



China is now a classical fascist state

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Re: Ziggy Eckardt's letter to the editor on December 21 linking Thomas Mulcair to the Chinese Communist Party, and the response of C. Olsen on December 28:

I hold no brief for Thomas Mulcair; indeed, I do not know a lot about the man. I do know, however, that there is a fundamental flaw in Mr. Eckardt's linking Mulcair with the Beijing police state. Whatever Mulcair's politics, Mr. Eckhardt seriously misunderstands the nature of the Party/ State which governs China.

"China is one of your socialist brothers, Mr. Mulcair!", says Mr. Eckardt. China today is not socialist in any respect. The words "socialist", "communist", and "Marxist" are often used to describe present day China. All are completely inaccurate and irrelevant in the context of China. China today is governed by a fascist party; it has retained the name "Communist Party of China ('CCP')", but that name is meaningless as a description of the political system it imposes on the people of China.

If the Party/State in China were ever Communist, that was in the distant past. It long ago morphed into a classical fascist state, run by a patently fascist political party. If Mr. Eckardt seeks political comparisons with the present day Chinese Party/State, he should look to Italy under Mussolini and the Third Reich in Germany.

Unfortunately, the word "fascism" has become so overworked in political discourse that for many it ceases to convey any meaning except for a vague sense of disapproval. People on the left in western politics have a tendency to label anyone to their political right as "fascists".

But there is in fact such a thing as fascism, and it can be defined politically. Fascism refers to a state governed by a triumvirate composed of the military establishment, big industry, and a single monopolistic political party which prohibits the existence of any other political party. This triumvirate ruthlessly suppresses dissent or opposition of any kind and violently tramples upon civil liberties and human rights. It is totalitarian in that it exercises tight control over every agency or organization in the country, including courts and police. For example, the "People's Courts" in China today function precisely as did the "People's Courts" established by the German Third Reich.

Fascism also commonly diverts discontent by inciting virulent jingoistic nationalism and manufacturing foreign enemies in order to justify both war preparations and curtailment of individual freedoms in the name of "national security".

Mr. Eckardt ends his letter thusly, in addressing Mulcair on China's acquisition of Nexen, "...one of your aims is to nationalize all industry and have as many as possible people work for the government? Why then oppose your comrades-in-arms on the other side of the Socialist International? Do I detect racism?"

I leave it to Mr. Mulcair to tell us whether he aims to "nationalize all industry" in Canada. But Mr. Eckardt touches on a point which warrants developing. It is important to understand that Nexen has in fact now been nationalised, with the approval of the Harper government. It is just that it has not been nationalised by a Canadian government. All the assets of Nexen are now owned by the China National Overseas Oil Corporation ("CNOOC"), which is completely subordinate to the Communist Party of China. CNOOC is not a private company, governed by its stockholders; it is a state owned company, subject to CCP administration. The Communist Party of China even has the power to appoint and remove the CEO of CNOOC. So what the Canadian government has just approved is in fact the nationalisation of Nexen by China, rather than by Canada.

"Racism", Mr. Eckardt? Huge numbers of Canadians who are ethnically or racially of Chinese origin oppose the fascist Party/ State in China and vociferously opposed the nationalisation of Nexen by China as it awaited approval by the Harper cabinet. Today, the Chinese Canadian community is politically indistinguishable from any other demographic. There are Canadian Chinese who are members of the Conservative Party; there are others who are members of the NDP; still others are card carrying Liberals.

There are Canadian Chinese who for business or other reasons are friendly to the Chinese Party/State in Beijing. But there are many others who have come to Canada as refugees from barbaric repression by that Party/State. Many have lost loved ones in the course of the mass murders of Falun Gong practitioners and Christians for the purpose of harvesting their organs for sale on international markets.

"Racism" is entirely a red herring in the debate over the continuing penetration of Canada by China. Both sides of the debate have supporters and opponents among both Chinese Canadians and non-Chinese Canadians.

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