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Convincing the ordinary people that the present form of social organization is little better than slavery has been a general, successful process to date. However, convincing the have-nots that their shrinking portion of social wealth should remain further in the cause of greater profits for the employing classes may be less than a dead-pipe cinch. None the less, the losers of the means of life consider it worth a try. And one of their mouthpieces, misquoting as a paradigm of social interest, is an ecstatic to help. In the May 17 Times, the chairman of the national commission on inflation warned workers not to peg their pay to rising prices or to the unprofited profits of 1975, or prices will increase further.

Harold Alrunoth urged naught workers with wage party thoughts to refrain from trying to get a bigger slice of the pie before it is baked. He ignored the fact that since those who bake the pie receive a smaller slice in the last two decades of the century, the chance is scant of regaining the decimated part of their ration, let alone increasing them.

His own distorted conception that high wages cause or contribute to inflation when real wages have fallen, is from the bottom of the basket. Neither is there a general excess of demand over supply in the market place causing prices rise. The basic cause is government currency devaluation. According to the Bank of Canada figures, the federal government issued a quantity of paper tokens, inconvertible to gold, 3.15 times the excess of Gross National Product growth between 1964 and 1970. It has continued its fight against real wages as the monetary printing press while piously fighting inflation. The government could cause prices to fall anytime if it thought currency devaluation might enhance the general profit picture. Any government could.

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Words are inadequate to describe the utter horror and starvation in a world of plenty. One can imagine the helplessness and despair, and the broken spirit and grief at seeing loved ones wasting away to death. At pathetic faces staring at you from the newspapers; babies, children, mothers, fathers, all eating away in pain and suffering and facing the stark reality that some of them, if not all, are going to die; so when you read the words "famine" in the articles, you will know that it describes human suffering and poverty at its worst.

Throughout the years, various conferences have been held, and fine words have been spoken of famine, food, and population growth, but the results of these conferences have hardly been a success; in fact, they have failed abysmally. One wonders whether the delegates go there with "tongue in cheek," as these abysmally. One wonders whether the delegates know that it is going to die; so when you read the word "famine," you will know that it is going to die; so when you read the word "famine," you will know that it is going to die.

When the facts are dug up, it is terrifying to imagine the hideousness and misery. The successive Five Year Plans has zoomed from a mere million and a half rupees in the first plan to 560 million in the current (1974-79) budget; an increase of nearly 2,700 per cent. The Indian government has handed out tea to the condemned, paid bounties to doctors and health workers for sterilization purposes; has raised the legal marriage age for men and women, and has mass-vaccination camps. The goal was 25 births per thousand by 1980, but the rural birth rate has been hovering around 38 to 39 per thousand for several years now and shows no sign of a rapid decline.

In their struggle for survival it is imperative for Indian women and those living under similar rural areas, to have children. Although most mothers living under these conditions have only a 50-50 chance of seeing their children live beyond the age of 5, besides their family, who else will work the land. It is a situation which the Indian government has expressed rather than alleviated the condition leading to widespread famine in India.

It should be obvious that attempts at, or restriction of population is not the answer. Capitalism is not a philanthropic society, for food is available only in those areas where it is needed. It is frequently destroyed on a mass scale in order to create a demand to maintain or increase its price, even when there is famine in some part of the world, and food has been destroyed or traded away in the very country where people are starving. If there is any doubt that s food problem exists, other than that engendered by capitalism, the following should eradicate any such views. At the Second International Agriculture Avuston Conference held in Paris in 1962 Dr. Mann, the director of the centre at the Hague was reported by The Times as saying:

"The world's population, now a little over 2,000 million, was expected to reach 6,000 million in the not very distant future. It has been calculated that the earth could support a population of 28,000 million if food production were organized on lines now known to be possible."

It is a frightening prospect that food production will never be organized for the benefit of the world's population which are living in under capitalist society, in which profits are the only criteria.

