

# **Labour Day 2013 FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE'S EMPOWERMENT!**

## **TAKE A STAND AGAINST NEO-LIBERAL WRECKING AND FOR A PRO-SOCIAL DIRECTION FOR THE ECONOMY!**

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



*U.S. Steel bought Stelco in Hamilton and Nanticoke and with the connivance of the Harper dictatorship has ground down the once dominant Canadian steel company and ruthlessly imposed concessions on members and pensioners of Locals 1005 and 8782 USW.*

This Labour Day 2013, the working class finds itself under great stress and disequilibrium. The global monopolies and their government representatives have put the working people in a difficult position through the wrecking of the economy and livelihoods, the extorting of concessions, the phony austerity agenda and denial of workers' rights. Canadian workers are resisting as best they can under the difficult conditions and are discussing what is missing in their lives that would turn the situation around in their favour.

The power of the global monopolies and governments appears stacked against the working class. The ruling elite in companies and government act with impunity to serve private interests in opposition to the interests of the public and their economy. Examples of the denial of rights that put downward pressure on the standard of living, destroy pensions, wreak havoc with the socialized economy and

generate disequilibrium in the country continue to pile up as a festering sore on the body politic.

The need is to respond to the conditions as they pose themselves and build new arrangements suitable to the working people. Such arrangements must empower the people to make decisions which set the direction of the economy. They must

defend their right to take the decisions which affect their lives. For those directly under attack and those suffering as collateral damage from the retrogressive agenda which exacerbates crises, imposes austerity, cutbacks to social programs and public services and jobs, privatization and outsourcing and attacks on pensions, the issue is to stop nation-wrecking. How do the working people deprive those with economic and political power of the capacity to deny the rights of the working people? The workers can build equilibrium and economic stability in the country based on



*The Quebec government dismissed the just demands of construction workers and ended their legal strike with punitive legislation denying workers their right to negotiate arrangements agreeable to themselves.*

recognition of their rights.

The working class is the most numerous social class and the most advanced in its social skills and forward pro-social thinking. Organized collectives of workers have to develop their power and independent agenda themselves because no individual saviour or political party exists that is a substitute for workers' strength of numbers, collective responsibility, individual

skills, and independent thinking and politics. All those who stand to gain from a working class that has the power to restrict and deprive the global monopolies and their politicians of the monopoly right to do as they please and stomp on the public interest with impunity will definitely join in.

Labour Day 2013 is a time to step up the fight against retrogression and wrecking by taking up the rallying cry:

### **Our Future Lies in Defence of the Rights of All!**

### **Fight for the People's Empowerment!**

**Take a Stand Against Neo-Liberal Wrecking and for a Pro-Social Direction of the Economy!**



*To meet their demand for unrestricted mobility of labour to satisfy their private interests, the global monopolies pushed Harper to change Employment Insurance regulations, attacking and disrupting the lives of tens of thousands of workers and their communities and local economies.*



*Rio Tinto Alcan is using its secret deal with Hydro-Quebec and the government to force through concessions for subcontracting and to deny the rights of pensioners.*



*The destruction of workers' rights and the refusal of governments to meet their responsibilities to restrict monopoly right in the railway industry led to the inconceivable tragedy at Lac-Mégantic.*



*The Ontario Liberal government and the Redford government in Alberta used unilateral dictate to force contracts on teachers that were neither negotiated nor accepted freely by those who bear the heavy responsibility to teach the youth.*

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