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The words Socialism and Communism have the same meaning. They indicate a condition of society in which the wealth of the community is held in common, and the means of production, distribution and transport are held in common, production being for use and not for profit.

Socialism being an ideal towards which we are working, it is natural that there should be some difference of opinion in that future society. Since we are living under Capitalism it is natural that many people's ideas of Socialism should be colored by their experiences of life under the present system. We must not be surprised that some who recognize the present system is bad should yet lack the imagination to realize the possibility of abolishing all the institutions of Capitalist society. Nevertheless there can be no real advantage in setting up a half-way house to socialism. A combination of Socialism and Capitalism would produce all sorts of injustices, difficulty and waste, of which the people would be the vehicles for achieving this end. The Socialist Party of Canada has shown since the Co-operative

**In the News**

**APPEAR TO BE DIFFERENT**

The death of former Tory Prime Minister John Diefenbaker brought about a by-election in the Prince Albert Federal constituency.

A "crowd" (to use the terminology of the Saskatchewan "Commonwealth") of 1,000 attended an NDP convention to pick a candidate for the Nov. 19th poll.

Stan Hovedo, the chosen one said: I believe in a society where equality is not only desirable, but possible.

A society where social equality is desirable presents present society: capitalism, a class divided system where the exploited majority are vagons for classless democracy, a percentage of whom think the NDP is the vehicle for achieving this end. The Socialist Party of Canada has shown since the Co-operative

**DAMNED IF THEY DO AND DAMNED IF THEY DON'T**

"Belgrade (Reuter) After three days of gloomy speeches about the state of the national economy, world financial leaders ending their conference here agreed that hard times must continue in order to bring inflation." (Western Producer, Nov. 89.)

But inflation was caused to be hard times.

**TO CAUSE PEACE, MANUFACTURE AND SELL ARMS**

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**VINTAGE VIEWS**

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we can never forgive the founder of the third international for stabbing the revolution in the back and handing over the proletariat of Western nations to the forces of opportunism and reaction. They have attempted to sacrifice the Social Revolution upon the altar of Russian Nationalism. This the revolutionist can never forgive: not forgive, Charles Lester — One Big Union Bulletin, Dec. 11, 1924

**Socialist Fulcrum**

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Commonwealth Federation (the NDP, former name) was inaugurated in 1935 that the CCF/NDP stands for capitalism; the state or the private variety being of little concern. The NDP is more easily expected, however, when spokesmen like Howdebe are inadvertently candid.

One of Hovedo's qualifications was said to be "he has working ability," when he was the NDP's choice in the May general election, where he took 7,500 votes away from Diefenbaker. To effect this, he helped to appear to be an alternative to the other parties, and the "Commonwealth" (Oct. 10) as much as said so: "Stan Hovedo's approach was one of confidence in making a process in motion that would present a clear alternative to the voters and produce, as a logical result, an NDP victory."

Deception can be "tough (selling "and always demands a renewal of scheme to appear to be a "clear alternative." After all the years, when the CCF/NDP has been shown to be anything but, both in and out of office, it has no choice. The instance of CCFC's voting for John Diefenbaker in the 1945 general election in Lake Centre must have been a tough one to play down in later years. They had been told by their leader at the time, M. J. Coldwell, that Diefenbaker was a better man for the west than the Liberal candidate and the CCF had no chance of winning there.

The establishment of a system of social equality cannot be brought about by ship follow-shepherds. The "crowd" at the FA nominating convention of course was deceived by the slick phrase of the candidates: I believe in a society where equality is possible.

Political parties whose memberships are divided into generals at the top, and pension or "the crowd" at the bottom, are committed to social iniquity. The means indicate the end.

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**Editorial Note:** In common with her sisters, Sylvia was a bit of a theory. Class distinctions do not, as Sylvia contends, arise from differences of education but from ownership of means of production. There are examples of poorly educated, even stupid, children of millionaires who live with pride and comfort. Nevertheless the article makes interesting reading if only to compare how far her modern contemporaries have fallen from her position.
IS MAN AN ENDANGERED SPECIES?

