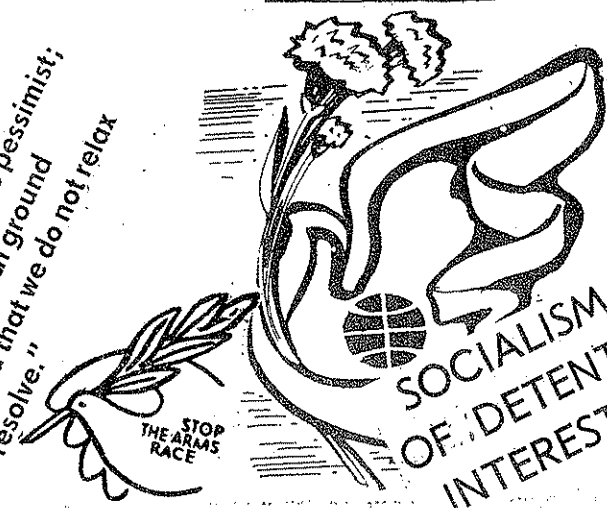


ELECTION ISSUES

"The sand in the nuclear hour-glass is rapidly running out and Time does not smile leisurely upon the prospect of Man's survival. But there is no place for the fatalist or the lethargy of the resignation for optimism provided that we do not relax our efforts and resolve."



MARCHING FOR LIFE ON EARTH

PENTAGON PLANS PROTRACTED NUCLEAR WAR

U.S. military planners have decided that a protracted nuclear war is possible and have formulated the policy and strategy by which such a war could be fought.

A 125-page document, entitled The Fiscal Year 1983-1984 Defence Guidance Paper, published recently by the U.S. administration, introduces a strategy of military strikes on the Soviet Union, Cuba, Vietnam and North Korea in the event of war with the USSR, and emphasises the need for simultaneous wars in different parts of the world.

The paper contains, according to press reports, the views of U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Caspar Weinberger and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It calls for U.S. nuclear resources to be able to "render ineffective the total Soviet and Soviet allied military and political power structure", and requires the destruction of "nuclear and conventional military forces and industry critical to military power".

To compliment the war strategy, the

paper calls for the U.S. and its allies to declare economic and political war on the Soviet Union, applying as much pressure as possible through trade policies to create problems for the Soviet economy.

The "U.S. first defence priority" is stated as protection of the U.S., then Western Europe and thirdly the oil resources of the Persian Gulf.

The paper calls for giving military assistance to China to keep Soviet forces on the Chinese border occupied, and demands improvements in areas of special operations such as guerilla warfare, sabotage and psychological warfare.

Summing-up the thinking of the U.S. military planners, the paper adds:

"The environment of future warfare is likely to differ greatly from any we have known in the past.

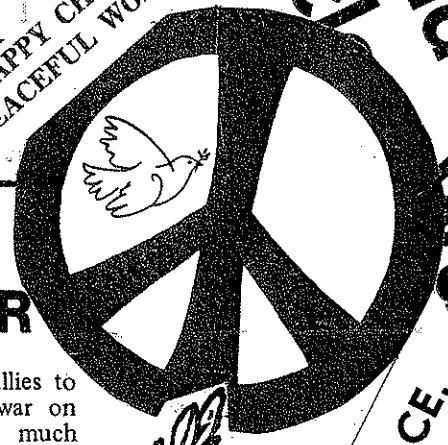
"Combat against Soviet forces will be of higher intensity and longer duration.

"It will feature intensive electronic warfare, and possibly biological, chemical and nuclear weapons."

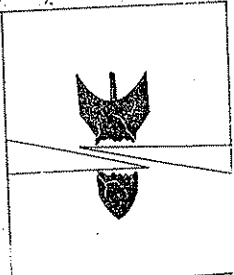
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SOCIALISM—THE CHAMPION OF DETENTE, PEACE AND THE INTERESTS OF ALL MANKIND

FOR NUCLEAR AND LIFE, FROM THE CONTRADICTIONS OF OUR TIME



NO—TO THE ARMS RACE, RACISM AND VIOLENCE!  
YES—TO DETENTE, FREEDOM AND PEACE!



Editorial:

STRENGTHEN THE VOICE OF PROGRESS AND PEACE

Capitalist society is in deep crisis. Never before has the threat of war been so grave. Two million are unemployed without prospects of a job, driven to take welfare and to work a few hours here and there. Fear and uncertainty are the dominant emotions in Canada today.

There is an explosion of contradictions in our daily lives, worsening problems which starkly contradict the mass media's phony image of the good life for all under capitalism. The crisis has given rise to both a wider questioning of the system as well as much confused thinking.

The Liberals and Tories work to create an impression of moderation and sound judgement--but their image-building is not backed up with policies to solve the people's problems.

The answer to the reactionary and oppressive domination of life by the monopolies and international monopolies is for the working people to assume a greater responsibility for the solution of the people's problems.

The fight for peace, economic development and trade is a fight for permanent jobs and opens the door to the possibility of developing Canada's full economic potential.

There could be a flourishing economy. The possibilities surrounding us beg for action. Instead of almost total dependence on the boom-or-bust market in the U.S.A., a market which restricts Canada's all-round economic development, it is possible to create new jobs by slashing arms spending and by expanding trade with all countries who will trade with us.

Militant, united cooperation in a counter-offensive by the trade union movement and the people's organizations will not only ensure that the Liberals and Tories will not be able to shift politics to the Right, but also it will help to bring a common front into existence--a common front which will resist cuts in services and fight for massive amounts of new, low-cost, publicly-

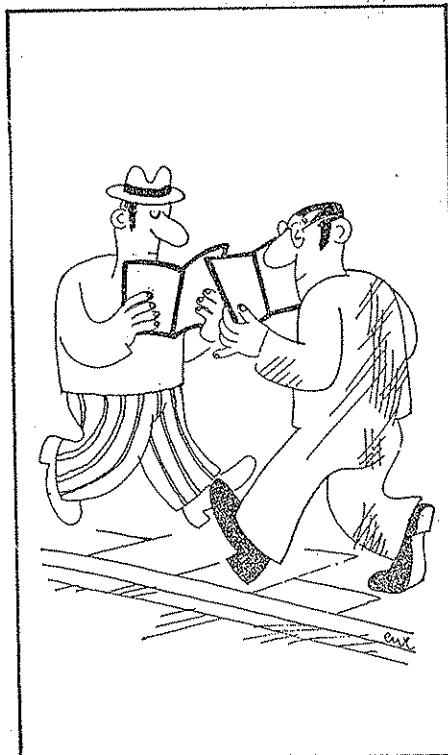
owned housing, the provision of adequate educational, cultural, medical and recreational services, and an increase in people's purchasing power.

Greater democracy for the people has become the crying need of our time.

Any government which bases itself on a system of exploitation of man by man, which denies working people jobs and uses the tax system to rob the poor and give to the rich--the case with all Tory and Liberal governments--cannot be for freedom and democracy.

There is no "equality" or "democracy" for the two million unemployed and the four million living below the poverty line.

The issues are so grave and have reached such crisis dimensions that the need for a strong, clear line to solve capitalist crisis in the interests of the working people has never been more urgent.



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# PEACE - JOBS - CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Its election time--a time for frank and honest talk.

Instead, the mass media feeds the people a meaningless jumble of inconsequential stories to conceal the true significance and consequences of capitalist crisis, vainly attempting to fan a flame of renewed hope in the Right Wing of politics from the ashes of dashed expectations.

A recent example of importance was the media's coverage of the proposals for world peace made by Soviet President K. Chernenko earlier this year.

He said that, in the final analysis, the only way to judge good will in peace negotiations on the part of the government of the United States is by its practical actions to achieve peace--and it has taken none.

He said peaceable sounding rhetoric isn't good enough--peace and deployment don't go hand-in-hand

And then President Chernenko proposed that all countries

1. Make the prevention of nuclear war the centre of their foreign policies.
2. Renounce propaganda for nuclear war of any kind.
3. Pledge not to be the first to use nuclear weapons.
4. Pledge not to use nuclear weapons against those countries whose territory is nuclear weapons free.
5. Prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and agree not to spread the arms race to outer space.
6. Reduce nuclear arms and finally liquidate them.

