

# "THE QUEBEC PEOPLE'S UNARMED STRUGGLE WILL BECOME ARMED!"

## COMMUNIST PARTY OF QUEBEC (MARXIST - LENINIST) ISSUES IMPORTANT STATEMENT

At 4:00 A.M. in the morning of October 16th, a small minority consisting of no more than 40 families who own and control Canada's land, labour and capital, established fascist "law and order" regulations in Canada and Quebec and had its police forces arbitrarily arrest over 300 progressive people in Quebec society. This parasitical minority which has sold out Canada and Quebec to American monopoly capital had been planning this action for a long time--for over one year. Beseet with insurmountable economic difficulties, with the most strikes since 1919, lacking any popular support in Canada, and faced with rising revolutionary national consciousness in Quebec, this lackey bourgeoisie thinks suppression of the people will end the resistance movement.

The resistance movement has been developing for quite some time. It is composed of the vast majority of the Canadian and Quebec people who are sick and tired of being slaves to foreigners who have stolen Canada's land and resources. It is reflected in the struggle of the British Columbia men who defied the anti-working class injunctions and were arbitrarily sent to jail by the flunkey judges. It is reflected in the actions of the young followers of Chairman Mao in Edmonton who denounced the Alberta Supreme Court on October 1st for jailing them for 3 months without trial and setting \$5,000 and \$25,000 ransom bail. It is reflected in the fighting spirit of Italian national minority women workers in Toronto who battled scab trucks trying to break through their picket lines. It is reflected in the armed struggle of the

Nova Scotia fishermen and in the heroic actions of the leading spokesman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), Robert A. Cruise, who on August 19th brought a gun to shoot down fascist gangs who had been attacking a progressive bookstore in Hamilton, Ontario. Above all, it is today reflected by the people of Quebec whose fight for national liberation has been advancing daily and has been gaining great victories.

Unable to solve the fundamental problems, the lackey Trudeau fascist began to create public opinion for fascist repression. It tried to cover up its sell-out of Canada and Quebec to American monopolies. It tried to cover up the just struggle of the Quebec people. It raised the bogey of "foreign agitators" and "imported ideology" to cover up the fact that the cause for the rising anti-imperialist sentiment in Canada and the rising revolutionary national consciousness of the Quebec people is INTERNAL to the society and lies directly in the betrayal of the fundamental aspirations of the people.

By "foreign agitators" do they mean Bell Telephone, one of the main supporters of fascism in North America? Do they mean *Time Magazine* and *Reader's Digest* which spread pro-U.S. imperialist propaganda throughout the country under special financial protection of the lackey Canadian compradors? Do they mean all the other foreign monopolies which bully, exploit and repress the people? No! The Trudeau regime does not call all these criminals "foreign agitators", but looks on them as boson pals, while those people who oppose imperialism and work for the people are labelled by these traitors as "criminals". This is gangster logic which turns truth on its head and confounds what is right with what is wrong.

To impose fascist rules and regulations on to the people--to ban the distribution of all progressive revolutionary literature, to outlaw the holding of progressive meetings and rallies, to impose injunctions to break working-class strikes, to carry

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### DECLARATION OF THE PARTI COMMUNISTE DU QUEBEC (MARXIST-LENINISTE) ON THE FASCIST REPRESSION AGAINST THE FLQ SYMPATHIZERS AND THE QUEBEC PEOPLE, OCTOBER 12, 1970.

For 300 years the colonialists and imperialists have been exploiting and murdering the working and oppressed people of Quebec and plundering and raping our homeland. Now, when the Quebec people stand up against their oppressors, the U.S. imperialists and their lackey Trudeau colonialist clique bring out their entire Hitlerite arsenal of violent repression through arbitrary arrests, beatings and killings. At the same time, they propagate the gangster logic that the imperialists have every right to exploit and repress and the people have no right to resist. Without shame, they claim that the violence unleashed by the tiny minority of oppressors is "justice" while the resistance of the people is "against democracy". BUT THIS GANGSTER LOGIC OF THE IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS IS ONLY PAVING THE WAY TO THEIR OWN DOWNFALL!

