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A Call To Action

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This is a call to all those who must sell their mental and physical capabilities in order to survive. It doesn't matter whether you call your payment a wage or a salary, or how much it is, or whether you work in coveralls or in a suit. If you do not own the tools of production at your work place, then you must work if, how, and when, your employer says so. That, of course, applies to the vast majority of the world's population.

What are we asking you to do? Firstly, take a few minutes to look at the state of the world around you. In a rich country such as Canada, it is easy to think almost everyone is doing OK. Many own a house, or will do after a few decades of payments that total way more than the buying price; many families own two cars-necessary so that both adults can go to work in order to pay for the house and the extra car;

many have some extra disposable income after paying the bills for holidays, entertainment and a few extras. Yet there is that nagging fly in the ointment. Sporadically, reports surface that indicate all is not well. More and more, our jobs and benefits are less secure; we are told one in five children are raised in poverty and are denied the experiences of normal human development; there is always unemployment no matter how the government cooks the books and ignores those who have given up looking for jobs and those who are underemployed; in the rich GTA, almost one million people per year use food banks, no matter that many of them have full time jobs; the gap between rich and poor grows ever wider at an alarming rate

And how about the rest of the world? Consider this information from "The State of The World" (globalnetnews-summary@lists.riseup.net).

- Since WWII there have been 250 major wars killing twenty-three million people, 90% of them civilians.
- There are over 35 major conflicts in the world today.
- There are over five hundred

million small arms and light weapons circulating in the



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world today.

- There are approximately thirty thousand nuclear warheads, five thousand on hair-trigger alert.
- Current global military spending is around eight hundred billion dollars— more than the total annual income of the poorest 45% of the world.
- Thirty-five per cent of the world's population live in countries where basic civil rights such as freedom of speech, of the press, of religion, and fair trials, are denied.
- One billion people are unemployed or underemployed.
- Two hundred and fifty million children are involved in child labour.
- Women work two thirds of the world's working hours and produce one half of the

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world's food, yet earn only ten per cent of the world's income and own less than one per cent of the world's property and make up seventy per cent of those in absolute poverty.

- Three billion people exist on less than two dollars a day.
- Eight hundred million lack access to even basic medical care.
- Seventeen million, including eleven million children, die each year from easily preventable diseases.
- Eight hundred million people are hungry or mal-nourished.
- eleven million die yearly from hunger and malnutrition.
- Eight hundred and seventy million of the world's adults are illiterate.
- The richest one percent earn as much as the poorest fifty-seven per cent.
- The top five per cent earn as much as the bottom eighty per cent.
- The wealthiest one fifth of the world's population earns seventy-five times that of the poorest fifth.
- Regarding the environment, we are experiencing rapid deforestation, large-scale species extinction, desertification and land degradation, polluted land, sea, and air, and global warming, which will accelerate the above and add flooding and natural disasters unprecedented scale.

All of the above is entirely preventable. The Socialist Party of Canada holds that it is the profit system that is responsible. In the capitalist mode of production, commodities are produced with a view to making a profit. For this to take

place, the goods must be sold and a profit made. If this does not happen, production must stop, factories close, and workers laid off. Only those who can pay can have access to the goods. Starving people do not have money for food and therefore have no access to it.

If an alien craft were to land on earth, they would not be able to comprehend this situation. The sheer scale of the unnecessary destruction, devastation, and human misery is almost incomprehensible. It can only be matched by the apparent willingness to ignore it or excuse it by the vast majority of the world's citizens.

Now you know why we must act. Now comes the hard part. What to do? First, take stock of the situation. Secondly, identify the cause and solution. If, as we claim, the problems are caused by the private ownership of the means of production by a tiny minority who control and run the system in their own interest, then that ownership must change. We are saying that the resources and bounties of the earth should belong to everyone and should be operated in their interest so no one will ever be deprived of the necessities of life. Is there any argument against this concept? We don't think so. The hard part is that only the non-owners (you) can bring this about. Electing a leader and his party every few years won't cut it. They are forced by the institutions and conventions in place to operate this system we are in now, no matter what their personal choices may be. How many different leaders and their parties have you elected so far in your lifetime? Have they solved any of the problems mentioned above? Of course not. It is up to you to act in the interests of the non-owning class and bring about the social revolution that is necessary to for a better world. Now you know why and how to act.

