit predominately Jewish workers, where the customary greeting is 'shalom' - peace - where war and fighting are either taking place, or are always imminent. The Jewish people live in perpetual fear and strife. Rabbi Meir David Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, recently stated, and I quote from a newspaper article - 'It was violence that created Israel and it is violence that keeps it alive.' And most sad to relate Jews have also discriminated against Jews, who have dark skins, and are of Oriental origin, by the use of derogatory remarks. This type of ignorance also takes place outside of Israel where Jews use pet Yiddish expressions that are slurs against Christians and black people.

In South and Latin America you have a vast area in which you have a complete mixture of human beings of all various shades and colors, and forced segregation and color discrimination are virtually nonexistent, and yet, you have some of the worst poverty in the world combined with military and antidemocratic regimes.

It is futile and a waste of energy to seek a solution to the so-called race question within the framework of capitalism. We say, to our fellow workers of all colors and backgrounds, join with us to create a world in which all the factories, mines, mills, workshops, transportation, and distributive centers will be owned in common and democratically controlled by and in the interests of the whole of society without distinction of race or sex. A society that will allow you to physically take whatever you need, at any time, to satisfy your needs, without the shackles of the wages system, and without the use of money or barter. A society that will welcome your efforts and contributions which will be given by you according to the best of your abilities. A society without classes, that has united the human race as one, with no national boundaries or barriers, and no regard for skin color, physical characteristics, or birthplace. Such a society we refer to as Socialism.

S. Leight
THE CLC ON RACISM

A pamphlet produced by the Canadian Labor Congress titled: 'Human Rights in Canada: A Focus on Racism,' can be regarded as a useful historical outline of examples and types of racism in this country. Written by Daniel G. Hill, it mentions the genocide of Newfoundland Indians, the Beothuks, by early settlers; the instances of black, but not white which also existed) until it was abolished in the British Empire in 1833; the anti-Catholicism, anti-Metis, anti-Indian bias of early prairie settlers; the denial of the franchise to natives, East Indians, Japanese and Chinese; the discrimination against blacks, and sexism.

It omitted mention of union opposition to the landing of a shipload of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, who finally had to turn back and face the camps and ovens after being refused entry also to Cuba, the U.S. and France. This time worn hostility was generated by the same logic as that used against immigrating Asians on the West Coast many years before, viz - 'We have too many of our own people unemployed.'

The author recognized that anglophones and francophones, as Caucasians, are not separate races but concluded that the hostility between them was and is racist. It conjured a nationalistic fiction that Canadian discrimination is unique, is quiet and unobtrusive.

Included in the pamphlet’s categories were ‘institutional' discrimination, that of businesses in hiring and schools with biased history teaching and unsavory treatment of minority students, plus government policies, immigration laws against certain races and nationalities. The activities of the Klu Klux Klan in Canada during the 1920’s, ’30’s and ’70’s is also touched upon.

The work has a foreword by Emmet M. Hall, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada who is Honorary President of The Canadian Civil Liberties Association. He accurately said:

Historically discrimination in one form or another has degraded humanity since the dawn of civilization.

But instead of describing slavery as the foundation of civilization he lumped it in as another form of racism, as something that can inadvertently happen in a milieu of equality. The accumulated evidence indicates that prejudice has co-existed with class division and the CLC pamphlet uses a quote of unnamed source:

Why do people become racists?

Social psychologists tell us discrimination is the manifestation of one societal group’s effort to free itself from a feeling of inadequacy by casting another group in an inferior light.

The writer seems as determined as the CLC in skirtig the social cause of racism by not accepting the foregoing indication of it, which more completely, is the fear, insecurity, drudgery and frustration of the working class in general. He admits that racism 'becomes most overt when two factors - economic insecurity and increased visibility of racial minorities coincide.' (When do the workers not suffer economic insecurity?)

Aside from the fleeting courtship with reality, the author submerges beneath the sea of capitalist ideology, that society is free, classless in nationalism. For instance, there are no workers, opposed to capitalists, just Canadians. Capitalist institutions, laws, governments, businesses, are ‘our’s'.

The fruitless search for a remedy without a cause is made the more ridiculous by the fact of the pamphlet's sponsor being the central organization of all the unionized wage slaves of the country. Unions are combinations to protect the recumence and servile conditions of people who produce surplus values for a dominant class. But all this pamphlet’s solutions to bigotry are purported to be in the interest of society, but there is no social interest. Any calming of strife can benefit only the capitalist class generally. And indeed, the minority owners of the means of life do have much to gain from avoiding acts 'tending to raise unrest or disorder among the people' as one Manitoba law worded it. Exploitation is most efficient where the minimum disruption prevails.

