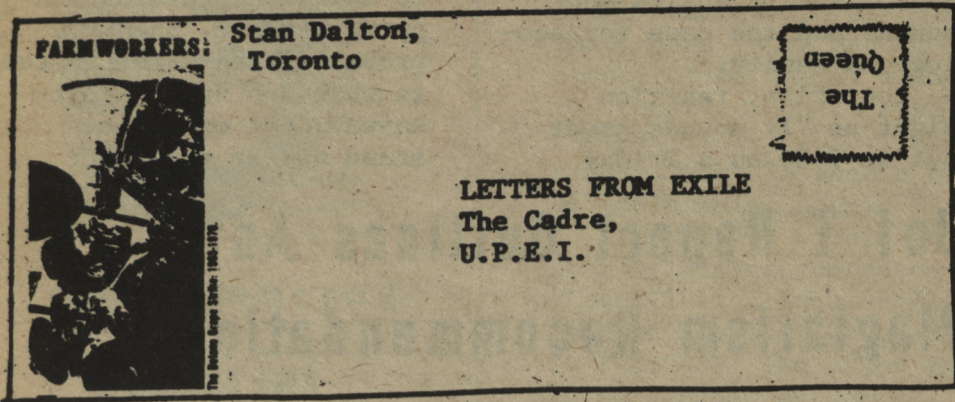


Trudeau Attempts to Justify Government Intervention



The contemporary economic situation in Canada at present is characterized by the historical decline of the Capitalist class, necessarily accompanied by the rise of the working class as it attempts to preserve its historical gains, while at the same time realizing its historical goal of establishing socialism as the only alternative to capitalism. As capitalism attempts to justify itself, to ward off the socialist advance, it finds itself on the defensive which, as Engels pointed out, is the position of that which is morihund and

decadent. Since capitalism can no longer substantiate its claim to rule, it is forced, with its back against the wall, to resort to fascist methods (which are violent) to maintain domination over workers, students, farmers, intellectuals, small business, etc.

Trudeau's admission that the free enterprise (read: capitalist) system is no longer workable, though true, outrages Canadian capitalists and their mouthpieces (the press) sufficiently to bring their wrath to bear down upon the Prime Minister.

This admission does not make Trudeau a Socialist - on the contrary; he uses this fact as justification for governmental intervention in the affairs of the nations (English Canada and French Canada).

In capitalist society, the political structure is the politics of the leading class - the property-owning class. This political structure, embodied for the most part in the existing government (i.e. the Trudeau Liberal government) serves its capitalist masters by being the executive arm of the capitalist class.

When it acts (through parliamentary or legislative activity), it does so on behalf of the capitalist class as a whole. It may, where conditions warrant, punish an organization or corporation, but in the interests of the class as a whole. The present wage controls is but the intervention of the capitalist government on behalf of the capitalist class to protect profits - which are at an all-time high in

our history. For the month of October, 1975, alone, as a random sample, the profits of various corporations were as follows:

- 1) Versatile Manufacturing Ltd., Manitoba, \$12,174,000.00 in the first nine months - after taxes.
- 2) Canadian Couvers, Ltd. Hamilton, \$4,434,000.00 a 57.8% jump over last year!
- 3) Canadian General Electric's. Jan to June ('75) profit was \$15,878,000.00
- 4) Northern Electric's profit was \$53,500,000.00 as compared with a poverty-stricken \$42,000,000.00 for 1974!

But the Trudeau formula says "Wage and Price Freeze." Nonsense! Wage freeze yes - to 8%. But the price freeze is but verbal camouflage to cover up for what is, in fact, an all out attack on labour, which is merely trying to stay abreast of inflation.

No worker is ever pleased to go out on strike for the simple reasons: he loses income; he becomes subjected to malicious attack (especially by the capitalist-kept press): his family suffers; the plant at which he works may use the strategy of closing down and moving elsewhere as a means of defeating the strikers. Nevertheless, when Canada has such a high rate of inflation and unemployment (7.3%) the worker, to protect his standard of living, is forced to strike when management refuses to give him a decent living wage.

For UPEI students, the immediate future is bleak. No longer does a "higher education" guarantee a job with security and freedom from desparity; on the contrary, the latter is fast becoming the rule in this morihund and decadent capitalist society.

It is for the students themselves to organize and unite to ensure that the content of their education is relative to Island needs and to work to implement Island programs (agriculture industry, livestock breeding, fishing, etc) to ensure that Island youth will have a stable future in which to grow and develop.

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I said, "Take up the collection, not TAKE it!"

Christ died between thieves, so it's fitting Redemptorist Priests be at home in prisons, and among those cut off from society. Are you interested in putting in time - or using it well?

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