The time is now!

National Ownership or Common Ownership?

J. Ayers

Mel Watkins is a research associate at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a left wing think tank based in Ottawa. He is also professor emeritus at the University of Toronto, and an adjunct professor at Carleton University. His specialty is economics and he is well known for a 1968 report on foreign ownership of Canadian companies. Evidently, he has stuck with this theme for forty years, as his recent article, "Enough With Foreign Ownership" (*Toronto Star*, 03/02/2008) attests.

His thesis is that foreign ownership is bad for Canada and substituting more Canadian ownership will give us more control over our economic destiny. He takes the current Conservative government to task for creating The Competition Policy Review Panel too late to repair the damage. Watkins is disappointed that the Panel found that Canadian business interests want less restrictions on buying, selling, merging and taking over companies, not more. He goes on to point the finger at the sub-prime mortgage crisis and the resulting market turmoil as evidence of the chaos of the global market from which more Canadian ownership will insulate us. Surely Watkins is aware that the nature of capitalist production and its market are anarchic and chaotic at any time.

In the same vein, David Olive wrote in his article "A Lament for A Nation of Sellouts" (*Toronto Star*, 24/02/08), "What hope is there for Canada to be anything but a second tier, resource-dependent, player on the global stage if every time a corporation approaches critical mass, it gets sold off to a foreign buyer?" *Continued on page...6*

The Long Commute to Nowhere

One of the many problems caused by the capitalist mode of production is the long journey to work for many workers, which itself creates more problems. The "Toronto Star" of December 8th, 2007, focused on the plight of Lori Forrester, a 42 year old accountant and mother of two young children, who daily commutes 240 miles. Forrester leaves her home in Berryville, Virginia at 7:30 am and arrives at her workplace at shortly after 9:00am. She comments, "It's like I spend all my time at work and on the road."

Forrester's husband leaves for work at 3:30am. The long commutes and early rising leave the Forresters with three hours a day for family time. Aside from the cost of gas and car maintenance, they also pay someone \$225 a week to clean their house because they don't have the time to do it themselves. As for the family's evening meal, it's a choice between McDonalds and Taco Bell.

It used to take this writer two hours to get from his home in Mississauga, Ontario, to his job in Toronto. This was by car, commuter train, and walking. When weather ruled out walking, then a subway and streetcar substituted. According to Tim Harper, the Star's man in Washington, "The American commute starts earlier, lasts longer, wastes more time and money, and further endangers physical and psychological health each year." Nor is this a specifically North American problem. Soaring house prices in most of the industrialized countries have caused many workers in cities to live out of town and commute. Not all places of employment are accessible by train or bus, leaving the car as the only option, and thereby

clogging the highways and roads and contributing to global warming. The craziness of it all is that many buy cars to get to work and use up a fair chunk of their wage in paying the car loan, gas, parking, and maintenance. But then whoever said capitalism was sane? According to the following sources, The Texas Transportation Institute, The US census, The New England Journal

England, exacerbated by growing suburbs, are well documented. Mayor Livingstone's imposition of a \$16 a day charge on fossil fuel vehicles entering central London has projected subway ridership to reach 1.5 billion in the coming years. This clearly shows that in attempting to solve problems within capitalism, new problems appear and old ones can be exacerbated.



of Medicine, and The UN, the following statistics present a harrowing picture. The cost per year in wasted fuel, and lost work due to road congestion is \$78 billion. The amount of time drivers spend stuck in traffic each year is 60 hours per driver in the Washington area, and 37 hours is the national average, compared to just 14 hours 25 years ago. Total hours for Americans stuck in traffic for 2005 was 4.2 billion!

