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New Democratic Party Election Appeal Moves Left – Electoral Support is Building

Don Currie - Editor, FOS

Under pressure from organized labour and the realities of a capitalist economy in the grip of a US war induced crisis, the New Democratic Party has moved left in the campaign strengthened its attack on the Harper Conservatives and their big business war agenda.

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The Working Class: A Class for Capitalism or a Class for Itself?

Don Currie-Chair, CPS

Canadian capitalism is a system in development and its greatest achievement has been to create the class that will ultimately replace it. Herewith a brief sketch of that class.

The Working Class

The spread of finance capitalism to all provinces, regions and territories of Canada is a historical process resulting in the creation of productive industries everywhere and with it, the spread and growth of the working class everywhere. The dominant socio-economic reality arising from the growth of the Canadian capitalist economy is the creation and re-creation of the Canadian working class.

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Bamboozled Part II: Fighting a Carbon Neutral Clean Fuel War

William O'Casey

Prime Minister Harper announced on September 26, 2008 that a Conservative government would halt raw bitumen exports to countries with weaker greenhouse gas emission reduction standards than Canada. Harper said that it may affect exports to Asia where countries "like China" have not adopted as stringent standard. The Prime Minister said that it is unlikely that the US will be affected because both Obama and McCain have "pledged" to reduce CO2 emissions and toughen standards. Harper's announcement has sent ripples of confusion through Alberta.

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"A Harper Majority Government Would Pass Anti-Abortion Restrictions"

[Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada](#)

The Way I See It!

Guarantee Full Security for Family Incomes – Not Bank Losses!

Canadian Press (CP) reported on September 15th that Prime Minister Harper, responding to questions about the effects of the US economic crisis said, "...this is a situation we've been watching very closely for the past year..."

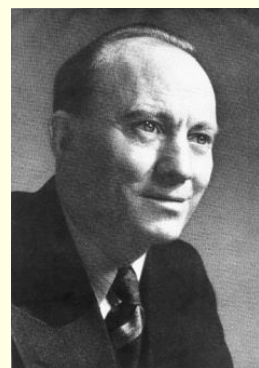
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What Was Said...

44 years ago Tim Buck wrote the following: "To the individual worker it may seem to make no immediate difference whether the corporation which exploits him is owned in Canada or in the U.S.A. Alienation of the worker from the dignity of labour, security of employment and control of conditions, are not less bitter because the employer who inflicts it is Canadian. Canadian corporations are no less rapacious than others.

But for the working class and for Canada as a whole, United States domination of our economy is disastrous. The distortion of the economy it causes has become so pronounced that even with large-scale expansion of the production of some raw materials the over-all picture of production is one of economic stagnation. " - **Put Monopoly Under Control - The Price of Integration with the USA**

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Poison food crisis shows Harper's contempt for government

"Each passing week since the deadly outbreak of listeriosis at a Maple Leaf Foods Inc. plant in Toronto brings more evidence of the Harper government's ineptitude in responding to public health emergencies."

James Clancy, National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE)

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Listeriosis, Ritz and a Letter from Saskatchewan

Focus on Socialism regularly receives a newsletter from a Saskatchewan farmer with trenchant and biting commentary on problems confronting Canadian farmers with special emphasis on Saskatchewan. His last posting deserves wide circulation. We should put in our pocket, pull it out and read before we head for the polling booth on the 14th of October.

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CMA wants full inquiry into Canada's tainted meat scandal

"The current government's policies have contributed to the unravelling of public health safeguards, with the move to self-inspection by industry and the lack of an independent public health officer.

Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ)

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