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The October 14th Federal Election and the Global Capitalist Crisis

Statement - Canadians for Peace and Socialism

Millions of working class and farm voters will go to the polls on October 14th angry and determined to change government. The root cause of voter discontent is the failure of the profit system to provide peace and economic security for the majority of Canadians confronting the worst depression since 1929. The Harper Conservatives in 2008 are doing the same thing as Iron Heel Bennett did in 1930, preserving bank and corporate profits by denying assistance to urban and rural working people and the poor.

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Developing the Home Market in the Face of a Co-ordinated Attack

William O'Casey

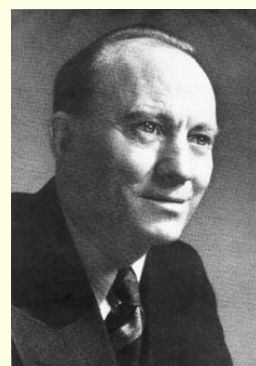
Guaranteed standards of living for 17 million working Canadians that will not only protect, but in practice increase economic security and well being are possible and well within the capacity of the nation. Even in the present situation where Canada's economy is dominated by monopoly capital and a Made-in-US economic crisis, brought on by decades of war, occupation and global intimidation, Canada has the economic and resources and capability to prevent the working people from being the main victims of the deepening crisis.

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What Was Said...

44 years ago Tim Buck wrote the following:

"The capitalist political parties pretend to be dealing with this when they talk labour 'cyclical budgeting' and 'expanding public works in periods of depression.' The truth is that such proposals mean that the party putting them forward accepts the irrational fluctuations that are caused in the economy by the anarchistic investment of funds according to how the whims of individuals and the rapacity of the monopolies are influenced by passing events. Capitalist 'cyclical budgeting' doesn't affect this anarchy, it even fosters it."



Put Monopoly Under Control - Planned Investment

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"Asserting Canadian sovereignty is going to involve a sharp political struggle and, in some cases, actions that the monopolists will denounce fiercely."

For example, it is probably true there are still hidden natural resources equal to or not surpassing the fabulous wealth already revealed. But as enormous as our natural wealth is, it is not inexhaustible. Petroleum, natural gas and other minerals cannot be replaced. Today the natural wealth of the country is being chopped down, or dug or pumped out, at a rate which threatens exhaustion of a large part of it during this century. Forests are not being replanted and mile after mile of country that was lush and green twenty years ago is a stark wasteland today.

The public must stop this looting [by the monopolies - ed.]. Coming generations must inherit more than fire-swept stumps and holes in the ground. To ensure that, we must insist on the establishment by the parliaments and legislatures of the Canadian ownership of all our natural resources."

Put Monopoly Under Control - Nationalization

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