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The subject of violence covers a wide spectrum of social questions ranging from the attitude of the socialist towards violence in regard to the attainment of socialism, to the multitude of its manifestations within capitalist society. Violence envelops our lives, contaminates our environment, and should we be unfortunate enough to encounter it, it can be fatal. The socialist takes the position that the nature of capitalism and the way it functions is the prime cause of violence, and that violence is inseparable from all systems that are based upon private property, and that there is no adequate solution to this social evil within the framework of our present system. Let us examine specifically the material circumstances and the private property relationships that give rise to violence. The instruments for producing and distributing wealth are owned and controlled by a minority, and this results in the economic necessity of the majority seeking their employment and their livelihood from the class that is in legal possession of the means of life. All the products that are essential for survival, from the basics of food, clothing, and shelter to the conglomerations of other necessities and so-called luxuries that comprise modern living, are produced by the workers, but owned by the capitalists up to the time that they are sold and conveyed to new owners in the market place. Access to their ownership and use is dependent upon an exchange of commodities for money, and the majority receive wages, in return for the sale of their labor power, which enables them to purchase a limited quantity of the necessities of life, generally of sub-standard quality, approximating to their cost of production as workers. Given this economic basis of society in which some are owners of wealth and most are not, and wherein life itself depends upon access and consumption of certain essentials and amenities, is it not logical to state that such conditions will result in personal insecurity, envy, animosities and deprivations, and that as a direct consequence violence can be expected to erupt? The socialist abhors violence, considering it, and warns his fellow workers against its use, and we claim that this is not the road to travel in order to solve social problems. But at the same time we are assuredly justified in asserting that the private property relationship of capitalism produces a variegated fertile never ceasing breeding ground for violence when individuals decide to ignore legalities, and attempt to solve their difficulties by taking or stealing, and not buying, and being prepared to suffer the consequences if they are caught. In a private property society there will always be those who are ready to break the law and rebel and commit acts of violence if necessary, in order to satisfy their material requirements. The threat of punishment has never proved a deterrent. The socialist has a most simple solution to the problem of stealing. Legality and democratically, as the outcome of a mandate for socialism. remove the ownership of the means of production and distribution from the minority comprising the capitalist class and transfer the title of all the factories, mines, mills, distribution centers, transportation, agricultural resources to every single man, woman and child living on the face of the earth. We call this common ownership. It will be accomplished on an international basis and the whole of society will democratically control and operate the instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interests of all. Access to goods and services will be completely free and unfettered and the wages system and mooney will have been abolished. When you take a trip into your kitchen and help yourself to food it would be ridiculous to say you are stealing from your wife or your children or yourself. In exactly the same fashion it will be impossible to steal under socialism because you will be the co-owner together with all your fellow human beings of all society's wealth, and you will be entitled to take whatever you need at any time to satisfy your requirements. Concurrent with the establishment of socialism all crimes of violence related to private property issues will have disappeared, and any acts of violence that might occur will be perpetrated by individuals or minority groups. What could be more violent and repugnant to human decency and feelings than atomic warfare, raping, bombing and mass atrocities - all perpetrated and sanctioned under the guise of "legality" and the rationalizations. If you are sincerely truly opposed to violence we suggest you investigate the case for socialism and quickly eliminate capitalism, because the history of the 20th century will prove the legalized violence, in the form of "nationalism", a way of life" under capitalism and is inseparable from its operations. The state, which comprises amongst its components the police and judicial apparatus, the armed forces, the internal security agencies, and the organized legal violence, is the embodiment of force and mass violence, which is at all times ready to unleash destruction should conditions warrant. The real threat that lies potential for mankind's total devastation comes from the organized legal violence of the modern state. Compared to its acts of illegal violence are puny and inconsequential. Socialists protest the violent crimes of capitalism, but we despise the hypocrisy of the politicians, so-called leaders of "capital in industry" who on the one hand protest against legal violence, but on the other capitalize on it, and refuse to place the blame on that system which they so zealously prosed, "Crime does not pay" for most of its criminals but it certainly helps to produce abundant profits for the media. If you eliminate, without warning, violence-oriented shows from T.V. the media would initially be temporarily staggered and in danger of collapse until they were able to make the necessary adjustments. The president of the American Medical Association recently said "T.V. violence is a mental health problem", and he added the for young people this violence significantly changes their perceptions of reality. It was estimated by a researcher at the University of Washington that the average American child will have seen over 11,000 murders on T.V. by the time he finishes school. In 1978 advertising revenues for its local newspaper, so presumably violence is paying off for someone. One might ask
peculate on what the judges, criminal producer*, armament manufacturer*, police, prison wardens, movie would do without violence and crime. Sooeme of cours*a will assure them, living from the violent behaviour patterns merchandising, profiteering and earning a greater happiness and pleasure than theafui occupation that will afford much produced by an inhuman, outmoded capitalism continues. Ponaltles and crimes are committed because of a self-punishment and obviously not the answer. If you*d a deadly suicidal approach which the care about the outcome of nlo* actions and will put an end to his trouble*. In such cities today have become, in their and not * restraint. Most large American downtown areas especially. places of terror at night. The capital city of Washington, Park, New York, late at night? An article in this*, end of quote. This warning was alone after dark in a neighbourhood like the New York Times Magazine. March 1970, was headed with these words, and I quote. "You must be out of your mind to be out and discourage acts of violence by any opposing minority. The vote or the ballot will be used democratically and legally to eliminate capitalism and establish socialism. The ruling class who have essential system of laws and legalities to intrinsic system of laws and legalities to preserve their position will peacefully and non-violently receive a final exquisite taste of the quintessence of their own legal apparatus which will be utilized, and simultaneously dismantled, with the international declaration of socialism, and the establishment of the common ownership of the means of production and distribution. 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The news media take every opportunity to discredit the writings of Marx and Engels who put the ideas of socialism on a scientific basis by examining or openly stating that “marxists” or “communists” are the cause of these tragedies. “We can respect the workers knew when they wanted and the Shah had to bow the country, of course swallowing the 22 billion he had taken from the nodes of the workers. Of it is interesting to note that many of the soldiers joined the ranks of the demonstrators.

