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WHERE WE STAND

The entire political spectrum, from extreme left to extreme right, assumes that nothing can be done about the division of present society into owners and non-owners of the means of life—it fights more effects. The Socialist Party of Canada on the other hand, contends that nothing much can be done to solve social problems while that relationship exists.

Capitalism is no accident

The word capitalism is one which is misunderstood almost as often as it is used. Many of these misconceptions are based on a fallacious attitude towards human society—for example, Edward Heath’s famous remark about the “unacceptable face of capitalism”, which implied that there is also an acceptable face, in which all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds. It also implied that the unacceptable face has features which, although unpleasant, are unavoidable.

Similarly, there are those people—not usually to be found in the Conservative Party—who regard capitalism as some sort of historical disaster, which might have been avoided with a little more forethought or concern on the part of the human race. These people are well aware of the problems of the system—poverty, bad housing, war, refugees, waste, pollution—but they think of these as being somehow unnecessary. There is a moral standpoint, which judges social and historical phenomena in terms of “right” and “wrong” and which condemn capitalism as one of humanity’s massive mistakes.

The difficulty with this theory is that it leaves too many vital questions unanswered. It does not, for example, tell us why capitalism should be “wrong”, why, instead of being disfigured by widespread poverty it does not realise its potential for abundance. Nor why, instead of being plagued by economic anarchy, it cannot harness its considerable knowledge and technical resources to elevate the cycle of boom and slump.

These questions can be answered, quite simply, by reference to the fact that capitalism is not an accident and that it is not morally “wrong” nor “right”.

In fact, capitalism is a phase—like all previous societies, a necessary phase—in historical development. It was preceded by other social systems, which were no more “right” nor “wrong”, and in its turn it will be brought to an end. This evolution is not an accident, for each social system is a collection of relationships which spring from a particular mode of wealth production and each system has been abolished when those social relationships have become fetters on the developing productive forces.

Far from being a disaster or morally “wrong”, capitalism has fulfilled some vital functions in human history. It has developed and expanded our knowledge and our productive and communicative powers to the point at which abundance in a democratically organized society is an immediate possibility.

Capitalism has also refined the class structure of society so that there are now only two classes in conflict over the division of wealth and, finally, over the ownership of the means of production. On one side is the class in possession of the capitalist class—and on the other the non-owners, or the working class. As the only socially inferior class it must be the workers who will bring about society’s next revolution. It has been capitalism’s role to prepare the ground for this.

How does capitalism do this? Firstly, its class ownership must condemn the majority of its people—the working class who live solely by the sale of their labour-power—to lives of varying degrees of poverty. Because its wealth is produced for sale, capitalism must be a competitive society which means a society in which conflict is endemic, from one shop trying to drive each other out of business at one end to the scale to world war at the other.

Commodity production must also mean that most of the wealth which is turned out is shoddy, made with ever lower, competitive costs instead of for its usefulness to human beings. It means a massive waste of resources. For example, the wholesale destruction of food while millions are starving or the maintenance of military machines which produce nothing but which destroy much. It means the society is preoccupied with selling its wealth and with its complex financial machinery when in any sane set-up we would be concentrating on making wealth—and making it the best possible, for human beings to consume and to enjoy.

We can sum up the argument by saying that capitalism has now outrun its usefulness to human development. Having fulfilled its purpose, it now hampers the power of the productive forces which could be at our command. Humanity can have a world in which wealth is turned out in a form freely available to everyone—a world in which human interests come first in everything.

What prevents this is the continuation of the class relationships of capitalism. To change them needs a social revolution.

This revolution will be the first conscious one, is all in the interests of the majority, in human history. To talk about the change to socialism by a democratic political act needs a working class who are informed and aware about capitalism and about how socialism will abolish the problems we suffer under today.

And one of the essential elements in that awareness is a conception of human history not in moral but in material terms, which sees capitalism not as an accident but as a society which has fulfilled its role and must now be abolished.
Indian Summers of Industrial Expansion and Commercial Profit

The post world war 2 period of industrial expansion was a long Indian summer stretching almost unbroken over three decades. This was fuelled to some extent by the novelty and need for outer space exploration — moon landings and exploration, (b) the international race to find practical usage of the new energy fuels vis atom, hydrogen and coal fired electrical generating plants: (c) the feverish rebuilding of bomb blasted Asia and making war-wrecked Europe whole again; (d) coping with the implications of fragmenting Africa as it breaks loose, colony after colony, from European exploitation and set out on the equally dubious diverse paths of nationalism; (e) and of course the total and continuous reorganization of the industrial military complex also demanded vast sums of surplus value to meet expenses involved.

