

THE WORKER MUST SOLVE HIS OWN PROBLEMS

EVERY country in the world today within the confines of the capitalist system has its army of unemployed workers; its problem of crime, vice, and race degeneration as the result of a private ownership of the means of life. So improved is the machinery of wealth production; so thoroughly understood the science of mechanics and economics; so widely extended are the fields of their application that labor today can produce more commodities than there is demand for. And the result of this is seen in an ever increasing surplus being piled in stores, cold-storages and warehouses.

The underlying principle of capitalism is profit. All commodities are produced for sale, and until they are sold in the world's markets there is no profit.

When the stores, cold-storages and warehouses are overflowing with commodities, which there is no demand for, the workers engaged upon the production of wealth are turned loose from their jobs. And until this congestion has been relieved by the sale of these commodities, they must remain idle. As the productivity of the machine increases, as each part becomes more perfected, as the skill of the workers develops, it becomes apparent to the capitalist class, who own the machinery of wealth production, that less "hands" are needed, even in normal times when congestion of the markets is cleared, and a permanent pauper and criminal class is brought into existence.

The only remedy the State has ever applied to these conditions is the building of workhouses and prisons. The portion of wealth that a capitalist class hands to labor for work done in fields, mines, and factories is summed up in rags, bones and beds to lie on. The workers must continue to have these things whether they work or not. And when they cease to work they must borrow, beg or steal to have them. Hence it follows that in the older countries the workhouses, and of every country the prisons, are filled with physical and mental wrecks, the spawn of capitalist society.

If the present form of society remain in existence for another generation, and the rate of improvement in mechanical appliances increase (and the rush for oil as motor power, the potentialities of aerial navigation makes this likely), there must come a time when the workers must either fight each other—the fittest feeding on the bodies of the slain in order to live, or their masters who own the means of life will resort to lethal bullets and thus keep down the surplus of workers to suit their own needs. In France tremendous enterprises are toppling over from their inability to sell their commodities. Banks are failing to supply credits to save these enterprises from disaster; idle workers throng the cities; crime runs rampant; and, as it is in France, so is it in every country on a more or less prodigious scale. The future of society depends upon the working class.

When this class feels and understands the cause of all their troubles—the private ownership of the means of life, a class ownership of the machinery of production and distribution—they will begin to think intelligently as to how they can remove the cause. Intelligent thought will determine intelligent action, and intelligent action will express itself in the reorganization of society; of production for use instead of for profit.

As surely as the means of life controlled by a class for its own profit begot unemployment, pauperism, crime and war, so surely will production for use beget abundance, peace and social morality, and so bring into existence a greater degree of happy humanity.

It has taken the workers from their limited surroundings and narrow life and forced them to wander all over the world in the madstrom of modern industry.

Such is the history of capitalism. What has been its historic function? Society was organized in small, somewhat isolated groups, full of superstition and ignorance, producing with simple individual hand tools. Its mission has been to accumulate huge masses of wealth and centralize its ownership, to vastly increase man's knowledge of natural forces, and most important, to change the simple tools of the handicraft stage into the complicated machinery of today, which compels social production, thereby laying the basis for social ownership, to which it must ultimately give way.

Today it has reached the stage whereby all classes except two, are eliminated, leaving but a small class owning the means of production, and the large mass of society, the proletariat, which has no subject class to exploit, and therefore by winning its freedom, will bring slavery to an end.

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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 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.
2. The organization and management of industry by the working class.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.

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Capitalism has tunneled mountains, spanned the oceans, harnessed the wind, and brought the ends of the earth within speaking distance. It has wrested from Nature many of its secrets, has delved into past history and laid it bare for us to read, showing us that all things, this earth, man and societies are constantly changing and developing—

"So fleet the works of men,
Back to their earth again
Ancient and holy things fade like a dream."