For 300 years the Quebec people have never stopped fighting and the real history of Quebec is the development of the revolutionary heritage of the anti-colonialist struggle. The patriotic wars of 1837-38 are a monument to this tradition. The 1970's is the era in which as Chairman Mao has pointed out "revolution is the main trend in the world today". In the past two years there have been hundreds of battles in which anti-fascist Quebecois have fought for the right to overthrow their oppressors. The FLQ, along with other patriotic people and organizations, in standing up against the criminal exploitation is reflecting the sentiment of the Quebec people that Quebec belongs to the people and not to the imperialists. All patriotic political prisoners must be freed! The real criminals, the exploiters and murderers must be punished! Frightened that their position is more and more isolated and that the Quebec people are more and more united, the Trudeau colonialist clique is carrying out a frenzied attack on the people. Just in the last week the fascist police have arrested and beaten several hundred patriotic Quebecois and just yesterday arbitrarily arrested the patriotic lawyer Robert Lemieux, whose only "crime" was defending the democratic rights of FLQ.

This fascist repression and shameless gangster logic is arousing the Quebec working class and people and exploited sections of the national minorities to unite even more closely to smash the rising fascism in Quebec. This growing united front is sealed in blood. The Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist) calls upon the Quebec working class and people, the exploited sections of the national minorities and all progressive and patriotic organizations to unite in the glorious duty of wiping out our common enemy, building an independent and democratic Quebec and marching forward in the world-wide struggle against U.S. imperialism.

"Lifting a rock only to drop it on one's own feet is a Chinese folk saying to describe the behavior of certain fools. The reactionaries in all countries are fools of this kind. In the final analysis, their persecution of the revolutionary people only serves to accelerate the people's revolutions on a broader and more intense scale." - Mao Tse-tung

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE PATRIOTS OF 1837 - 38!

THE UNARMED STRUGGLE OF THE QUEBEC PEOPLE IS BOUND TO DEVELOP INTO ARMED STRUGGLE! THE FASCISM UNLEASHED BY THE ANGLO-CANADIAN COLONIALISTS AND U.S. IMPERIALISTS IS BOUND TO BE DEFEATED!

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(35,000 copies distributed in Quebec)



IN JULY 1970, THE GASPE FISHERMEN ARMED THEMSELVES TO FIGHT THE HUGE FISHING TRAWLERS THAT INVADDED THE BANKS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE AND THREATENED TO WIPE OUT THEIR LIVELIHOOD. AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF MANY SHOTS, THE TRAWLERS LEFT.



WHILE TRUDEAU'S FASCIST ARMY INVADERS QUEBEC, 3,000 MILITANT QUEBEC STUDENTS HOLD A MASS RALLY IN MONTREAL SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND THE FLQ.

# LONG LIVE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE QUEBEC PEOPLE!

Quebec is a nation. The original habitants from France were the serfs, labourers, craftsmen and peasants on whose backs the feudal aristocracy thrived and made its fortune by stealing the furs and wealth belonging to the native Indian people. In 1759 the rivalries between British Imperialism and French Imperialism led to all out war for the possession of the North American continent and its riches. With the defeat at the Plains of Abraham in 1759 and the capture of Montreal in 1760, the French colony of Quebec passed under the subjugation of the British army.

The British merchants took over the fur trade and implemented a program of deportation and assimilation of the population. Rising in mighty rebellion, for 10 years the peasants of Quebec waged guerrilla war against the British army and dealt severe blows to the plans of the British colonialists to destroy the national character of the people. It was only in 1774, when the British were faced with rising rebellion in the Thirteen Colonies that they secured Quebec as an unstable base area by passing the Quebec Act and cementing an alliance with the feudal aristocrats and the Roman Catholic Church. The Quebec people, however, never ceased to struggle and initially supported the revolutionary armies that marched north to attack the British. This support was neutralized by the revolutionary armies themselves as they pillaged the countryside and showed utter contempt for the national characteristics of the Quebec people.

Where there is national oppression, there the people will struggle for national liberation. Thus, in Quebec, the Rebellions of 1837 took a national character, quite unlike the uprising in Upper Canada (Ontario). The Quebec revolutionaries, led by men of the people such as Nelson, Chenier and Callaghan, fought for an independent Quebec, free from the vicious domination of the British Crown and its parasitical merchants.

Because of the betrayal of the Quebec people by traitors such as Papineau (who later became a Selgneur—a propertied aristocrat) the struggle was defeated by the same colonialist armies in Upper Canada. Large numbers of Quebec villages were put to the torch; men, women and children were butchered.

The heroic patriotes were hung or deported to prison camps in Australia and general pillage swept the land. But revolutionary episodes abound. The heroic call of Callaghan still stirs the revolutionary spirits of the Quebec people. The glorious sacrifice of Chenier represents the true spirit of the Quebec people. The victory at the Battle of St. Denis is a victory that the young revolutionaries of Quebec hold up as a bright page in the centuries of bitter struggle for national liberation.