For 30 of these post war years, from 1945-1975, Governments of industrialized nations and opposition alike earnestly dedicated themselves to the ideal of full employment. And while governments seemed to be able to materialize this ideal they had long runs of political power and office, based on deliberate working class support. To these latter it appeared as though this golden age was here to stay forever.

This golden epoch is but a repeat of an earlier such period in Australian history extending from 1860 to 1980. And just as that earlier age of buoyant optimism came crashing down in the ruins of commercial collapse so is this present long run destined likewise to fall in ruins — and for the same general reasons (read newspapers of the 1860’s period).

The Transitory Nature of Democracy

Another feature and closely related to the changing economic basis of the similar period is the exposure of corresponding social and class conscious attitudes of our masters which, to some extent, lay subduced during periods of sustained prosperity. As the economic climate deteriorates so do they become increasingly vocal, insistent and explicit in re-affirming their class rights of domination over the subordinate class. On this point we read a newspaper headline (1) "Free assembly and speech privileges." Then into subject matter it continues; "The freedom of speech and assembly exist in Australia largely as privileges, not as rights. Laws, regulations, ordinances and by-laws which give politics the means to halt any public meeting or march abound in most States. "However, most do not have the specific legislation which empowered the police in Western Australia last week to arrest union leaders at a meeting.

"Australia does not have a bill of rights, nor has it notified the United National International Covenant on Political and Civil Rights." After fighting two World Wars to establish and maintain democracy Australia still does not have it. And even if all the above bill of rights etc. did apply would the following in any manner be lost in an atmosphere of growing industrial and social anarchy? To continue; "Instead, protests, rallies and marches continue against a backdrop of unenforced legislation and goodwill on the part of Police and Government authorities."

"In Victoria, a person faces up to six months’ hard labour for protesting in the precincts of Parliament House on sitting days."

This is one; just one of ‘em’ of the provisions of the Unlawful Assemblies and Procession Act, which can trace its legal ancestry back to the early 1800’s." (1) This reference to the early 1800’s is certainly apt to its ancestry.

"To the Conservatives (of the 1840’s), unionism smacked of the ‘democratic element’ which term and connotations to the ears of the ruling class was as offensive as “atheistic communism” is now to the Pope and threatened to subvert the social order. Combinations of workmen were denounced as illegal. Employers applied the Masters and Servants Act with (2) greater stringency: under this act it became a criminal offence for workers to conspire to raise wages, or combine for the purpose of exacting better conditions, or in any way to break prior agreements with an employer, which would include a ‘contract’ over hours of work and wages.” Chapter 7 "Essays in Economic History of Australia." "Even this has a legal and religious ancestry extending in unbroken lineage right back to unconditioned slavery under the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt.

To return to reading the newspaper on this matter:

"A3 magistrate ruled that under section 5 of the act police could kill demonstrators if the assembly was found to be unlawful. The act virtually outlawed every sort of political, social or religious protest or march, with the exception of election campaign meetings.

"There are more than 10 measures in Australia which can be used to curb demonstrations."

(1) Senator Evans has argued however; "...the time to clear the books of obsolescent and potentially repressive rubbish is — out when these laws are being used, but when they are not." (1)

(2) Peter Furey, W.S.P. of Australia.
The recent flight of thousands of Cuban workers from their "Communist" experiment to U.S. and South American refuges was a case of Castro's capitalist chickens coming home to roost. A modernized capitalism is all that he aimed for consciously or otherwise. When he took over the helm of semi-feudal Cuba 20 years ago, there seemed to be a lack of communication between the years, between the disillusioned who were fleeing the U.S. "thieves," etc. and Cuba's FELQUIs and other utopian camps to Cuban sanctuary and those escaping in the opposite direction. But, if they had compared notes, the likelihood of them determining the common cause of their plight at the time would have been remote.