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As could be predicted, the Fedayeen, the “communist party” of Iran, would enter the ranks of the workers marching the streets with their demands that the Shah must go. They had employed 20,000 temporary workers to organize the Shah’s army, backed by his army and the fear of terror by his secret police, the dreaded Saadists, who were trained by the Central Intelligence Agency of the USA. In this respect the workers knew who they wanted and the Shah had to bow the country, of course swallowing the 22 billion he had taken from the nodes of the workers. Of it is interesting to note that many of the soldiers joined the ranks of the demonstrators.

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Revolutions and uprisings are inevitable, as is the nature of present day society. As can be seen there are frequent struggles between powerful capitalist nations to control the wealth of a country in revolt.

Society is divided into classes, where inevitable conflicts break out between the owners of wealth production (the minority) and the producers of wealth (the majority). The Socialist Party of Canada and its companion parties in other parts of the world, are organized to overthrow Capitalism, not to destroy it, and to replace it with a new social order, Socialism, in which class conflicts and the possibility of revolutions will no longer exist, but it will be a classless society.

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PROFITS BEFORE PEOPLE

Many words will be written and spoken, many grandiose promises will be made by politicians, and millions of dollars will be spent during the present election campaign. The publicity experts have been called in to create the right image for the respective political parties, and the TV, radio and press will be working at full blast to convince you that it does make a fundamental difference for whom you vote.

The news media is very powerful, and the electorate are confused and frustrated for they have heard it all before, and no matter who they vote in they know that promises will be broken.

It is predictable during the next five years, that there will be political scandals and conflicts of interest where fortunes will be won or lost. when again we will be facing another election and will be confronted with the same problems all over again.

Should we not ask ourselves, who these glib politicians really represent? Do they really represent you? Or do they represent the interests of the capitalist class who own the multinational corporations, conglomerates, banks, etc., etc., etc., and who are interested in one thing, and one thing only, for you to elect their representatives to parliament so that they can maintain their power and privilege and continue their greedy search for ever increasing profits.

It matters not whether you vote Liberal, Conservative or NDP, for no matter how sincere they may be - and this is questionable - you cannot run a society, which puts profits before people, in the interests of the people who are being exploited. (NDP please note). These glib tongued politicians are not altruistic. They are not interested in your problems. For them it is a very lucrative professional career, and you have been the stooges who have elected them. You have no right of recall if they endanger the country or break their election promises, and if you should register a protest vote against the various political parties, because you feel that they do not represent your interest, it is never counted. The situation seems hopeless, doesn't it? But you do have an alternative.
PEOPLE BEFORE PROFITS

A group of well informed and dedicated people, workers like you and I, have for years studied the economic nature of today's society. We think we have the answers to the problems which face the majority of us: unemployment, the hopeless situation of the aged living on meagre pensions, radiation and pollution, the possibility of a nuclear war, and the problems of working people who produce all the wealth, but are rationed by the wages they receive.

At the moment, there are only a handful of us in Canada, but we are organized in America, England, Ireland, Austria, New Zealand, Sweden and Jamaica.