The Star continued in this vein by focusing on the travel problems in other cities. The traffic problems of London,

Now that China is emerging as a major industrialized power, it can be expected to experience the same problems. Already three million cars clog the main streets with one thousand more appearing every day. China's rapidly growing economy and rising incomes have made it the fastest growing car market in the world. Last years, car sales rose 26% and this trend is expected to continue. The total car ownership in China is expected to eclipse that of the US by 2025. Closer to home, Michael Barrett, who commutes from his home in Oshawa to

his job in Mississauga says, "I will leave in the dark, come home in the dark, and I'm always in the dark about what's going on in the family. Barrett, a father of six, drives 150 kilometers each day, and when he recently introduced himself to another parent at his daughter's swim practice, she was surprised to hear that his wife was not a single parent. Another parent, Jennifer Case, commutes 90 minutes, loves living in the country and is not interested in car pooling or taking three buses. "I do worry about my impact on the environment. I can't afford one of those lovely \$60 000 hybrid cars." Case leases a car for \$300 a month, spends another \$300 on gas, and \$100 on insurance, "Half my pay goes to commuting costs.

The reform minded "Toronto Star", of course, can only see improvements made within capitalism. It mentions congestion fees in London, Stockholm, and Singapore, but also mentions that the decline has only been 22%. It also mentions Denmark, which seems to have dealt with the problem well by increasing vehicle registration costs by 180% and a 25% value added tax. This has forced many commuters to use bicycles who have their own lanes, parking, and signals. Bicycles, however, are hardly feasible in North American winters and distances. The Star concludes, "...either we kill the commute, or it will kill us."

The long commuting distances, by whatever method, trigger problems such as environmental damage, resource waste, monetary cost, family disruption, mental and physical stress.

In a society where human needs are the only priority, this problem would not exist. Once socialism is established, its first task would be to eradicate the mess capitalism has left behind. This would involve a positive social revolution. Cities, as they exist now, or even automobiles, may not be needed. Work would have a different meaning,

as it would become voluntary, not a compulsory five days out of seven drudge.

Control over one's work and over the very nature of production would likely result in one's societal contribution being close to home negating the mad world of rising in the middle of the night to race to make far away deadlines and unnecessarily consuming valuable energy and resources.

Establishment of a socialist society would restore sanity to the work and commuting world.

Honesty is the Worst policy

S.Shannon

As you are all aware, the American economy is taking a pounding and, given the global nature of the market, the world economy is following suit. As Dick Bryan, professor of economics at the University of Sydney, said, "In this globalized world, a problem in one location is a problem everywhere." The cause is the result of the American sub-prime mortgage crisis that exacerbated an already weakening US economy, real estate agents, money lenders, and mortgage brokers excepted. The problem was that the real estate boom was based on artificially low interest rates. When they rose to the going level, homeowners had difficulty with the payments and walked away from, or lost, their homes.

American banks, holding vast amounts in sub-prime mortgages on their books, decided to sell off the debt. Who would buy them if advertised honestly? The answer was to bundle the debt into packages using complex computer models. Then, they were able to convince the rating agencies such as Moody's and the Orwellian-named Standard and Poor's to give the mortgage securities an artificially

higher rating. Later, it became known that these agencies, on which foreign investors rely for impartial advice, were being paid by the banks selling the mortgages. This revelation prompted investors to move their money out of the US mortgage market, thus creating a panic.

In Germany, the government had to save two banks from failing. In France, BNP Paribas, one of the country's largest banks, had to suspend redemptions from three of its investment funds. In Britain, Northern Rock PLC, the country's fifth largest mortgage lender, had a run on funds as investors lined up for their money. What is amazingly hypocritical is the reaction from the politicians and economic experts in defence of the system. French President, Sarkozy, who has vowed to 'moralize financial capital', called for a rule book to avoid global crisis. (*Tribune*, 28 August 2007). Peter Bofinger, an economic adviser to the German government, said, "We need an international approach and the US needs to be part of it." (*New York Times*, 29 August 2007). Economic analyst Jim Willie said, "The entire world is growing in its disgust for having been defrauded." (*321gold.com*). *Cont. on next page*

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Hamid Varzi, economic expert, summarized it for most people, "The US economy, once the envy of the world, is now viewed across the globe with suspicion." (*International Herald Tribune*, 17 August 2007). A socialist would wonder what all the fuss was about since it's all part of the normal function of the capitalist system. A capitalist apologist might claim that it is an aberration, a result of blatant despicable dishonesty. They would never admit that dishonesty is a normal operating condition like wars and conflicts, famines, genocides, want, and poverty. In fact, dishonesty is found throughout the current system.

