

May Day 2016

DAY OF WORKING CLASS UNITY AND STRUGGLE IN DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL!

– Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) –

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) sends militant revolutionary greetings to all the working people across the country on the occasion of May Day 2016 as well as to the workers in all countries demonstrating on this day. May Day is always a time to think about the struggles the workers have waged in the past year and continue to wage in defence of their rights and the rights of all. It is a time to raise the demands of the workers' movement and accept the challenges the workers face in the coming year.

At this time in Canada and Quebec, in all sectors of the economy, the workers and their allies have continued valiantly to resist the anti-social offensive by defending their rights and the rights of all. In every instance, they have come up against the aim governments have set for society to make the monopolies competitive on global markets, to privatize social programs and public assets, to defraud the workers of the pensions and benefits which belong to them by right and to put downward pressure on wages and living standards and defame unions and those who fight. The working class rejects with contempt these attacks and vows to redouble its organized efforts to resist.

On the occasion of May Day, CPC(M-L) denounces the program of governments at all levels to pay the rich and impose decisions of a supranational nature to serve the empire-building of the U.S. imperialists abroad and wreck nation-building at home. The task is squarely before the working class to participate in nation-building against empire-building so as to open a path to progress. Far from discussing the choices the rulers and their agents put before the workers, the working class movement must take stands based on its own independent politics and build a political movement capable of achieving the objectives it sets for itself.

The working class in the twenty-first century has acquired enormous experience in defending its rights and organizing to complete the transition to modern human relations within industrial mass production. The maturity of the working class is evident in the constant organizing and struggles for its rights and in the development of its ideological and theoretical positions in opposition to those of the ruling imperialist elite.

In light of neo-liberal restructuring of the state and nation-wrecking, the time has arrived to open a broad front to determine the kind of modern democracy Canada needs in the twenty-first century. Only the workers' movement can become the cornerstone of a renewed nation-building project to fashion a modern democracy that empowers the people and puts control over the economy in their hands. In opening a path forward through organizing itself and defending its rights, the workers' movement creates confidence that a modern democracy is possible. The strength of the movement depends on the working class standing on its own feet on the basis of its own independent politics and momentum. With its head clear of all the backward and retrogressive notions of imperialist democracy that currently strangle all public institutions, it can take the initiative and realize successes as well as turn successes into victory.

It is up to the working people to take up the challenge before them today which is to provide solutions which meet the needs and requirements of a society with industrial mass production as its economic base.

On May Day 2016, all across Canada and Quebec let workers together demonstrate their determination to continue their resistance to all attacks on their rights and to open a path forward to a modern democracy.

***Our Security Lies in Our Fight for the Rights of All!
Nation-Building, Yes! Empire-Building, No!
Workers and Oppressed Peoples of All Countries, Unite!***

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