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Labour Day 2022

Defend the Dignity of Working People to Build the New!



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The Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada sends greetings to workers who are defending their dignity in the face of the assaults on their working and living conditions. Barely out of the pandemic, surging price increases now confront the people undermining their general standard of living. The inability and unwillingness of the ruling cartel parties and their rich patrons to mobilize the immense resources of the country to protect working people highlights the necessity that workers must themselves defend their individual and collective interests and rights through organized actions.

The ruling elite have no answers to the problems the people, economy and country face. They have lost control of the immense productive forces the people have built through their ingenuity and work. In the face of the chaos, anarchy and wars in a world that appears to be spinning out of control, working people have come to realize that they must step forward on all fronts to defend their rights and dignity. In this way not only do they express their unwillingness to be

victims but also prove to themselves that they are capable of building the New and running their own affairs and those of the nation.



The modern world cannot proceed with private interests in command serving the insatiable desire for maximum profit of a few in aggressive competition with others and nature. The world needs cooperation to find a way forward. Working people can give the economy, political affairs and country an aim and purpose in conformity with the modern socialized conditions.

Working people see in practice that their security lies in the fight for the rights of all.

Individuals can find protection and dignity by uniting with one another to defend their rights in all situations. By uniting and waging battles to solve the problems the people face, they gain the confidence, wisdom and a heightened sense of social solidarity and responsibility to open a path forward.

Elections of the Ruling Elite Are a Fraud

The cartel political parties and their rich patrons use their elections to defraud the people and sidetrack them into sectarian battles in support of this or that party. Such is currently the case in the Quebec election set for October 3. Electing cartel parties to power solves no problem. It does not bring the people to power; it blocks them from power. No mechanism exists to hold the cartel parties to account for betraying the people and not solving problems. The cartel parties talk a good show but when it comes to practice they hide behind one excuse after another for not solving problems. The fraud lies not only in the weakness and hypocrisy of the cartel parties but in the archaic political forms to elect political parties to power and not the people. The old political forms serve the narrow private interests of the rich and deprive the people of their right to empowerment.

A new direction is necessary. Democratic renewal is necessary. The working people need empowerment so they can solve the problems they and the country face. Canada with its immense regions of natural resources, educated working people and modern productive forces has everything to solve the issues confronting the social and natural environment. The problem lies in the backward aim of those in control who own and control the big enterprises of the economy and use the archaic political forms to serve their private interests for personal gain and profit. The economic and political forms exclude the people from power and deprive them of the means to solve problems and build the new.



The Marxist-Leninist Party calls on the people to recognize that we are living through a rare historical juncture where the Old has passed away and the New has yet to come into being. The productive powers of this world have developed beyond anything devised by humans in terms of

economic forms and politics. The working people will not find the New they need in the old forms and ruling elite that have no capacity or even interest in bringing the immense powers of the modern productive forces under control to serve the people and nature.

The working people can change the situation through a united fight to defend their dignity and rights. By organizing and finding the strength and empowerment of unity in action for a just cause and through their perseverance to battle under all conditions, working people through their wisdom will devise the new economic and political forms they require to bring the New into being.

Working People Can Do It! Working People Must Do It!

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Mass picket June 16, 2022 in Rouyn-Noranda in solidarity with striking nickel miners at Raglan Mines in Nunavik who fly in from there to the mine.



Workers strike at ABI aluminum plant in Bécancour, Quebec, February 2022.



Rally and picket of locked-out workers at Rolls-Royce plant in Quebec, May 14, 2022



Organizing drives take place at Amazon warehouses in Alberta (above), Ontario and Quebec.



Vancouver rally for striking Leducor workers, October 1, 2021



Hilton Metrotown workers celebrate winning a new contract ending a year-long lockout, May 11, 2022.





Actions across the country demand Status for All. Photos (top to bottom) from Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton.





Quebec City rally demands withdrawal of Bill 59 which erodes health and safety system, September 30, 2021.



Ontario injured workers' day of action demands full compensation for those injured or made ill at work, October 29, 2021.



Picket at WSIB offices in Toronto on Ontario Injured Workers' Day, June 1, 2022, focuses on the conditions faced by seasonal agricultural workers.



BC truckers' rally and convoy demands government action to address unsafe driving conditions, January 23, 2022.



Hamilton steelworkers demand action to protect their safety at work after third worker is killed at National Steel Car, June 9, 2022.



Ontario health care workers demand repeal of law preventing them from negotiating acceptable wages and working conditions.



Rally in Saskatchewan against re-imposition of Minister's Order which mandates redeployment of health care workers, September 14, 2021.





Nurses across Canada hold "Done Asking" day of action September 17, 2021. Photos (top to bottom) from Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.



Hospital housekeeping and food services workers celebrate end to contracting out of their jobs, August 29, 2022.



Montreal paramedics strike, November 2021



Public sector workers in New Brunswick strike, November 2021



Ontario public sector workers at rally at opening of Ontario legislature following June 2022 provincial election.



Striking Concordia University Edmonton faculty picket January 8, 2022



Striking University of Alberta at Lethbridge faculty picket, February 11, 2022



Striking University of Manitoba faculty picket legislature, November 9, 2021



Action in Calgary defends public education and rejects new draft school curriculums.



Ontario education workers participate in day of action demanding increased funding for education, June 23, 2022.



Childcare workers strike across Quebec, December 2021.

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