While the mass media performs its comic opera antics, the U.S. government deploys new weapons which threaten the safety of all peoples...And all the while unemployment grows in the capitalist countries...welfare is cut and hopelessness dominates the lives of a youth deprived of the right to work...medicare deteriorates and lines of the sick waiting to get into hospitals grow (and the media dutifully declares that the right of doctors to extra-bill is the real issue--not a word about patient's rights) ...and all the while the poor get poorer and the rich get richer.

ELECTION TIME IS A TIME WHEN PEOPLE SHOULD ASSERT THEIR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE...a time for frank and honest talk; a time to discuss the past performance of governments and to project a plan for the future.

Election campaigning is part of the

battle for human minds, a struggle which, historically, is unmatched in intensity because of the importance of the struggle for peace and the sharpening of the class struggle in these times of crisis.

Ideological struggle is the struggle for the interests of working people and for socialism.

There is no room for compromise in this area.

Democracy and human rights are at its centre. The task is to help Canadians realise not only the need to defeat the Right but also in doing so to expose the reactionary essence of bourgeois democracy which serves the capitalist class.

It means fighting for a new outlook--for an understanding of a socialist outlook and the true appreciation of the socialist system.

The media's effort to put over the idea of a Soviet military threat and to develop an anti-Soviet outlook in people is part of imperialism's preparations for a thermonuclear war which requires disinformation, outright lies, slanders of the worst sort and skilful playing on people's prejudices.

The media conceals the depth of the depth of the economic crisis of capitalism, conceals the extent of unemployment and poverty. In 1981 there were reported to be 3.5 million Canadians living in poverty, and in 1982 that figure had risen to 4.1 million, and is growing.

An urgent task before progressive candidates is the need to inform Canadians about Soviet initiatives directed to win world peace. A great deal of material is available, but doesn't get into the hands of a large enough number of people.

The Communist Party is all too slow in displaying creative initiative and energy in this important area.

#### A NEW CONTENT TO REFORMS

Whether they realise it or not, when people fight for higher pensions, increased welfare, tax cuts, more funding for medicare, recreation and education, more money for city and municipal needs--all these struggles in essence are opposed to the wastage of arms spending.

Every struggle to improve the lives of people is a struggle against increased arms spending and concessions to big monopolies.

But the peace movement is not, itself, a movement to change the social system. It represents many contingents with diverse viewpoints. However, the peace movement can develop themes pointing to the anti-social nature of governments and link this with arms spending and the deliberate creation of a militarist atmosphere.

#### THE CONSERVATIVE TYPES WANT TO CHANGE THE "WELFARE STATE" INTO THE "WARFARE" STATE.

Excessive exploitation, constantly deteriorating working conditions, pollution

of air and water, rising prices and poor housing, cuts in all services--these problems continue to make life worse for everyone, even those who are still working.

In contrast there is a small but increasingly powerful group of wealthy people who live in a fantasy land of riches, operating and controlling vast financial and industrial empires, denying themselves no excess.

#### IT IS THE CAPITALIST WORLD THAT IS IN CRISIS

The workers are forced to bear the burden of the economic disorders.

Capitalist crisis has led to a drop in production and a slowing down of all economic activity, the under-use of Canada's economic and industrial potential.

Millions are deprived of work, driven into poverty and humiliation-- unemployed while there is a widespread need for housing, food, recreational and educational facilities, improved public transport, improved highways and all the rest of it.

Inflation worsens all problems. It can be cured by restrictions on monopoly profits, the reduction of military budgets and price controls. But it will take a militant and united movement to force either the Liberals or Tories to take these steps.

#### THE YEAR OF THE SCAB

Governments give non-union workers guarantees of jobs in order to break the unions, and through the network of business agents and the most reactionary bureaucrats in the union movement sell the phony idea that taking pay cuts will create jobs.

The workers are fighting back.

The bosses have no sympathy for a Canadian Solidarity movement which fights for the right to work, to have a home and a secure old age and against anti-union undemocratic laws. The bosses prefer Solidarity movements which oppose socialism from within, like in Poland.

The anti-people actions taken by the governments of B.C. and Alberta are designed to establish a pattern for the repression of the working people all across Canada.

Whatever successes Bennett and Lougheed have had come about as a result of the split in the labour movement, the persistence of bourgeois ideas among the workers, and the failure of the CLC to advance a programme and the class-collaborationist role of the right-wing NDP.

It is revealing that not one politician in the House of Commons demanded the inclusion of the Right to Work as a clause in the constitution.

If working people are deprived of the right to work then they should be guaranteed the same standard of living they would enjoy if they held down a job.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS POTENTIALLY THE MOST EXPLOSIVE ISSUE OF THE DAY

Unemployment is a product of the capitalist system aggravated by the deep crisis which grips the capitalist world.

In order to guarantee full employment it is necessary to win far-reaching reforms which will curb the power of the monopolies and which actually provide work.

This is the time to shed any illusions that the monopolies and their government will solve the unemployment problem. Only drastic reforms can make that possible.

The election campaign provides a special opportunity to fight for:

1. The right to a job.
2. If no job is available then a guaranteed income which equals wages.
3. Creation of new jobs by diverting arms spending, by cutting tax concessions to big business, using the money to build



homes, hospitals, schools, subsidized housing, highways improvement, improved public transportation.

4. A reduction of the work week with no loss of pay.

5. Upgrading and extending vocational training, making it more relevant to needs.

THE FOREGOING IS A NATURAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

Today's youth will make tomorrow's world.

Youth have made a contribution to bring about positive changes in the present world. They are a constant and inspiring part of the burgeoning peace movement and labour's fight back. Young workers together with all progressive forces work to win disarmament and to free the world from the threat of war, linking these goals with an improvement in their lives.

The right to a job is the most basic of all rights. It prevents an individual from being excluded from participation in the life of society.

That is why workers are demanding the adoption of social and economic policies to achieve full employment.

There are less jobs each year. Some young people have never worked.

Youth are left to solve their problems on their own. Unfair labour practices abound.

Young working people are compelled by economic necessity to live in overcrowded poor housing and to eat poorly.

Just to get on welfare is a humiliating and traumatic experience, worse in some provinces than in others.

The capitalist bosses want to reduce labour costs by throwing even more out of work. They cut the spending power of the people. They cut educational and medical budgets. And then they deplore

the fact that people aren't buying!

Needed are employment programmes which will accelerate productive employment.

When discussing employment programmes it must be said that many trade union leaders go along with the bourgeois line because they fear the mass movements almost as much as the bosses do. They fail to give leadership and are ready to make reformist concessions. The rank-and-file's view of Jack Munroe's visit to Bennett is that it was a complete sell-out.

#### CONVERSION FROM ARMS SPENDING

Needed are detailed studies of conversion from arms spending to spending on people's needs -- studies which should become the property of every worker to provide ammunition in the fight-back.

Not only should the peril in the arms race be underlined, but also the fact that military production hinders the development of the main branches of the economy which create new jobs (construction, public education, culture and health).

Military production tends to get rid of labour and the 12,000 jobs provided by military contracts in Canada cannot make up for the tremendous loss because of trade restrictions, slower growth rates and unbalanced development.

Peaceful trade of \$1-billion creates 87,000 jobs.

Arms spending of \$1-billion creates 45,800 jobs.

Thus Canada's arms spending not only costs the taxpayers a bundle, but it wipes out 400,000 direct jobs. If 400,000 new jobs were created, these in turn would create a whole series of other jobs.

A broad common front of the peace movement and workers has the potential of wielding enormous political power. Its scope would link the noble goal of peace with the fight for jobs, the broadening of democratic rights and projects



to provide regional work--a special problem in Canada where the effects of the crisis are more extreme in some areas than in others.

#### THE BIG QUESTION: HOW CAN THE RIGHT-WING BE DEFEATED?

The Communist Party of Canada and other left-wing progressive forces correctly point to the danger from Right-Wing conservatism, to the danger of an electoral win by the Progressive Conservatives (although the Right-wing is not exclusively represented in the Tory party) who worship Reaganomics and crusades against communism.

