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Labour, the NDP and the Left

Don Currie - Editor FOS

The Globe and Mail is reporting that Buzz Hargrove retired leader of the CAW will run in Whitby-Oshawa for the Liberals against Conservative Finance Minister Flaherty. One braces for the righteous indignation that will inevitably flow from "hyper left" and the "friends of labour" if this actually happens.

The NDP will be particularly incensed as it aims to replace the Liberals as the official opposition.

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Left Turn Canada - Labour and Peace Central to the Defeat of Harper Neo-Cons

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The organized labour, left and peace movements have an important role to play in the upcoming federal election to help end the disastrous neo-con reign of Prime Minister Harper. For the advanced left forces it begins by explaining the failure of the profit system to come up with any government that meets the needs of working people and to pose the urgency of a left turn in Canadian politics away from war and towards peace and an entirely new form of people's democratic governance.

Left Turn Canada means to confront the bullying of Parliament by the corporate sector that caters to a wealthy privileged elite while the majority who labour for a living sink deeper into economic uncertainty.

The progressive non-sectarian left has the job of exposing and rejecting the Harper Government's disastrous anti-people's program of war, militarism, energy sell-out and neglect of a disintegrating manufacturing sector and the deliberate destruction of public urban and rural infrastructure, health care, education and social programs.

- ⇒ **Defeat the Neo-Con Harper Conservatives.**
- ⇒ **Out of NATO, Out of Afghanistan, Out of NAFTA!**
- ⇒ **Nationalize energy resources!**
- ⇒ **End the tyranny of big business over economic development.**
- ⇒ **Spend on jobs, health, education, child care!**
- ⇒ **Reject militarism and war!**
- ⇒ **For a life with a future of peace for the youth!**
- ⇒ **Left Turn Canada!**

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The Canadian and the US Elections – The Energy Connection

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The defeat of Prime Minister Harper has international consequences. There is collusion among the neo-con extreme right in North America. The US Republicans and their faith based right wing cheer lead and assist Canadian neo-Conservatives. A Harper victory would give a boost to John McCain's religion-obsessed hyper patriotism masquerading as a program.

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CAW Labour Day Message: Lean and Mean Has Gone Too Far

Buzz Hargrove - CAW, Labour Day Message

In the final weeks and days of my tenure as president of the Canadian Auto Workers union, I am troubled by the sheer volume of bad news stories that are emerging from the economy in Canada and around the world.

Government resources diverted to propagate wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and more recently Georgia have left citizens questioning the priorities of those they elect. Oil and food prices have soared to the point of making basic necessities out of reach for far too many people. Combine this with a global financial capital crisis that has seen millions of people lose their jobs, their homes and their life savings and the shift of production of manufactured goods to developing countries, it becomes clearer that these challenges point to a fundamental shift in the economy and perhaps even a change in our social structures.

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