Never before in the history of mankind has the population of the world been faced with mass destruction and death. People are mass destruction and death. People are...
ELECTION '80

The Clark Conservative government was recently defeated by the Liberals, the NDP and the abstention of the five Social Creditors in the House of Commons forcing a federal election to be held Feb. 18th.

The P.C.'s won their majority government position in the election of May 1979, with a bizarre program of increased spending, not surprisingly aimed at solving or alleviating some working Jane and Joe problems. The Liberals on the other hand, warned of further worker belt tightening, a process which is as sure as the next day's sun rings in the face of a world recession.

Both Trudeaues and Broadbents warned Clark during the last contest that he was dangling more bait before working class eyes than the "state of the economy" would allow. The difference between being in and being out of office was soon demonstrable by the Tories. The cutback dictates of the present profit interests of the owning class were soon apparent. But the P.C.'s went further than either of their shadow-boxing buddies, advocating at least while in their positions on the sidelines.

The huge gasoline tax increase and other concealed excise levies on some ordinary commodities would have an obvious as well as immediate effect of lowering the consumption levels of the mass who drudge for wages, for a time at least. Not slick enough to suit the "opposition."

These actors on the political stage of the minority class that owns the means of life and calls the shots, do their share in cultivating the myth of an energy shortage in terms of current technological ability. They encourage the fairy tale that the poisonous exhaust fumes of "fellow" drivers, will continue. This situation will be different for those on top of the heap. Examples: the new model Cadillacs and Rolls Royces, paid for in cash, will not be "fuel efficient"

They'll still be air conditioned against the exhaust fumes of "fellow" drivers, newproof, commodious and pleasant. And the price of gas went up to $10.00 a gallon in a matter of months where it was less. Neither would a wage increase for their chauffeurs bother them. These are the people who belong to the privileged class, who generally have never been near the unpleasant places where their opulence is created. These are the politically powerful people who directly or indirectly finance the politicians, left and right, who call the tune that their hirings dance to. It is this class's profit interest that most social processes revolve around.

Wages, whether high or low, are used to maintain the workers as efficient producers of surplus values for the employing class. The difference in the price level of marketable skills between the inevitable boom and bust cycles is as nothing compared to the wage-slab's ration in relation to the free access consumption of the system recommended by the Socialist Party of Canada.

Aside from the ridiculous presentation made to the "little people" generally by the left-centre-right parties, the spectacle of the Liberals and the NDP defeating the Tory government because it used too much of the Liberals' and NDP's election program borders on the sublime. Hair splitting aside, the bosses' representatives are now doing their measuring up to the effects of this one.

Tired and disillusioned Pierre has opted not to head the Liberals one more time. In 1968 it was descending, like Santa Claus, from the air, in a helicopter, to an audience of thousands a Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, where the Socialist Party of Canada maintained an outdoor speaking spot. The SPC distributed a leaflet to that audience which portrayed Trudeau as a puppet in the hands of the country's money bag. The strong appearance appeared to be oblivious to this information in the election leaflet, apparently seeing only the sailor who descended from the heights. With a wave of his cape, the great man was off again, to summarize the millions.

As if more evidence was necessary, as intellectual, even a rich one, cannot win a class divided, antagonistic society in the interest of its victims. Neither could Jesus Christ, if such an individual ever existed. And Karl Marx would know better than to try. That's why he advocated the alternative, which doesn't exist anywhere yet.

When the next boom looms, more wage subsidies will be allowed to fall from the masters' banquet table, and life will continue to be relatively bleak for the majority that not only produces everything but runs the system for their rulers. The next election, the decisive fog that surrounds the issues is: the way out. As always, since 1931, the Socialist Party of Canada stands ready to assist in this process.

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This is not confiaction, it is restitution. If you think you are worthy of a full life, a well being, it is imperative that you join and support the Socialist Party of Canada stand* ready to sawn
OLD MISTAKES REVIVED

In today's relative political apathy it is not uncommon to see some young adults committed to what they see as social change to remedy the ills of the capitalist class. In Struggle is one of several descendant Bolshevik types split off from their original showing in parts, by the developing capitalism of the USSR. The minority violent seizure of power by the Bolsheviks in 1917 in these material-historical conditions allowed only the building of state capitalism.