A black newsman's article in the Seattle Times indicated he knew that the grass in far pastures is greenier. A accompanying cartoon depicted a ticket-taker of the new boat people approaching the U.S. shore with the skipper proclaiming: "Our problems are almost over. Friends, that warm glow on the horizon is Miami." (In reference to the black riot rage in that city.) The new Cuban refugees in one camp of the promised land wasted no time in musings and breakouts to protest delays in their processing toward better accommodation or jobs. Some of those who escaped were still "at large," most were "recaptured," in Florida. Are these appropriate words to describe conditions of the land or the sea? And those who work for them. They found the national guard to be as uninviting as Castro's "revolutionary" protectors of private property back home. You do not retold all over, or else.

The real situation is that when society is divided between owners and non-owners of the means of life, the priority is the same everywhere. Whether administration is through the state, church, or divided between state and private enterprise. The profit must be maintained for the rich by paying taxes to the producing class to maintain their productivity and appropriating surplus values or unpaid labor. The insecurity and drudgery of the wage-salaried majority stems from their position as mere vehicles for profit making. The profit/employee relationship endures in Cuba.

Spanish Rule, Battista Dictatorship.

It might be that peasant/workers in small, backward countries see their problems arising from foreign ownership and control. Cuba's "liberation" from Spanish rule in 1898 was achieved with the aid of U.S. military intervention. The U.S. wasted no time in making Cuba an economic colony. By 1938, the population, with the help of the "Communist" Party had installed dictator Batista in hopes of redress. The "Communists" feathered their nests with control of the unions and two cabinet seats. But the local ruling class had no interest in improving the efficiency of exploitation with better conditions for the lower class. Politicians were corrupt in the pursuit toward capitalism. As a steadfast, the masses leaned toward violence in their yearning for better conditions.


Castro "raised money" in New York in 1955 for his election by bullets in Cuba. (Weekend, Feb. 10/79) The U.S. moneybags must have noted that their political servant, Batista was not succeeding in keeping the natives quiet, and opted for a new Yes man. Respectably they wanted no disturbance to the peaceful flow of profits. Now what was revolutionary about that?

When Fidel Marched into Havana, U.S. owned institutions rushed to pay their taxes in advance, replenishing the depleted treasurers and paying the way for the overdue band aids. But bigger medicine was required, so Castro journeyed to the fatherland a second time in supplication. That Caribbean Isle might have remained as a U.S. satellite if Uncle Same had read the signs accurately as Fidel did. That, or simply thought the price was too low for their balance sheets. When his request for further funds was refused, he insisted on being the architect of the job that23o doing. So he became a yes man to the Union of Soviet Capitalist Republics. This is when the repair-work to class divided Cuba came to be "Socialism/Communism." "Fidel" the U.S. holdings followed contemporaneously with military protection from the mentor.

PROFITABLE "REVOLUTIONARIES."

It is possible that Cuban peasants equate a worthwhile life to mere improvements in their social status. It is possible that Castro and Guevara knew that such renovation would not bring them the world's workers have a vague idea what emancipation means, invest, but fail to perceive the phone service of the political puppets who dance at the cap of the political puppets who dance at the base of the political puppet masters. In the intervening years Castro's people off most of the seemingly innocent and obviously unsavory stunts he thought were necessary to modernize the profit extraction process in Cuba.

He converted the unions to a government operation, and was reputed to have a large political prisoner population (still 40,000 in 1968, (Weekend, No.31 and more later) than any South American dictatorship. Weekend Magazine said him one of the few natural orators in world politics. He can fill Havana's vast Plaza a Revolution with tens of thousands of whooping supporters. They are elected when he appears in the microphone and perform his role as leader, teacher, and defender.

In areas where his immunity program or converting rent paying workers to non-
THE PROFIT PRIORITY

The Cuban leaders' dedication to profit has not been a total success. Occasional admissions, as that of National Agrarian Reform Institute head Jose Rodriguez, said: "Profit is still the greatest incentive." (Daily Colonist, 13/7/62.) All of business, he said, are working people." They are not working people." (Doug Buchanan, Weekend, 12/93.)

