blows over. I believe most people have the impression that as soon as some group puts pressure on the government, the government gives way. Leaders of labour and agricultural groups have done this time and again and I believe that the government, by giving way to these leaders, has lost the support of the largest number of labouring men and farmers. In other words, I believe that a large number of these leaders do not reflect the opinion of the people they are supposed to represent. For instance, I have heard farmers complain about the methods used by leaders of certain agricultural groups. They have the impression that these leaders are merely seeking to hold the good jobs which they have rather than representing the farmers.

(2) The great number of little esars in wartime departments are consistently issuing orders about things they know little or nothing about.

The lack of support for the price ceiling, I believe, was due entirely to the way this was administered. People were all ready to support the price ceilings and were even willing to police the ceilings, but they soon discovered certain prices going up and when they reported these, they were informed that these increases were allowable. So right there and then they lost all confidence in the Price Board and that naturally reflects on the government. There have been many other regulations which have done very little good outside of getting peoples goats, such as the 50 mile limit on bus travel.

As far as a new platform goes, I have only one or two suggestions. The first one is that the Party should certainly not try to buy the public favour with such petty bribes as mother's allowances, increased old-age pensions and hand-outs for the unemployed, the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind. It has been a favourite habit of political parties to publicise such handouts previous to elections and I believe such actions antagonize the public. This is really a reflection on their intelligence and I don't think people are half as dumb as politicians give them credit for.

I believe that the public can see right through any platform which is designed to get votes and that the surest way to get into power is to draw up a platform which is sincerely in the interests of the country.

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