The Way Out

Political action for Socialism is the only way out for the workers. Political action for patched up capitalism under the CCF or LPP will only perpetuate the same problems. Sometimes a government will support a rise in wages if they are very low, but if workers attempt to push wages up beyond a modest level, all governments will oppose the attempt. They do this because it happens to be profit that keeps the present system going and if wages went up too high there would be no profit for the employers. The way the CCF government in Saskatchewan dealt with the workers of the government owned box factory constitutes experimental evidence of what the CCF would do if any of the experimental type were needed.

It is possible that the CCF method of keeping wages down would expose more of the velvet glove and less of the mailed fist than the Socred style, but this is never necessarily so, in view of the fact that both parties are dedicated to support of capitalism and this social paradox is often replete with surprises for those who try to run it.

The antics of the CCF MLA's in the legislature would be laughable if they weren't so tragic for the workers. Their so-called heroic fight against Bill 43 was really hypocritical when related to the fact that anti-labor legislation is a mandatory part of the social arrangement that CCF'ers support. Capitalism can't exist without being anti-labor.

All laws, labor or otherwise, are made in the interests of the small section that owns and controls. The only legislation that would be pro-labor would be an act to convert the means of production and distribution into the common property of society with goods freely distributed. Neither the CCF nor any labor party anywhere have ever had this object in their platform.

In the last analysis wages will only supply ham and eggs to the workers plus a few historical incidentals that the modern parasites can't avoid conceding. If those who exist by selling their labor-power want to satisfy their needs, they'll have to get rid of the mental garbage they've been fed about a fair day's wage for a fair day's work and start seriously thinking about an alternate social system—the only one practical at the present time—Socialism.

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