The writer points out how employers have missed the productive potential of the female workforce through old fashioned sexism. What a shame, all that lost loot.

The CLC’s National Committee on Human Rights voiced racism as a threat to national unity ($$$). It conceded that brotherhood could not be legislated but anyone who violated mythical equality must be punished by law as a moral force. This is reminiscent
frees of worry, stress, insecurity and drudgery, is the only answer to bigotry.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

OBJECT The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means of production and distribution, the product of the whole community.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

The Socialist Party of Canada holds

1. That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (e.g., land, factories, railways, etc.) by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by a whole labour group wealth is produced.

2. That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of classes manifesting itself as a class struggle, between those who produce but do not produce, and those who produce but do not produce.

3. That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.

4. That as in the order of social development the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind without distinction of race or sex.

5. That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.

6. That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly by the capitalist class of the means taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, national and local, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into an agent of emancipation and the overthrow of privilege, aristocratic and plutocratic.

7. That all political parties are but the expression of class interests, and as the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interest of all members of the master class, the party working-class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.

8. The Socialist Party of Canada, therefore, sees the failure of political action determined to wage war against all other political parties, whether alleged labour or avowedly capitalist, and call upon members of the working class to leave their banners in the end that a speedy termination may be brought to the system which depriveth them of the fruits of their labour, and that poverty may give place to comfort, privilege to equality, and slavery to freedom.

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Real Socialism

One of the bizarre happenings in the Oak Bay by-election is the demand by the NDP in trying to justify the socialist label in the face of the Social Credit Party of Canada. The first common retreat is that the NDP is a "democratic socialist." Historically this "democratic" tag signifies a reaction from the most penetrable dictatorships in the name of "socialism" which theoretically is associated with socialism. Subtracting the tag, the socialist part within the NDP would seem to be trying to distance itself from any socialist affiliations. If that is the case, the NDP is again depicting a pattern followed by political parties of the past and present, in that the socialist part can be found only in the name. The NDP is the nearest impression of a movement for socialism, but the socialist part within the NDP has not been influential enough to influence the attitude of the party. The socialist part of the NDP is the one party which is trying to determine the future of the NDP rather than the NDP trying to determine the future of its socialist part.

Larry Tickner
"Socialist Party of Canada is democratic. But democracy requires conscious ownership."

James J. Jamesian

The group of the socialists who are the most active in the NDP have been those who have been trying to distance themselves from any socialist affiliations. If that is the case, the NDP is again depicting a pattern followed by political parties of the past and present, in that the socialist part can be found only in the name. The NDP is the nearest impression of a movement for socialism, but the socialist part within the NDP has not been influential enough to influence the attitude of the party. The socialist part of the NDP is the one party which is trying to determine the future of the NDP rather than the NDP trying to determine the future of its socialist part.

Aside from producing and distributing everything for the owning class, the idea of a useful class in this society by this concept of conscious social control. Naturally, or they would not have been enteractivated. This passage is equivalent to the organizational structure of pru-capitalist parties themselves, as they are by the working people. The comment of the distribution of money is an assertion. He complained that out of a Victoria constituency membership of lies 400, only 70 plus showed up to elect a new executive.

The point is that the word "socialist" is the name of the Socialist Party of Canada automatically means democracy, to the informed. After all, the word determines the means. — J. O. Jamesian

100 Lodge Avenue.
The Quebec Inuit Reject Leadership

'MUTINY' ON THE TUNDRA

Mutiny is connected with dictatorship, with rebelling against autocracy, or disobeying orders. It can also be applied to the act of refusing to follow leaders. Hence the Maclean's Magazine title for its account of the Quebec Inuit discovery that the leaders they depended on to represent their interests were not accomplishing the improbable. They were instead, leading. Which means they were 'lining their pockets' and otherwise enhancing personal interests at the expense of those they were supposed to be representing.

The Inuit are Eskimo natives who escaped the initial North American invasion by European capitalism against the Indians farther south, and only a few years ago started to feel the ravages of civilization.