In 1917, when the Canadian ruling class attempted to find cannon fodder to fight Britain's imperialist war by forcing conscription onto the people, the Quebec people united with the most oppressed sections of the Canadian working class and waged a ferocious struggle against this criminal plot. Police in Quebec City joined thousands of demonstrators in the streets and Quebecois troops refused to fire upon their compatriots. The colonialist government in Ottawa was forced to import a Toronto regiment to Quebec City to carry through the repression campaign. Full scale armed struggle broke out in March 1917 and many working and oppressed people gave their lives for the liberation of their nation.

In the 1940's and 1950's, the natural resources of Quebec were sold out by the traitor ruling class, led by Duplessis, to U.S. monopoly capital. Violent working class struggles erupted all over Quebec for the right to unionize and organize politically. To suppress these struggles, the Duplessis regime, acting together with the govern-

ment of the Anglo-Canadian colonialists in Ottawa, formed a special political police, the Quebec Provincial Police, as a troop of fascist goons which used reactionary violence against the broad masses of the people. This led to the new awakening of the Quebec people and the rise of many groups representing various classes that were struggling to rid Quebec of foreign oppression. Having no scientific theory and thus being unable to build a revolutionary organization, these groups based themselves on language, utopian socialism and social democracy and died a quick death, giving rise to new but similar formations. In May of 1968, the Internationalists (Marxist-Leninist Youth and Student's Movement), were reorganized in Montreal and a bitter campaign began against all those who were attempting to divert the true revolutionary sentiment of the Quebec people into reformism, pacifism or national chauvinism. Due to the patient and consistent work of the followers of Chairman Mao, the national liberation struggle of the Quebec people was put on the correct ideological, political and organizational path. From a fight against "the English", the struggle was transformed into a battle against the common enemy of the Quebec people, the U.S. imperialists and the Anglo-Canadian monopoly capitalists, who were also the sworn enemies of the Canadian working class.

Reformist demands such as "more jobs", "more school space" etc., were defeated and revolutionary tasks were put to the fore of disseminating revolutionary ideas, joining with the working people in destroying foreign monopolies (e.g., the militant struggles at Dorval Airport and Murray Hill Garage in 1968 and October 1969) and forming revolutionary committees at various levels of the society to carry forward a resistance movement against the fascist police and courts. At each stage, the revolution was developed in a stepwise manner to a higher stage until today,

when an all out onslaught against the colonialist institutions has been opened up by Quebec patriots who are forming a fighting alliance through the heat of battle.

Today, the Front de Liberation du Quebec has decided to take matters into its own hands and free its comrades who have been locked in the bourgeois jails as political prisoners. Numerous cases had finally shown the comrades of the F.L.Q. that there was no "justice" that one could ask of the bourgeoisie and that one had to take revolutionary action instead of making monthly appeals. With the seizure of the most hated Minister of Manpower and Immigration and Mr. James Cross, the British Trade Commissioner, the resistance movement against the bourgeoisie in Quebec has

taken on an added dimension. The fury and disintegration of the Canadian comrades has shown the people the impotence of the ruling classes.

From this day on, Canadian and Quebec politics will never be the same. No matter what type of white terror the bourgeoisie is trying to organize, its basic weakness has been revealed to the working and oppressed people of Quebec.

This fact, along with the correct political, ideological and organizational work to be done, will necessarily lead to a vast anti-imperialist storm which will not only shake Quebec and Canada, but strike a mortal blow for the end of exploitation right in the heartland of the imperialist bourgeoisie.



IN NOVEMBER 1968, THE MILITANT FARMER WORKERS OF THE DOMTAR MILLS IN WINDSOR, QUEBEC, ARMED THEMSELVES AGAINST THE FASCIST PROVINCIAL POLICE AND COMPANY GUARDS SENT TO PROTECT SCABS AND RE-OPEN THE MILLS, CLOSED BECAUSE OF A STRIKE. THE WORKERS CONFRONTED A DETACHMENT OF 200 POLICE EYE BALL TO EYE BALL AND WARNED THEM THAT IF THEY DID NOT LEAVE TOWN THEY WOULD BE THOROUGHLY WIPED OUT. THE DETACHMENT, ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS, CAPITULATED AND LEFT TO THE CHEERS OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE.