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THE B.C. ELECTION

COMMENTS

There is a gulf between the NDP leaders and their rank and file, e.g. those who rose to the bait. The bait being that capitalism can be operated in the mtereet and their rank and file either, e.g., those who use to the belt. The bait being that those exploit for profit making, if not the ebb tide of lost credibility due to those who will not be replaced at the helm because he can't lead of the other parties. But the great rising islesness end soup bone cutbacks. Ordered to the deceptions of the gifted 

72 The Bennett Barrett twins will be percentage that gave them the height on a bigger vote percentage than the percentage that gave them the height* in an election to gain some advantage in the race for votes as it was said. The first time the B.C. electorate had to bear a double load of the variety of double talk since 1949. Both sides stooped to some tall tales that even the daily press masters of the trade objected to.

The one that is likely to be remembered for a couple of days is the NDP leadership and campaign workers invading old folks' homes and telling them that if they voted Social Credit their institutions would be closed down and they would have no place to live. This caused much consternation and among the spent wage-slaves. To the voter-getters it mattered no that the NDP had caused many hospital cutbacks when they were the government and asked them to return to office. But the army of vultures from all sides who converged on the homes for the elderly may as well have carted ballot boxes with them.

Their unprincipled scramble for votes was obvious. The NDP was also not averse in some areas to encouraging and even helping some Conservative to run, in the hope of splitting the "right-wing" vote.

THAT 4 PERCENT

On the lack-of-a-master problem, popularly known as unemployment, two successful young NDP'ers in the Victoria riding used an argument based on a research by Dr. John McKnight of Simon Fraser University. He said that if the Social Credit government in 1976 to 78 had used a policy the NDP would have used, instead of their own, that unemployment in the province would have been less by 4 percent. An example of how remotes the status quo parties are from the reality of majority problems. The lottery-like position without the lottery prize says vote for the NDP and you stand once chance in 200 of becoming steadily exploited.

The penchant for taking advantage of the political ignorance and desperation of the workers permutates the ruling strata of all capitalist parties. For instance, the Social Democrats and the "Communists" of Iceland, not long ago vastly increased their number of seats in that government by campaigning for freedom to own dogs and being against NATO.

These comments have accentuated the NDP, not because it is much worse than the others but because it pretends to be different, and to have the solution to the workers' problems. The evidence provided by the day to day struggle points to the ending of the class division as the solution. That is the freeing of the useful majority, by the establishment of Socialism.

POLITICIANS OBEY

Politics to the old money since an irrelevant confidence game played by disagreeable people in unfashionable places. The new money, obliged to pay higher prices for larger consumption at 8.33 quarts of pure alcohol a year, compared with 4.75 quarts in France and the United States. The Soviet rate was estimated to be rising at 6 percent a year. (Toronto Star, Monday, April 2, 1978.) This article is only a further indication of the ever-increasing alienation that the Russian workers have to put up with. The Soviets have no exclusive claim to the increasing problem of alcoholism, in every country in the world the alienation of capitalism, whether the Soviet Union France, Great Britain, United States of Canada, democracies and elements the workers regardless of race, colour or sex. Under the alienation of capitalism, whether state capitalism of the so-called "socialist" countries or the so-called free-enteries of other countries); the effects are the same. Until workers everywhere move to abolish capitalism worldwide, the alienation of capitalism will persist, exploitation being only but one of its many faces.
"JIMMY" BROWNRIGG

Western Socialist

May 1, 1930

"Jimmy" as he used to introduce himself, was one of the few surviving members of the first Vancouver Local of the present SPC, and a party member until his recent death in his late eighties. He joined what was known as the Marxist Group in 1900, with headquarters at 856 Homer Street. It included Sangster, Burroughs, Craig, Black, Young and Fairclough. The group became Vancouver Local No. 1 with the formation of the Party the following year and attained a membership of 30 or more by 1903. During the hectic days of the '00's he was active, not only as a speaker but experimenting in making personal contacts for propaganda purposes. He wrote occasionally for the Western Socialist when it was the rival publication of the Socialist Party of Canada and the World Socialist Party of the U.S. In later years he collected a following in a café which he practically made his headquarters. His forte was economics and he taught some classes up to the past World War II period.

