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Dave Barrett: A Message

The Good Life in God's Country has faded. Our citizens feel uneasy. The government that gave us such wonderful promises has become a government that gives us unemployment statistics, labour-management confrontations, battles with teachers and doctors, and welfare for too many of our citizens.

B.C. needs a New Deal for People.

Our New Deal doesn't have every answer to every problem, but the New Deal for People includes policies that, if implemented, will go a long way towards solving the many problems facing our province. For example, we advocate for senior citizens over 65 a guaranteed minimum monthly income of \$200. In the field of labour-management relations, we advocate an end to the compulsory arbitration legislation that prolongs rather than shortens bargaining procedures.

Regarding unemployment, our New Deal calls for the establishment of secondary industries that will provide both jobs to our citizens and profits to B.C. from the processing of our natural resources. That's a big change from the policies of the present government which sells our resources for practically nothing and in doing so exports jobs that should stay in our province for the benefit of our citizens.

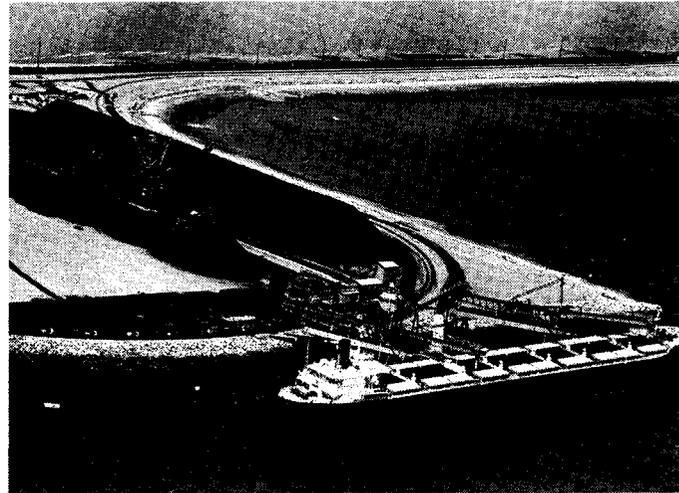
Enough is enough. Your NDP candidates will work on your behalf to change the policies that are holding back the growth of our province and contributing to the uneasiness of our citizens. The changes we have in mind will be expensive but not beyond our capabilities. We own a wealthy province. We deserve a greater return on the sale of our natural resources. We can finance the growth of our province by charging fair taxes to the big corporations that currently receive tax breaks while we ordinary citizens carry extra tax burdens.

Our New Deal for People will lower taxes on ordinary incomes. The New Deal will make life better in B.C. The New Deal for People can become yours if you vote for your NDP candidate. Tell the government enough is enough. Send a message from your constituency to Victoria. He will get the message across.

Yours Sincerely



DAVID BARRETT
Leader of the Opposition



ROBERTS BANK Coal Is Shipped Royalty-Free.