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through their overall plans for fascist suppression of the working and oppressed people—the bourgeoisie must first eliminate the revolutionary associations of the people. These are the Front de Liberation du Quebec, the Parti Communiste du Quebec (Marxiste-Leninist) and other groups in Quebec. They are the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and various anti-imperialist groups in Canada. Yet this small minority, the Canadian compradors and their U.S. imperialist masters, is so much in the eyes of the people that it must concoct stories of "apprehended insurrection" and attempt to create a climate of "crisis" to justify the imposition of fascist methods. Faced with the rapidly mounting revolutionary sentiment in Quebec and the sudden upsurge in support for national liberation, the lackey Canadian bourgeoisie imposed the War Measures Act for the first time since World War II. They went against their own legality in order to carry out their crimes. Just like Nazi Germany before Hitler attempted to smash the labor unions and working class struggles through the Ley Labor Laws in 1933, the fascist Trudeau regime has granted the police and army the right to: 1) search and arrest without warrant, 2) to detain people "suspect" of progressive politics without laying charges, 3) hold people for three months without bringing them to trial. In other words, it has "legalized" through the War Measures Act what they have been doing to the P.M.A., Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) for 1 year!

The Canadian compradors have been grooming lackey Trudeau for some time. Unable to offer solutions to the problems of unemployment, inflation, no medical care or proper education for the people, they presented Trudeau in the last elections with a "swinger" image and avoided discussing political questions. At the same time in collusion with U.S. imperialism, they prepared programs such as Project Can-Canada, developed in an American university in Washington, D.C., whose objective was to study ways and means of suppressing the revolutionary struggles in Quebec and Chile. They used Trudeau to attack the Quebec people saying they "should grow up", "they speak lousy French", and threatened to suppress the progressive people with violence. Since his election

he has slowly centralized the power in the hands of the cabinet, by-passing the bourgeois facade of parliament, he has presided over the selling out of more and more corporations to U.S. monopolies (since 1967 over 300 corporations; prior to 1967—230). He has sold the small farmers in the Prairies that if they can't compete, they should sell out to U.S. monopolies, he has sold the Canadian people (during a speech in Halifax in justification of the 2% raise in their U.S. imperialist masters, is so much in the eyes of the people that it must concoct stories of "apprehended insurrection" and attempt to create a climate of "crisis" to justify the imposition of fascist methods. Faced with the rapidly mounting revolutionary sentiment in Quebec and the sudden upsurge in support for national liberation, the lackey Canadian bourgeoisie imposed the War Measures Act for the first time since World War II. They went against their own legality in order to carry out their crimes. Just like Nazi Germany before Hitler attempted to smash the labor unions and working class struggles through the Ley Labor Laws in 1933, the fascist Trudeau regime has granted the police and army the right to: 1) search and arrest without warrant, 2) to detain people "suspect" of progressive politics without laying charges, 3) hold people for three months without bringing them to trial. In other words, it has "legalized" through the War Measures Act what they have been doing to the P.M.A., Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) for 1 year!

Completely by-passing the facade of a "people's parliament" the bourgeoisie has attempted to impose its direct dictatorship stripped of the fraud of "legal process" and "parliamentary way through democratic election." When the bourgeoisie did not need parliament, it ignored it, showed the broad masses that parliament is an irrelevant institution which exists to fool the people. Disturbed at the exposure of the great hoax, the opposition parties, while totally supporting the fascist methods of the Trudeau regime, continue to play the charade and carry on with their "debating club" activities in Ottawa, entirely cut off from the realities

of revolutionary developments in Canada and Quebec.

"The people are not fooled. The fascist Trudeau regime and all its hired agents in the press, radio and television are complaining that the "people just don't understand the gravity of the situation", they don't see the necessity for taking these measures", they do not realize that Canada was faced with apprehended insurrection". The people, on the contrary, support the revolutionary opposition. Trudeau's appeals that we should "unite" to solve the bourgeoisie's insurmountable problems simply means that the oppressed classes should cease to struggle and they should "cooperate" in establishing a fascist state. The oppressed classes will never unite with their oppressors! They will not defend the interests of the lackey Canadian compradors and their U.S. masters! The oppressed classes have nothing but contempt for their oppressors and, full of enthusiasm today to see the enemy's weakness, are daily devising ways and means to carry on the struggle for liberation and class revenge.