According to the Washington Post's right-wing columnist William Buckley, "What he [Thurston] said about the truth of these statements in this atmosphere was that he Castro is a leader of world stature." It is fortunate that these two of us who are present together, political division and leadership. For that is the essence of the Cuban revolution. The wealth of the new nation, and for that leadership, departed when Castro took over. Some remained, and were accorded nearly as good a deal as their Chinese counterparts when Mao ascended in China. They retained part of not all of their holdings and their parasitic position as evident in their lives of leisure. Of course a new ownership of the country's industries is not the same as worker ownership. The wages system of capitalism of course is analogous with the farmer who knows he must feed and shelter his cows if he expects to milk them. Likewise the national ownership of capital must mentally condition, clothe, house, entertain and train the human underlings from whom they expect to profit.

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The Invasion of Afghanistan

The absence expressed by Western propaganda machines of Russia's invasion of tiny Afghanistan would perhaps not have rung so hollowly if the rulers of the West had not cooperated with the Bolshevik dictators for 60 years in their big lie about Russia being Communist. In that area, the capitalists of the West and their state-oriented brethren of the East had one thing in common. That was, and is, the aim of inducing workers to think that state activity and state ownership have something to do with Socialism. Communism. This helps to mask the social domination by a small class working through the state in all countries.

The patriotic belief by workers that they commonly share ownership of a country with the owning class, is a powerful barrier against them learning their true interests, and prolongs the system that makes mass legal murder necessary.

The Western powers would sound less hypocritical if they had never indulged in such subversive activities themselves.

However, grieving Russian parents are consistent with the myth that their Red Armies died to protect all Russians from U.S. imperialism and Chinese revisionism (or renegade's aggression. Meanwhile, Afghan peasants are told that the desolate and inhospitable mountains and valleys that they battle subsist in are theirs— and worth fighting and dying for. Let's try the Afghanist an landed aristocracy and their religious hangmen-on, and we come to the truth of the matter. Along with the bondholders of a few state services. One can hardly imagine the landed-religious leader class going short of any material luxuries of life.

On the other hand, in 1972, under King Mohammad Zahir, 80,000 Afghan peasants were estimated to have starved to death in any material luxuries of life. people who don't have the money, but the others have. The U.S. aid mission was aghast against " (Food on the other hand is a luxury). Some Western officials believed that Afghanistan had made little attempt to curb this profit oriented development. Naturally, since the government was the tool of the ruling elite, as all state administrations are, in this case the feudal barons and "politically powerful" merchants.

Now if only U.S. aid officials would study the profit system which they support, they might be less dismayed to discover the anti-social results of food production aid. Such funds are a form of capital, and capital goes to where the returns are highest. Afghanistan still held a prominent place on a world hunger map up to the middle of 1974 at least. The starvation- opium producing province of Badakhshan had another "health" problem, opium addiction. With lives as circumscribed as theirs, who could blame the peasants for adding another escapism to their religious crush?

So, as is the case with wage-workers in industrially advanced countries, there is nothing visible for Afghan peasants to fight for or defend. Because workers were born and raised in a particular country, and speak its language does not mean they share ownership and control. The class that monopolizes ownership of the means of life, and orders workers to produce in certain ways, quantities and kinds of wealth, solely for the profits of the few, are the real "foreigners."

Last year, when the ruble millionaires had won another skirmish against their dollar counterparts and set up their puppet Taraki government in Afghanistan, the native landed class were willing to sacrifice their last peasant if necessary, to hang on to their lucrative titles. The proceeds of opium sales were then being used to buy arms from Pakistani arms dealers who admitted that doing this business was booming. (Maclean's, 30/4/79). A further bit of enlightenment for the "ordinary people who are trying to figure out the puzzle of current society is the fact that "red" Chinese army officers and instructors were at that time training and equipping Afghan guerillas in Pakistan. (Did someone say there is a left-wing and a right-wing in today's capitalist politics?) As is commonly known, China and Russia have been at loggerheads for years. Not so well known is the fact that their split has not been an ideological one between two Communist giants. The bone of contention has been the usual capitalist one for resources, markets and trade routes— for profiteers. The purpose of the ideology is to screen reality and hold the loyalty of the respective leen who do the producing and the dying for their masters. In this instance, the Chinese did not hesitate to support a retrograde Afghan feudalism which Chinese version back home was their enemy on the track to power. Their aim was to set a pawn against their big northern economic competitor.