New Development Needed

NEW DEVELOPMENT FOR BRITISH COLUMBIANS

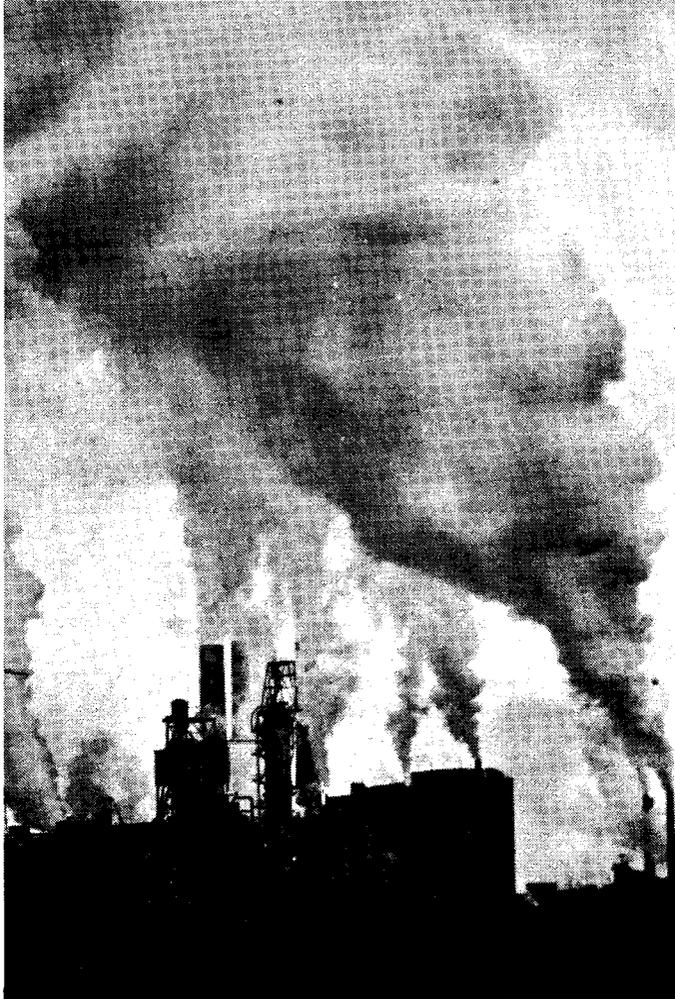
British Columbians can no longer afford the present policy of simply exporting our raw resources to feed the mills and factories of other lands. The costs are too high. Too many jobs are being lost.

Our high unemployment dramatically shows the danger of placing all our economic eggs in one basket. We must develop our own resources and establish the secondary industries to process and manufacture them right here in British Columbia. This is the only way to create the long-term jobs we desperately need.

Despite its sloganeering, Social Credit's main concern has not been to boost employment; but rather to boost the profits of big corporations . . . and to let them escape paying their fair share of taxes in the process.

In 1970, for example, mining companies shipped \$128 million worth of B.C. copper concentrates out of the country without paying one cent in royalties. Not a single penny for a resource that belongs to us all! Is it any wonder we are saddled with such high taxes?

These resources are our rightful heritage . . . not the preserve of private interests, domestic or foreign. Social Credit's systematic sell-out of our birthright is not only a clear and simple breach of public trust. It makes absolutely no economic sense.



TECHNOLOGY'S Price Is High.

An Economy for People

The need for secondary industry is critical. We must stop exporting jobs abroad.

But establishing secondary industries need not mean handing over control to foreign companies. It need not mean providing public subsidies for private profits out of the taxpayer's pocket. We have the means to do the job ourselves . . . if we tap the vast revenues generated by our resource wealth.

As an immediate step, an NDP government will introduce a Resource Companies Information Act to ensure full financial disclosure by resource firms. The Act will provide the information needed to significantly increase revenues from our resources.

New ground rules of what constitutes "good corporate citizenship" in the resource sector will outline the minimum conditions companies must meet to assure British Columbians that our resources are being managed in the public interest.

An NDP government will be prepared to place firms unwilling to meet these conditions under public ownership.

It will tackle our job needs by using new resource revenues to develop publicly-owned secondary industries.

It will, for example, establish a publicly-owned copper smelter financed out of copper royalties. This will ensure both the maximum benefit to the people of British Columbia and the maximum protection of our environment.

By establishing full public control over our resource sector and by making certain that new dynamic secondary industries serve the public, we can ensure that our economy serves all our needs.

The NDP Will Also . . .

- Establish a Department of Economic Development to plan and encourage orderly economic growth and to co-ordinate northern development programs.
- Establish a British Columbia Development Corporation to mobilize capital for public investment from both public and private sources.
- Examine the best means of assisting small businessmen through financial aid, research and technical assistance programs.
- Oppose any further sell-out of our resources.
- Provide British Columbians with the service, lower rates and benefits to which they are entitled by bringing B.C. Telephone under public ownership.
- Obtain greater benefits to the public in terms of lower prices and greater public revenues from natural gas by publicly developing new links in the natural gas transmission system and, ultimately, by bringing natural gas transmission and distribution under public ownership.
- Establish a Provincial Transportation Authority to co-ordinate all provincial transportation systems and investigate the possible establishment of rapid transit systems and other improvements.