He was critical of newcomers joining the Party without adequate grounding in the basics of theory, as sometimes happened, particularly in the case of the group of young people who were brought out of the CCF and made up the majority of the new 228 Granville St. local about the beginning of the '30's. At least the event was graphic proof of the uselessness of "boiling from within" to try to make a non-Socialist organization into a Party with working class emancipation as its sole objective. Which is what the group of young individuals were generally trying to do with the CCF before they were expelled by the Provincial executive. This "reform" local of the SPC as it later became known at times, developed speakers and with the more fundamental work of some older members, carried on feverish activity for a few years, including running a candidate in a provincial election. It folded, with the former CCFers drifting into oblivion. Jimmy, who helped found the initial group, dropped out when the decision was made to hurriedly form a local of the Party without first going through a season of economics and history classes. He will be long remembered.

The C.C.F. has evidently decided that it is not going to be out-maneuvered by the Communist Party in the laudable work of uniting the anti-Socialist elements in society. For the forthcoming provincial election in Saskatchewan, "Social Creditors. Conservatives and the C.C.F. decided to join hands to nominate an 'unity' candidate in the Willie riding." (Free Press, April 21st.) The same report states that S. N. Homer, an independent, already endorsed as Conservative candidate, has also been endorsed by the C.C.F. and will represent both parties in the Milestone constituency.

But the C.C.F. will have to get up early in the morning if it is going to put one over on our wide-awake Communists, for the same report also states that, in Regina, "T. G. McManus, 36-year old provincial secretary of the Communist Party, was nominated...by the Labor-Progressive unity group, along with Rev. S. B. East, 66-year old Regina alderman, United Church clergyman."

The Western Socialist, May/38.

Russia's Bolshevik Conservatives must have copied their true-blue Canadian brothers.

"One ingenious solution for the unemployment problems of 1914 was made available by the outbreak of war. Rather than provide municipal relief, welfare authorities arrested all those whose origins were in the ramshackle Austrian Empire and forced the federal government to open internment camps for them where they could be compelled to work as slave labor, clearing bush. Few, if any of the men - Poles, Ukrainians, Czechs, Slovaks or Croats - had the faintest loyalty to the Hapsburg Empire and everyone at the time knew it. What local Tory politicians wanted was a cheap way of getting rid of an unemployment problem." (Commonwealth, May 2/79).

Capitalism's profit motive forces both its left-wing and its right-wing governments to minimize labor costs.
The old Socialist Party of Canada was quite a mixed bag. What eventually became its official organ, THE WESTERN CLARION, contained articles from SLP types to reformers to even some pretty sound socialists. Some of the old articles are reproduced here for interest and education, so if the working class do not learn from yesterday's errors they are apt to repeat them.

**Vintage Views**

Western Clarion, Jan. 11, 1911. Within the old SPC some members were concerned about the high demands for “Socialist purity” from one Moses Barltz. A letter to the Clarion on Barltz’s fastidiousness begins:

**THE BARITZ BOMB**

Comrade Editor: — So the Toronto bomb has exploded. Barltz was a very dominant and active lecturer in the Toronto Local. This is probably just before Barltz took the Local away, for a time, to form The Revolutionary Socialist Party of North America in protest against the Reformism of the old Party.

The writer goes on to complain that if we waited till all comrades have an S.P.C. (Socialist Party of Great Britain) standard before admitting them to locals, we would wait a considerable length of time. Before they joined the Party most were anything but good Socialists... our education dated from the time we joined the organization.

The writer goes on the complain about Barltz’ influence in that... the Toronto local are behind Barltz to a man giving lie to the oft repeated maxim that Socialism in Canada was purely a western phenomenon.

The writer was signed, Fred S. Falkener, Great Falls, Montana

But there was quite a force within the Party to keep it free of reformism.

Written at a time when the pound and the dollar were more substantial than they are today

**FIVE-PER-CENT**

Because I have ten thousand pounds I sit upon my stern
And leave my living tranquilly for other folks to earn
For in some procreative way that isn’t very clear.

Ten thousand pounds will breed, they say,
Five hundred every year.
As I have a healthy hate of economic strife,
I mean to stand aloof from it the balance of my life.

And yet with sympathy I see the grimy son of toil
And heartily congratulate the fitter of the soil.
I like the miner in the mine, the sailor on the sea.
Because up to five hundred pounds they sail and, mine for me.

For me their toil is taxed unto that annual extent.
According to the holy shibboleth of Five-Percents.
So get ten thousand pounds, my friend, in any way you can.
And leave your future welfare to the noble Working Man.
He’ll buy you suits at Harris tweeds, an engine and a car.
Your golf clubs and your morning Times, your whiskey and cigar.

