

# CELEBRATE MARCH 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The cutbacks now hitting students especially hit women. Jobs are more scarce for women students, whether summer or part-time to finance their education or full-time after they graduate. The new OSAP regulations, bad for all students, discriminate against women. Among staff and faculty, women are the first laid off. How do we fight back.

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Speeches from the CCL(ML), a Palestinian woman and others, plus a slide show on women in China.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

**12 noon**

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## FOR MARCH 8, FIGHT THE CRISIS

March 8, International Women's Day, calls for working women to take up the struggle against all forms of exploitation and oppression. Started in 1908 around the struggle of New York garment workers for the 8-hour day, March 8 shows us the key role women play in the fight of the whole working class against the capitalist system that exploits it and keeps women in an unequal position.

Working women are among the hardest hit by the present economic crisis hitting the whole working class. They face massive lay-offs, a widening wage gap and cutbacks in such essential needs as daycare. Across the country women are fighting back, like the women at Sandra Coffee in Ajax, Ontario, who faced police and scabs daily in their fight for a union.

The cutbacks and unemployment facing students, particularly women, are a part of this crisis. We all have the same enemy - the capitalist class that is cutting us back to keep its profits high. We students have to unite with the working class and build a strong fightback. This is the view with which we should celebrate March 8 this year.

## FIGHT THE CUTBACKS, FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM

The CCL(ML) is not the only one celebrating IWD. Feminists, who see men as the main oppressors of women, are using March 8 to tell women they must rely only on themselves. Reformists are also organizing - but only for women's rights as an end in themselves. Both groups have one thing in common. Both cut women off from the struggle to smash the capitalist system that enslaves men and women and both keep women away from the fight for socialism.

For socialism is the only solution to the situation facing women and students. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, full and equal access to education will be guaranteed to the masses of men and women, and their knowledge will serve society as a whole. The rights of women, particularly the right to work, will be protected.

This is completely opposite to the situation now. The bourgeoisie allows certain women to have privileges - like Bette Stephenson or Margaret Trudeau. But for most women, capitalism means unemployment, cutbacks and inequality.

This can change - if we unite with the working class and aim clearly at our main enemy, the Canadian bourgeoisie. And if we build the communist party we need to lead our battles and the struggle to smash capitalism once and for all.

Students, men and women, join in this struggle. Take up the fight against the cutbacks. Work with the CCL(ML) to build a revolutionary communist party.

Celebrate IWD with the League!

**FIGHT THE CRISIS, FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM!  
FIGHT FOR THE SPECIFIC DEMANDS OF WOMEN!**