WE NEED More Fish Hatcheries.

Protection for Fisheries

Our fisheries are being threatened from all sides. The livelihoods of our fishermen are in jeopardy. Yet Social Credit continues to ignore this vital industry. This pattern of neglect must be reversed.

An NDP government will:

- Establish a Provincial Department of Fisheries to deal with conservation and development of this important natural resource.
- Develop new regulations to protect our fisheries from thoughtless logging, mining and industrial developments.
- Press for a North Pacific Fisheries Pact signed by all countries fishing this area.
- Increase production of fish and shellfish and regulate commercial harvesting of oysters.
- Press to have the continental shelf recognized as Canada's territorial fishing limit.

New Deal for Farmers

The produce of the land sustains the life of society. We cannot ignore the problems facing the 130,000 people who work the land in B.C.

Vast and powerful corporations now dominate agriculture. Their tightened grip on the land squeezes every British Columbian. Consumers pay more and more for the food they buy. Independent farmers get less and less for the food they grow. Everyone loses but big business.

High machinery costs. Unfair competition from foreign producers. And now the invasion by corporate agricultural interests. The independent farmer is methodically being forced off his land.

A major program to revitalize agriculture in our province is urgently needed.

An NDP government will:

Land Use

- Establish a land-zoning program to set aside areas for agricultural production and to prevent such land being subdivided for industrial and residential areas.
- Establish a land bank to purchase existing and re-zoned agricultural land for lease to farmers on a long-term basis.
- Recognize individually-operated farm units, rather than large corporate farms, as the basis of B.C. agricultural production.
- Legislate to preserve open space for cattle grazing and to improve range land in co-operation with wildlife authorities.

Marketing

- Make efforts to achieve flexible tariffs to better protect B.C. growers against foreign imports.
- Establish regional producer-controlled marketing boards to be named as sole first purchaser of given products.

- Encourage consumers to buy B.C. products by making "produce grown and/or processed in B.C." signs compulsory on containers.
- Investigate the possibility of public and co-operative ownership of food wholesale outlets to reduce the price spread between producer and consumer.

Farm Machinery

- Establish a farm machinery testing depot to test and evaluate all types of machinery and to provide this information to farmers.
- Ensure that manufacturers and dealers maintain well-stocked depots to make replacement parts readily available throughout rural areas and that these parts are clearly identified and, where possible, standardized.
- Encourage co-operatively owned equipment and machinery to be made available along with qualified operators to member farmers.

Taxation

- Ensure the progressive removal of school taxes from the family farm over a five-year period.
- Immediately remove succession duties from farm lands passing within the family for farm purposes.

Ecology

- Establish a Test and Research Board under the Department of Agriculture to carry out extensive tests under actual conditions throughout rural areas and to make results known to agricultural groups.
- Prohibit entry into the province of foodstuffs from other countries or provinces using sprays or other chemicals banned in B.C.
- Transfer the right to specify the amount of any spray or similar product to be used from the manufacturer to the Test and Research Board.



WORKERS Rights Have been Consistently Eroded Under Social Credit Government.

An End to the Labour-Management Crisis

Social Credit has produced a crisis in labour-management relations by consistently protecting the profits of large corporations at the expense of working people.

The NDP believes that working people have the right to receive a fair share of the fruits of their labour. They have a right to a job and a right to reasonable security on that job. They have a right to belong to a trade union, to bargain collectively and to be free from discriminatory and restrictive legislation.

An NDP government will thoroughly revise our labour laws in order to guarantee these important rights.

Protection of Jobs

An NDP government will introduce measures to maintain employment and safeguard the jobs of working men and women:

- Longer vacations and shorter work days or work weeks will be encouraged to maintain and expand employment opportunities in the face of automation.
- Men and women who are victims of sickness or accident or who are exercising their legal right to strike will have their jobs protected.
- Proposed technological changes, including those made during the life of a collective agreement, will be subject to collective bargaining.