He’ll cosily install you in a cottage by a stream.
With every modern comfort, and a garden
That’s a dream.
Or if your tastes be urban, he’ll provide you with a flat.
Swept from the clamour of the proletariat.
With pictures, music, easy chairs, a table of good cheer.
A chap can manage nicely on five hundred pounds a year.
And though around you paintful signs of industry you see.
Why should you work when you can make your money work for you.
So I’ll get down upon my knees and bless the Working Man
Who offers me a life of ease throughout my mortal span.
Whose lions are lean to make me fat, who slaves to keep me free.
Who dies in his prime to let me round the sea
And heartily congratulate the tiller of the soil.
Of toil.
And yet with sympathy I see the grimy son of toil.
And heartily congratulate the fitter of the soil.
I like the miner in the mine, the sailor on the sea.
Because up to five hundred pounds they sail and, mine for me.

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**KEEP THE MOVEMENT CLEAR**

There has been a lot of controversy about the tactics of the Party and some comrades seem to think that the S.P.C. is merging into the same position as the I.L.P., a reform party, more interested in the commodity struggle than they are in the class struggle.

We who are trade unionists are forced to take part in the commodity struggle on the industrial field. But Socialists, elected to Parliament by class conscious (workers) can voice the opinions of Socialists and need not bother about “better conditions” for the workers here and now - which is impossible under capitalism.

King Capital, driven by capitalist development is the great leveller and the working class have a hell of a time ahead of them. Comrades, let the working class answer at us, it is hard to bear when you are telling them the way out of their misery...

The writer is quite clear about how this is to be achieved - by majority conscious political action. It is up to our class to wrest from the master class the whole means of wealth production by political action.

Aye, though they boast a flag that’s red on Sunday afternoon.
Just offer them ten thousand pounds and see them change their tune.
So I’ll enjoy my dividends and live my life
With zeal.
And bless the mighty man who first
Invested Interest.

Robert Service
WHAT ARE COUNTRIES FOR?

"On this day, May 11th in 1880, Sir Alexander Galt was appointed First High Commissioner to Britain. Few men had done more to create the Dominion of Canada, and yet he was a man whose business interests took precedence over his political activities. But no one saw more clearly than Galt, that business in ALL the widely scattered colonies in British North America would be more profitable, and everyone therefore more prosperous. If all were joined in Confederation, to that end Galt devoted much of his life - the foremost of many men who, as one historian has said, "were pushed by their own self interests to see beyond the perimeters of their own colony to see wider shores of trade and prosperity."

Then AFTER Confederation, Galt pressed strongly for full national status for the Dominion. He has been praised by historians for the persuasive mastery of his arguments, his economy of speech, the neatness of his common-sense of this successful Railway executive that stands beyond the perimeters of this global village into geo-political entities is for the making of profits only.

The only discrepancy above being the archaic capitalist deception that what is good for General Bullmoose is good for everybody. Aside from the declining condition of the present general majority, the boundary lines of Canada were drawn over a century ago. The forty-ninth parallel separated west coast tribes from one another. It also split Saskatchewan and Assiniboine on the plains, as well as decimating their populations through starvation and smallpox. A similar "prosperity" hit the Indian tribes of Ontario and the east coast. Eskimos of Alaska must salute the U.S. flag while those of Canada not on the welfare benefits of Canadian capital, etc. The now outdated division of this technologically global village into geo-political entities is for the making of profits only.

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BRITAIN'S USELESS CLASS

February called for soldiers instead quote: "Soldiers can dig graves to bury the dead. Soldiers can remove the mounds of garbage now creating a health hazard in some of our cities.

This of course is a time honoured trick of the ruling class in breaking strikes with workers dressed in khaki but - 1979 is not 1926 and so the "troops" were kept in low profile.

