

PARTY PLATFORMS

NDP expounds program

The New Democratic Party believes in progress for Canada and in the concept of social justice for all. This election is to be an election on principle as to whether Canada remains static under the rule of two old moribund parties in which liberal and progressive policies are continually presented and just as continually smothered by the party right wings, and vested corporate interests. Or whether Canada will finally advance under the strong and sure leadership of a party who has the means and the intention to carry out the platform they present to the voter.

The NDP advocates the setting up of a National Economic Council having representation from all groups active in the national economy, which shall receive evidence of the country's resources and needs and recommend national economic objectives. The government, acting on the basis of this Council's reports, will declare the economic goals and, within the framework of established free enterprise, shall work to accomplish the common objectives.

To implement this policy — as accepted by the government — use will be made of the traditional instruments of monetary and fiscal policy such as the Bank of Canada and the Budget. In addition, we shall create a National Investment Board to channel available capital for the public good. Capital will be gained from undistributed profits, and from a national investment fund.

We wish to ensure that Canadian industries, regardless of ownership, will follow policies consistent with Canadian economic interests.

We will create a municipal development board to make long-term low interest loans to municipalities for the purposes of creating social capital such as schools and hospitals.

We will encourage the growth of the co-operative movement in Canada, and its organization on a regional basis. To this end we will establish a co-operative development board.

UNEMPLOYMENT

As a consequence of our policy, unemployment to a large part will be eradicated through such measures as retraining of the unemployed and a program of public works.

Short term measures to relieve the present deplorable situation include a further program of retraining for the victims of technological unemployment.

Short term measures to aid the recovery of the economy from the results of our latest recession work toward a decrease of income tax rates in the lower income brackets to stimulate spendings and offering tax incentives on a regional basis.

AREA REDEVELOPMENT

We shall direct location of industry by means of an investment board. Public works and industry will be encouraged into underdeveloped areas by tax concessions. As regards the Maritime area, we will seek to implement a Fundy Development project.

TRANSPORT POLICY

We will implement a national transport policy including:

1. Re-assessment of freight rates.
2. Destructive and wasteful duplication will give way to do-ordination by the absorption of CPA by TCA.
3. Seek to increase Canada's Merchant Marine.

We will negotiate with the provinces with the view of setting up a National Arbitration Board which will bring compulsory arbitration in all disputes in industries seeking federal assistance must comply.

SOCIAL SECURITY

We will adjust the family allowance and other pensions to meet changes in the cost of the standard of living. Family allowances will be paid for all children remaining in school regardless of age.

MEDICAL PLAN

Believing that all Canadians have a right to the best facilities available for preventive and active medical and para-medical treatment, we will seek to establish a national pre-paid health insurance plan along the lines of the present hospital insurance plan. Consideration will be given to the report of the Hall Royal Commission on Health Insurance, and consultation and co-operation will be sought with the CMA and other interested groups.

We envisage a comprehensive and compulsory insurance scheme run by an independent board re-

sponsible directly to the Minister of Health.

We will immediately seek to expand present medical and para-medical educational facilities and will create a Canadian Medical Research Centre to co-ordinate research carried on across the country.

IMMIGRATION POLICY

The NDP immigration policy will seek to remove all color and racial restrictions from the Immigration Code. Foreign students to this country shall have the right of employment to support themselves while in Canada, and shall be allowed to remain in this country if they so desire on graduation.

An immigration appeal board shall be established to end the present practice of arbitrary decisions with respect to the suitability of prospective immigrants.

EDUCATION and the ARTS

The NDP believes that education is a matter of basic human right. Every young person is entitled to the opportunity to develop his or her abilities to the full.

To ensure provinces and municipalities are able to fulfill their obligations in this field, the NDP will make the necessary financial arrangements with the provinces to permit them to provide:

1. Free education at all levels for those who can benefit from it. At the College level this will take the form of federal scholarships, bursaries and living allowances for deserving students.
2. The same standard of education in small communities as found in urban centres.
3. Expansion of the present Vocational School facilities
4. Adequate training facilities and salaries for teachers.

University grants to provinces will be made on the basis of student population, and we shall encourage the provinces to standardize the educational system across the country.

We will establish, encourage and assist adult education agencies and programs.

The NDP will defend the integrity and independence of the CBC and make funds available to allow it to expand its work in developing Canadian talent.

The NDP will strengthen the National Film Board and enable it to expand its facilities. It will develop the Canadian film industry under both public and private auspices.

The scope and funds of the Canada Council and other agencies fostering Canadian culture and encouraging artistic ability will be greatly expanded.

Drama and the arts will be promoted by:

1. The establishment of cultural centres across the country;
2. Stressing the desire for regional flavour in the arts;
3. The establishment of contests for young authors, artists, musicians and dramatists;
4. The establishment and support of regional arts festivals;
5. The establishment of summer arts schools and camps;
6. Increased public information concerning the arts.

FOREIGN TRADE

We will approach the Common Market concerning mutual tariff reductions and seek the establishment of a North Atlantic Trading Community and eventually a Free World Trading community.

Productivity subsidies will be paid to those industries suffering from the loss of Commonwealth preferences through Britain's eminent entry to the Common Market until they are able to compete independently in the world market.

We will seek to increase trade in Central and South America and the new nations of Africa and Asia.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The NDP believes that present foreign and defence policies need an immediate re-appraisal as the present policy of accumulating

arms prevents effective independent action.

In the United Nations, Canada will vote on the issues and not as a member of a bloc. Canadian armed forces will be available for UN Peace Force actions and we shall seek the establishment of a permanent UN Peace Force.

We shall strive to promote the success of the general and nuclear disarmament negotiations.

Believing that it is no longer logical to refuse diplomatic recognition to Communist China, we shall establish diplomatic relations with that country and support its admission to the United Nations.

We shall seek to use the UN as a channel for economic aid to underdeveloped countries and support the establishment of a UN Food Bank to distribute agricultural surpluses to famine areas.

FOREIGN AID

We shall seek to increase foreign aid through the UN and the Colombo Plan. We shall also pay special attention to the underdeveloped Latin American countries; shall establish and expand joint training and technical programs with a suitable salary to encourage youth to work in these areas.

We shall seek to strengthen Canada's ties with other Commonwealth countries.

DEFENCE POLICY

Believing that NORAD is of little use to Canada, leaving her only the position of a satellite and battle ground, we advocate withdrawal from NORAD. To remain in this organization would entail acceptance of nuclear weapons, and we believe that Canada, by refusing nuclear weapons, can take the leadership in forming a non-nuclear club which will endeavour to limit the spread of these weapons and ultimate nuclear disarmament.

We will seek to specialize the role of the Canadian armed forces in the sphere of conventional weapons so as to make them useful to the UN and to NATO. We will seek to expand the economic aspects of NATO, and support the formation of a zone of disengagement in Europe.



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