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"Action of the Hungarian puppet government in attempting to crush workers' councils in Hungary is new proof of the complete opposition of communism to anything resembling free trade unions", Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labour Congress, said today.

"The workers of Hungary have been leading the struggle for freedom, and now workers' council headquarters have been invaded by Communist police and every effort is being made to destroy their organizations. Today is Human Rights Day, as proclaimed by the United Nations. These workers are being deprived of one of the most fundamental rights -- that of free organization -- by the Soviet henchmen.

"The Canadian Labour Congress believes that the most practical assistance it can give at the moment is through the International Solidarity Fund established by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. To date the CLC and affiliated unions have forwarded in excess of \$10,000 to Europe for this purpose. We anticipate a number of additional donations and are urging our unions to be as generous as possible."