The present 'kerfuffle' began with the handing of the administration of Quebec native affairs from federal jurisdiction to that of 'Independent' Quebec. With Quebec separatism being a class-divided affair, the top dogs in that province were not going to let the phony equalitarianism of language rights interfere with their newfound empire in the North. Badly stummed as the Inuit were from years of frontier exploitation, they 'got shook up' more when told by the freedom lovers in Montreal that they all had to become Frenchmen now. This edict was accompanied by air-borne policemen to ensure the democratic decision was enforced.

So along came Charlie Watt, 3 parts Caucasian and 1 part Inuit to shout 'protest'. Fears of getting a few paltry $million for thousands of square miles of territory as was the case with the James Bay Cree, have grown among the Inuit. (The Quebec government even lays claim to the mineral rights of the relatively tiny area relegated as a Cree reserve).

The Northern Quebec Inuit (protest) Association occupies the biggest and fanciest quarters in Fort Chimo, and Macleans noted the simultaneous Inuit acquisition of a loader and a man with power (meaning political power over those who blindly followed).

'The sharpest reproof is reserved for the Inuit group's purchase of a $million executive jet, for flights between Fort Chimo and Montreal,' said Maclean's. A hefty expense account bolsters Watt's $30,000 a year salary (And please pay your dues). Charlie Watt is the president, and his living quarters don't look like the shacks of those he 'represents' at all.

According to Macleans, Watts' authority is contested by three communities of Inuit who oppose his plans of trading aboriginal rights for a mess of cash.

Meanwhile other Inuits are quickly becoming educated. An Inuit member of the North West Territories legislative assembly has blasted 'Toronto Eskimos' and suggested a monument be built for them with an inscription to read 'I came (north) with nothing, I leave with lots, and I leave nothing worthwhile behind.' (Victoria Times, Feb. 4/78)

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Unique

At least the Oak Bay by-election was unique in that it fielded a candidate of the Socialist Party of Canada who captured 54 votes. Amazing! Fifty four people who believe in production for use instead of profit, a society without classes, and accepted this to be practical, as a case against capitalism. And what a case can be made!

Ever recurring crises, wars, depressions, chronic unemployment, pollution, inflation, etc. An ever increasing multitude of problems which defy solution within the capitalist framework.

What a pity, not one reporter or columnist in Victoria or Vancouver could handle this.

'Public reporting' Is there such a thing?

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Vancouver
Our previous interpretation of this correspondent's meaning of 'materialism' was the greed for goods and services theory. It may be that his meaning encompasses things undesirable as well as the term 'matter' as opposed to the concept known as 'spirit'. Socialists are aware of nothing beyond the observed universe. Spiritual things are really material, including religious concepts of supreme beings and an after life. Appreciation of beauty in nature or being in love is more usually seen as emotional experience. Mental activity is material (matter is never static). The brain, hormones, nerves, the sense, in interrelation with aspects of socialization are inseparable. The nature combines to evolve emotional experience.

Socialists value emotional experience too and would like to enjoy more of which a classless world would make possible. In one way, parts of the environment are required so that other parts can be emotionally enjoyed. Examples: - steak or steaming bowl of rice, combined with the brain's storehouse of previous experience can total to a pleasure, measurable emotion, depending on time and place. But food can also sustain the organism so that nature, beauty can be enjoyed, all material, natural. Sadly to say, millions of people are 6 feet under, enjoying no beautiful emotions or 'spirit' because they starved to death amidst a technology and arable land and sea area enabling the production of a fabulous diet for 50 billion people.

Since world capitalism is hierarchical, we do not know how the Socialist movement for a free society can operate outside of hierarchy. What is the evidence that opposition to class divided society based upon knowledge of its cause and combined with historico-material conditions enabling its ending, would itself be hierarchical? Or does their correspondent mean that the Socialist Party is hierarchical? If he does mean that, we can agree with his point. But we contend that because the SPG's political activity is based upon class consciousness it is democratic in its actions by necessity. The objective determines the method.

National Socialism was and is used by these organizations and the Trotskyists to describe degrees of, or complete state capitalism in several countries instead of one. (Misconceptions that are joyfully spread by the western capitalist media). World Socialism will see the dissolution of nations, there being one human community without national barriers.
the ICC's goal is to establish new forms of the revolutionary condition for the workers. The 40th anniversary of the October Revolution will confirm this goal, as the new situation is an expression of the revolutionary, which is the case of the workers.