While three of the four Unions involved in this 1979 strike action have now returned to work, the N.U.P.E. Union (like the miners in 1926) remaining fighting on at time of writing (17 March). They represent groups of some of the lowest paid workers in Britain in fact one of their Pickets outside the Christie Cancer Hospital in Withington, Manchester, told this writer that as a single man he could scarcely "manage" on his pay and wondered how the married man fared. So it goes on and the tragedy is that these Union members do not yet see the urgent necessity of political action for Socialism, to end the disgrace of the wages system which breeds strikes, wars, dole queues, palaces, slums and a host of industrial diseases. Certainly they have demonstrated they can organize to haggle over the sale of their hides; it remains for them to join the socialist movement and capture the parliamentary seat of power, dismantling its coercive might and organize production for use, a simple task compared to the complexities of production for profit. It is a long time since the 1926 General Strike. Sadly, the gallant 1926 struggle and hardship of the coal miners, has not yet been seen as the limited exposure of the ruling class as completely dependent on those who do all necessary tasks for the functioning of capitalist society.

It is then clear, as it is in 1979, that the ruling class are parasitic idlers depending on the socially useful working class for their survival. The Archbishop of Canterbury called members of N.U.P.E. (National Union of Public Employees) "Selfish, Irresponsible Strikers" (1) when he "descended" from his celestial heights and world of ghosts, to become suddenly interested in 'this earthly material world!' Perhaps those citizens whom he attacked verbally for seeking a rise in their wages from 42:40p to 60 weekly for such tasks as emptying the material dustbins of spiritual houses like Dr. Coggan. The Archbishop, may get a bit more 'selfish' next time they cast their vote and opt for Socialism with ownership of the world by the people who are in it, thus ending class ownership of the means of life at last Religion, the present day "Cry of the oppressed" along with its Westminster Abbey "Comedians" and their "trick card trick" "Trinity" Incantations, would then be a "thing of the past", while its perpetrators such as Archbishops could find useful work, perhaps emptying the dustbins of Socialism as a pleasant change from their previously parasitic existance.

In addition to Dr. Coggan, we had another of his ilk who threw open his Liverpool church doors for all and sundry to come and wait for it. "Appeal to a higher authority than the Government to solve the industrial crisis!" (1) .. Asked when he expected any results from "God" he replied "It is in God's hands..." However, so far, "God' is nowhere to be seen around the piles of garbage in the city streets - either with or without a shovel in "His Hands".

Apparantly doubtting the ability of "God" to solve the crisis, the "Daily Mail" of 2nd

THE CORPORATIONS KNOW WHO THEIR POLITICAL FRIENDS ARE

In 1977 the NPC received donations from the following corporations: 10,000 from Pitts Engineering Construction of Toronto: $7,500 from the House of Seagram's, $5,000 from Lapatt Breweries; $4,000 from Wood Gundy; $3,300 from Corby Distilleries; and $2,000 from the Toronto-Dominion Bank. (Maclean's 7/5/79) Total: $188,810,

which probably helped to finance a few of those quarterpage size daily newspaper advertisements supporting capitalist ideology. A few unions had their feet on the ground so far as not being able to distinguish between right and left, in the same year. They donated $1,654 to the Liberal Party and $432 to the Conservatives.
"PROSPERITY"
The current business boom and low unemployment in Tony Atibastra and NDP Saskatchewan does not mean prosperity for all.

Edmonton city council plans an ordinance forcing poor paying utility rates to post a $100.00 deposit before being connected to telephone, sewer and power facilities. In an attempt to cut $82,000 annual losses by $254,000. Could this be partly a spin-off from the oil propositions that state owned enterprises operated for the use of all the people?

Anyway, the low paid workers who qualify for the honor of interfering with the general profit gathering business vis-a-vis government operated enterprises are (1) those who have paid their bills with bad cheques twice in a month; (2) those who have used a fake name; (3) customers who have had services disconnected twice in one year for non-payment and (4) those who are unrelated disconnected twice in one year for non-payment. In the same premises who switch names to avoid payment.

Edmonton is also becoming known as the illicit drug and crime center of the West. So? They told you - capitalism operated for everyone.

In the next-door province of Saskatchewan poverty abounds too. What's new? But authorities at present are concerned about the mental breakdown problem and the province's antiquated laws dealing with it.