Protection for Workers

An NDP government will provide effective safeguards for workers seeking trade union organization. It will:

- Eliminate the negative and discriminatory provisions of the Labour Relations Act and the Trade Unions Act.
- Repeal the Mediation Commission Act (Bill 33).
- Guarantee the right of workers to picket peacefully and to make information relating to labour-management disputes available to the public.
- Require employers who take action against employees during an organization campaign to prove that such action is proper and that it is unrelated to union organizing activity.

An Effective Mediation Service

Labour-management relations will be firmly based on free collective bargaining ... free from the interference of government or courts.

The NDP recognizes the value of skilled and experienced mediators and will upgrade and expand the present staff of mediators.

An improved mediation service, combined with the removal of discriminatory legislation, will improve collective bargaining in the province and will significantly reduce the present level of conflict in industrial relations.

Opening the Books

An NDP government will require full disclosure by companies of all information on manpower, profits, investment and pollution control. This information will ensure that corporations operating in B.C. meet their obligations to both their employees and the public. It will also enable the government to assess proposed plant closures and determine whether they should be allowed or whether operations should continue under public or alternative private ownership.



THE NDP Believes that Conflict in Industrial Relations Can be Reduced and that Labour and Management Representatives Can be Brought Back to the Bargaining Table.

Equal and Adequate Pay

An NDP government will immediately raise the minimum wage to \$2.50 per hour and will review this level annually. It will ensure that equal work receives equal pay. Legislation will be passed to protect women from their present wage discrimination.

New Rights for Public Employees

As one of the largest employers in the province, an NDP government will guarantee its employees all of the rights enjoyed by those who work in the private sector, including the right to strike.

It will set an example to other employers by involving representatives of its employees at all levels of the decision-making process. Involving the ideas and experience of men and women on the job will result in a significant boost in morale and in a substantial improvement of government services.

These measures will replace much of the present hostility, conflict and frustration in labour-management relations with an atmosphere of co-operation and participation in building a better community in which to live.



CARE of Children Is a Community Concern. Both Parents and Their Children Will Benefit from Establishment of Free Child-Care Centres.

Equal Opportunity

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN

For centuries women have been confined to limited opportunities and low wages. This discrimination has benefitted no one but the economic and political elites.

The NDP flatly rejects discrimination in any form and strongly supports the drive for real equality between men and women.

Women at Work

Women are a necessary part of the labour force. Yet, they are generally treated as marginal workers: the last hired and the first fired. This discrimination must stop.

An NDP government will provide special incentives to ensure equal work for women at equal rates of pay. It will specifically prohibit discrimination because of sex or marital status in the recruitment and promotion, dismissal and advertising of jobs.

