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measure the health of our country and economy. They do not tell us whether the goods and services are distributed fairly so as to maintain the health, well-being, and morale of the people, without which no economy can last for long.

We must have a democratically responsive program of training and retraining and mobility grants, in order to help workers progress from the declining job opportunities to the growing and better ones. This is what the Prime Minister promised before the election and during the election, and now he wants to forget that he promised it because he does not believe in it. We do. This is why we are committed to working people and we accept their support.

Security of income, as it is practised in Sweden, is needed to give workers confidence that they will not be victimized by long spells of unemployment. Past United States attempts to attack Canadian programs for unemployment insurance, social assistance, health care, and regional development warn us that the trade deal will further endanger these necessary measures of justice.

The New Democratic Party demands that capital which is generously produced by Canadian labour in Canadian enterprises be mobilized under either elected Canadian representatives or localized representatives in Canada to meet Canadian needs. We need the legislative ability to control foreign exchange, to control foreign investment in Canada, and to control the conduct of employees' pension plans. All those controls would be subject to foreign attack under the investment provisions of this trade deal with the United States.

Under the heading of world peace the New Democratic Party follows the ancient teaching of Jews, Christians, and any others that there can be no peace that is not founded on justice. We cannot enjoy the benefits of a democratic socialist society in Canada unless we are actively supporting the same principles and goals for the peoples of other countries.

For example, in the age of nuclear and other indiscriminate weapons of mass slaughter, we must nourish and build the principle of common security. We must negotiate with our political opponents, or our enemies, to find political solutions. We must abandon plans for offensive armaments such as nuclear powered submarines. We must withdraw from threatening alliances such as NATO and NORAD which are locked into the type of thinking that governed warfare in the years before the Hiroshima bomb.

We must make Canada a nuclear weapons-free zone and negotiate with other Arctic neighbours a nuclear weapons-free, pollution-free Arctic. We must withdraw from the obscenely profitable arms export trade in which a few people seek to grow rich and powerful by helping the peoples of Europe's former colonies slaughter each other, or by increasing the danger of nuclear war between NATO and the Warsaw Bloc. We must ban the export of Canadian uranium and nuclear reactors which continue to be used for purposes of war.

All this runs against the thrust of the trade deal with the United States.

The trade agreement, by threatening attacks on unfair subsidies in Article 1907 but expressly exempting defence contracts in Article 2003, would encourage investors with Canadian Government subsidies to fill Canada's regions of low employment with projects in military goods and services. You call that a nifty solution to unemployment, Mr. Speaker? I do not. Hitler did that in the thirties and led the German people into a savage dictatorship and horrible deaths for millions of people, not to mention for tens of millions in other nations.

Therefore, we reject the trade deal, partly because it would tie Canada's economic growth to what President Eisenhower called the military industrial complex, and what the Tory Minister of National Defence (Mr. Beatty) calls the North American Defence Industrial Base.

There are other important concerns to cover, if I had time, such as the environment and the people of the former colonies in Latin America, Africa, and Asia who are being destroyed by the external debt system. I believe that the Canadian people will find themselves more and more in the same boat as those people, and we will have to join forces with them against the people who promoted this trade deal.

Mr. Harry Chadwick (Brampton—Malton): Mr. Speaker, recently I accepted the challenge to serve the people of the riding of Brampton—Malton. Before redistribution the Brampton—Malton area was represented honourably by two well-known Members of Parliament, colleagues who now represent the ridings of Brampton and Mississauga West. It is my hope and intention to serve the constituents of Brampton—Malton in an equally responsible and conscientious manner.

Today, on behalf of the people of the twin communities of Brampton—Malton, I wish to go on record in favour of the Free Trade Agreement.