This is why the Russian revolution is a revolution against capitalism and the social system that is developing in the post-imperialist world, and the science of Marxism. It is quite an illusion to think that the workers can quickly become revolutionary (undertake capitalism) or sustain (undertake capitalism) or sustain it since the situation. According to this reasoning, the next definition of revolutionary workers (which is not determined by whether we can sustain the first battle of revolution before preventing the rest of the work). In the same manner, the 40th anniversary of the October Revolution will confirm this goal, as the new situation is an expression of the revolutionary which is the case of the workers.

PARLIAMENTARY ROUTE

Getting back to work, Engels said. In order to determine the extent to which the workers may understand what is to be done, long and persistent work is required. The struggle of the workers is not a struggle for revolution, but a struggle against capitalism. The struggle is not a struggle for revolution, but a struggle for revolution against revolution.

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The ICC says:

The SPGB's sectarianism was derived from legalistic logic from the Declaration of Principles adopted at its founding conference: that 'the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to all sections of the capitalist class' which makes the working class enemy of the party. The working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.

Moreover, the party of two or more Socialists operating in one country, ICC attempts to make the SPGB appear sectarian by appearing to restate, out of the box, that the working class must organize itself with the working class interest of ending the wage-labour-capital relationship as its goal. It happens that the above quote is part of No. 7 of 8 principles which ICC misrepresents as the whole Declaration. If constructive criticism is the ICC's method, surely it should be honest? The fact that ICC attempted to restate the SPGB's sectarianism does not necessarily presuppose that the Principles and avoided discussion of the other 7 sticks out like a sore thumb. Does it fear an exposure of itself? Instead, is it a sect divorced from reality?

ICC finally has the nerve or naivete to say the Bolsheviki were 'undertake the new class's' national strategy, and to revolutionary workers the work over.' What has happened and is happening to 'Communist' state capitalism in various parts of the world, ICC in any case this can be nothing more than religious Party. Sectarianism may not be an adequate description.

In a manner of speaking, ICC merely throws at the SPGB a number of epithets fitting itself. It claims that capitalism has become 'increasingly anti-revolutionary' and defines the working class as a collection of miscellaneous interests which cannot understand capitalism.

After 33 years of the SPGB, exposing sectarianism as being gradational, sectarian, pacificist, political, the ICC attempted to describe the SPGB. Apparently quoting the French theoretician of the same name, saying that if the ICC comes to power it would inevitably have to manage a decadent capitalist state in which all the reactionary institutions of capital would be pitted against the working class. Right on if the ICC was not yet another Messiah of the working class, like ICC. But the ICC either fails to comprehend, or deliberately tries to confuse its readers further. The ICC would not come to power. The working class would, using this SPGB as its basis and general purpose, end new classes and political power as social phenomena. But this is getting back to the class consciousness, the majority working class understanding of world capitalism and the class struggle to confront it. And the Socialist world of free access and voluntary workers, described by Marx as, is not for everyone able to each according to ability, to each according to need.
Clear domination cannot be ended and replaced by a classless democracy by politically amicable means following amorous mystagogues. This has all happened before. Which could indicate that the Communist Parties have the solution. They are the Socialist Parties.

The SNC Candidate in the Oak Bay Provincial by-election was asked for the Party position on Women's Rights.

FEMINISM

Status of Women Action Group
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Dear Friends:

I have received your questionnaire. The problem, for socialists, is that all the questions are concerned with conditions of servitude that they be at least equal to that of their male counterparts. It is natural enough to be concerned about one's day to day survival within the master servant relationship and all of us must take steps to protect ourselves as much as possible.

But the objective of socialism is not to improve the conditions of servitude but to abolish them. Indeed, for socialists, even if all the reforms, advocated in your questionnaire, were obtained capitalism still remains an unstable economic system. Rather than striving so strenuously where women will be at least off as master or better as wage earner, why not strive for a system of social democracy for everyone? (Women are not the only group that is under-estimated against.) Socialism is that higher aim.

For a society whose production is general to satisfy human needs, as well as everyone else, will be free to consume and create along lines in which they find the greatest satisfaction. No longer will women be in economic bondage to their male mates nor will the ugly wranglings over property that presently occur when male-female partnerships terminate be possible. In fact when everything becomes free and men and women are more likely to drift into healthier alliances than is presently possible.