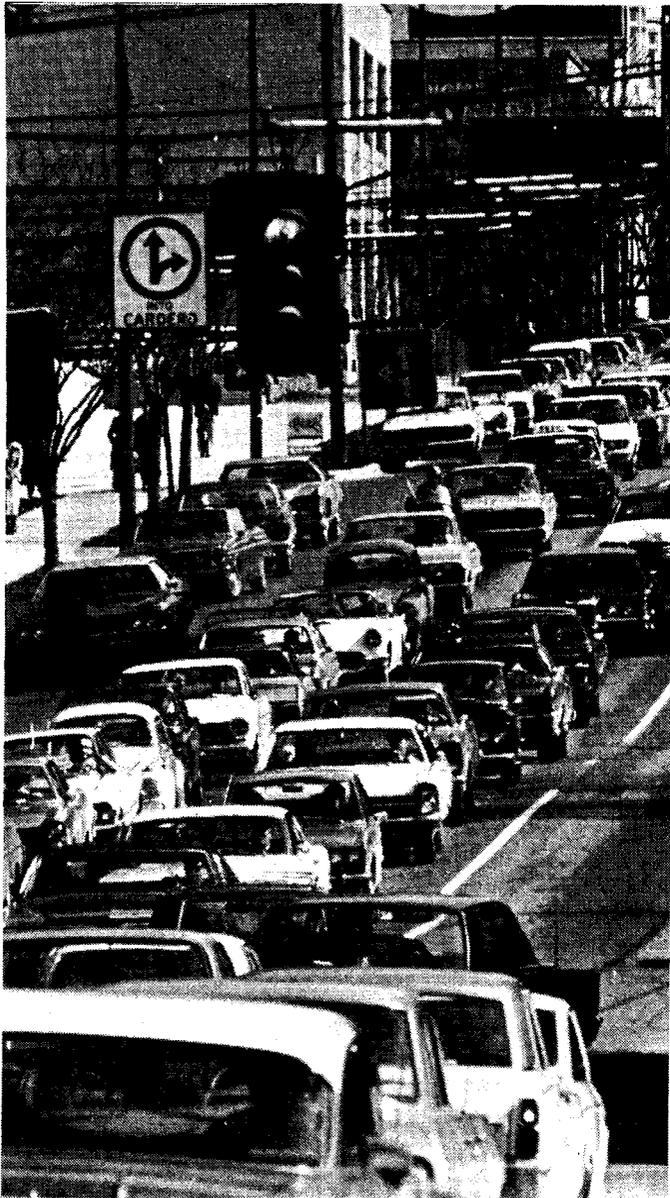
Women and Education

Because our education system plays a critical part in restricting the opportunities available to women, an NDP government will alter the early sex-role differentiation in our schools. It will encourage each student to develop to the best of her or his ability. All students will be entitled to enrol in any course offered in an educational institution.

Women and Children

Women must not be forced to bear children they do not want or cannot afford. An NDP government will work to have abortion made a matter to be determined by the woman concerned in consultation with her doctor. It will also establish free community clinics to provide contraceptive devices, abortions, pre- and post-natal care and family life information.

More and more mothers of young children work outside the home for economic as well as personal reasons. The NDP believes that the care of children is a community concern and that both parents and their children will benefit from the establishment of free, community-controlled child care centres available 24 hours a day.



TRAFFIC Congestion Is One Symptom of Crisis in Our Cities.

New Deal for Cities

A NEW DEAL FOR THE CITIES

The central problem facing our cities is their chronic inability to pay for the services people need. Depending almost entirely on property taxes for revenue, municipalities must scramble to attract industrial and real estate interests in an endless attempt to secure a better tax base.

The results are obvious. Developers and speculators are given a free hand to carve up our cities for their own profit, often with the lure of tax and other concessions. Lost revenue is picked up by placing an even greater tax burden on homeowners.

In effect, homeowners are being forced to finance the destruction of their neighbourhoods . . . while losing the right to control urban development in the process.

Necessary services to people . . . hospitals, schools, welfare, public transit . . . are reduced to a crisis level as the tax burden increases beyond our ability to pay.

Green belts give way to industrial belts. Moderate residential areas are turned into high-profit concrete jungles. And the inflated costs of land push people further away from the urban core.

These trends will only be reversed when municipal revenues are shifted from the property tax.

Under an NDP government, only services to property will be paid from taxes on property. Services to people will be financed by sharing the province's resource revenues and general revenues with municipalities and regional districts.

A massive program of housing, land and transportation reforms will be launched by a new Ministry of Urban and Regional Affairs.

Land Reforms

Land is a basic natural resource to be preserved . . . not a commodity to be bought and sold.

An NDP government will:

- Establish an aggressive land-bank program around urban centres financed by senior governments, in conjunction with a policy of leasehold only for Crown lands.
- Confine new urban areas to those lands unsuited for economic agriculture, recreation and conservation.
- Preserve and extend green belts in the cities.