In facing an enemy who has most of the advantages and commands superior fire power, the tactics of how to win in face of such formidable odds has to be clearly indicated.

To win, workers have to be able to distinguish between wishful thinking and reality.

The central task is to beat

**"The first essential to overcome the world economic crisis is to start truly global negotiations among all countries of the North and South and socialist countries to find acceptable solutions."**

back the Right-wing threat by working to build a broadly-based people's opposition capable of defeating it.

The movements of the people are the key to overcoming the fierce attacks by reaction and its turn to the Right.

The task is to build confidence in the people's movements as the way to build confidence in the future.

One of the biggest tasks facing the Communist Party of Canada is to show what needs to be done, to put forward workable proposals. In order to competently perform that task all Communist leaders have to be in close contact with the masses, aware of their every desire and mood, singling out those problems which will serve as the basis for building long-term cooperation among various strata, developing a constructive programme based on an accurate understanding of international life and the way the world's history is unfolding.

It involves a most careful analysis of the growing fight back against reactionary policies, of what contingents it is that are involved in struggle, for what, and so on, particularly the entry of new forces in the fight for peace and economic reform.

By drawing the relevant conclusions from the fact more young people are entering all mass struggles the Young Communist League will be helped to strengthen its work.

The glib pre-election stance of the Mulroneys and Turners, which try to conceal their reactionary policies, can be effective only so long as they are not forced to openly explain where they stand on issues.

The candidates of the Communist Party have a weighty responsibility. They have to fight increased arms spending, the psychological preparations for war, the massive onslaught of the capitalist media against everything progressive, standing for the interests of the working people, attempting to draw the broadest sections into struggle against reaction.

The Mulroneys and Turners couch their statements in those vague terms that can mean opposite things to different people.

For the Mulroneys "freedom" means freedom to make as much profit as possible, freedom to give the people's tax money to the rich; whereas "freedom" for the people means the right to have a greater say and influence in how life will unfold for them.

#### CAPITALISM HAS TO LIVE IN THE SAME WORLD AS SOCIALISM

Despite all the flowery but empty promises, the world capitalist economy can only be rehabilitated in conditions of peace; and it cannot be accomplished without taking into account and cooperating with the socialist countries.

The modern day barbarians in the White House, however, have learned no lessons from history, even though it is evident that capitalist countries suffer from President Reagan's anti-Soviet boycotts which drain them economically and politically, steadily increasing the numbers of jobless.

The truth is that,

- Peace can be won
- Everyone can have a job
- The lakes, rivers and air can be cleaned up
- Science can provide sufficient energy to meet mankind's needs
- Canada is rich enough to provide everyone with a good and full life
- Crime can be brought under control the streets can be made safe
- Women can win equality, jobs, daycare and human dignity
- Children can be guaranteed a happy childhood, protected from capitalist violence and war
- There can be dignity, security and social justice for all
- The numerous and unusual problems we face in the Eighties can be solved in a way that satisfies the needs and aspirations of the working people.



IT CAN BE DONE -- BUT THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT -- TO FIND A PROGRESSIVE  
WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS IS THE ESSENCE OF UNITY

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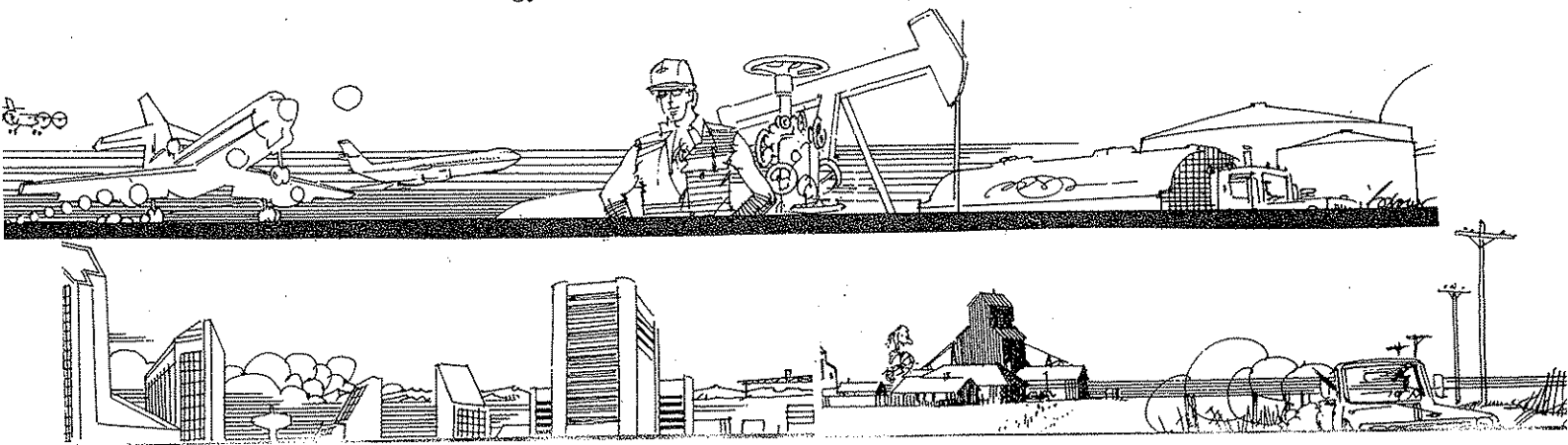
Canada has the raw materials needed to develop economic activity at a higher level, numerous and varied energy and water sources and, above all else, a talented and capable working-class and intelligentsia--so that with planning for people's needs a future of democracy, freedom, social progress and peace is possible for all.



Instead, under the rule of the parties of monopoly capitalism, both the Liberals and Tories, Canada is experiencing a profound crisis, one which affects the entire capitalist world, which visits hardships on people, which results in the deterioration in the living conditions of the people and an alarming growth of poverty.

Among the many steps that could be taken by a newly elected government would be to:

- close loopholes leading to tax avoidance by the wealthy.
- impose a capital gains tax exempting all homes.
- impose graduated taxes to make those with the most pay the most.
- devise methods to help the farmers and restore Canada's agriculture to prosperity.
- put trade union and farm representatives on such government bodies as FIRA (Foreign Investments Review Agency) so that it would make decisions consistent with the political and economic interests of the Canadian people, would maintain Canadian public control over raw materials, would control capital inflows and exports, and would help to exchange technology.





# New Approaches Needed to Meet World Economic Crisis

## THE KEY PROBLEM IS TO PREVENT A THIRD WORLD WAR

Some people, particularly the politicians still think about relations between countries as though we were not living in the nuclear age.

War and peace can no longer be thought of in terms of "victory or defeat". "Life or death" is the grim reality of the day.

There can be no basis for social advance without peace.

Peace cannot be secured without stopping the arms race.

People cannot be put back to work without stopping the colossal waste of resources and capital on the arms race.

War threatens to destroy all that man has created, everything he has done and man, himself, along with it.

So dangerously tense is the world situation that it requires intense activity by all governments to avoid a major catastrophe.

Not a single candidate representing no matter what political party can fulfill any promise to make life appreciably better for the people--promises to remove fear and uncertainty from people's lives -- without linking that objective with peace.

The children and youth of our country cannot be assured of their right to a future unless war is defeated.

## NUCLEAR WAR IS THE COMMON ENEMY OF ALL MANKIND

We are living through dangerous and

troubled times characterised by the whipping up of tensions, the worsening of international relations and an insane arms race pushed on by the aggressive designs of U.S. imperialism.

The countries of socialism and capitalism are caught up in a headlong rush towards dangerous confrontation as a result of Washington's greedy striving for the impossible dream of world domination.

Widely varied interpretations (some even ridiculous) are advanced as to the causes of the worsening of the international situation. Some even (by implication) blame God for having invented such a substance as uranium!

International relationships are worsening because of the decline of the capitalist economy.

United States, aiming at world hegemony, is pushing the nuclear arms race and tries to restrict trade between the countries of capitalism and socialism. This policy has been a flop.

