

sumer affairs and to make a sincere effort to help people on low-incomes become members of their movement. The defenders of our free enterprise system should not oppose this type of self-help for those in poverty as they will become an asset to all in our society.

7. *Present Social Security Programs*—There are some responsible people that consider present Social Welfare legislation as "free stuff". Over 50 per cent of said monies is raised by special taxes while another 30 per cent is from employee-employer contributions. Monies raised for workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, Canada pension plan, provincial hospitalization, provincial medical care and old age security are a form of pre-paid insurance that places an unwarranted burden on the low income groups.

We support a complete review of our present social security programs with a view of greater co-ordination between all programs. It is hoped that said programs will be geared to the cost-of-living to assure those people on fixed incomes will not move further down the economic scales. All private pension plans should have clauses to give retirees increases as the cost-of-living rises.

A greater liaison should be established between administrators of manpower, unemployment insurance and welfare agencies to assure each citizen that the most is being done when he or she is in distress.

8. *Taxation*—We urge a complete revamping of our taxation systems based on the Carter Commission Report. People should be allowed

enough income to maintain oneself and family prior to being required to pay taxes. Serious consideration should be given to the negative income tax as suggested by Mr. Reuben Baetz, Executive Director of the Canadian Welfare Council.

*Conclusion*

Senator, your task is not an easy one. We do hope our submission will be of some value in your final conclusions.

May we leave with you the motto of the International Labour Organization which was founded in 1919 with Canada as a founding member, "Poverty anywhere constitutes a danger to prosperity everywhere."

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