On the positive side, in Struggle has discovered that capitalism has been restored in the USSR since the 1950's. On the negative side it is not aware that nothing but a class divided system has existed there, feudalism up to 1917, and the building of state capitalism since. I.S. is ambivalent in its Draft Program as the early "Communist" parties were (but had a better excuse) which describes the process of capitalist exploitation of the working class accurately, but does not apply this process, with its wages system, banks, money, rent, interest, profits, etc. to pre-1950's Russian or to present day China.

I.S. partially accepts Lenin's and Stalin's gross distortion of Marx, that there is a difference in the meaning of the term Socialism (social ownership) and Communist (common ownership, both of which cannot a moneyless, wageless, classless, frontierless world of free workers voluntary work and democratic control). They accept the Lenin-Stalinist concealment of Russian state capitalism under the guise of "Socialist" dictatorship of the proletariat or long transition period to "Communism" (which was promised by Khrushchev by 1980 and would ensure every Russian worker an egg a day). It accepts the early French capitalist revolutionaries' Bonapartism of Leon Trotsky's view of an enlightened leadership at the head of politically uncoordinated followers which, in the historic-materialist conditions of the French and Russian feudalism ripe for capitalism, it was at this point highly industrialized and economically integrated earth, this outlook is, as relevant to working people's problems as the house and bugle is in terms of today's technology.

I.S. maintains that capitalism suddenly became reinstated in Russia. I.S.'s understanding of the terms is a just as bewildered to assume that in its planned "dictatorship of the proletariat," there will be a working class "in control," and a capitalist class detested from state power, but exploitation of the propertied class will end. How can there be a class of owners without capitalism? Or as Marx said in Wage Labor and Capital, "The existence of a class which possesses nothing but the ability to work is a necessary presupposition of capital and, "Thus, capitalist presumes wage labor and wage labor presupposes capital. They mutually condition each other: if one is annihilated, the other is annihilated too." What is the difference between I.S.'s proposal of "guaranteed minimum wage for all," I.S.'s concept of Socialism, and the "four days pay for four days work" described by Marx as a conservative motto in "Value, Price & Profit"? In the same sentence Marx adds "abolition of the wages system" as a condition of Socialist/Communist society. I.S.'s goal to expropriate the banks and industrial monopolies is merely state capitalism, and the owning class won't mind it! Hypothetical Capitalist-Communist party in office saying the capitalist class is no longer in control and that exploitation has ended. To qualify for their "minimum wage" the class that possesses nothing but their ability to work will have to regularly present themselves at the boss's premises to expand capital via profits, exactly as I.S. explains it on pages 34 & 83 of its Draft Program. Like the early Leninists & metallurgists, I.S. thinks private ownership is the social form of class ownership and that state ownership is something different.

According to I.S. "exploitation of man by man" has ended in China. The 300,000 Capitalists and Managers in Communist China. So exploitation has ended in a country where one rich family can spend more on a single trip to a massive restaurant than some working class families receive in wages for eight months! (Victoria Times, May 2779). The Chinese constitution guarantees the right to own private property in the means of production. Though strikes are outlawed, they do take place. Against whom do the workers strike if there is no exploitation by a master class?

Contrary to Marx and common sense classlessness cannot be established through unconscious violence by sheeple following blind leaders, "the leadership of (their) party," (Draft Program), but only by the "self-conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, as the outcome of their own interests." (Marx Engels, Communist Manifesto). Or as Engels put it in his introduction to Marx's "Class Struggle In France,"

Where is a question of a complete transformation of the social organization, the masses themselves must act to be it, must themselves already have grasped what state, what they are gaining for.

NATIONALISM

Patriotism, in the words of a philosopher, is the last refuge of a scoundrel. It is also used by the owners of the earth to camouflage class division and its contradictions. Including the state capitalism countries in Canada I.S. is bringing in as conservative as the Clark's party or the conservative ideologues of Moscow or Peking, in vainly advocating national determination for the workers of Quebec or national liberation for the third world "peoples." I.S.'s Draft Program repeatedly refers to Canada as an "old" country in massive contradiction to the Marxist and obvious fact of proletarianization of the masses.

