


Corporations Virtually Exempt From Federal Income Tax

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Trudeau's Address to the Nation, speech proved to be what the workers expected it to be: a calculated attack on the living standards of the working class. "unprecedented measures since WWII." said the Toronto Star.

The Canadian working class have been waging a determined struggle against monopolies efforts to reap fantastic profits at their expense. This year alone 3,000,000 work days have been lost through strikes; now at this writing, nurses in Quebec have been forced to strike to protect their living standard, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers have voted for strike action if an acceptable contract is refused. In the latter case, the new measures to be put in effect by the Trudeau Gov't, will not permit the C.N.P.W. to get more than a 2 year contract of 8% and 2% respectively-very clever timing by the Federal Liberals to jump upon these workers who are not earning in excess of \$5.00 per hour which is inadequate to cope with

double digit inflation.

Trudeau mentioned that restraint would be placed on the companies-but he didn't say how. These companies are expert in hiding their profits under every form (real and imaginary) of "expense". There is no real indication that the monopolies will have to tighten their belts-nor will they! The working class will have to though. They are always subject to blame for rising prices because of their wage demands; but no mention is made of the giant corporations immense profits! Thanks to the Capitalist paid media, the real culprits are kept hidden while a concentrated effort of attack is made on the workers to take the blame.

It is the workers of this country who, by their labour power, create all wealth; but those who appropriate that wealth are those who own and control the resources and means of production. Yet, these very same capitalists do not create one ounce of wealth, because they

don't work! But the workers know that not a wheel turns when they withhold their labour forces-everything shuts down. This is what happens in a strike-which is the main tool at present for the workers, and they are forced to use it when the capitalists step up their production at worker's expense.

Trudeau also put in a safety valve in his nefarious schedule: if voluntary restraint is not adhered to, he will enforce compulsory measures. What does this mean? First of all, very few, if any will exercise voluntary restraint for the simple reason that the working man is forced to struggle for higher wages to cope with inflationary prices. Our workers are not going to settle for sub-standard living conditions where they are the creator of that wealth. Why should they? They earned it! Secondly, the monopolies are not going to settle for any price freeze because price-fixing is a main source of huge profits-in other words they profit from inflation-which they are the cause of! "Violations" are going to be widespread by both sides thus, justifying the really stringent measures Trudeau wants to take-THEN HE WILL BE ABLE TO SAY "IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT I'M FORCED TO DO THIS!" He'll be off the hook and he'll be free to wage an out and out attack against labourers while at the

same time saying only, tsk! tsk! To the monopolies whose interests he really represents,

There are no solutions to inflation or unemployment under the capitalist system because inflation and unemployment are INHERENT features of that system.

The only possible solution is through the socialist path of development where the land, resources, housing public realities, communication, transportation, etc., is taken out of private control and put under public control; where the production is for the people-not for profit!

This Trudeau scheme is but a desperate attempt to salvage a system which is suffering the death spasms of its own internal contradictions; but as the history of the socialist countries which were before capitalist countries, has proven, the solution emerges from the ashes of defeated capitalism. That solution is socialism!

The class struggle which has been at a fairly high pitch these past months will become more intense under their extreme measures; the working class will be forced to become more militant-the result in the further weakening of the capitalist system in Canada thus hastening its downfall. In a sense, Trudeau will be, in part responsible for that. He, like his class, is helping to create the conditions for working class dominance.

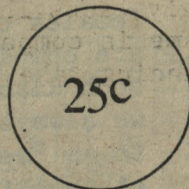
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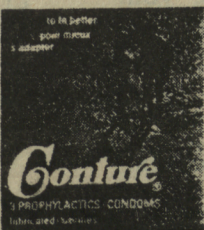
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