

**May Day 2011**

# **RESISTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY – LET US TOGETHER DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF ALL!**

**Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)**

On this May Day 2011, CPC(M-L) greets Canadian and Quebec workers and their allies and the working people of all lands who are stepping up their resistance to the anti-social offensive unleashed against them by the global monopoly interests and the states that serve them. We also take this occasion to greet the peoples of various countries who are

engaged in their own nation-building projects and with firm determination are defending their own paths to development.

May Day is a day when workers everywhere denounce the state of affairs where the rich can become richer at their expense; a day to salute those peoples who are bravely fighting the imperialist marauders who have come to bomb, occupy and pillage their countries; a day also when working people and their organizations all over the world pledge to turn things around in their favour. With this internationalist spirit of May Day, CPC(M-L) calls on workers across the country and in Quebec to make concrete plans to turn things around in their favour. Let us together defend the rights of all!

People have rights by virtue of being human, and workers have rights as the producers of all wealth and providers of all services. To trample on the people's rights, as the global monopolies and governments in their service are doing, is to heap insecurity and indignities upon workers, their families and communities, and to target them as "inconvenient truths." Governments must be held to account to guarantee the people's rights in opposition to having them trampled by the global monopolies and their political representatives.



The working class has no other option than to resist the anti-social offensive. To defend their rights through resistance is also the only choice for women, seniors, youth and others amongst the broad masses of the people. However, a further aspect to resistance exists for the working class -- the necessity to take responsibility for its actions. The working class must

prove in a practical way that its resistance and the elimination of the anti-social offensive will be for the betterment of not only individual Canadians and their collectives but also would serve the general interests of society and its advancement.

CPC(M-L) calls on everyone to take up Resistance and Responsibility as the theme for May Day 2011. The meaning of Resistance may be considered obvious, but because it is of such great significance for the well-being of the people, it must be precisely defined. Some equate it with anarchy. That is definitely not the case. Others consider resistance equivalent to "Disturbing the Peace." This is also not the case. Resistance, during this period of retrogression, signifies tactics that will put a stop to the onslaught of those forces who have usurped power by force and have unleashed their tyranny upon us.

This onslaught is directed against the working class under the general framework of the neoliberal, anti-worker, anti-social and anti-national offensive. How can it be stopped? The key thing in stopping the onslaught is to win Canadians over to an agenda that favours them. Canadians are already convinced that the provincial and federal governments do not have a mandate to wage an anti-social and anti-national offensive against the

people. From this base, they must become convinced that the monopolies and governments in their service can be held to account for their anti-social actions. The first step to hold governments to account is to make clear statements of what the people expect of any government that claims to represent them. For this to happen, workers must lead the way and unite the people around their just positions, unite them around what they expect governments to do and for which they will be held to account. Once workers agree to represent themselves and their own agenda and show their determination to hold governments to account in practice, it becomes clear for all to see that workers themselves will render the accounting of governments based on the workers own agenda, as they do not expect

either the parasites who are sucking their blood or any other condescending saviours to do it for them. At that point, it can be concluded that the resistance movement has succeeded.

Once Resistance is defined in a concrete way, there arises the question of Responsibility. Governments at the provincial and federal levels claim they are being responsible towards the society even though their wrecking deeds prove the opposite. The working class must present its own program that clearly indicates that it is Responsible, that its program is for the good of individual Canadians, their collectives, and the general interests of society. The working class must elaborate its program of Responsibility in the course of waging the Resistance against the anti-social offensive.

### **A Working Class Agenda**

Workers can only make headway based on their own agenda, one that they formulate themselves and fight for with conviction and passion. This will necessarily forge a Workers' Opposition capable of setting a new direction for the economy.

Conscious participation of individuals in organizing a national Workers' Opposition and fighting for a new direction for the economy are keys to understanding and formulating an independent working class agenda for the country. Individual participation in the working class movement is necessary to make it a success.

The Canadian economy is our economy. Our say and conscious participation are essential to make it work for us not against us. The right to set the economy's

direction will become a reality with individual workers participating in the movement to set their own agenda and fighting for it with conviction. Workers are the majority but only with the active and conscious participation of individual workers can they as a collective express their majority status as leaders and nation-builders.

Importantly on this May Day, we also call on the working people to strengthen the people's anti-war opposition. The danger of more wars and a cataclysmic world war is increasing as the use of force in international affairs and diplomacy is becoming routine. We must not allow pro-war parties to dominate our public discourse and institutions. Everyone must work tirelessly to establish an anti-war government!

***Long Live the Working People's Resistance and Responsibility!  
Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World, Unite!***

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