

## PLATFORM

### Socialist Party of Canada

We, the Socialist Party of Canada affirm our allegiance to, and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor, applied to natural resources, produces all wealth. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently, all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is, therefore, master; the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend its property rights in the means of wealth production and its control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-increasing stream of profits, and to the worker, an ever-increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which this exploitation, at the point of production, is cloaked. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into socially controlled economic forces.

The irrepressible conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker necessarily expresses itself as a struggle for political supremacy. This is the Class Struggle.

Therefore we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the political powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

- 1—The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into collective means of production.
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Now, the recognition of any difficulty also carries with it some knowledge of how the difficulty arises, as well as an opinion relating to its solution. As a representative of the governing interests of America, any opinion expressed by the President as to the solution of this "greatest problem" would naturally contain certain reservations which, from a social point of view, would cause the opinion to be treated as impractical and valueless. And rightly so. However, stating the problem is as far as the President goes in the matter; whether he is correct or otherwise is a point that might be profitably discussed by others.

In the different ages through which mankind has passed many difficulties have been encountered and overcome in one way or another. But in no instance has the question of the disposal of a surplus of wealth caused the anxiety or uneasiness that it now does. Unconscious of the cause, modern society is striving by various methods to solve its own problem: how to find markets for the sale of its wares. For in this process of buying and selling is bound up the welfare of the whole of society under Capitalism.

A time will come when the disposal by sale of surplus wealth will be an impossibility; and the problem will become one of ownership. A solution will be found, as it must. But not by conference and debate will it be found. A superior force will triumph as it ever did, and there will be no place for neutrality. In the clash of conflicting interests society may rend and tear itself to utter exhaustion, but it will live. With a consciousness of their social value, and recognizing the power which is theirs to wield, freedom will come to the working class. At the present they passively accept a rating of inferiority; they do not realize their worth. An equitable distribution of wealth can only come in a classless society where the producers of wealth will have free access to that which is socially produced.

In the Capitalist system, with its payment of wages to the working class, is to be found the cause of the problem of distribution, and in the abolition of that system will the problem be solved. Modern civilization has reached a point in its development when world wide disaster can only be averted by a widespread understanding of the true character of Capitalism in the minds of its slaves. In their ignorance lies their weakness and servitude; in their knowledge will they find strength and independence and a fairer world to live in.

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