Washington's boycott policies further weaken capitalism because healthy commercial and industrial relations require comprehensive world trade.

The USSR's economic links with other countries, including capitalist ones, are expanding and will continue to do so.

In 1983, national consumption income spent in the USSR rose by 3.1% compared to 1982. Total industrial output grew by 4%. Productivity went up and nearly 3,700 new types of machinery, equipment, instruments and materials were incorporated in production, along with advanced production techniques, the use of microprocessors and robotics. Agricultural output increased substantially as well.

The USSR is carrying through a vast programme of capital construction in all

**"Only the mentally sick and irresponsible politicians can seriously believe that it would be possible to win or gain advantage in a nuclear war today. A nuclear war could never be limited and would threaten entire mankind."**

sectors of its economy, including the construction of tremendously long pipelines for oil and natural gas, unique engineering projects with no equal anywhere in the world, housing at an unprecedented pace, machine-building, new technology and production techniques.

It provides a basis for a healthy trading relationship between Canada and the USSR--and with other socialist countries.

Good economic relations with socialist countries would both protect jobs and increase the numbers of jobs.

But President Reagan has said his goal is to dump communism on the ash heap of history. Such wild utterances remind one of the lunacy of Adolph Hitler, except that, in the nuclear age, their consequences are far more dangerous.

President Reagan gives socialism an ultimatum: either change your system or we'll do it for you.

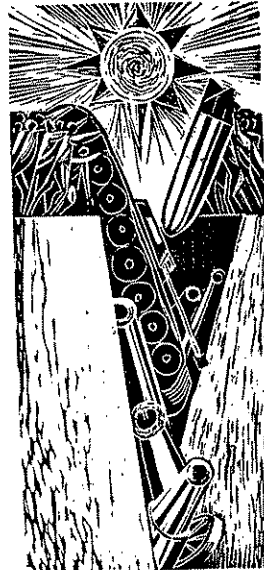
#### FASCISM ON THE AGENDA

Imperialism, unable to preserve its positions, suffering from big strategic defeats, is overstepping the bounds of reason and even the instinct of self-preservation. Class hatred and a desire for social revenge has turned the rulers of United States into modern-day barbarians capable of any monstrous act, including nuclear war.

Intrinsic to such a reactionary crusade is the establishment of fascism, or a fascist-like system, presaged by a return to McCarthysim and witch hunts.

Capitalism and socialism are ideologically incompatible, but the historic contest between socialism and capitalism and the struggle of ideas in no way justifies Washington's threatening abandonment of the generally accepted norms of international relations.

The planet's future depends on peace.



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#### THE NEW CONSERVATISM

President Reagan is the chief representative of contemporary conservatism in the world. He believes the time of conservatism to realise its destiny has come.

Thus he describes Communism as a bizarre chapter in human history, some sort of aberration, and uses this thesis to justify policies which entirely benefit the U.S. military industrial complex who are grabbing the biggest chunk of the social pie for themselves.

United States imperialism wants to be able to force developing countries to live and develop solely for the monetary benefit of U.S. monopolies.

The U.S. aggression against Grenada mirrors the essence of U.S. foreign policy: dangerous adventurism and violence against people.

Another Tory, Prime Minister Thatcher of Great Britain, said to Reagan: "If you are going to pronounce a new law that wherever Communism reigns...the U.S. shall enter, then we are going to have truly terrible wars in the world."

With brazen cheekiness Washington wants the USSR to engage in so-called disarmament talks that just discuss how many hostile missiles will be aimed at Soviet territory--while insisting that the USSR has no right to place any comparable missiles close to U.S. borders.

#### TWO LINES IN WORLD AFFAIRS--THE TWO SUPERPOWERS MYTH

There do not exist two superpowers with the same line, the same proposals as a solution to the world's problems.

Two distinct lines in international affairs have clearly emerged:

One, the line put forward by socialism; and the other, the line put forward by imperialism.



Imperialism wants war and world domination.

Socialism wants peace and fraternal relations.

The proposals of the Soviet Union for world peace are strengthening the peace movement and giving it effective direction.

The peace line is going to win.

The forthright peace policies enunciated by the socialist countries merge with the mass peace movements throughout the world.

With due respect to those in the peace movement who concede to the imperialist explanation of war by declaring both superpowers are to blame, this difference between the two main lines in international affairs is the most important distinction that the peace movement has to face up to if it is going to win.

There do not exist two superpowers with the same line, with the same proposals as a solution to the world's problems.

Finding a way to show that it is United States imperialism that is the source of the danger of a nuclear war, and by fighting for a new foreign policy for Canada and for a deeper understanding of the issues by the peace movement is an essential part of the struggle for peace.

The struggle between the two lines represents a major confrontation between socialism and imperialism, and the success of the peace line will have profound consequences for man's future.

Thanks to the consistent peace policy of the socialist countries, the USSR in the first place, mankind is no longer at the mercy of the imperialist warmongers. A nuclear inferno can be averted and the possibility of doing so is substantiated in the fact that the socialist countries are the world's main bulwark against war.

Some politically naive people think that red-baiting is a way to win the more respectable folk and to avoid isolation, or make concessions to the vile imperialist propaganda aimed at the Soviet Union and the peace forces in the mistaken idea that this is the way to win through to peace in Canadian conditions, and that such a line represents the only way to win the trade union movement.

It is in this area where the real strength of the Communist Party of Canada in its mass activity is decisive in showing the way forward.

Unchallenged, the two superpowers idea plays into the hands of the war-makers.

**IN THE WEST THE ENEMIES OF INTERNATIONAL DÉTENTE HAVE BEEN RAISING A HUE AND CRY OVER THE "SOVIET MILITARY BUILD-UP". THEY ARE MOTIVATED BY MORE THAN JUST THE STRIVING TO JUSTIFY THE PLOUGHING OF FRESH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO THE ARMS RACE IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE GROWING APPETITES OF THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. OVER AND BEYOND THAT, THE BALLYHOO IS DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT SOCIALISM AND MAKE THE MAN IN THE STREET THINK THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS AN AGGRESSIVE, HOSTILE STATE.**

Imperialism uses the red bogey to justify its arms programme. Those in the peace movement who take up this theme, objectively play the role of justifying the imperialist push to the arms race from within the peace movement.

Every new round in the arms race is ALWAYS preceded by a public campaign about a fictitious Soviet threat.

The media often discusses what it describes as Soviet fear of the West which it depicts as a stumbling block to disarmament.

Such an argument completely ignores the peace proposals made by the government of the USSR and its peace-rooted foreign policy.

History provides ample justification for the USSR's fears.

Certainly the war making actions of the U.S. government alone provide ample justification for Soviet fears.

The USA has organized aggression against the USSR over a long period of time.

It is the United States that dreamed up the idea of a preventative nuclear strike, of a limited and a protracted nuclear war, and so on. Why wouldn't anybody be afraid of the USA?

As early as 1945 the U.S.A. planned to drop 196 atomic bombs on 20 Soviet cities. The U.S.A. actively planned to overthrow the government of the USSR through subversive acts and direct invasion.

In 1950 the U.S.A. planned to drop 300 atomic bombs on 100 Soviet cities over a three month period.

But, by this time, the USSR had developed its own bomb which sobered up the imperialists.

The imperialists cannot and will not do otherwise. Peace will be imposed on them by the popular will of the people. The struggle for peace involves the curbing of their power, their weakening and ultimate defeat. Lenin said about the imperialists, "They can't act contrary to their nature...They can only reason

like tradesmen."

While the world peace movement is powerful, imperialism has an enormous potential which it is using to prepare for war, all the while seeking to have the people accept stereotyped political thinking which defends the class interests of the monopolies and international monopolies.

#### THE KEY WEAKNESS OF IMPERIALISM

The so-called Soviet threat is the foundation on which all of the propaganda and the foreign policy of U.S. imperialism is based.