Occupation of Afghanistan brings Russia's state capitalist claim to the border of Pakistan and Iran and closer to the core oil of the Persian Gulf. It must be noted also to closer to their Indian investments made over the years. Must keep those cash registers ringing. And the national anthem tuned for the workers. As can be seen, the rulers of the West have no more concerns for Afghan peasants than their kind in Russia has. And if the Bolshevik slaughter of Russian peasants of the past, and the forced labor camps were not adequate example recent evidence has shown them to be so bloody in programmed starvation beyond their borders as any other power. This is happening in the recent extension to the back yard real estate known as Cambodia. World capitalism, now being a technological village, but separated into competing geo-political parcels, with the wage-labour in each parcel saluting their sectional bosses and has become ridicules as well as more ruthless and ominous. More workers need to be "doubting Thomases" to penetrate the shower of deceit that rams down 24-kous" and ominous. More workers need to be "doubting Thomases" to penetrate the shower of deceit that rams down 24-kous" of capitalist "truth". 

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Iranian Poverty

It was obvious long before the Moslem priesthood achieved office in Iran that the poor people of that country would still be out of office, and poor. Also obvious that Khomeini's rule would be as dictatorial as the Shah's was. Even if he had exacted the social reforms that were expected, the basic relationship of owners and non-owners of the means of life would remain. But formerly destitute peasants who came to town to seek employment in industries such as auto plants with wages that left them in squalor under the Shah, remain the same under the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Khomeini's long campaign in Iran and later from French exile was a follower-leader phenomenon, and while this process by itself was undemocratic (as they all are), the winning of many of Khomeini's vituperations against the Shah and his US. sponsors, left him in secret trials, executions and secret hangings. But against any opposition would prevail after he assumed control. A few months after the "revolution" the Washington Post described the recent arrivals, "The New Rich: Of course the Pan was only referring to political corruption. As a part of the world capitalist media it had to remain silent about the basic capitalist-wage-labor exploitation that characterizes the economy of all industrial societies. If the Shah, who represented the new oil and foreign capital class, could have spread some of the new loot around (as the US ruling class does at home) and not flaunted before the impoverished masses, then Iran might have survived as a bulwark for the US against Russia's drive toward the oil of the Persian Gulf.

There is one thing about the people on high who ask workers to trust and follow them: they surely make a pile of mistakes while serving the interests of ruling groups. Of course leaders could never serve the workers, whether these great men made mistakes or not.

The Iranian ruling class is made up of the new oil bourgeoisie whose former spokesmen was the Shah, and the old merchants or bazars who finance the mullahs or religious leaders. The new industrial overlords were the Shah's CIA trained police and the old merchant class had millions of sacrificial victims at their beck and call. To put them in control of the state, for a bigger piece of the state that was always extracted from the hides of the employed class. The discontented masses were ready to demonstrate and die for any salesman who promised salvation from one-party dictatorship and starvation wages. While the other part of the owning class, the industrial capitalists, are not now represented directly in the government, they have not been reduced to deprivation. They still live lives of affluent unemployment, wearing the latest Paris fashions patronizing Tehran's expensive dress shops and driving their Mercedes and Jaguars. All that happened is that more of the profits skimmed from the workers' toil have been re-routed to the bazaar and their priestly propagandists. As one member of Iran's industrial upper crust was heard to whisper, "I would like personally to hang all these mullahs," as he listened to a ballad of "A tale of a simple country mullah's rise to riches and fame under the new government." Washington Post, In the Victoria Times, 11/5/80.

Of course the "clothes" can mean anything, but this kind of decent a remnant of Stalin who usually appeared before his sheep in an austere military uniform, and Fidel Castro, who wore dress attire always accompanied the exhortations to his flock to sacrifice more for the "revolution." When the U.S. called the Shah hare unquestioned role as scapegoat, the band-aid that Iran's infant capitalism require will still have to be applied. It seems that the priesthood alone will be incapable, so a new political coalition, possibly including them, will come to the fore. Iran's worker-peasants will possibly gain free unions, a rise in wages and state doles, while oil and other capital expands. Either way they will face new problems of insecurity and the threat of war in the future.

The solution for the workers everywhere is to learn more about the world system that makes them fall for the tricks of the one set of masters who have a disagreement with another.