In its efforts to perceive the political source of their problems, working people do not need a minority telling them that their emancipation (end of exploitation) is to be found in a different variety of capitalism run by a "Communist" party. It is delusional as much as groups of"working class" thinking the more the capitalists who admit their capitalism disappear, the leftists who ambiguously parade a Socialism with a "window dressing which conceals their support of capitalist ideas in the back office. Unlike the old CCP and other current Bolshevik parties, I.S. campaigns for "immediate" demands now, or concessions for workers, reform to capitalism, and a classless society ultimately—but at the very end! By making knowing that Socialism/Communism is the answer now, I.S.'s propagandum now means that it means capitalism always.

PRODUCTION PROBLEMS

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First of all gold is a commodity in that human labor-time is required for its production and that it is produced for the purpose of exchange (into gold-mines has yet been found who can live only on eating his gold). It is merely one commodity mingling amid a multitude of a growing diversity of commodities, each one seeking to have its value expressed on the world markets. And of course the means money. Says Marx in this fascinating subject: “Since money is not the result of deliberation or of agreement, but has come into being spontaneously in the course of exchange, many different, more or less unsuitable, commodities were at various times used as money.” (1) (P. 49)

He continues: “The necessary physical properties of the particular commodity, in which the money-form is able to attract the commodity, (4) as in the manufacture of universal labor-time and capable of (5) of expressing only quantitative differences (6) another necessary property is durability of its use value since it must endure through the exchange process. Precious metals possess these qualities in an exceptionally high degree.” (1) (P. 49) (Gold in particular.)

GOLD AND THE AMERICANS

From the late 19th Century up until early 1935 $1 U.S. $ notes was the token value of one ounce of fine gold. So that 1 U.S. $ bill was equal to 1/21 oz. or gold. Then President Roosevelt, in an attempt to inflate the U.S. out of Post World War 1 slump raised to 35 the number of $ notes to equate with 1 oz. gold. This would appear to be raising the price of gold, but such is merely an illusion. Actually the exchange value of the $ U.S. note had fallen from 1/21 to 1/35 of a gold oz.

This deflation of the token value of the $ note (and a proportionate inflation of commodity prices) just kept right on happening at a faster or slower rate all through the 44 years since 1935, until: “The price of gold rocketed past $800 an ounce yesterday as the finance world sought from the weakening U.S. dollar” (1979.)

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This gives U.S. inflation approach (see 1979-80 column), the fifteen gold inflation as used by Marx to illustrate gold coins and their replacement by 15 token notes for each such coin. Says Marx: “As the name (dollar) would indicate one-fifteenth of the previous quantifies of gold, all commodity-prices would be fifteen times higher and ($210,000,000) notes would now be indeed just as necessary as ($14,000,000) had previously been. The decrease in the quantity of gold which each individual token of value represented would be proportional to the increase aggregate of these tokens” (P. 120) (1) ($ sign here is used to replace Marx’s use of £)

No need this 15 fold increase of $ notes over gold coin be the last we see of inflation. It could, slowly or rapidly, be increased by 15 and again by 15 and yet again by this amount etc. “Because the pieces of paper from the weakening U.S. dollar” (1979.)

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**Letter From Jamaica**

January 1979 when the NPM (National Patriotic Movement) an affiliate of the JLP organized an island wide demonstration against increasing gas prices. The success of the demonstration probably frightened the Manley government, on the following day, the Police and government supporters (brigadiers) began forcibly breaking up barricades, and firing shots on demonstrators. (About four people were shot.) The widespread support of this demonstration was not to much any proof of the opposition’s strength, as it reflected how fed up people have become, from all sections of society about the constant price increases, and the general decline in living standard.

Things certainly are’t what they used to be, in this sunshine paradise. To simply matters one could say that the cause of this present atmosphere of tensions and fear started with one word “Socialism.” Yes, in 74 Michael Manley declared himself a Democratic Socialist and promised his government to fight to end exploitation. It is now 79 and a lot of water has flown under the bridge since then. While workers awaited this new era of a little more for a lot more as indicated by Manley, investors foreign, and local became frightened and uncertain. As the rise of “anti-capitalist” feeling swelled and grew investment fell off, factories and businesses closed and the cream of the linen clad class moved on to Miami. Taxing with them people with technical skills. As the caucuses and closures increased so the ranks of the unemployed. As capital flight stepped up so did foreign currency to pay for basic imports. As wealth seemed threatened so does currency smuggling, and bureaucratic bribery becomes a pastime.