The stock response to this position is that women cannot wait for socialism. They must have something right now. And of course they must. And socialists welcome a greater awareness and socio-political involvement in the pur of women. To some extent we, would do well to address this to our sisters, in this. For, one of the greatest brakes to this intellectual development of women comes from women themselves.

To understand why the Socialist Party itself cannot be involved in the right question one must project to the day when a socialist majority is elected to parliament for the purpose of transforming a present society to one of common ownership of the productive apparatus motivated to satisfying human need. That is the Socialist Party's sole purpose. When that day arrives in Socialist Party cannot claim to be in the position where it can say it does not have a mandate for this because it has voted on a wide range of reform to capitalism and people willing that rather than socialism. Such an event the Socialist objective would in vain be impossible. The party would have become so diluted by reform that it would forget its mission altogether.

It goes without saying that a socialist in the house, what is voting on a large day to day business of capitalism to nothing to do with socialism but because of the Social objective a Socialist cannot ask for or accept votes on such a large.

It is purely academic anyway. It is the party in power that makes the laws.

If at any time your group would like an address or what socialist society will mean to women to Socialist Party of Canada will only be happy to provide a speaker, (whether there is a election or not.)

Yours for Socialism

Larry Teckner
PARTY ELECTORAL ACTIVITY

It had been decided to field a Socialist Party of Canada candidate in the B.C. Oak Bay constituency by-election. The election was occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Scott Wallace, who dropped out both as B.C. Conservative Party leader and MLA for that riding.

Larry Tickner is the Party standard bearer and the event has stimulated some extra activity from members and supporters. There has been some intrusion into the capitalist media, with reports of the nomination meeting, etc. A reporter for the resident "conservative" daily devoted one of his radio editorials to the SPC, which amounted to little more than saying:

1) that the Party would complain a lot about not getting its fair share of reporting and
2) that the majority of people just would not be able to accept the Socialist case, although he admired the sincerity of the Socialists.

When asked, he said he would send a copy of the script, as no Party members had heard the broadcast. But none appeared in the mail.

This reporter later reported on the "character assassination" of Comrade Tickner in the fifth of a series he did on the candidates and confused the Socialist case as much as possible in his paper. He was exiled only by a weekly which also ran a series of interviews for extensive write-ups on each candidate except ours, in the hope of exciting the SPC. Two radio stations also promised to exclude us from their "at-a-time" interviews. One CJOR, Vancouver, tried to exclude us from its all-candidates show but failed, as Com. Tickner phoned them from Victoria while the capitalist candidates (including the NDP) were being interviewed at the station.

There were 3 all-candidates meetings on radio talk shows, one of these in Vancouver, 2 on a Cablevision station in Victoria, one of these being a talk show. Our candidate was the sole guest on CHECK TV's "Capital Comment", also broadcast from Channel 8 in Vancouver, reaching B.C. and the Yukon. There were 3 all-candidates meetings in halls, one in a high school at which CHECK TV had a movie camera man filming the events for that evening's news cast. The other, and the livecast at the University of Victoria, had both CHECK TV cameras and a crew probably from Channel 6.

Vancouver, the subsequent showings of which we did not see.

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The writer was thanked for taking the time to let Maclean's know of his views.

Editor, Maclean's,

Dear Sirs,

About the pending huge layoffs, business columnist Brianne Maclean sounds some fact and some fantasy (Maclean's, Nov. 14th). He precisely describes current economics as being "like death," a distressing subject, one we prefer to avoid. Why? Because economics, far from being the public interest entity he implies, revolves around the profit interest of a dominant minority in a class divided world.

It accurately reveals racism as not being absolute monopolism. They must compete for world markets, and like other businesses, regardless of sentiment, must lay off workers if the commodities they produce cannot be sold at a profit. As he says, the myth that we can live forever in the same place doing the same job... is comforting. But when he calls such Keynesian devises "socialism," he is as irrelevant as the Sioux ghost dancers were. The idea that governments can control supply and demand, create employment or otherwise appear to make the system function for its victims and its benefactors is for the convenience of those who generate it, prospered or otherwise.

On the other hand, Socialism, as the word implies, is divorced from all the economists of capitalism, such as wages, prices and profits. It is an apparently common ownership, (not private) and democratic control by and in the interest of world society. It is a concept which deals with the political causes of current problems, in which the boss vs. worker relationship will be ended, and where each will cooperate voluntarily in production for use, with free access to abundance according to needs.

