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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 the 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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The menace is a direct outgrowth of what Mohammedan India considers the "perfidy" of David Lloyd George. That dominating portion of India which is Islamistic and acknowledges the spiritual sovereignty of the Caliphate (or Turkish Empire) has not forgiven and will not forgive the British Prime Minister for agreeing in the Treaty of Sevres, after the World War, to assign Thrace to Greece. Indians declare they possess a solemn promise from the British government that such "homelands" of Turkey would not be severed from the Islamic realm.

Great Britain is not in position to undo the Treaty of Sevres and keep her promise to her hundreds of millions of Mohammedan subjects in India. Her inability to do so, as Mr. Sastri, India's representative at the Washington Conference publicly said on repeated occasions, is an important factor in the movement against British domination in India.

Thus some authorities feel that the British government, with its invincible genius for compromise, seeks to appease the Mohammedan universe with Egyptian "independence." The people of Egypt like the Islamic population of India, are loyal to the Caliphate, even though Egyptian soldiers fought under Allied banners in the World War after the Turks assailed the British on the Suez Canal.

British authorities do not conceal the necessity of a strong British hand over Egypt's foreign relations and particularly over the Suez Canal. That celebrated waterway, bequeathed to Queen Victoria by her adoring Disraeli as the most priceless achievement of his Premiership is as vital to the integrity of the British Empire as the Panama Canal is vital to the national security of the United States. Cut the Suez and you sever Britain's imperial jugular vein. Place it unrestrictedly at the disposal of a vengeful Egypt, ready perhaps some day to ally itself with an aggrieved Turkey and a sullen India, and Britain would take the first step in the direction of imperial suicide.

That is why David Lloyd George has determined to "watch his step" on the Nile. The thorn of Ireland having been removed from the British side, as the wily Welshman of Downing Street thinks, Egypt for itself, and for the immeasurable possibilities, dormant India is next to be pacified. If the Egyptians accept the pipe of peace London has offered Cairo, there can be little doubt India next will be asked to smoke from the same briar—the Englishman's favorite instrument.

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