

constant, close scrutiny will be kept over the distribution of social service funds?

There are obviously many other problem areas which need investigation and the following are only two:—

Should there be a differential allowed for varying economic needs of people by region as well as by rural versus urban considerations?

What methods can be devised to assure that a solid base of citizen involvement is encouraged in all possible areas of delivery of social services? Can we be sure that, wherever possible, private agencies provide all necessary social services?

With all our modern technology we are seemingly unable to effectively come to grips with our social problems and the multitude and complexity of causes behind them. Canada needs social structures that will give its people the right and the opportunity to

achieve the basic minimum kind of economic and social well-being adequate to meet their particular needs. Somehow we must create the enabling organization that will see to it that the best social structures are established and made to work to the betterment of all our people. In this regard we feel that a great deal of the sheer dollar costs of an adequate welfare or income supplement plan could and should be made available through the cancelling of the universal aspects of such programs as family allowance and old age pension and combining these plans with other existing social service programs into a one-channel program aimed directly at those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

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