

be decentralized to a greater degree to be in a better position to identify opportunities for economic development...

- measures to ensure further control by Canadians over their economy by the screening of foreign takeovers of Canadian-owned business; measures respecting the transfer of technology from abroad and access to it by Canadian entrepreneurs; measures to increase Canadian participation in the ownership and control of resource projects; and, in consultation with the provinces, measures dealing with new direct foreign investment and the sale of land to foreigners
- measures that will restructure the Canada Corporations Act, including a requirement that a majority of directors of federally-incorporated companies be Canadians
- the Government will meet with the provincial governments in the five regions of the country, to examine the impact of freight rates on economic development and consumer prices. The railways have agreed to participate in these meetings....

#### Social security system

In the area of social policy, the Government considers that Canada's total social security system - including both federal and provincial elements - must be reconsidered and reorganized, and made more sensitive to the needs of people in different parts of the country.

The Government intends that this reorganization should be based on five principles which, taken together, comprise a statement of the Government's commitment in respect of social security.

First, the social security system must assure to people who cannot work, the aged, the blind and the disabled, a compassionate and equitable guaranteed annual income.

Second, the social security system, as it applies to people who can work, must contain incentives to work and a greater emphasis on the need to get people who are on social aid back to work.

Third, a fair and just relationship must be maintained between the incomes of people who are working at or near the minimum wage, the guaranteed incomes assured to people

who cannot work, and the allowances paid to those who can work but are unemployed.

Fourth, it must be recognized that provinces may wish to have the structures of social security vary in accordance with the social needs, income standards and the cost of living in different communities.

Finally, it must be accepted that the reconsideration of Canada's social security system must be conducted jointly by the Federal Government and the provinces. A better social security system can only be realized if a reasonable consensus can be reached between the Governments of Canada and the provinces. To this end, the Government will invite provincial representatives to a conference of welfare ministers in April....

In respect of people who can work but are temporarily unemployed, legislation will be introduced to clarify certain aspects of the Unemployment Insurance Plan and to prevent abuses that have not been overcome by the administrative action already taken....

A new family income security program will be proposed that will particularly take into account the needs of the lower income families. Legislation will be introduced to improve the economic situation of old age pensioners....

#### Amateur sport

In response to the increasing importance of fitness for the well-being and health of Canadians and the need for greater opportunities for people to participate in sports activities, it is proposed over the next three fiscal years to more than double the current level of expenditures under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Program.

#### Agriculture

You will be asked to amend the Crop Insurance Act to allow the Government to reimburse the provinces to a maximum of 50 per cent of premiums paid under contracts of insurance, thereby reducing costs of insurance to individual farmers.

The Government supports the principle of an equitable relationship of prices of feed grain to livestock feeders in various areas of Canada. It is the intention of the Government to implement before the next crop year,

procedures that will ensure the optimum development of the feed grain and livestock industries within Canada....

#### Hijacking legislation

The Government will continue its efforts through national, bilateral and multilateral measures to overcome the continuing menace posed by aerial hijacking. In particular, you will be asked to amend the Aeronautics Act to provide for strict security measures to be taken at airports, including the search of persons and property....

#### Western Canada potential

The Government will propose to the Governments of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba that they join with it in the convening of a conference on Western economic opportunities. Such a conference would be a unique venture in the history of federal-provincial relations in Canada. It could be jointly planned, and held in the West in the course of the summer. Its purpose would be to explore potentials for economic and social development and, specifically, to consider concrete programs for stimulating and broadening the economic and industrial base of Western Canada.

Among such concrete programs, the Government would propose for discussion the possible establishment of new regionally-based financial institutions better able to serve the financing needs of business enterprise and industrial development in Western Canada....

#### Official languages

Parliament will be asked to confirm the basic principles of the Government's program for bilingualism in the Public Service.

The Government will continue to work in furtherance of the objectives of the Official Languages Act....

#### Capital punishment

The five-year trial period in which imposition of the death penalty has been limited to cases involving the killing of policemen and prison guards has come to an end. You will be asked to decide, by a free vote and as a matter of urgency, upon the future of the death penalty in the Canadian law enforcement system....