At the same time the means of defeating Reagan's policies are to be found within the framework of imperialism' anti-Communist line. It is because there is a solid line for peace advanced by the Soviet Union, proposals to solve international problems in a reasonable and normal way, that the Soviet Union stands in the forefront of the struggle for peace in contrast to the fact that it is the U.S. government that stands in the forefront of the drive to war; and this fact exposes imperialism's real aims.

#### SIGNIFICANCE OF ARMS PARITY

Because realism is the essence of Soviet foreign policy, the Soviet Union has achieved parity in arms with imperialism.

Some sections of the peace movement do not understand the importance of this principle in world relationships and even advocate unilateral disarmament by the USSR.

A defenceless and militarily weak socialism would be an invitation for the U.S.A. to chance the die and unleash a war against it. The defence capacity of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Treaty countries is a reliable guarantee that a life of peace and progress will be guaranteed to the peoples of the world.

All defence actions taken by the Warsaw Pact countries were forced on them by U.S. imperialism and NATO. They have had a sobering effect on those elements in the West who are headed for total confrontation and who harbour the illusion

that they can destroy socialism.

This in no way contradicts the fact that total disarmament would be best and is, ultimately, the only guarantee of a future for mankind.

#### A NEW WORLD REALITY--WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS

The gravity of the current situation compels people to make judgements based on the fact that it is U.S. imperialism that is deploying new weapons and it is the Warsaw Pact countries who have proposed, not for the first time, the conclusion of a treaty on the mutual renunciation of military force and the maintenance of peaceful relations, a binding commitment to refrain from the first use of nuclear weapons, a freeze on all nuclear weapons, the establishment of nuclear weapons free zones in Europe and the creation of a zone free of battlefield nuclear weapons, for which the German Democratic Republic has offered its territories.

These proposals expose the deceit of the American arms negotiators and the insincerity of the NATO leaders.

#### THE REAL CONTENT OF RIGHT WING POPULISM

Right-wing conservative forces try to put over the idea that they speak for the man on the street and they try to poison his outlook with the idea that all of his problems stem from Communism.

However, not all of the ruling class support these risky adventures. Socialism and its peaceful proposals have a big influence on moderate and reformist approaches to solving social and economic problems and problems of world relations.

#### THE WASHINGTON LUNATIC ASYLUM

Part of U.S. strategy is to achieve military superiority enabling them to knock out enemy retaliatory weapons, to conduct limited and protracted nuclear wars--and to survive. It is this lunatic concept that provides the real threat to mankind.

President Reagan ideally plays the role



*"Defend Life on the Earth!"*

*Poster from the magazine "Dikobraz"  
(Czechoslovakia)*

assigned to him by the monopolies as the standard bearer of anti-Communism in the process of which his administration is undoing all the positive achievements in Soviet-American relations during the past 20 years.

It is a sign that the military have begun to dominate the economic structure of the USA and will be enabled to do so all the more if the plans to take war into space go ahead.

The arms manufacturers in the USA-- Lockheed, Boeing and United Aircraft, Electric Boat Company, General Dynamics, McDonnell-Douglas, to name but a few-- began to really flourish in 1949 when NATO was organized. The twelve biggest monopolies in the USA account for two-thirds of the arms market.

Detente and disarmament pose a direct threat to the profits of these giant corporations who depend on the Pentagon

and the arms race for production contracts.

This military-industrial complex wants its representatives in government. The California financial group (Lockheed, Boeing and Rockwell International) finally succeeded in getting their man nominated for president.

Some of their men in government are Secretary of state, George Schultz and defence secretary Casper Weinberger, big men in the Bechtel corporation which has a multi-billion construction interest in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

THE PIVOTAL POINT OF WORLD RELATIONS IS  
THE QUESTION OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE.

Washington is in process of initiating a whole string of aggressive military actions, commencing with the deployment of the 572 American missiles in Western Europe three years earlier than planned.

The allowable time to intervene against an all-out war was already dangerously brief at thirty minutes. It has now been reduced to a bare six or eight minutes.

America has undertaken the most gigantic arms programme in history. New steps are taken to militarise outer space. US military force is being applied in Lebanon, Grenada, Nicaragua and El Salvador. A quick-strike force has been deployed in new parts of the world which are declared to be "American spheres of influence."

FROM HITLER TO THE MX

The same propaganda, even the same words are used by the American rulers that were used by the German fascists in the thirties.

In 1933 Adolph Hitler said, "We will eradicate Marxism from the roots up..."

In 1981, Ronald Reagan said, "We will not bother to denounce Communism, we will simply eliminate it..."

Confrontation, intrinsic to imperialism, is the logic of both fascism and

the military industrial complex of the U.S.A.

But there are other Americans, people who want peace. A retired U.S. naval admiral, Gene LaRocque said, "It is not the Soviet Union which is our enemy but rather a nuclear war."

THE PEACE MOVEMENT IN CANADA

The growth of the peace movement has been rapid in numbers, breadth and scope. There has been a remarkable and inspiring proliferation of peace organizations of all sorts, with political breadth, diversity of forms of action and a wide variety of demands.

This new peace movement has exhibited enough strength to compel governments and politicians to retreat from the let's-make-war-on-Communism positions.

Political consciousness is rising with the involvement of the NDP, the churches, Catholic Bishops, professionals, doctors, women's and youth organizations. The Communist Party has always had a peace policy and always supported the mass peace movement.

The diversity of the peace movement has created difficulties, leading to fragmentation, separation, disagreement over what action to take for peace. The limitations some peace coalitions placed on themselves in the April, 1984, demonstrations mirror this problem and are shown up in stark relief by the outstanding rally in Vancouver.

There have been huge mass street demonstrations from coast-to-coast involving many thousands of people; along with rallies, polls, petitions, debates, camps, sit ins, cultural activity, class room discussions, and so on.

The tense situation today calls for an increase in activity, first of all to make peace an important part of the public debate during the elections.

The deployment of new US missiles in Europe calls for some new slogans related to their deployment--slogans which demand that the new missiles be withdrawn, along with slogans for an end to the deployment of all nuclear weapons in

Europe.

The proposals of the World Peace Council to make the defeat of Reagan and his policies a number one peace issue should be taken up for the election campaign.

In this presidential election year, the administration tries to appear as a world peace maker--but it is clear that the United States does not want disarmament.

There are many opportunities for peace if the West will take them. Soviet spokesmen have put many peace proposals on the table which have been rejected by the United States.

There has been no positive response from the USA to the sensible and simple proposal made by the Warsaw Pact to Nato to agree to reduce the armed forces of each to equal collective levels and to take appropriate measures to control such an agreement.

The US administration is embarking on programmes to pay mercenaries--the scum of the earth--provocateurs, traitors, thugs, money for disrupting and attacking peoples' movements and socialism.

The interference and plans for the Olympics by the Reagan administration, noted for its lack of scruples, has assumed threatening proportions.

It is all part of Reagan's efforts to create a frenzied unreasonable atmosphere of anti-communism and anti-Sovietism.

#### THERE MUST BE REALISM IN TODAY'S WORLD RELATIONS

Realism means that the American administration has to stop dreaming that the Soviet government will cave in to U.S. ultimatums.

It means equality and equal security for everyone.

The question before the Canadian peace movement is: what can be done to call a halt to the arms race and to win through to world disarmament?

The essential programme which provides

the basis for unity of the mass movement for peace is contained in the following:

1. End the nuclear arms build up.
2. Halt and reverse the deployment of American first strike weapons in Europe.
3. Renounce military force and maintain peaceful relations
4. Renounce the first use of nuclear weapons.
5. Ban the militarisation of outer space.
6. Set up nuclear weapons free zones.
7. Freeze and cut arms spending.
8. End weapons testing in Canada, such as the cruise; and end all testing of chemicals, bacteriological weapons.

The NDP has already made several of the foregoing points part of its peace policy.

