

Early in this century the eastern Europeans came to Canada, especially to Spadina. They created the famous Spadina needle trades district. There are many hundreds of small enterprises there that are still making and selling clothing and footwear, but they are threatened by this government. They are threatened not only by this government's hostile attitude to small business, but by the threat of the closing down of the present import quotas which so far have done something to protect them from the unfair competition of the southern United States and other very low wage, anti-union areas.

For example, today I had a telephone call from Mr. Marlen of Topaz Shoes who is already laying off employees because this government does not give him the assurance it will maintain the quota system which has so far protected his industry. He has built it up from 30 employees to 150 employees in three years. Now he is having to lay workers off because of this government's callous attitude toward the small-business men of Spadina and the rest of Canada.

We also have railway workers living in Spadina, some of them working in the Spadina yards. Some of them will not be working; they are facing lay-offs because of the cuts by this government in VIA Rail.

We have a great number of printing, office specialty and other small manufacturing outfits in Spadina, all feeling the threat of this budget, particularly whenever these small-business men have to consider their credit situation or bank loans.

After World War II many of those people moved north and we had more eastern Europeans, Québécois, Newfoundlanders, Cape Bretoners and West Indians moving into Toronto. Italians and Portuguese came in particularly for the 30-year building and manufacturing boom, that boom which ended in 1975 with this government's wage freeze.

When I went to Toronto in 1954 to work in a factory I found Ukrainians, Italians, Newfoundlanders, Ontarians, Québécois, and also I found those people working and living together in Spadina in peace, trying to raise their children, trying to fix their old houses and enjoying the music and the food of their ancestors and their neighbours.

Some of you may know of the Kensington market. That was a creation of the Spadina residential district just west of Spadina Avenue. It serves Jews, Portuguese, Philipinos, Chinese and many other nationalities. We also have the shopping districts along Queen Street, Yonge Street, Bloor Street and College Street, each with its own particular flavour.

Then came the Chinese. After City Hall had wiped out most of downtown Chinatown, the Chinese born in Canada and those emigrating to Canada built a new Chinatown around Dundas and Spadina. You can go up Dundas and along Spadina and find dozens and dozens of new Chinese restaurants. By the time you have eaten in each one of them there are several new ones built. They also have new stores, new offices, new theatres, new social centres and many new small businesses, most of which are also under the gun of the high

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interest policies of this government, continued by the present budget.

We have the University of Toronto, the biggest university in the Commonwealth. It is an excellent place of learning and research. It has thousands of professors and students and support staff, being one of the biggest employers in the city. Some of them live close by but many of them commute. Two of my daughters started there until they found they could get a better education for their purposes at Laval and at the Université du Québec in Montreal, but they still have warm memories of University College.

These people, from the president right down to the support staff and every student, are dismayed at the cuts being placed on them by the federal government as well as by the Tory provincial government. In spite of the sweet words of the minister, those cuts are continuing. He can juggle around guaranteed revenues and EPF, but the fact is that he is going to give less money and the province will give less. They have students now sitting in the aisles and trying to get into the lectures. I am told there is one lab that is now in the men's washroom. I am not sure whether it alternates day about between the men's and the women's washroom or how they observe equality in the matter. There was last summer, of course, the occasion of a wrestling match in Convocation Hall, about which Toronto people are aware.

Seriously, I have a letter from a graduate of the university who has been unable because of unemployment to repay his loan. He is being chased by a collection agency on behalf of this government. The interest now amounts to 23 per cent of the loan. This is how we discourage students and graduates of our universities. This is reversing what was undertaken in the 1940s and early 1950s when the government had a good program of assisting people to get to university under DVA.

We have many other people in Spadina. We have service workers of all kinds. We have women, many of them Portuguese immigrants—20,000 perhaps in Spadina and nearby—who clean the hospitals and office buildings downtown. We have the professionals who found that downtown Toronto is a livelier place to live than the frozen suburbs. What we have in Spadina is all manner of people earning their living in different ways, and all being threatened by this budget.

Before I outline the problems of the budget I have to acknowledge one other part of Spadina, a part which is not threatened by the budget. We also have in Spadina the banks, the insurance offices, the great financial houses, the head offices of the oil, mineral and paper companies with the commercial dukes and the barons who order this government around and control this country. The Spadina people know those buildings. They helped to build many of them. They are now cleaning them at nights. They work there as secretaries, as messengers and as bank tellers, many of them at minimum wages since most of them so far have been unable to organize unions. Many of them belong to families of which both parents must work. So the rosy picture of tax deductions for people who earn \$15,000 does not apply to them. They must have two incomes in order to keep a roof over their head. They are