Manley’s dream is now our nightmare. The total pettiness of his scope would have made him feel rather insignificant in the way it has intensified hard life. (In fact it has, he has written two books.) Without foreign exchanges dwindling production, increased unemployment, Manley begged the IMF to come in. They now have him and his government under “heavy manners.” (A slogan Manley used against his opponents in the last general elections.) The big thing now for Manley is to secure a social contract with the opposition, unless, big business. The kind of prescription needed to “get the economy on its feet” will need a large measure of agreement because of its expected hardships to the working class. All this coming as a time when people hoped that the worst was perhaps behind them.

There is fear in Jamaica today. Violent crime is at epidemic proportion, crime threatens institutions, political corruption is the order of the day. People of course are learning, for the first time politicians are being viewed with serious cynicism. However, it is only the achieving of a socialist world that can make any real severe progress of understanding situations.

George Delphy
Skepticism

The doubt that grows some of the main planks of the world capitalist rent-interest profit platform, is increasing.

The proportion of ordinary people who don't vote, "because they are all the same," is increasing. The distrust and resentment against politicians, the feelings of powerlessness and futility are due to experience and reasoning. These conclusions are not negative, but are lessons learned about the nature of current society during its struggle to survive, and point to the necessity for further independent thinking.

The professional classes, called leaders, hired by the employing class, hope the workers are too busy coping with the effects of productive profits for their masters (or looking for a chance to cash in) to notice the failure of wages, welfare and reforms to make any fundamental difference to their lives. Part of their job is to conceal the fact that the sole function of governments is to try to run this chaotic system that causes the problems they pretend to be concerned with.

The well-being of humanity can be measured by its social organization and its command over the materials and forces of nature. Where technology is highly developed, but the lives of a majority are marginal, the cause can be put to the existence of a class-divided system in which the means of production and distribution is monopolized by a minority, and manipulated to serve that minority's exclusive ends.

To preserve their position of privilege and dominance, the rulers of this divided planet, controlling the main avenues of information, naturally seek to ensure that the ideas of the population are the concepts that preserve their political power. This social power, via mental conditioning, is never absolute, even in the one-party, police state capitalist countries of the extreme left or extreme right. The reason being that one class of people, compelled to use their heads and hands to operate a sophisticated productive apparatus for another class, cannot be prevented indefinitely or completely from using the same mental capacity to perceive the deceptions used by the rulers.
The CCF/NDP

The NDP premise is that it would co-operate with either of the two big "enemy" parties, if it meant a balance of power position federally, using aids to the knowledge some people have possessed for years, that CCF/NDP's are recycled Liberals and Conservatives. Dave Barrett's strike breaking dictum as Premier of B.C., in ordering 50,000 workers back to their involuntary work (wage-slaves) was an action no different in that of other CCF/NDP premiers, or of other governments allegedly over-riding the interests of the exploited. The appointment of former Manitoba NDP premier, Ed Schreyer to Governor-General of Canada, spot the rights the CCF/NDP then support of the present division of society into owners and non owners of the means of life.

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Eighth Century, private ownership does catch up to the present technological world visions. It will expose present productive capacities further, to see the need for the change of the base of "them each according to ability, to each according to need." To more from the prevalent myth of higher or lower wages, or more or less salary making some difference over in the concept of the man-y, from but not necessarily of exploitative appropriation and free access is an easy matter on to make. But if one moves the table of thinking that an advantage can be gained from choosing one against the others of groups with no sense difference. Year's of this electoral attitude has produced the problem of iron Unity, isolation, the nuclear threat, starvation while food is destroyed to keep prices up.