Housing Reform

Housing is a basic right and must be provided on the basis of need rather than profit. An NDP government will:

- Institute a major program of socially-owned housing, available to all regardless of income and serving a wide variety of social and human needs, with the full participation of the residents and neighbourhoods concerned.
 - Recognize the rights of tenants' associations to be certified as bargaining agents.
 - Establish rental review boards composed of representatives of tenant associations and local governments to act as mediators and arbitrators, if necessary, on complaint from either tenants or landlords.
- An NDP government will also:
- Develop an extensive public transit system in our major cities in conjunction with citizen and local community groups, with the provincial government assuming the major financial responsibility.
 - Restructure municipal governments on the basis of local neighbourhoods or communities to ensure that cities are democratically controlled by the people who live in them.



STRIP MINING Is Another Example of Ecological Devastation in the Pursuit of Profit.

Environmental Policy

AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY WITH TEETH

British Columbians know that ecological devastation in the pursuit of profit has now made the preservation of our environment a matter of life or death.

Yet Social Credit pays only lip service to the environment. And corporations continue to pollute and ravage our countryside at will. A concerted program to maintain our environment is urgently needed.

As an immediate step, an NDP government will establish a provincial Department of Environmental Quality and Planning with over-riding authority in this field. All other departments will require its approval before acting on any matter regarding the environment. It will designate areas for urban, industrial, agricultural, forestry and recreational uses according to environmental quality criteria.



**IT'S TIME for Educational Leadership, Long-Term Planning
And Thoughtful Educational Changes.**

Education Crisis

Social Credit is cynically playing political games with the future of our children. Its obsession with issuing decrees and financial formulas has done nothing but increase the homeowners' already heavy taxes. It has undermined the autonomy of local school boards. It has destroyed collective bargaining for teachers. It has discouraged innovation in our schools and subjected students to a steadily deteriorating quality of education.

This charged atmosphere of conflict, confrontation and crisis are poor substitutes for educational leadership, long-term planning and thoughtful educational changes.

Long-term Education Planning

An NDP government will establish a Continuing Education Commission to work with the Minister and the Department of Education in making over-all educational and policy changes in elementary and secondary schools. The Commission will draw representation from all sectors of the province. Any restructuring of the public school system will be a joint effort of teachers, students, community, local and provincial governments. A Commission on Higher Education will also be established.

An NDP government will also:

- Require total environmental impact evaluation of new industrial and other developments prior to their introduction.
- Establish an Environmental Reparation Fund to cover the costs of cleaning up ecological disasters.
- Place industries which fail to comply with pollution control measures under government trusteeship. Industries which repeatedly, and despite warning, continue to pollute may be placed under public ownership.
- Oppose further continental exploitation and transportation of oil by supertanker or pipeline through Canadian territory. We must establish that the transportation of new oil reserves will not endanger the environment.
- Press the federal government to establish a 100 mile off-shore pollution-free zone along the B.C. coast.
- Develop a comprehensive program for the recycling of waste products to protect the environment as well as to create new services.
- Establish a Migratory Salmon River Authority to manage resources along our rivers and to protect our salmon runs, the ecology and the natural run-off controls.

Education and the Taxpayer

All residents of B.C., and not just property owners, benefit from our investment in education. As such, an NDP government will remove school taxes from the family farm and owner-occupied home over a five-year period. The costs of education will be financed out of provincial general revenues. The home-owner grant will be used solely to offset municipal and regular taxes.

An NDP government will also develop a financial formula for elementary and secondary schools which will:

- Restore local autonomy for school boards.
- Restore collective bargaining between teachers and trustees.
- Allow for flexibility of program within the individual school district.
- Encourage community-school integration of recreational resources.
- Provide funds to school boards on the basis of educational program needs, not "average" needs.
- Provide funds for children with learning and emotional disabilities to receive early diagnosis and treatment.
- Provide necessary funds for small class sizes with particular emphasis on the early grades.

Learning, not Training

The most important role of our educational system is to assist in the over-all development of the individual. It is no longer adequate simply to prepare people to fill jobs, particularly in a period of rapid technological change. The emphasis must be on giving people an all-round education that will help them find their own way in a complex world.



SENIOR CITIZENS Would Be Provided with a \$200 Per Month Guaranteed Income by an NDP Government.

