

made as early as 1958 in its statement Social Security for Canada and has repeated and expanded a number of times since. These include: sickness and maternity as conditions of eligibility for unemployment insurance; higher benefit levels; extended coverage; and taxation of benefits and tax relief for contributions. However, we do have reservations on specific aspects of the proposals; these are outlined in section II of this document under "Specific Considerations".

3. Our greatest concern with the White Paper relates to some of the underlying philosophies, general principles and objectives on which the authors have built their case for the future role and function of an unemployment insurance program within the constellation of other income security measures. In stating our fundamental reservations, we may from time to time be taking some of our Council's earlier specific recommendations a logical step further. In a rapidly changing society, even basic policies need to be re-examined to see whether adjustment is required to make them more relevant to the current scene.
4. It may seem ironical, but it is our commitment to the principles expressed in the White Paper which has led us inexorably to raise questions about some of its specific recommendations. For example, we agree wholeheartedly with the White Paper's stated principle of universality in the coverage of the Unemployment Insurance Plan. Acceptance of that principle leads initially to