Workers who occupy mental hospitals (or those in the line-up waiting to get in) are not very profitable to the investing class, very well under "Communism" in Poland. The labor-power of the working class, as much as the contradictions of the system will allow, in the case of the Roman Catholic Church, this concern is voiced through the so-called preservation of life and being opposed to abortion. In the case of Russia's state capitalist rulers, especially in times of high market demand for the workers' energies, "the bankruptcy of the motherhood medals" are issued and other swindling inducements are offered to increase the birthrate. Both dictatorships, being motivated by the balance sheet, like to keep their exploitative material on hand as cheaply as possible. Religious escapism is much cheaper for instance, than financing huge mental homes. Hence the Kremlin is favorable to the opiate of the masses. It pays (30 million Russian Orthodox Christians in 1966. Consequently Pope John Paul II observed during his recent trip to his homeland that Catholicism has done very well under "Communism" in Poland. He prayed in a cell of Auschwitz for the millions who had died at the hands of the Nazis. He carefully made no mention of the millions who died in forced labor camps at the hand of the Bolsheviks. Mustered off the host, the local basees - Dacorum at all times. Generally, the organized church is now openly involved in grabbing the broken wretches of the system by the scruff of the neck, propping them on their feet and trying to breath some more usable labor time into their emphysematous lungs. An audience with Pope is now a part of the travesty of most Soviet emulators, as they tour their international holdings of empire.

RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL DICTATORSHIPS

The dictatorship in tbe Kremlin has recently become more chummy with the dictatorship in the Vatican. They have much in common. Both are committed to capitalism. In the sense of ordinary exploitation of the working class, both would fit in the category of international conglomerates. In addition to the Roman Church's vast industrial and financial holdings, see Sacred Poverty of the Vatican, Fulcrum 3/78), it might be pointed out that some years ago an independent research organization conducted a test on U.S. corporations for operational efficiency. It was not surprising to learn that the U.S. chapter of the current Roman Empire was the most efficiently run business within the borders of the world's leading capitalist power. Ruble millionaires perhaps are more commonly known (950 of them back in 1953, 570 being multi-millionaires). Both oligarchies are concerned about preserving the important source of profits, that is, the labor-power of the working class, as much as the contradictions of the system will allow. In the case of the Roman Catholic Church, this concern is voiced through the so-called preservation of life and being opposed to abortion. In the case of Russia's state capitalist rulers, especially in times of high market demand for the workers' energies, "the bankruptcy of the motherhood medals" are issued and other swindling inducements are offered to increase the birthrate. Both dictatorships, being motivated by the balance sheet, like to keep their exploitative material on hand as cheaply as possible. Religious escapism is much cheaper for instance, than financing huge mental homes. Hence the Kremlin is favorable to the opiate of the masses. It pays (30 million Russian Orthodox Christians in 1966. Consequently Pope John Paul II observed during his recent trip to his homeland that Catholicism has done very well under "Communism" in Poland. He prayed in a cell of Auschwitz for the millions who had died at the hands of the Nazis. He carefully made no mention of the millions who died in forced labor camps at the hand of the Bolsheviks. Mustered off the host, the local basees - Dacorum at all times. Generally, the organized church is now openly involved in grabbing the broken wretches of the system by the scruff of the neck, propping them on their feet and trying to breath some more usable labor time into their emphysematous lungs. An audience with Pope is now a part of the travesty of most Soviet emulators, as they tour their international holdings of empire.

ANOTHER CONTRADICTION

Representative Robert Dorn of California has sponsored an amendment to the 1978 U.S. Defense Bill in Congress, which would prohibit the spending of any defense funds for the purpose of providing injections for any member of the armed forces or their dependents. He explained he offered his amendment because: "It would be a grave situation if these funds were to be used to snuff out human life" (Monday Magazine, Dec. 17/78). Meanwhile the British capitalist class is going to save money in the process a wasting wealth in the preservation of those other ingredients for profit, overseas markets and raw materials. They have started production of a cheap, disposable anti-tank weapon. After using it to kill his fellow workers, the foot soldier can just throw the launcher away.

ONLY POOR PEOPLE STARVE

The president of Worldwatch Institute told a symposium at the University of Western Ontario that, "Only poor people starve because they don't have the purchasing power needed to buy food." (Daily Colonist, April 7/79)

With the large increase in 1978 grain production, he noted the increasing gap between food supply and starvation. He said, "more than twice the needed amount of food is produced but it's inequitably distributed. Economic demand has priority over human demand." As the Companion Parties of Socialism have been saying forever. Three days before the above report, another announcement that Dr. Lota Hirschmanova has won the $50,000 first Bank of Canada award for her contributions to human welfare and the common good through her Urban Service Committee. For many years the USC has begged for contributng its poor people in Canada to help destitute children in under-developed countries become efficient producers of goods and services for profit, among which is a lot, only for their who can pay. W. Brown, Worldwatch's president, should investigate Socialism.

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