Those who carry on administration in the classless democracy will not become a new set of rulers. Workers today are conditioned to equating the power structure with administration, whereas administration is actually carried on by ordinary people who represent no social force. Legislation on the other hand, is enacted by politicians who exercise the interests of the capitalist class in exploiting the rest of society. This is the anti-social force of the obsession the things done by governments. With the disappearance of the class division, with it's minority ownership, the power structure will disappear. An engineer will have no more say in the doing of the work by the help of those who understand and rapport to.*

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Unemployment

The necessity of capitalism is bound to permeate its politics. While joblessness increased toward the end of the older Bennett's term, this did not stop his son from saying he could get B.C. on its feet again, when unemployment had increased under the new Socred government. Barrett has not hesitated to seize this as a sign of the magic wand. The NDP has pronounced working class struggle by proclaiming the current prosperity in Saskatchewan as evidence that they can turn the trick in B.C. and federally. Little sense about how unemployment rates in Tory Alberta is fasting.

The Alternative

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Generally, the majority of people see elections as a chance to make a relatively tiny improvement here or there in their general lot. Or, during a depression, elections are looked upon as an opportunity to prevent their personal situations from deteriorating. In this last federal poll there appeared to be a significant minority which was satisfied or content with all political organizations who contested. This is in addition to the large minority of voters.

The Socialists Party of Canada agrees with the non-voters who say little can be done "because they are all the same," but it does not agree that the ballot should be ignored, because the ballot is the only existing method whereby a conscious majority can become represented in Parliament for the purpose of solving their social problems.

Socialists do not regard Socialistic society as being the wages, prices, profit system with the means of production being owned by the state and capitalism being the same economic institutions being run by privately owned businesses. Socialists perceive State ownership and private ownership as being two forms of the same thing: class ownership of the means of life, with wages being paid to maintain the lower class of people as efficient producers of profits for the owning class. The worker produces surpluses above the value of the rationed goods and wages paid out of the surplus. The surplus is the source of profit. Money enables the exchange of commodities so that profit can be realized as cash.

The logical outcome of this analysis is that Socialism, socialism will be free of the economic institutions of world capitalism, such as money, wages, profits and their subordinates. With the disappearance of classes an entire citizen will have free access to everything he needs, to the abundance which they will produce according to ability. Voluntary no operation through conscious self interest.

From this it can be seen that it makes little difference how the system is run, or whether the ordinary people follow a charismatic leader who has a string of university degrees and wags a flower in his lapel, or whether capitalism is administered by Joe Blow. The function of the system is to deprive the majority who do not share in the ownership of the means of life, of everything they produce that is, to the extent that they are allowed to produce. Government statistics show that the distribution of wealth in the decades of the past has changed very little, and in the past few years has altered slightly in favor of the privileged few despite the massive reforms of the past half-century. The answer then is that the Socialist Party has said in all elections that the issue for the vast majority of people is emancipation from wage-slavery to an exploiting class. Their subsequent position in a class divided society is the cause of their problems.

PROMISES

Socialists were not surprised when both the NDP's Broadbent and the Liberals' Trudeau accused the Conservatives' Clark of promising more than the national purse could afford, on their TV confrontation Broadbent, as the alleged friend of the workers, must have been baffled at being out-promised by the Tory enemy of the workers.

Likewise in the past the nation of Canada has been seeking to create a national basis for the survival of society's masters, both in office and out of office. Societies must be tied to the national purse, the master class must have been satisfied, but the Socialist of course, must have been surprised at Broadbent's conservatism. In the past, the villains have been the big businesses, not the owning class as a whole; just big profits, not profits per se; and what was desired to be extreme evils within capitalism, but not the system itself. No wonder the Conservative Party called the NDP's "Liberals of a farm society" during the recent election.

On one TV interview, in defending government deficits Broadbent said "...government spending could not be compared to a family budget because the average family was not making annual capital investments." Nothing like advising frugality and living within one's means to the worker, while the owning class no such thoughts would enter their heads, except that their means are fantastic. "He preferred to compare the Canadian government to General Motors ... because corporations make investments for the purpose of earning interest..." ("Blacks", The National Post, April 26/78). Deficits helped to stimulate this (profit making) economy he said. Meanwhile in the same paper he was reported to have posed a question at Trudeau's promise of tax breaks for workers who buy company stocks, while speaking at an Ontario Federation of Labor woman's meeting.

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