

A. INTRODUCTION

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1. This brief is presented by the Canadian Teachers' Federation  
on behalf of the member organizations in each of the provinces  
and territories - representing a combined membership of approx-  
imately 200,000 teachers. The brief is the result of careful  
~~consideration~~ consideration of the White Paper entitled "Unemployment Insurance

On the White Paper on Unemployment Insurance  
in the 70's. The views of members are expressed  
through direct contact with their elected spokesmen across  
Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration  
Canada.

2. We wish to emphasize from the outset that our  
political approach is that of the White Paper.

Since its introduction many years ago, the Canadian Teachers'  
Federation has consistently opposed the problems of disadvantage  
and deprivation in Canadian society, particularly in relation  
to their educational programmes. Our most recent studies  
- including those which prompted our brief to the Senate Special  
Committee on Poverty - have convinced us of the pressing need  
for a coordinated program of measures aimed at securing for  
every Canadian, regardless of his place of life or particular needs,  
the promise of a satisfactory living standard through an assured  
income and equal access to all services. We believe  
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the pursuit of this goal is the proper function of government,  
and we submit that any legislative proposal in the social welfare  
field must be judged by the progress it appears to make towards  
this end.

3. Our approach, then, is based on the conviction that there  
is urgent need for new and comprehensive legislation, brought  
about through close consultation among the governments involved.