The present situation, where the recreational abilities of the majority are prostituted into just another commodity, at the mercy of blind economic forces, is not the pinnacle of social evolution. It is just a relatively temporary stopping place.

Thanks were profuse from WEEKEND MAGAZINE too, but the letter remained unpublished.

Editor, Weekend,

Dear Sirs,

In the arena of fact vs. fancy your Debke Dozer scored some points, including the fact that the Soviet Union "in some ways" resembles the Czarist regime it displaced. Naturally, since his Freudianism, Russia's modern state capitalism is a class divided society.

Among him deploring the fact that Marx as well as Lenin predicted that the Soviet state would wither away, does not predict any state withering resulting from minority pressure of power in the name of success of different communes who want nothing about Socialism/Communism. Either engineering worse Leninist as the father of the Russian capitalist revolution, or as we fear a Marxist Stalin in George Washington as a letter of the U.S. bourgeoisie struggle for independence from their British bosses. Marx also for a frontierless, wageless, moneyless world of free and voluntary cooperation based upon common ownership and democratic control of the means of life.

In this context and in reference to your poll on the similarities between the greef and tenes there a possibility of you conducting a poll on how many of the 25.6 percent of R. Canadians who did not vote in the last federal election blamed because of the similarity of parties of plural candidates.

And one that made the news locally, and in some places across the country.

Inco workers were said to have nationalization of Inco to see their jobs. Perhaps they could consider with the workers of the state-owned post office who have been struggling for years to see their jobs against the economicization of automation. The closed their union meetings an NDP political mystics via promised agitation for government intervention. I assume they never heard of Saskatchewan CCP government-owned bon factory that closed in 1947 because its workers wanted higher wages or less productivity, thereby obsolete profits.

These leftist.window how on offer examples of state capitalism operating differently from its private variety, while they burn their heads in the sand and misuse the media degree that the sole functions for all (Amergian workers) have been common, through class.
LETTER FROM ENGLAND

George

Just had a letter from Jack Jones of Kingston, Jamaica. He states that the Jamaican economy is still in great trouble and unemployment reaching towards the three hundred thousand mark. Crime is widespread and Kingston is under a state of siege. He also thinks that racist tensions are going to gain in strength all over Britain. However I rather doubt this from my viewpoint from the bridge here. Certainly the younger element of black youth are frustrated in their сушен environment, but I know many older men, Nigerians, Indians and Jamaicans who seem anchored passionately enough to their British wage slavery as bus drivers, conductors, etc. etc. I think they are being integrated, but of course they have yet to wake up to class consciousness along with the native 'British wage worker'. Only the other day I was passing along the main street in Westminster near a very cold day in December and came across two striking firearms, stamping their feet, shivering beside their strike collection box. I tossed a t.0.00 in the box and gave them a 15 minute increase on socialism. They agreed with most of what I said, but rather suspiciously replied..."We hope this will be the last time we'll have to strike." I replied that I certainly would NOT be asking as they supported the wage system and were themselves contributors bargaining over their price wage in the labor market.

J.G. Jenkins

We are not Communists

In a recent interview in the National Post, journalist said the future of communism in the world is not). He emphasized the need for a more progressive and inclusive approach to addressing the current economic challenges. The journalist called on the socialist movement to focus on building a more sustainable and equitable society. He argued that the socialist agenda should not be limited to economic issues alone, but should also address social justice and environmental concerns.

Linda Adams
Socialist Party of Canada Candidate
**The story of creation**

**Chapter 1**

*And the Lord God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

This happened on the first day. But the sun was not made until the fourth day—so where did the light come from on the first day? No theologian has been able to suggest an intelligent answer to this riddle. However, an obvious answer to this is that the word “light” means “understanding”. But this presents other difficulties with Gen. 1:16 “And God made two great lights...” the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night.

There are two accounts of creation in the Bible. Genesis Ch. 1 states that God made the animals first, and then men. In Ch. 2, God first made man and then the animals. Both contain the right idea; but evolution shows that both were wrong, harmoniously in Ch. 1 the animals were made from the water, while in Ch. 2 they were formed out of the ground.

Let us look at this more closely.

Ch. 2 ver 1. “And the Lord God made the earth and the firmament above the earth.”

Ch. 2 ver 2. “And the Lord said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

It was then that the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he took one of his ribs and made it into a woman.