Lord, Don't You Think It's Time?

Though socialists are free of all religious superstitions, they like to explain. On the subject of many of the biblical accounts of miracles socialists are often led to wonder if there were reports of drug induced hallucinations or pure fabrication by the biblical writers.

The great time elapsed since the biblical writings and the paucity of other writers make a cross-checking difficult. However, put into the perspective of the materialist axiom that all men go through a similar evolution, some ideas can be gained through the observation of peoples here or, who recently were, at the same stage of social evolution as some to those at the time of the bible writings. The natives of the Northwest coast of North America meet such a qualification. On the coast between the northwest corner of Washington State and Yukon Alaska there are seven different language groups, each divided into many different tribes of various dialects. At the distant time first contact with whom some 200 years ago, they had a highly developed culture — the third stage of barbarism, which is the stage of civilization (savagery). At that time, although there were minor differences in clothes as a result of differences in dress, long before the emergence of fishing and hunting tools. Their art in basket weaving an and canoes to all the basins. The Mediterranean, although not as accommodating could be considered a mutation Mediterranean in that it facilitated regional trade. But the Mediterranean made it something as to be admired. The Pacific waterway, although not as accommodating could be considered a mutation Mediterranean in that it facilitated regional trade. But the Mediterranean made it something as to be admired.
they were impudent enough to be adopted into Communist rackets, and the spirit of others was visible in the language of the animal and faith they killed.

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Several men attempting to hold her back are put into a canoe. He then steps out of the canoe and walks around the ceremonial longhouse, pent, slitting the skin out of the ground. Foxtor takes hold of Stseul by the horns and pulls her back. Then he puts the skin in the fire and places it under a blanket. James. Her charred bones were retrieved and used as trade items, in the pit made by the Haidi who were famous at sea.
Profits, Pollution and Cancer

"If one thousand people died every day of cholera, swine flu, or food poisoning, an epidemic of major proportions would be at hand and the entire country would mobilize against it. Yet cancer claims that many lives daily. And most people believe, if they can do nothing about it." (Samuel Epstein, M.D., in "Politics Of Cancer," in U.S. death rate.)

Cancer pessimism would probably not be altered by knowing that 70% to 90% of all cancer is caused by man-made poisons in the environment and is preventable, but efforts to halt or reduce environmental deterioration have failed miserably.

The band-aid solution of amending the rules of this rat-race system has been well aired.

The other option is to work at changing the basic relationship of world society from the existing private or state ownership of the means of life to a new arrangement of common ownership and democratic control. The objective here is to replace the poisonous production activity necessary for the profits of a few by clean production for the free use of all. There is no evidence that pollution is merely the result of a high technology. What is evident is that cancer evolves from the use of advanced technology for mere commercial ends. It is profitable to pollute.

The road block preventing the establishment of a sane, environmentally clean society that spares the present fatalistic outlook of the majority on cancer. The wage working class of people have a drummed in their ears from the cradle to the grave that voluntary cooperation in operating advanced means of production, with free access to goods and services (for all according to their requirements) would never succeed because of innate human greed or aggressiveness — or because of scientific or resource limitations — or because the lower 80 per cent of the population are not intelligent enough to either be a class on its own or to perpetuate it. The future cancer shock to be endured by the rising 20 percent of all ages will have to be balanced by the credibility of pervasive political indoctrination.

Government action on pollution is a no-brainer. Carcinogenic sites, gas leaks that smoke in all parts of the country. In global village, partially monitored by governments calling themselves Labor, Conservative, Social Democratic, People's Party, Democratic. Liberal, Communist, Socialist, Republican, NDP, etc., in one-party police states of the left or of the right, and in civil rights continua. This happens because governments in common are the executive committees of the powerful and privileged class of people who control the means of life. Why not ask the Mafia to solve fascist robberies?"
PROFITS, POLLUTION AND CANCER

How about the spontaneous and the formers which promote positive at a slightly lower rate of acceleration than the increase in global contamination! All functioning under the cerebral control of the masters of society, some of them directly out of the owner’s back pocket. Nice, positive people who see their dreams flushed down through the newest sewage outfall, their victories swamped in the spreading sea of carcinogens. These are anaesthetists whose good intentions collide with the overwhelming force of life being more mercifully profitable, peddled to realize profit for a few. The profit motive cannot exist as a backstater. By its nature, the rest of society must be subordinated to its needs. Such fruitless efforts are part of the acceptance of a divided society, as is the fatalistic tolerance of cancer being taken in with the inevitability of aging or auto accidents, or nuclear, chemical and biological war-for-profits contaminants.

