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On October 13, 1975, Trudeau, the spokesman for the monopolies in Canada, announced that he and his government was planning a massive intervention in the economy to "battle inflation." He failed to indicate however that the cause of inflation in Canada, as well as in the rest of the capitalist world, was the profiteering and price-gauging by the monopolies. It did not occur to him to mention that corporate profits are at an all-time high; it did not occur to him to point

out that, if the monopolies are to maintain their present rate of profits, wages must be cut. He either refuses to see, or cannot see, that the profiteering by the corporations is putting prices at a level that the working man; poor, as well as those on fixed incomes, cannot afford to pay.

The more that prices go up, the more real wages decline. Thus, the workers are forced to strike to maintain their standard of living - which has taken the working class of this

What Price Controls

country many years to attain.

To protect profits, the executive aim of the capitalist class - the bourgeois government - resorts to intervention to prevent workers from making further gains. This is precisely what Trudeau and his axemen are doing. But they dare not call it what it is - wage controls - for that would be too conspicuously discriminatory; he calls it "wage and price controls." Nonsense! Profits continue to soar as prices continue to rise. This phrase of his is but verbal camouflage to confuse the workers, farmers, fishermen, students, et-al., to quell resistance.

But his failing, as the labor fight - hack indicates. Another monstrous lie perpe-

trated by government in this context is the so-called cut-back on government spending. They're cutting back alright: on people's services! In Ontario alone, 34 hospitals are threatened with complete closure, or severance of departmental services. Education is being cut back; the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has proposed that family allowance benefits be discontinued altogether. They also proposed the dissolution of DREE (Department of Regional and Economic Expansion) and termination of the government program to promote bilingualism! L.I.P.C.Y.C., and O.F.Y. have been dispensed with. These are but a few "cut-backs on government spending." But where are the cutbacks in government spending on subsidizing the already fat corporations? Where are the cutbacks on government spending on the arms race? Regarding the latter is to be pointed out that in this area alone the most superfluous expenditure is made by a war-managing government which is currently gathering momentum for neo-fascist, war-time hostility. Since capitalism can no longer pull itself out of crisis by peaceful means, it resorts to war-which is capitalist policy carried out by different means.

Every time the government acts, it acts on behalf of the capitalist class as a whole. Yet, the interests of the capitalists, and those of the workers, are diametrically opposed: the capitalists exploit and oppress the workers so as to realize surplus value created by the workers; and the workers seek to free themselves from exploitation and oppression and to have, as their own just due, the fruits of their labor.

Their relationship is an antagonistically contradictory relationship - its resolution is only through revolution culminating in the development of a Socialist society characterized by worker control over the political apparatus; public ownership of the means of production; the end of exploitation of man by man; nationalization of all key industry: energy, mines, forests, food, banking, transportation, communication, etc.

This is what the working class in Canada, as in all capitalist countries, is striving for; and this is precisely what the capitalist class is trying to prevent, as the Trudeau Wage Controls makes so clear.



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