When Adam awoke, he beheld Eve. She had never seen a woman before—much less a naked woman, and it doesn’t need much imagination to know what happened. He had no work to do, (the devil always finds some work for idle hands) and was filled with the desire with which God endowed him.

Ch. 3 ver 28 God tells Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply, Adam and Eve obeyed and did just that, and there was the original sin.

Ch. 2 ver 16 “And the Lord commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Ch. 3 ver 1 “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, That ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Yea, ye shall not surely die.”

In this curious account, Eve apparently was not afraid of the serpent, nor even surprised that a serpent could speak and hold an intelligent conversation with an animal. The serpent then tells Eve that she will be a god knowing good and evil. Perhaps Eve was the fruit of this tree in order to gain knowledge, a perfectly commendable invention. But why should she by creating the serpent have made a successful one? Adam and Eve did not know the serpent was meant to be a god. They did not know it would live for a long time and eventually die. The serpent (devil) was right and God was wrong. Jehovah knew beforehand that he was going to be wrong and deceived by the devil, so perhaps he deliberately resorted to a lie—a very bad way for a god to start his career.

Ch. 3 ver 22 “And the Lord God said, The man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.”

When did he include in this “us”? God the one who was also born and the other fellow—God the Holy Ghost. His stage had not made his formal appearance, and we probably still shudder in eternal idiocy. Then was only the devil, so God must have included in his partnership of the universe—no wonder 2000 years later that Adam and Eve would not die.

Why did God give Adam insufficient will-power to resist Eve’s temptations? Of course, God knew (because he knew everything) that Adam and Eve were going to let him down and that he would have to destroy the whole world and start again with Noah and his family. It poses the question why he did not associate with “Moses & Co” in the first place, and leave Adam and Eve honorably starving to its unions? Why did not God plant his mystery tree on the garden, for there was plenty of room for a new place? By creating the serpent, it would appear that God deliberately compared to bring about the downfall of Adam and Eve and ruin their manhood’s happiness. “God made man such as he is and doomed him, for being evil” (Shelley).

If God made man” wrote Robert Blatchford, “God is responsible for man’s acts and thoughts, for...
Noah and the ark

In GENESIS 6:14 we are told "These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God."

This is a little strange since we understand that God's prophecions to Adam and Eve were to be fruitful and multiply. Nevertheless, this was apparently the reason why God decided to flood the world. God must have been very annoyed to have such drastic measures.

In Gen. 6:13 we read that the earth was filled with violence. If caumgious animals were made to large numbers, surely this is to be expected. Anyway, who created all these violent creatures?

Noah was 600 years old when he began his three sons (Gen. 5:32) and like Adam must have been an extraordinary wight man. After 100 years to recover from this event, and when Noah was 600 years old, God selected him for the enormous task of building an ark. He could have been a man of maturity, but perhaps a little too old for such a strenuous job, not only the building of the ark, but also knitting it with animals and food.

God gave Noah the measurements for the ark. It was approximately 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, and 45 ft. high. Just think of the enormous amount of work for Noah and his family. It would need a mammoth force of stack-handles with modern equipment including cranes to make it possible. Where Noah had his ship-building workshop, the Bible does not mention.

Noah was first told to put two of each animal into the ark (Gen. 6:15) and afterwards to put seven of each into the ark (Ch. 7:2). God was not very particular with his instructions on this important matter. Of course, he might have had second thoughts and felt that seven of each was necessary, and two would not be sufficient for breeding purposes in some instances, for example, are occasionally sterile. Seven, moreover, is a holy number. Here the Holy animals went in two by two and there is no further mention of seven.

The ark story raises a lot of questions which have never been answered. How the animals were selected together, or found time where Noah put his ship-building workshop, the Bible does not say. One would have thought that Noah would have had difficulties in marshalling them together. Noah must have had a plan for organising.

A pair of microsopic insects from Australia would have had to crawl along the seven feet for more than 10,000 miles, and yet some species can travel only at the speed of a mile a month it would have taken them nearly 1,000 years to make the journey, always providing they could escape themselves to this prodigious under water crowd, and of course, their prey.

It is estimated that there are some 2,500,000 species of insects and nearly 3,500,000 other animals including fishes, reptiles, birds, mammals, etc., occasionally animals are not fish, but mammals, and would have to be included. The Bible says no mention how Noah filled up a canoe of 150 tons weight and measured there-
into the ark. But let's, not make more difficulties. for Noah had his hands full.