Investigation in the last few days has revealed important facts: The vast majority of the Quebec and Canadian working people support the fighting spirit of the Quebec revolutionaries. It was this mighty upsurge, led by the youth and students, which greatly stunned the lackey bourgeoisie. In Canada, garment workers, office workers, restaurant workers, hospital workers and thousands of other exploited people have openly expressed enthusiasm and admiration over the Quebec people's fighting spirit. In Kitchener-Waterloo when on Oct. 10th it was announced that Pierre Laporte was seized, a mighty cheer went up in the taverns where many working people had gathered to discuss the political situation. As Pierre Laporte's history of treason to the Quebec people was revealed and his record as chief Liberal Party hack and Minister of Manpower and Immigration was exposed, such as his recent imposition of fascist injunctions against the striking Quebec construction workers, the broad masses became even more enthusiastic at this action. This is what has frightened the Canadian compradors. This sentiment, a sentiment of struggle and deep hatred for the oppressor classes, will lead, in the very near future, to mass anti-imperialist struggles in Canada and the rapid de-

velopment of the national liberation struggle of the Quebec people.

The united front of the people's forces has advanced tremendously in the past two weeks. In the heat of class struggle, the ties between revolutionary people are being strengthened in Canada and Quebec. At the same time, the defeatism, pessimism, anti-communism and pacifism of the reactionary Holy Alliance of the so-called "left" stands defeated. Revolution has become the main trend today and the line between true friends and true enemies stands clear in Canada, in the united front of the bourgeoisie stand 1) those who have imposed and justify the fascist methods, 2) those who moan about "loss of civil rights" through overreaction, 3) those who slander and attack the revolutionary upsurge of the Quebec people and following the lead of the bourgeoisie, call the patriots of the FLQ "terrorists". In this front are fascist Nixon, lackey Trudeau and the Canadian compradors, the Progressive Conservatives, the Creditistes, the Parti Quebecois, the Union Nationale and the whole range of social-fascists (socialist in words, fascist in deeds) from the New Democratic Party, the New Democratic Youth, the Revisionist Party (which was given air-time on bourgeois radio stations to propagate its vicious slanders), the counter-revolutionary trotskies and the neo-trotskist Party of Labor, all of which state that it is the Quebec people who are responsible for the imposition of the War Measures Act. All of these have been, in the heat of struggle, exposed as agents of U.S. imperialism and the people have taken note of their stand. On the other side, in the forefront of the battle against U.S. imperialism and the Canadian compradors in Canada stands the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and a small number of genuine anti-imperialist groups who have come out on the side of the people and of revolution. This is a great event in Canadian politics and will have tremendous consequences in the near future.

Today a lackey ruling class which has used violence against the people for decades has to protect itself from the people. The broad masses just do not believe that the army and the police are out for "their" benefit because the army and police are attacking and arresting progressive people on the one hand, and are

protecting the institutions of the bourgeoisie and their posh homes in Ottawa and Rockcliffe Park on the other hand. This indicates it is the lackey bourgeoisie which is rotting day by day and it is they which need the "protection" from the anger of the revolutionary people. The broad masses have seen that the bourgeoisie will abandon its own facade of laws and sham parliaments for naked repression at the mere rustle of leaves in the wind. The broad masses have seen that the foreign agitators are not the fine sons and daughters of the Quebec and Canadian people but are those who have betrayed the people and sold out to foreign monopolies. It is these traitors who use violence against the people on a daily basis and then preach "peace", "love" and "non-violence" to the oppressed classes. These days are over. A bright light shows the truth of the May 20th statement of Chairman Mao Tsing-tung that "A WEAK NATION CAN DEFEAT A STRONG, A SMALL NATION CAN DEFEAT A BIG COUNTRY, IF ONLY THEY DARE TO RISE IN STRUGGLE, TAKE UP ARMS AND GRASP IN THEIR OWN HANDS THE DESTINY OF THEIR COUNTRY. THIS IS A LAW OF NATURE." This bright flame is the national liberation struggle of the Quebec people and the anti-imperialist struggle of the Canadian people—both of whom are in the united front of the world's people, along with the Vietnamese, Palestinian, Indian, Greek and all others who, led by the People's Republic of China and Chairman Mao, are dealing heavier blows against the common enemy of mankind—U.S. imperialism. In our lifetime this powerful united front will defeat the reactionary alliance led by Nixon and U.S. imperialism, the alliance of fascists like lackey Trudeau, King Hussein, Generals Thieu, Ky and Lo, Nix, Giscard, Brezhnev, Zhang Kai-shak, Hallie Geliasis, Shah of Iran, Indira Gandhi and all the other rot of mankind. Revolutionary politics has come to stay—the Quebec people and the Canadian toiling masses have struck out on the correct path which will help seal the fate of U.S. imperialism and all reactionaries and which will build a bright, red revolutionary future for progressive mankind.

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