These people are putting their heads against the stone wall of the votes they cast at the last election. In addition, to the environmental cause, solutions are being reached that cancer is a partly psychosomatic. Few would suggest that this explosive society can function without stress. Stress are puppets, dancing on the end of financial strings and Cancer can be put to the back of one’s mind, just as easily as the pervasive human greed myth. But the two are contemporaneous. It looks like the malignant civilization will persist as long as its victims are gullible enough to swallow the exalted arguments and additives of its financial beneficiaries.

The available evidence points to the solution of cancer prevention coming with political knowledge by the majority, the salary or wage workers, about their position in society.

QUEBEC SEPARATISM

Socialism, Not Nationalism

These Sentiments Remain

Our attitude towards nationalism has always been clear and consistent: one of total opposition, both in theory and in practice. We proclaim this again on the occasion of the referendum organized by the nationalist PQ government of Quebec.

Nationalism and Socialism are incompatible for a number of reasons. First, the basis of all nationalist theories is that there supposed to make up a “nation” have a common interest. This Socialists deny. All “nations”, however defined are divided into two antagonistic classes: those who own and control the means of production and those who don’t and are thus dependent on selling their mental and physical energies in order to live. Between these two classes there is an irreconcilable conflict of interest which can only be resolved by the conversion of the means of production into the common property of the whole community, i.e. by the dispossessing of the owning class.

In reaching a community of interest between all the members of a supposed “nation”, owners and non-owners, nationalism obscures and diverts attention from this class struggle, thus making it less effective and postponing its final solution through the establishment of Socialism.

Nationalism also assumes that the problems facing the non-owning class can be solved on a national scale, within the borders of a particular State. This is quite wrong. Capitalism is the cause of these problems. And capitalism is a world system, existing all over the world, (in state capitalist Russia and China as well as in the West), and so can only be abolished on a world scale. Because capitalism is already a world system so must be the new, higher form of social development. Socialism, which will replace it. The idea of “socialism in one country” is absurd and any attempt to do so is bound to fail, leading probably to some kind of State capitalism.

This Socialist opposition to nationalism goes equally for nationalist movements, such as those in Ireland and Palestine, which are generally regarded in leftist circles as “progressive”. As movements to try to set up another capitalist State (even if it is a State capitalist economy) they are not at all “progressive”. Since about the turn of the century, when capitalism became the dominant world system, only one movement can legitimately be called “progressive”, namely, the movement for world socialism. Since that time only Socialism has been progressive.

Before that time, i.e. in the 19th century, a case could be made out for certain nationalist movements being historically progressive and hence worthy of the support of Socialists. This was the attitude taken up by Marx and Engels towards the movements for German and Italian unity and for Polish and Irish independence. At a time when capitalism was not yet the dominant world system, they felt that it was the duty of Socialists to help the development of capitalism and to weaken its enemies (in particular Tsarist Russia).

If this was why Marx and Engels supported certain nationalist movements in the 19th century, then it follows that, in the changed conditions of the 20th century, with capitalism as the dominant world system, the reasons given by Marx and Engels for supporting certain nationalist movements are no longer valid. Capitalism being the dominant world system, no longer needs to be helped to become so. This is why we say that Marx and Engels’ views on Nationalism are now outdated and obsolete and that those who repeat them in the changed conditions of today have not understood the first thing about Marx’s method.

It should now be quite clear why we will not be voting either “yes” or “no” in the Quebec referendum but will be voting “SOCIALISME MONDIAL” across our ballot papers. We urge all others who wish to do the same.

