

unsettled strike in the packing industry. With soaring profits for the packers and mounting living costs for the workers, can anyone deny the justice of the union's demand for higher wages. What, then, is holding up a settlement of the dispute? The simple fact that the packing industry is national in scope and can be dealt with only on a national level. Yet we have the miserable spectacle of ten different governments, with ten different labour laws, trying and failing to govern one national industry. Only the packing industrialists are delighted with the situation; they hope it may damage the strength of the union.

In this dreary picture there is only one bright spot - the CCF Government of Saskatchewan. From the first day of dispute, Premier Douglas unhesitatingly offered full power to the Federal Government to deal with the problem on a national scale. But not some other provincial premiers. The governments of Ontario and Quebec, for example, refuse to budge an inch, no matter what hardships their action may cause the farmers and workers of Canada and the consumers of Britain as well as our own country.

But Mr. Douglas, because of his CCF philosophy, is interested in Canada as a nation and not in his power as a provincial premier. Real national unity can only be built on the basis of co-operation between farmer and worker, economic security for every section of the country, racial tolerance everywhere, and equal opportunity for every Canadian, no matter where he lives and what he does. This is the CCF vision of the future of Canada.

To build this sort of Canada, we need now pioneers, who will apply the same courage and vision and daring, to the task of the 20th century, that the early Canadian settlers applied in centuries past. We need pioneers of today to clear a road to progress through the jungle of capitalist monopoly; to remove poverty, insecurity, and slums, ignorance, prejudice and hate, from our land; we weld all Canadians, of every race and creed and from every province, into a rich, united nation.

Such is the hope which the CCF has for Canada. We are determined to make this hope a reality, with the help of all the Canadian people.

We ask you not to stand on the sidelines, sometimes unhappy, sometimes angry, and most times disinterested. We ask you to join the pioneers of today, to take part in a great crusade, and to do so by active citizenship through the ranks and democratic opportunities of the CCF. Good nite.