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We encourage all readers to contact us with criticisms, suggestions, and their own submissions. We also encourage all supporters of our work to get organized. The People's Hammer is the product of several groups of workers in Canada who study, contribute, and distribute our articles to their fellow workers. If you would like to get in touch with one of these support groups for the People's Hammer please get in contact.

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Without exception, the large news organisations like the CBC, *Globe and Mail*, and *Le Journal de Montréal* represent the class interests of the bourgeoisie. While they feign objectivity, how could this be the case when they are all owned and operated by the bourgeoisie and their state? News organisations as cultural institutions re-enforce the ideas of the bourgeoisie and thereby help to maintain capitalism.

Many organisations and parties today claim to represent the interests of the working-class. Many of these also run news organisations that claim to speak for the workers. The news organ of the "Communist Party of Canada" is even called the *People's Voice!* However, none of these fake socialists or their newspapers fight for the interests of the workers and they do nothing to agitate, educate, and organise the workers to carry out the immediate tasks necessary to secure their interests. At best they agitate for their readers to vote for them in election years and call on them to support tepid reforms.

What are the interests and immediate tasks of the workers in Canada? It is first necessary to understand the problems the workers face in their daily lives. Impoverishment, the constant threat of unemployment, the shortage of housing and every other social problem the workers face today are the results of capitalism. This is a mode of production where a large class of workers, the proletariat, are forced to sell their labour-power to a small class of exploiters, the bourgeoisie. While capitalism was original composed of many enterprises freely competing with one another, since the early 1900s capitalism has been transformed into monopoly capitalism – imperialism. Imperialism has only brought more misery upon the workers and oppressed of the world.

The workers who have no private property have no stake in imperialism. Their interests lie in communism. With communism class, property, and the state will cease to exist and the means of production will belong to the whole of society. Today, the labour-power of millions of workers serves the accumulation of capital by a small class of capitalists. Under communism, the labour-power of society will serve to benefit society as a whole.

Communism cannot be achieved through a partnership of the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. Those who profit from imperialism will never willingly give up power. The transition from imperialism to communism requires the formation of a workers' republic, the dictatorship of the proletariat, where the workers will hold state power and carry out the revolutionary transformations of the economy, politics, and culture necessary to build communism. The workers must organise themselves into a political party to lead our fight for this workers' republic and communism. The tasks facing the workers of Canada then are the reconstitution of the Communist Party of Canada, the capture of state power, the establishment of a workers' republic, and the construction of communism.

The People's Hammer works to support the workers and their allies in realising these tasks. We do not pretend to be an objective news source, we are openly on the side of the working-class against imperialism. Through our work we aim to agitate, educate, and organise the workers to consciously take up these tasks. We will do this by establishing the closest ties with the workers, reporting on their ideas and actions. To this end all of our editors, contributors, designers, and distributors have been pulled from those active in the workers' movement.

The content that will be published by *The People's Hammer* will include exposures of working conditions, reports on actions taken by the workers and their allies against imperialism, communiques sent to us from progressive organisations in Canada, articles covering the struggles of other classes, and the struggle against imperialism abroad.

While we are currently publishing on a biweekly schedule, we recognise this is not frequent enough to respond to the needs of the workers. We aim to develop into a daily news organisation with both an online and print component.