A TUCSON, ARIZONA RADIO TALK

Picture of Socialist Society

Imagine a world which is not divided into different national governments. In fact, if you will, imagine a world in which there will be no governments, governors, or government, but its place will be taken administratively by worldwide government. This government will be democratic and will consist of producers and distributors of goods and services and workers and with any one objective — the satisfaction of society’s needs. Profit will be non-existent. The collective is what is needed by society — in what quantity — and how can the highest quality be produced — and how will production and distribution be effected. There will be no insurmountable problems in production and distribution under this society from the standpoint of capability. For who today, will deny that capitalism, the system under which we live, has the present capacity and the virtually unlimited potential to produce in enormous quantities and with rare success? Imagine living in a world where you own the common all the factories, mines, production and distribution centers that are on the face of the earth. There will be no monopoly section of society or class, that can claim ownership and control to these instruments of wealth production and distribution. On the contrary, you would enjoy exactly the same economic position and relationship to these tools of wealth production as each other living person. Human beings all over the world would jointly own in common. There would be no government, no state in society that would not own and claim to any form of ownership of the means of wealth production and distribution.

Imagine, if you will, going into a museum and examining with curiosity and without prejudice, the exhibits relating to any form of ownership of the means of wealth production and distribution. Imagine, if you will, going into a museum and examining with curiosity and without prejudice, the exhibits relating to capital and capitalistic systems. Imagine, if you will, going into a museum and examining with curiosity and without prejudice, the exhibits relating to capital and capitalistic systems.
Letters

Nuclear Holocaust Before Socialism?

I do not agree with your article on Nuclear War. I say time we change the system if we are to continue in our way we could have an all-out nuclear war which we know the capitalists must have, as they think, will stabilize their system. We know nuclear energy is the ultimate madness of a fascist technology. And the fascists who run this system can move faster than we can. It takes us a lifetime to interest a handful of people. How can we beat the ruling class in changing the system before we have a nuclear Holocaust?

F. Worrell, Vancouver

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But whether some capitalists may think so or not, they do not need a nuclear war to stabilize their system. If by use of that term you mean get the system out of its present depression, no business slump is permanent, and depressions are normal to the system they do not threaten its existence. It does not take a lifetime to interest a handful of people in Socialism. It depends on how active a given number of Socialists are. From various sources, it has been concluded that a large number of workers have penetrated the veil of confusion hung by the archaic nature of class division.

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**CLASS STRUGGLE IN SWEDEN**

The wave of strikes and lockouts in Sweden in May, almost bringing industry to a standstill, showed in living color the division of the population of that country into owners and non-owners of the means of life. If there was not an employer-employee relationship there, which would be the case in Socialist society, there would be no working class struggling to maintain wages, and no capitalist class locking out propertyless workers in a wages dispute.

In its political efforts to keep the workers in their place, the media of the Western world has used the deception of Socialism in Sweden during 40 years of Social Democratic government. But Sweden even fails on the myth of state ownership-control being Socialism. Only a fraction of Swedish industries is state-owned. The other weak leg in the system, that is welfare state doles being Socialism, also fails flat on its face. Wealth and voting power to accumulate into a superior to that of other workers. They have been under the thumb of capital. Sweden has almost brought industry to a standstill. Sweden has been under the thumb of exchange—money, trade unions, etc. Sweden has been under the thumb of capital, its rate is high, as is its misery and discontent.

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3. That this antagonism can be abolished only
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All Those Slaves and No Masters?

"Capitalism aren't the only people getting rich in this world," says Monday World News. "Take Western Europe, for instance. In countries like France, Italy, and Spain, millions are on the move. In Germany, the number of new millionaires has increased. This "enrichment" is not limited to those who have been fortunate enough to become millionaires. Many who have not are on the move as well."

In the Soviet Union, the word "millionaire" has become a household word. In the past, a millionaire was someone who owned a large amount of money or property. Now, a millionaire is someone who has made a large amount of money in a short period of time. This change in meaning has led to the creation of many new millionaires in the Soviet Union.

Destitution Is Bad For Profits

An editorial originating in the "Progressive" reiterated the liberal-left-right evidence and concern that too much working class destitution is detrimental to the growth of the economy. In the Aug 29th "Socialist Party of Canada," the writer, Tom Paine, noted that "the working class is the way out of destitution."

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It's The Same The World Over

Actor Pernell Roberts, formerly on "Lorne Greene's pros on Bonanza," is now starring on CBS's TV series "Tobacco Road." M.D., which has put him in the spotlight for his portrayal of a working class victim of capitalism.

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