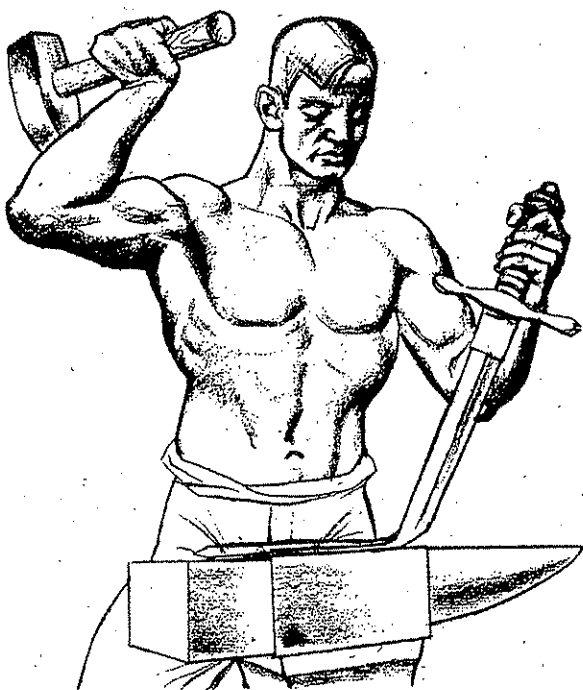
By forcefully campaigning on these basic steps the Canadian Peace Congress can help to draw together many of the existing peace organizations around a common programme--and only a political party such as the Communist Party of Canada, which comes out with a basic peace programme, can hope to help to strengthen Canada's foreign policy.

#### THE TRUDEAU PEACE POSITIONS

Prime Minister Trudeau has been influenced by the growing mass sentiment and activity for peace.

It is the peace movement that has the task of ensuring that practical deeds always match noble sentiments for peace.

Lenin said, "All over the world there has been an inordinate amount of pacifistic talk, an unusual number of pacifist phrases and assurances, and even vows against war. We should like to see a minimum of general assurances, solemn promises and gradiloquent formulas and the greatest possible number of the



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simplest and most obvious decisions and measures that would surely lead to peace."

No doubt there are weaknesses in the Trudeau peace proposals that can be criticised and warned about. Nonetheless the Trudeau peace initiative reflects realism in today's international relations, the kind of realism that made a contribution to bringing about the anti-Hitler coalition in the Second World War.

The Trudeau initiatives are no certain signal that the peace struggle has been won.

The significance of the Trudeau initiatives consists in the following:

1. For the second time in post-war Canadian history a public leader with stature has called for peace policies at a critical and threatening moment in history.

In 1952, T.C. Douglas, then CCF Saskatchewan premier delivered a speech in the Saskatchewan Legislature entitled Bread not Bombs. At that time he was the first and only elected politician in the West to come out against U.S. war plans. Furthermore, it was a position in contradiction to the official CCF policy--although it must be said today that the



V. I. Lenin  
Artist N. Andreyev

NDP and the trade union movement have adopted a peace programme.

Today P.E. Trudeau has assumed the mantle for reasons arising out of the specifics of Canadian politics and economics.

2. Trudeau's position on peace reflects the fact that there is a serious and strong mass peace movement in Canada. Even if we were to agree that

there was a strong element of pragmatism in his position it is significant that he chose to focus his attention on the most controversial issue in politics.

3. Trudeau's positions arise out of the specificity of Canadian political and economic conditions. For one thing the weight of arms manufacturing in Canada is relatively lighter than in United States and the potential for its further development is much lower in Canada.

Canada's share in the arms market is based on the Defense Production Sharing Agreement which allows for the free movement across the Canada-USA border of all types of military products being manufactured to government orders and specifications, and under sub-contracts as well.

This "cooperation in armaments" production gave an impetus to specialization in Canada in the manufacture of communications equipment, air and marine navigation instruments and electronic devices, altogether giving employment to about 12,000 Canadians.

In this process Canada has accumulated the means to do its own research. But it lost the ability to design and make all finished weapons systems. Canada now relies heavily on imported technology.

There is much dissatisfaction in capitalist circles in Canada about this. They want the right to manufacture



completely certain types of armaments in Canada.

On the other hand energetic lobbies of American businessmen are working for less foreign sub-contracts and, if successful, their lobby will have a disastrous effect on Canadian exports. Canada exports about 80% of its aircraft production.

Canada has a harder problem to export Canadian made agricultural machinery to the USA than does the USA to Canada because of U.S. tariff regulations.

In addition the auto pact continues as a major controversial area of trade relations. U.S. customs restrictions have stopped the access of Canadian auto products to U.S. markets, seriously limiting the potential for growth of the Canadian auto parts industry.

One-third of Canada's U.S. trade is in auto with a constantly growing deficit for Canada. The big three of auto extract twice as much profits from their Canadian operations as the average for Canadian industry and 1.5 times greater than their parent companies in the U.S.A. All Research and Development is confined to the USA.

Despite these dismal facts, some sections of Canadian and American business are pushing hard for free trade. Steps are being taken by the U.S. administration to reach that goal. They want to set up a regional community of the EEC type embracing USA, Mexico and Canada.

Canada and the USA do not participate in the market place as equals. The Free Trade in agricultural machinery and auto prevents the realisation of any progressive potential inherent in international economic integration between the two.

These factors--and more-- are underlying factors in the openly expressed (and sometimes hidden) disagreements between Canada and the USA.

4. Trudeau was chosen to head up the Liberal Party in the sixties, a juncture of struggle in the western capitalist world when there was an enormous upsurge of mass activity.

Trudeau, a product of Quebec, a bourgeois-reformer whose outlook reflects realism in today's world, with liberal tastes, was able to head up monopoly's ruling party while identifying himself with the wishes to have things better expressed by the broad masses.

Because of a willingness to listen to different points of view and, if they didn't weaken the structure of the capitalist system, to incorporate them as reforms, he became identified with progressive reform in the minds of the people.

His character and training, and his background of Quebec politics, equipped him with the understanding that the extreme and reactionary methods of the Right Wing do not work well in the period when capitalism's world domination is seriously challenged by socialism, and can even speed up a disaster.

It is this flexibility, a pattern which began with his predecessor William Lyon Mackenzie King (an exceptionally cunning politician), which eminently suited him to play the role he did; and it is this type of leadership that is being challenged in the "shift to the Right" in politics-- a shift which is a reaction to the weakening of the positions of capitalism in the world.

Trudeau sensed more quickly than most of his contemporaries that crusades and wars of the Reagan type will speed up imperialism's end.

Ronald Reagan is the choice of the most reactionary monopolies in United States--and the same struggle for leaders of political parties proceeds in Canada.

The media used the Madison Avenue technique to sell Brian Mulroney (in the same flair that it sells pampers and under arm deodorant) to the electors, and it is doing the same thing with John Turner.

5. In order to take Prime Minister Trudeau's peace proposals to a useful conclusion the diverse peace groupings have to be united around a basic peace programme containing a minimum of essential steps to win peace--steps which could and must

# The Arms Race: Who Whips It Up?

The US Administration and bourgeois propaganda are persistently trying to impress on public opinion the myth of "Soviet military threat" and "Soviet military superiority". The following facts show who is really behind the arms race.

Weapon systems	Manufacture started by	
	USA	USSR
A-Bomb	1945	1950
H-Bomb	1953	1954
Long-range bomber	1953	1957
Medium-range ballistic missile	1953	1959
Intercontinental ballistic missile	1955	1957
Atomic submarine	1955	1962
Torpedo launched from a submerged submarine	1959	1968
Antiballistic missile	1960	1961
Multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle	1970	1975



House of Commons when it was addressed by A prominent Soviet leader, Mr. Gorbachev, was that act an expression of official Tory policy and will it become official policy if the Tories are elected?

The number of questions which need asking should be thought out--they deal with trade, cutting the arms budget, attitudes towards taking the arms race to outer space and so on.

The central issue to unite the peace movement is the goal of heading of a nuclear war--nothing must be allowed to divert it from that goal.

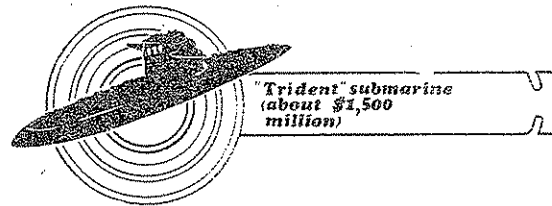
Imperialism and its intelligence agencies do everything they can to divide, confuse, divert and disrupt the anti-war movement. They claim the peace movement has lost the battle against missiles because there is new deployment in Europe and because the government went ahead with cruise testing.