The feeding of this gigantic collection of animals must have been immense. Even if the animals cooperated by walking into the ark, their food had to be secured in by the Noah family. Many species of birds can eat their own weight in insects in a day, and there were about half a million of them for whom Noah had to cater. Of course, the ark had to carry millions of insects as food for the birds. Thrice insects also had to be fed and could ravage enormous quantities of food. There is no report in the Bible that Noah had been a store keeper or had any experience in running a zoological garden, and that seems to have admitted giving him any instruction about animal feeding. Noah must have been a very able man — a practical and zoological genius. Not a single animal was reported ill, much less of dying during this adventure.

Who was the ark to collect the polar bears? (Even if they came voluntarily, their food in the shape of hundreds of seals surely did not make the journey to be eaten.) Then again there was the seal's food to consider while they were in the ark's lands. Who went to the antarctic to fetch the penguins, walruses, sea elephants — and their food in the form of thousands of fish found only in the antarctic?

There is no mention that the animals were put in small cages, if they were not and had adequate rooms to move in (or fly) the ark would have been of astronomical size.

How all these thousands of animals were packed into the ark is difficult to imagine. Hundreds of thousands of tons of food were needed for them, far more than any modern liners or cargo ship could carry. This ark full of animals was floating about for ten months (Gen. 8:5). Thousands of tons of fish were needed for the birds. There is no mention that Noah went fishing, this was impossible anyway for the ark was sealed up. Thousands of tons of meat for the carnivora were needed. How this was preserved without cold-storage rooms we are not told. Thousands of tons of cereals for elephants, rhinoceroses, deer, antelopes, horses, donkeys, zebras, etc., were also necessary. The lions might have been able to lie down with the lambs, but only when the lambs were inside them. Moreover a couple of lions could easily consume 400 lambs (or antelopes) during this voyage, not to mention other big cats, tigers, leopards, etc. How the Noah family controlled these ferocious beasts none but the credulous can take seriously.

The enormous quantity of excreta deposited in the ark by this gigantic menagerie must have been a little unpleasant for Noah and his family, as any visitor to a zoo will appreciate. The dung was not even shoveled over-board. This huge floating zoo had only one window about two feet square and Noah was instructed to close the door. In those days the standard of ventilation was very low, so the stench must have been appalling, and the Ark was packed full of animal excreta long before the ten months had passed. The Bible does not mention this, nor that the health of Noah and his family was affected in any way.

Then the rain started. It rained for forty days and forty nights. Why 40 days? Because 40 was a holy number; did not Christ fast for forty days?

Where did all the rain come from? for it covered the earth including the mountains? Mt. Everest is about five miles high, which means an average of 900 ft. of rain a day, rather high by our present standards. London has an average of 3 ft. a year. The origin of all this water is a problem sufficient to baffle the meteorologists of all time. When all the rain water disappeared so is equally perplexing.

**The adventures of David**

**KING DAVID was in direct descent between Abraham and Jesus and therefore a very important personage in biblical history. It is not surprising that the Bible tells us much about him.**

David lived by robbery and massacre. An account of his adventures with the Amalekite occurs in 1 Sam. Ch. 27. Other monarchs have lived this way, but David was no ordinary king, but one that was "after God's own heart."

David killed two-thirds of the Moabite prisoners and maimed the captured horses. The account of this repulsive act is to be found in 2 Sam. Ch. 8.

David used to amuse himself in his many idle intervals, (when he was not murdering and plundering people), by climbing on the roof of Uriah's house to watch Mrs. Uriah bathing. Uriah was one of his soldiers and David sent him to fight in the grimmest of battles so that he might get killed, while he himself disappeared to his own home.

The great King David carried on his interesting occupation and committed adultery with Uriah's wife (1 Sam. Ch. 11). Scarcely a commendable act for a man "after God's own heart."

David having killed 200 Philistines (1 Sam. 18 & 19) cut off their foreskins and gave them to Saul in exchange for his daughter Michal as a wife. This filthy mind of these men of God must have had. As David was one of God's favourites. God forgave him all these crimes; but poor old Adam who was not a king, and who killed nobody, was punished for ever, and with his all of us. God's justice appears a little unfair.

It is worthy to note that God did not pronounce David as a man "after his own heart" before he committed the above crimes, but afterwards, for his statement occurs in the New Testament (Acts 13 & 22). What sort of an all loving heavenly Father is God?**

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