Do politicians, all of whom stand for capitalism, come out and state this? Are advertisers honest when selling their products? During times of war, are we told we are defending the system that makes the few rich at the expense of the many, i.e., defending the right of the rich to be rich? Of course not, for, if they did, workers would stay home and let the capitalists fight their own wars. Some lies are to split the working class, to divide and conquer. Promoting racism is one way. Immigrants are blamed for unemployment although statistics show that mass migration causes greater economic activity and jobs. It's the reason that Canada accepts large numbers of immigrants annually.

Jews have often been blamed for world problems and their presence in banking and finance cited, yet, only a tiny percentage of the directors of the world's banks are Jews. Blacks blame whites and vice versa. The worse conditions become, the more scapegoats are sought to deflect scrutiny of the real problem, private ownership of the means of producing and distributing wealth.

The greatest lie of all is that capitalism is the best possible system. Anyone can clearly see that the world

is in a mess. War, conflict, crime, poverty, starvation, want, are all accepted as part of daily life, but those who believe in capitalism tell us that a socialist society would create chaos! If any party, or its representative, were to say, "Vote for us, and we will look after the interests of the wealthy at the expense of the poor", who would vote for them? But, in reality, that's what happens. The Conservative, Liberal, Green, NDP, and even the so-called Communist Parties stand for capitalism. They may run it in various ways, but, because they do not put forward an alternative system and insist on trying to make the present system work in the interests of all, an impossibility, they are not being honest.

This does not mean that you can search for the truth on the field of political combat and never find it.

The Socialist Party of Canada has no reason to lie. We have stuck to our platform for over 100 years, i.e., the establishment of a socialist society. We do not ask you to vote for us because of what we can do for you, but we can show you how to bring about that society yourselves. We will not do or say anything to get your vote. In fact, we are the only party to say, "Do not vote for us", unless you understand and want socialism. When sufficient people do understand the concept of socialism and act to create it, then we will be able to put an end to the ills that plague us today. Study our case!

Free Trade or Free World?

S.Shannon

" Since launching her campaign for the White House, Democratic front runner, Hilary Clinton, has discovered 'serious short comings' with a signature achievement of her husband's

presidency-the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico", claims Luiza Savage in "Macleans" magazine, 17 December 2007. To quote Clinton, " NAFTA and the way it's been implemented has hurt a lot of American workers." she told the union organization, AFL-CIO, in August. This has been the labour criticism since the beginning.

Is Hilary courting the union vote? No doubt. To another audience in June she complained that factories were moving to Mexico and promised to declare a 'time-out', if elected, on the signing of new trade agreements and pledged to set up a five-year review of existing agreements beginning with NAFTA. Clinton did indeed do a study in 2006 on NAFTA, but, rather than deal with the plight of the unemployed, it focused on improving access to Canadian markets for New York State agricultural products. Senator Clinton wrote," The Canadian government must address these costly and time-consuming barriers to trade with New York which are unfairly disadvantaging New York producers." Even if Clinton were well meaning, little of her good intentions would take effect. Should she order an investigation into trade agreements, it would be undertaken by a government agency called the International Trade Commission. It examines trade law violations and makes statements such as, "There is a reasonable indication that a US industry is materially injured by reason of imports of Polyethelene Terephthalate (PET) film, sheet, and strip from Brazil and elsewhere that are allegedly sold in the United States at less than fair value." (*Macleans*, 17 December 2007). In other words, would an agency that is set up to look after the interests of the capitalists conclude that NAFTA is bad for the workers?