None of this is true and the April 28th demonstrations prove it.

become part of the foreign policy of Canada.

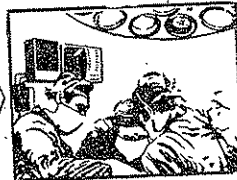
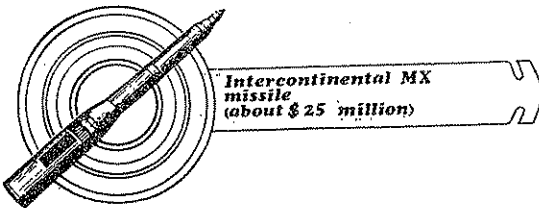
The peace movement has to ask each candidate: is this the real essence of peace or is it a mask donned to fool people? What is it Mr. candidate that you propose to do in a practical way to ensure peace? Why hasn't the Conservative Party ever sent an official delegation to Moscow? How will you, as a Liberal, continue the Trudeau peace init-

The mass peace movement has been and



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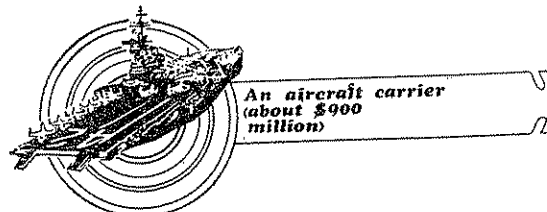
continues to be a powerful countervailing force to the war making plans of all capitalist governments. Acting in defense of life and the survival of the planet is an historical task of universal dimensions which unites people from all classes and strata--and all people from different countries and regimes.



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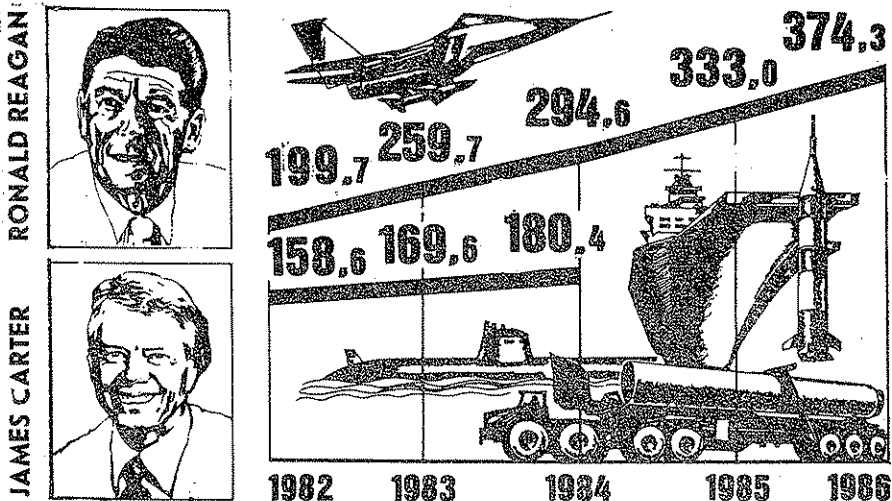
atives? Why does the Canadian government support the U.S. deployment of first strike weapons in Europe? Why doesn't the Canadian government's representative in the U.N. demand that United States accept and act on proposals for peace coming from the Warsaw Pact? Are the statements made by Sinclair Stevens official Tory policy? When Tory M.P. Otto Jalinek refused to stand in the

The new world situation demands more extensive and deepgoing explanations of the source of the danger of thermonuclear war, new slogans and demands, and for an intensification of peace struggles.



1 BIG HYDROPOWER STATION

**Growth of military appropriations under the former and present US Administration (billion dollars)**



Any number of activities can be undertaken. Steps to involve the trade union movement, polls, referendums, forums, all-candidate's meetings, public debates, writing letters-to-the-editor, sending delegations to politicians and councils, the involvement of students in letter writing to school children in the USSR, peace poster contests in the schools, delegations and cultural exchanges to the Soviet Union...

The active involvement of the trade union movement will be a powerful factor in strengthening the fight because, once it moves, the trade union movement will assume a leading role and will introduce working class forms of struggle.

**A NEW FOREIGN POLICY**

As part of its record in office the Liberal Party points to Canada's new constitution which does have certain positive attributes.

However, the new constitution does not say that Canada will work for security and cooperation, for a stable peace in the world, for general disarmament. The Soviet constitution does.

It does not say that Canada will never undertake or be part of a war of conquest. The Soviet Constitution does.

It does not say that Canada will

never allow its armed forces to be used to take away the freedom of other peoples. The Soviet constitution does.

It does not say that warpropaganda conducted by the media is considered a crime punishable at law. The Soviet constitution does.

When socialism is won those basic peace positions will be part of socialist Canada's constitution and, therefore, an integral part of Canada's foreign policy.

But we do not wait for some balmy day in the future to fight for such propositions.

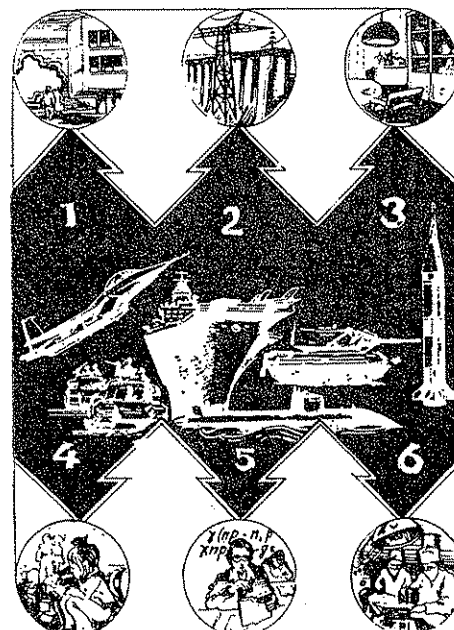
In this election the peace movement should boldly project in detail a new peaceful foreign policy for Canada.

In the latter 1940s the government of that time arbitrarily discarded Canada's traditional national policy and replaced it with one called "Canadian-US integration."

Since then development has followed a different path but, as a result of integrationist policies, Canada has been

**Guns instead of butter or how much the Pentagon costs the taxpayer**

- 1 one F-15 fighter = 9 schools
- 2 one aircraft carrier = one hydropower station
- 3 one Leopard-2 tank = 36 three-room flats
- 4 Field exercises of a tank battalion = 28 kindergartens
- 5 one Trident nuclear submarine = schooling of 16 million children for a whole year
- 6 one MX intercontinental missile = 5 hospitals



shut off from the advantages that could be secured if it developed policies and international relationships in accordance with the historic change taking place in the world. (So said communist Party leader Tim Buck back in the late forties).

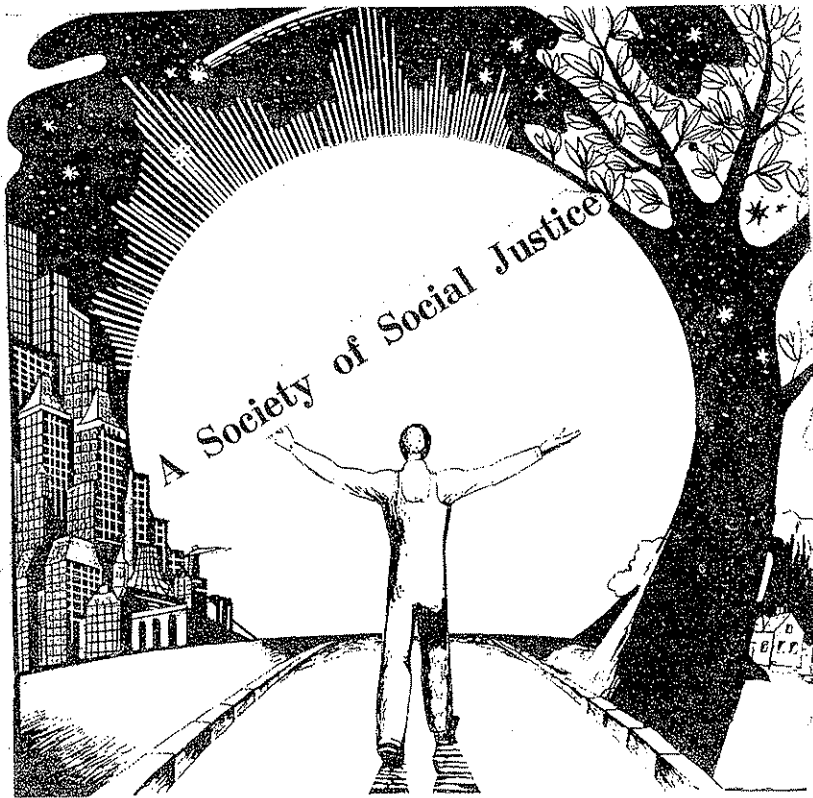
The security of Canada and the prosperity of all Canadians rests on a new economic policy which would include the objective of developing trade with all countries and active support for the policy of peaceful coexistence between states with differing political and economic systems.

