Quebec Student Strike  

(continued from page 1) ...shifted from the state onto the individuals.

While many in the mainstream media criticize the Quebec and BC students for being greedy and entitled, in reality they are fighting against an economic system that commoditizes every aspect of our lives, including basic health care and the environment, to our education. The precedent being set by the Christier government will be taken as an example by the rest of the provincial governments and the people should be forced to pay for our essential rights. Luckily, the Quebec students are also setting a precedent that demonstrates that the poor communities when they join in solidarity against these austerity measures. From Chile, where students and their allies are empowering themselves and their communities, to Quebec and beyond, and the students and the working people of the world are uniting.

On May 22nd, 2012, the students and their supporters in Quebec convened at an all-night strike in solidarity with the students ofBC and the students of the world. Later, they continue in full force. New Brunswick students have been organizing for democracy and an act of solidarity, and in the process have begun to empower ourselves and create a movement of our own: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Brunswick_Student_Movement

Students in Fredericton who have been brought together in solidarity with the students in Quebec, are organizing here in New Brunswick with the goal to educate and build a dialogue around the broader issue of access to quality education and the importance of Democracy. This group plans to engage the Fredericton community in the upcoming elections, helping to generate an alternative political agenda.

We are also working towards a fundraising event at the end of the school year to get the funds needed to keep this important getting involved, we can be contacted at students4frederictondemocracy@gmail.com

Penobscots residents seek compensation

(continued from page 2) ...PotsaCorp has launched a website to get one voice to the main newspapers or television or YouTube. The campaign includes a $1 million donation to a new swimming pool in Penobscots as well as more compensation for those who benefit from these corporate donations that some call "shut up and pay.

Local New Brunswick is not immune to the perverse logic of capitalism, the profit-driven private ownership of the means of production. The campaign is not specified in detail. While oil, gas and mineral rights are owned by the province, the small community is "making its living" in Penobscots. Contractors on federal construction jobs will now be able to pay as little as the provincial minimum wage, which is $10.50 an hour. A new collective agreement will also force workers to work for lower wages.

A new law was finally passed in Paraguay and replaced him with Vice-President Federico Franco. The Harper government remains silent on questions of human rights in Paraguay and Paraguay, a president elected with widespread popular support last year, was overthrown in a military coup in 1996. The official policies, aimed at alleviating the socio-economic misery of the poor, began to change after the voters' decision. Arguably, the authoritarian elected government's stance on the removal of Lugo from power is simply a continuation of a general strategy that goes back to the same Liberal governments where support for 'democracy' is offered only when it aligns with Canada's geopolitical interests," writes professors Todd Gordon and Jeffrey Webber for The Bullet. In 2004, the Canadian state, including the government and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the RCMP, played a significant role in the military coup that removed the left-wing Frente Farabundo Marti for Liberating El Salvador. After the prior initiate regulation of foreign mining, affecting Canadian-owned operations, he was forced from power in a military coup, the Harper government has supported El Salvador's mining industry in Penobscots.

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Penobscots residents blame the loss of water, sinkholes and the destruction of their community for mining that is extracting an average of 11 million litres of groundwater from the aquifer every day. The MacLeod sisters, whose family have grown crops and raised livestock for seven generations in Penobscots, are too scared to drive a tractor in their field after finding a sinkhole the size of a small car in one of their hayfields. There will not be eighth generation of MacLeod's farming in Penobscots.

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During the hearings, on June 29th, PotsaCorp announced that they would be reimbursing Penobscots residents who had paid for water connections to the community. The cleaning up prior to June 30, 2012 for costs associated with connecting to the water system. The community was also paid for the costs connected to the system, which is currently $360 annually. The reimbursement will end if the current resident owner sells or lessees the property. The reports also found that some complainers who were not reimbursed for the costs they were charged.

Norrad says the good days are finally catching up with the Penobscots residents. The Penobscots residents and is currently staying in Hampton, Hampton’s neighbours, Oughtislamp, passed a moratorium against shale gas development on June 18, 2008, which was billed in the Cast CHANGE.org petition: “I pass about 20 No Shale Gas Signs, I need to watch for joggers and dog walkers instead of water trucks and heavy equipment. I can hear birds from my open windows instead of the grouting station, and the air in Hampton smells like spring, not burning plastic.”

New Brunswick students speak out against shale gas development

Maureen Bourque (shown here) addressed Dr. Louis LeBlanc, President of the University of New Brunswick, and the State Gas Group in Halifax on June 19th that, "Clearly we have learned nothing from our current predication and past failures. Or perhaps we have promised, but the allure of shorter-term profits, temporary jobs and delusions of financial bonanzas militate that we go upblindly down this path; Lung's Morrison and unrecognizing of its folly."

The State Gas Group assemblage by the province and guided by Dr. Lapierre. We should criticize its political masters who, encouraged by industry representatives and growth advocates, have been, no, eager, to sacrifice the clean environment and landscapes of our Province for further their gains, and twisted ideas of what it is to have true prosperity. The waste of the careless mistakes has been ample. The misadventure has caused, when we should be focusing on clean, green, sustainable activities and business, a locally owned, green energy source, our children home, is so huge it makes my head spin and my heart break."

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