**International News: Class versus Class in Quebec**

The following article about the recent elections in Quebec is reprinted from *The Worker,* newspaper of the Canadian Party of Labour.

Levesque is in office, the capitalist class is in power, and the "nation-builders" are everywhere. It appears that the ruling circles intend to run Quebec as a springboard to establish a "greater Canada"—a trend which has been well under way for some time. Someone may yet get hurt.

The election of the P.Q. (Quebec Party) was no surprise. Toronto, which predicted a victory for that party. The major papers from one end of the country to the other treated Levesque as a viable and acceptable alternative to the "crooked" and "arrogant" Bourassa. Levesque's strategy was to play the honest reformist while Bourassa seemed to be almoststudiously inept, doing everything to please the incumbent (incumbents always lose debates) to claiming separatism was the issue.

However, the powerful are upset that the masses are NOT upset. In this year of the General Strike and the economic depression, nationalism is being stirred and they want to keep the pot boiling. The Toronto Star, the principal "main line" paper of the Canadian ruling class, has begun a series of editorials encouraging people to put the time to consider the question of Canada's relation to Confederation. With its first front-page editorial in 25 years, the Star announced that "we are sleep-walking into a disaster" and called for a "save Canada" program to be implemented by a "save Canada Cabinet". Subsequent articles were to spell out an urgent plan to rescue the situation and for some reason also added the shocking news that Canada's house is on fire! Trudel, Clark, and Broadbent are all in to put Canada around the 1975 Canadian Savings plan. Levesque is to play the rabbi, but he'd better look out...they're not paying any real. Trudeau ruled out violence, but the Star did not. The last great "nation-builder" bandleader Louis Riel to prove he was serious. The tone of the Star indicated that they would welcome the chance of a little muscle-flexing.

The General Strike of Oct. 14 showed English and French workers can combine powerfully with the greatest of ease—a disquieting sight to the capitalist class. And the Quebec election was won by the Party that made the greatest promises to the workers. The Globe and Mail called it the first vote for socialism in the history of Quebec. So the bosses are beating the drums of nationalization louder than the "destiny of Quebec" vs. "Save Canada". And all to save the capitalist class.

The story of Quebec of the past 10 years has not been the rise of the P.Q. The so-called "separatist" vote was only slightly un-changed in recent years. The story of Quebec has been the rising revolutionary consciousness of the workers. They have been in the vanguard of the North American working class.

Quebec workers have been in general strikes and mass demonstrations unparalleled on this continent. Several major labor leaders have been driven to call for socialism. The P.Q. is the means by which the boss seek to derail the workers' movement. Soon there will be tests where we will see if nationalism can slow down or stop protracted struggle. While using Levesque as a foil for Quebec workers, the Canadian ruling class will focus on the "challenge" of separatism in order to promote Canadian capitalism. Lenin once remarked that within every "nation" there are in reality two nations: the ruling and the workers. The General Strike was the act of our nation, a nation that is well on its way to self-determination.

**On the Labor Front: No More Drudgery in Auto Plants?**

Volvo and its workers have begun to understand that when they say "no more drudgery" they mean: "no more drudgery" in the works. For the first time in their lives Volvo workers have realized that the struggles that they are fighting are not a struggle between them and their bosses, but between them and the bosses and the bosses' bosses.

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