

Meanwhile, the basic problems of unemployment, with the deprivation and hardship they entail, remain untouched.

22. Even in its own terms, the White Paper is open to serious criticism and raises doubts as to its practicality and effectiveness.

More serious, in our view, is the obvious inadequacy of this -- or any such measure -- as an instrument of genuine social improvement. It offers little or no remedy for actual existing distress, and may even hamper the search for such remedies. We are strongly opposed to its implementation.

23. The Canadian Teachers' Federation remains committed to the principle of comprehensive planning and legislation for the relief of distress and deprivation, and to its pledge of support for genuinely universal and equitable measures towards this end. The problems of the poor and the disadvantaged are real, crucial and agonizing. We urge the most vigorous efforts to come to grips with them.

24. We earnestly hope that opportunity will be provided for a continuing dialogue between government and organizations such as our own in the pursuit of these most important goals, and we wish to assure the Committee of our readiness to offer a constructive contribution to such a dialogue.

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Yours sincerely,
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