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He goes on to complain that the rest of the world is cravenly protectionist, despite what they may espouse, while we are playing the global competition game with noble rules. As he points out, this is a system based on lying and cheating and it behooves the Canadian capitalist class to do the same to compete, which I am sure they are doing to the best of their ability. The two articles, as far as socialists are concerned, are typical of the mindless fodder that makes up the science of economics. So-called experts in this

of the working class. They don't own Canadian firms any more than they own Chinese or Chilean ones. They simply sell their only commodity, labour-power, to whoever will buy it in order to survive. While the Canadian capitalist class and its supporter, the government, exhort the worker to be patriotic, work hard, reduce wage and benefit demands to keep the company "competitive", and even, in times of war, risk their lives, the company shows no loyalty whatsoever in return. Just like any other capitalist enterprise,

if an opportunity to increase profit and margins appears elsewhere in the world, then they are forced to take advantage of it and will have no compunction about closing down Canadian operations and laying off Canadian workers. Do Canadian firms keep a full staff in employment in times of reduced production, or do they, like all the rest, reduce their wage bill by showing workers to the door? The

answer is obvious and the evidence all around us as our manufacturing sector continues to shrink and the jobs literally 'go south'. The world is not producing fewer commodities, it's just that it is more profitable to produce them elsewhere. This is the normal operation of the capitalist mode of production, and nationalizing industries, as Watkins suggests, will make not one iota of difference to the worker who will continue to be a wage labourer whose surplus value is appropriated, and continue to work at the whim of capital, "...state ownership does not do away with the capitalist nature of the productive forces." (*Engels in "Anti-Duhring"*). It is doubtful whether there is such a thing as a Canadian company of any size as all enterprises are owned by blocks of capital that can originate anywhere in the world. Banking and telecommunications are somewhat

regulated but it is anything goes for the rest as far as attracting capital goes. Watkins thinks this type of regulation should be expanded to protect us from the vagaries of the market, but the mess that The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce got into through dabbling in the sub-prime mortgage debacle (it reported a loss of \$1.4 billion for the latest quarter and could lose as much as \$5 billion overall) proves that they are global players by necessity and can be global losers despite an army of 'economists' government regulations. In addition, Nortel recently announced the elimination of 2 100 jobs which continues a trend over the last few years that has seen their global workforce drop from 100 000 to about 30 000. Obviously, regulated companies are subject to the same forces and produce the same reactions as non-regulated companies.

All of this has no effect on the Canadian worker, who, if he is lucky, may own the title to a tiny plot of land on which to live, together with a hefty mortgage for a few decades that he hopes to pay off in time for retirement. This is why we say that workers have no countries. They are simply part of a world-wide class that produces everything that is exploited by a world-wide parasitic capitalist class. Country has nothing to do with this process and is simply a symptom of the private property system. Only when a system of common ownership of the world's resources and productive powers by the whole of humanity is implemented will the vast majority of us have any interest or influence over what is produced and for whom. At that time we will not need economists, politicians, or nationalism to figure it out for us.



field fail to look at the whole picture and the dynamics involved through ignorance, lack of interest, or to deliberately mislead the public. Rather they search for remedies within the capitalist system that has caused the problem in the first place.

Capitalism began as small enterprises operating in mainly local markets. As capital accumulation and competition grew, enterprises spread their wings in search of more markets and became regional, national and international in scope. A great way to eliminate competition and increase operating capital was the merger or take over. This process, as Marx pointed out, is a natural consequence of capitalist production. It is not an option to remain local or national. The mantra is grow or be gobbled up.

Secondly, the whole concept of nationalism of company ownership has no bearing whatsoever on the fortunes

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It would be very hard using any of their economic techniques to reach that conclusion.” Said Jeffrey Scott, a senior fellow at the Petersen Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank.

This is not to say that Clinton is totally uncaring when it comes to those who lose their jobs. She has proposed expanding a federal program that pays benefits to the unemployed if their company moves abroad or if their jobs become outsourced. Whatever Clinton wants and whatever results she may, or may not, achieve, the plain fact is that any change to any trade agreement, including abolition and/or compensation, is simply a matter of tinkering with capitalism.

All disagreements between politicians are on the business efficacy of the agreements, and any compensation for the workers is seeking answers to capitalism’s problems within the system that caused them in the first place. The fundamental aspect of NAFTA is the ability to move capital and production freely to wherever they can get the cheapest labour and the best deal, and hence, bigger profits. In fact, Clinton made no bones about it, complaining that factories were moving to Mexico for lower labour costs and to Canada for cheaper health care costs.

