

Labour Day 2012

HISTORY IS CALLING ON THE WORKING CLASS TO AFFIRM ITS PROPER PLACE AS LEADER OF SOCIETY

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Canadian workers live at a time when history is calling on the actual producers of goods and providers of services to seize the control and direction of their lives, economy and politics. Modern workers are literate, educated and skilled in their vocations including the most important one: the ability to think and manage their own

affairs without the interference of those who, for natural or hereditary right, impose their narrow anti-social will and class privilege on the direction of society.

Education workers can run the educational system. Together with students, they can decide the direction for public education and its positive development to serve the needs of the people and society. Why do some alien overlords outside public education dictate to educational workers and their students what is needed for our modern system?

The same is true in the basic sectors of the economy where in contradiction with modern reality global monopolies and their political representatives dictate their narrow will and outlook over public right, will and outlook. Monopoly right deprives the workers who are actually engaged in producing goods and providing services of their right to control their sector, set its direction and harmonize its relations with other sectors and the overall economy.

The immediate examples of the neoliberal anti-social assault are numerous and grave: Harper exercising executive rule, issuing orders left and right to workers and others, depriving them of their rights and annexing the country to U.S. imperialism; McGuinty recalling the Legislature in cahoots with the



Conservative Hudak to issue dictates attacking teachers and public education; Charest thumbing his nose at students and public education and turning Quebec into a resource feast for the global monopolies; Redford in Alberta prostrate before the energy monopolies; Clark in BC paralyzed in the face of mounting crises in

the forestry sector; Toronto Mayor Rob Ford privatizing "everything that's not nailed down" and ruining the city; injured workers deprived of their social and economic rights; the auto, steel, mining and other monopolies extorting anti-worker concessions and wrecking manufacturing; and the list goes on and on.

The global monopolies and their political representatives are depriving workers of their right to solve problems, and manage and direct their own affairs within their field of work and more broadly in the socialized economy and society. History is calling on the actual producers of goods and providers of services to deprive the self-appointed dictators of the power to deprive workers of their modern right to govern themselves, their sectors, their regions and country.

Defending the rights of workers goes to the heart of modern nation-building. For the actual producers to be in control of their work, what they produce and the services they provide goes to the heart of what it means to be human. Without political power to set the direction of the economy and to intervene to defend their interests and that of society, the actual producers are at the mercy of natural and social forces over which they exercise no control. History demands harmony between those who produce the goods and services and their means of production



and economy; history demands socialized relations of production in harmony with the socialized level of development of the productive forces. Workers' social responsibility is to bring that harmony into reality.

Workers ask themselves: why does our popular will at the present time end up crushed politically, economically and legally? How can a small rich minority and their political parties get away with promoting and politicizing the private interests of the global monopolies all the while using the power of the country's public institutions? How can such neo-liberal parties as the Liberals and Conservatives win power across the country in contradiction with the overwhelming majority of the population and its popular will? How does the working class end up with such reactionaries as Harper, McGuinty-Hudak, Charest, Redford, Clark and Ford running roughshod over its interests, public right and the general interests of society?

The answer is simple: workers have not yet answered the call of history. Individual workers and their collectives have everything to gain by consciously participating in acts to affirm their rights, dignity and the call of history. The working class and its independent social and political movement has the power to stop Harper, McGuinty-Hudak, Charest, Redford, Clark, Ford and the neoliberal anti-social offensive of the



Workers take their demands to Parliament Hill, May 1, 2011, one day before the federal election

global monopolies but has not yet mobilized itself to go into sustained actions with analysis and show its real power of numbers and determination.

Organize yourself and your fellow workers and neighbours to participate in the continuing actions to denounce the anti-social legislation and attack on public education by the McGuinty and Hudak neoliberals.

Organize yourself and your fellow workers and neighbours to mobilize the entire Quebec nation to throw out the Charest

Liberals and their conciliators September 4.

Organize yourself and your fellow workers and neighbours to go all out to defeat the anti-worker Liberals and Conservatives in the September 6 Ontario by-elections in Kitchener-Waterloo and Vaughan.

Organize yourself and your fellow workers and neighbours to fight shoulder to shoulder with auto workers to defeat the extortion of the global auto monopolies for concessions that will pull down the standard of living and working conditions of all Canadian workers.

Every single day organize yourself and your fellow workers and neighbours to make a difference by participating in conscious acts to unite the working class, defend its rights and interests and move history forward.

Let the Working Class Take Control of Its Resources, Economy and Lives!

Let the Actual Producers of Goods and Providers of Services Respond to the Call of History and Affirm Their Proper Place as Leaders of Society!



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