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**Staggering Losses In Welfare Incomes**

**By Roy White**

In Alberta, the income in real dollars of a single person on welfare has decreased by almost 50 percent since 1986. Since 1992 in Ontario, the welfare income of a lone parent with one child has decreased by almost \$6,600 and a couple with two children has lost just over \$8,700.

The National Council of Welfare's report, *Welfare Incomes 2005*, paints a dismal picture, and one that is getting worse. When adjusted for inflation, many 2005 welfare incomes were lower than they were in 1986. Most welfare incomes peaked in 1994 or earlier. Some of the losses between the peak year and 2005 are staggering, with one-third of households losing \$3,000 or more. Five provinces—Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia—recorded the lowest levels of welfare incomes between 2000 and 2005.

In 2005, the income of a single employable person on welfare in New Brunswick amounted to \$3,427—just 19 percent of the poverty line. Lone parent families in Alberta, Canada's richest province, received just \$12,326—only 48 percent of the poverty line. All welfare incomes continued to remain far below the poverty line in 2005. With few exceptions, the day-to-day lives of over 1.7 million Canadians receiving welfare – 5 percent of the population – only became more difficult. Half a million of those on social assistance are children.

In July 2006, the National Council of Welfare recommended that the federal government work to develop a national, comprehensive anti-poverty strategy. The findings in *Welfare Incomes 2005* argue compellingly that we need to embark on this process immediately.

Council Chairperson John Murphy calls the present situation "shameful and morally unsustainable in a rich country" but also notes, "The generally favourable economic climate at the federal level, and in most provinces, presents a real opportunity for governments to take concerted action to end this kind of deprivation".

In the fall of 2006, the National Council of Welfare intends to seek the views of Canadians on what a national, comprehensive anti-poverty strategy could look like. The Council believes the re-examination of the place and purpose of welfare in our current income security system would be an essential

element.

The National Council of Welfare is a citizens' advisory group to the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development on matters of concern to low-income people in Canada.

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### **The Superultramodern Universal Communism (SUC)**

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Some Background –

As long as there is ego there is badness, not in mere existence but prevailing goodness, often hidden inside the deceptive covers of apparent goodness.

Every man seeks pleasure and happiness. There is absolutely nothing wrong in it. The point is what one has pleasure in.

The one who has pleasure in the welfare of others (only for the sake of the welfare of others) is a good person. And thus I am sure most of the men and women in the world are bad.

– Kedar Joshi

The Superultramodern Universal Communism (by Kedar Joshi) –

Why do we have law and order in our society/community ? Because we believe that everyone's rights are equally important and not just one person's. So it is the community that is more important than a particular person. This means that according to our beliefs, in fact, it is communism ( in general, universal communism) that is correct, not capitalism. Capitalism is concerned with the welfare of an individual or a relatively small group of individuals, whereas universal communism is concerned with the welfare of the universal community. It is quite obvious that the later is morally good, not the former. At last, these are principles; how they are implemented is a different issue.

The community where communism thrives is a morally good community because to its people it is the welfare of the community as a whole that is more important than the welfare of an individual. This is the

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ideal and, as far as one has ego, shall never be realised (One is the same as ego, so impossible to realise.). Still it is better to tend to the ideal.

For barbarians even English capitalistic system (and its law and order), for example, is a form of communism. And to the ideal of universal communism I have mentioned, we are barbarians.

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