The most blatant hypocrisy of all is that during wartime capitalists and politicians exhort the workers to be patriotic and fight for their country. Those who don’t fight are made to feel guilty. The results of NAFTA are such that we can clearly see that capitalists do not live up to their own phony standards. You may ask how one could change this in our present day society. The answer is that you can’t. The very

nature of capitalist production with the minority owning the tools of production and the majority working for wages, is such that the problems it creates cannot be solved within it. They are natural consequences of the operation of the system. Some very well intentioned people have been trying for a long time and we are still faced with the same problems we have had from the beginning. The capitalist must make a profit or go out of business. Hence his need to keep labour costs down. The worker, in his need to pay for rent, groceries, clothing, utilities, etc., needs higher wages. Thus, in wage labour, appears the class struggle over the surplus product produced by the labour of the workers.

One thing about NAFTA that should be evident to everyone is that the worker has no country. There may be emotional attachments to, and a genuine like of the area in which one lives. That is normal, but a country as a political entity is but a means whereby some live well at the expense of others. It is not the workers who own their own country and the law protects those who do.

All that can be easily changed through political organization acting consciously for a socialist society in which trade agreements, unemployment, and outsourcing are things of the past and security of food and necessary goods a thing of the present. Whatever you may think of this analysis, why not study the case for socialism? You have nothing to lose but your chains!

Tales from The Class War

Eds.

There are those people who believe that social classes have disappeared in recent decades, that social mobility is available to

anyone willing to work hard, that the word class as a social division is no longer relevant. They are wrong. They are influenced by the capitalist propaganda and so-called economists trained in compiling and spinning statistics to try to explain the vagaries of the market. A large downturn is called a ‘correction’ rather than a recession, no matter that hundreds of thousands of workers lose their livelihoods until the market ‘rights’ itself. They are capitalist apologists and cheerleaders whose job it is to paint a rosy picture and soften the blows suffered by workers at the hands of capitalism. The bourgeois revolutions of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries firmly established the rising capitalist class as the dominant force as commodity production and wage labour took hold. The defeated aristocracy were faced with joining in the system as capitalists or become extinct. Just two classes were left, the capitalist class that owns the resources, the factories, the land, and the workers who operate the system but do not own any of it, not even the product, which is appropriated by the capitalist. Karl Marx wrote, “Our epoch, the epoch of the bourgeoisie, possesses, however, this distinct feature: it has simplified the class antagonisms. Society as a whole is more and more splitting up into two great hostile camps, into two great classes facing each other: Bourgeoisie and Proletariat.” (Communist Manifesto). Class society and the antagonisms therein arise from the ownership of the means of producing and distributing wealth by the capitalist class. The worker is forced to sell his mental and physical powers in order to survive. His surplus value, the hours in excess of those necessary to produce the value of his wage, and therefore worked unpaid, form the source of profit for the owner. The worker has a job only so long as a profit is realized from his labour. The hours and conditions of work, the pay, the production decisions, are all made by the employer. These antagonisms must exist no matter how personable the owner may be, no matter where you work, factory or office, and will, sooner or later, lead to conflict.

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The Socialist Party of Canada

Object

The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of society as a whole.

Declaration of Principles

The Socialist Party of Canada holds:

1. That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., land, factories, railways, etc.) by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whose labour alone wealth is produced.
2. That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle between those who possess but do not produce and those who produce but do not possess.
3. That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.
4. That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind, without distinction of race or sex.
5. That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.
6. That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly by the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into an agent of emancipation and the overthrow of plutocratic privilege.
7. That as political parties are but the expression of class interests, and as the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interest of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.
8. The Socialist Party of Canada, therefore, enters the field of political action determined to wage war against all other political parties, whether alleged labour or avowedly capitalist, and calls upon the members of the working class of this country to support these principles to the end that a termination may be brought to the system which deprives them of the fruits of their labour, and that poverty may give place to comfort, privilege to equality, and slavery to freedom.

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