Canada's trade with the USSR, Cuba, Central American countries--all indicate the rich possibilities for Canada in trading with every country that wishes to trade with it.

There is no need for a single Canadian willing and able to work to be unemployed. Not only is there an urgent need in Canada for more homes, schools, and other facilities, but two thirds of the world's peoples live in the countries which are modernising their economies and want help to do it. All are beckoning markets for Canadian-made products--or for products which could be made in Canada.

It involves establishing new import-export relationships with all countries --not in the capitalist way to dominate other peoples by making them our debtors, but to secure economic and social progress for ourselves and all others.

THE SOVIET MARKET IS THE MOST STABLE, promising and reliable market in the world. Long ago the Soviet Union began the development of Siberia, a huge region



Drawing by I. Nechayev (STP)

with vast mineral wealth. Siberian development holds additional prospects for mutually advantageous, bilateral and multilateral co-operation between Canada and the USSR, because it requires a whole spectrum of goods ranging from consumer items to complete plants.

The extent of Siberian development, its international significance, combined with the Soviet's ability to develop its own resources and pipe lines, indicates that

Canada could be involved in mutually beneficial trade deals with the USSR just as are Great Britain, West Germany, France, Japan and other countries.

In turn, Canada could learn much about developing its own Siberia--the North West Territories--about which we have scanty knowledge.

There are many wrong notions about Soviet trade. Many in the West believe that technology in the USSR is poorly developed and that it is only able to export fuel and other raw materials (as does Canada) and that it will forever remain a customer for the surpluses produced by Canadian farmers.

This biased opinion, weighted in favour of US monopoly, ignores reality. There are many examples--just one is the world's largest aluminum plant with highly sophisticated production machinery at Bratsk, USSR, which produces a very high quality aluminum product. Technological levels are very high in Siberia's coal-mining industry.

While a large number of patents and licenses are exported from these plants at the same time the USSR has concluded

# IN THE OLD EMPIRE

"What have we left to live for  
now there is no work for anyone?  
All teenagers have to do  
is hang around street corners  
getting moved on by police  
who think you are up to something.

The way this country is going  
no one will be able to get jobs.  
That's why the young are turning  
to crime and violence. What else is left?  
We've not got much time to live now.  
But whatever happens to us doesn't matter.  
It's the rest of you we feel sorry for."

— Suicide note left by  
Grame Rathbone and Sean Grant,  
who asphyxiated themselves  
in a stolen car, by the river.  
May 7, 1981.

deals with countries like Japan involving 800 Japanese firms in a hundreds of millions of dollars contract to supply the most sophisticated and highly efficient equipment available.

The Soviet Union has been buying Canadian equipment for its Tuymen oil fields since 1970.

In building the new trans-Siberian railroad in the eastern part of Siberia (BAM) -- a huge undertaking across permafrost and unpopulated taiga--the Soviets bought supplies from the USA, Canada, West Germany, Japan and elsewhere.

Purchases and trade relations mean additional jobs, sorely needed in this time of growing unemployment. They are sure indicators of the profitability of friendly cooperation with the USSR as against Reagan's confrontation policies.

At the beginning of the 1980s East-West economic cooperation used to provide 2.2-2.5 million jobs in the OECD countries --and when sub-contracting is taken into account it amounted to from 4 to 4.5 million jobs all told.

Trade between the USSR and Canada has declined somewhat, as has trade between

Japan and the USSR and the USA and the USSR. But growing trade has benefitted West Germany and Great Britain.

The statements made by Soviet officials that in order for trade to flourish between Canada and the USSR, Canada has to buy more Soviet-made goods is a way of letting Canadians know that the Soviets do not exist for the sole purpose of purchasing surplus farm products.

When Senator Argue suggested that Canadians should buy more Ladas and Belarus tractors it is to this problem he was addressing himself.

Why aren't more Canadian politicians speaking out in this vein? Even the NDP joined the pack of reactionaries in attacking Lada imports.

## FREE ENTERPRISE VERSUS THE GOOD LIFE

At all time the capitalists seek to promote their philosophy, always seeking to woo the middle class for mass support.

An example of the philosophy which capitalism holds out as an ideal to youth is the story printed in the Globe & Mail about a Montana logger who owns two chain saws, a skidder and a truck, employes one other man and, in 1982, had \$50,000 gross income and \$40,000 expenses.

The story of this would-be millionaire goes like this,

"I figure when I get the truck paid off I'll be over the hump. It all depends on what you're willing to give up. I've never had a day of paid vacation. And there ain't no pensions or insurance. But I've got my independence. And its getting so hard

### Q: WHY ARE MILLIONS OUT OF WORK?

\$1 billion spent on

EDUCATION  creates 187,299 jobs

HEALTH CARE  creates 138,939 jobs

CONSTRUCTION  creates 100,072 jobs

MASS TRANSIT  creates 92,071 jobs

THE MILITARY  creates 75,710 jobs

to be independent in life. Ain't that too bad? You go way out in the woods. Sure its cold. But its beautiful and its pretty basic. Just you and the woods and no one telling you what to do."

There wasn't a dry eye in the board rooms as they read that!

A GOOD LIFE FOR ALL

The need is to overcome that kind of an outlook, which assumes a multiplicity of forms and variations, and show what has to be done to give everyone a good life.

The modern media has mastered the art of creating mythology, of dangling the gold plated carrot before everyone. It is truly called the Golden Age of B.S.

What is needed is to show what has to be done to give everyone a good life. That involves the recognition of reality and the real problems people face.

It involves a Leninist style of thinking, the ability "to tie in the major principles and moral-ethical standards of socialism with current political issues, to single out the most important among them, to concentrate all efforts in achieving results in the area of the main issues, supporting and using the sentiments existing among our partners at the negotiating table in favour of cooperation and the development of better relations.

"Without the ability to tie in the ideological principles of communism with concrete feasible tasks, to display infinite patience and self-possession in the interests of finding a solution acceptable to all--without all this the Leninist precept of peaceful coexistence would have remained no more than an idea." (S. Tickvinsky)

THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

Still living are those who offered their lives to defeat fascism in the Second World War, including a special group of Canadians who were the first soldiers to fight the fascist armies on the field of battle: the members of the

famous Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion of the International Brigades.

The eternal flame in Ottawa reminds us to learn the lessons of those earlier wars so that the urgent questions of the 80s can be singled out.

The Second World War proved that the imperialists are doomed to fail; and the war weakened imperialism and made socialism stronger.

Appeasement is dangerous and can lead to war. It did so in the 1930s and it can do so in the 1980s. The campaign to stop American imperialism's reactionary plots is global in character.

Today the NATO countries permit the USA to flood Europe with lethal weapons and allow the Pentagon to prepare for war--a war in which Europe is to be the battleground but which will consume all peoples.

In the second world war states with different social systems worked together to defeat fascism, and can work together to prevent a world war and establish new peaceful relations.

And, above all else, wars have to be stopped before they begin.

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