Humanized Social Policy

The NDP believes that most people want to work at jobs they find personally rewarding. It recognizes the responsibility of government to provide meaningful employment to all who can work. And where people cannot work, because of age or physical handicap, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live in reasonable comfort and dignity.

A Guaranteed Income

An NDP government will replace the many, cumbersome welfare programs now in existence with a guaranteed annual

income under the Canada Assistance Plan. This will not only cut duplication of effort and much bureaucracy; it will also provide everyone with the basic material resources to live a full life.

A Program for Senior Citizens

An NDP government will immediately provide a minimum \$200 per month guaranteed income to all senior citizens 65 years of age or over who have lived in B.C. for at least five years. This will be done by supplementing their present incomes from all sources up to the \$200 per month minimum.

To meet the special medical needs of our senior citizens, an NDP government will:

- Provide free prescription drugs under the B.C. Medical Plan.
- Eliminate all fees for coverage under the B.C. Medical Plan.
- Establish additional intermediate and chronic care facilities under B.C. H.I.S.

Comprehensive Health Care

Comprehensive health care is a human right. Providing for such care must be seen as a necessary public service — not a profit-making business venture or a function of private charity.

An NDP government will provide a total health services program by bringing the present B.C. Medicare Plan under the Department of Health.

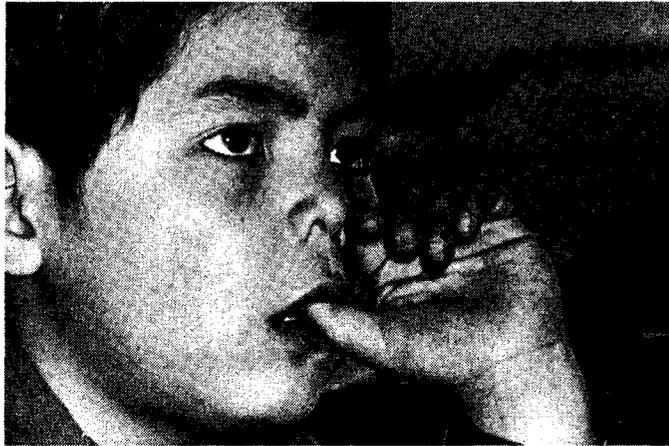
To ensure that basic medical needs are met, an NDP government will:

- Abolish medicare premiums completely and finance the plan from general revenue.
- Supply free prescription drugs to senior citizens, low income groups and patients on long-term therapy.
- Provide dental care without charge to all children, senior citizens and low income groups.

- Provide glasses, hearing aids, and prosthesis, when prescribed, free under medicare.
- Place ambulance services — road, air and marine — under the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service.
- Remove the profit motive from chronic care by bringing it under B.C. H.I.S.
- Expand home care services by Public Health Nurses and V.O.N. and bring them under Medicare.
- Provide mental health services under B.C.H.I.S. and decentralize treatment centres to allow patients to remain near their homes.
- Guarantee facilities for the early diagnosis and preventative treatment of emotional and learning disorders of children.
- Establish community health clinics, emphasizing preventative care.



AN NDP Government Would Provide Free Dental Care for Children.



INDIANS Too Have Right to Control Their Own Destiny.

Indians: A New Way

Immediate action is needed to end the federal government's doubletalk and historic paternalism toward Indians. They have the right, as Canadians, to control their own destiny and develop their own way of life.

An NDP government will:

- Work to ensure the repeal of the Indian Act in accordance with the needs and desires of the Indian people.
- Press the federal government to ensure that Indians enjoy the full benefits of the Bill of Rights.
- Support the creation of a government-financed Indian Court of Claims for the hearing of disputes over Indian lands or trusts.

An NDP government will also, as requested by the native people, press the federal government to renegotiate its agreements with the Indians and institute new agreements where desired.



THE CONSUMER Is Open Game Without Effective Consumer-Protection Legislation.

Protection for Individual

Citizens' Rights

Basic rights and freedoms are central to the maintenance of a full life in a free society. An NDP government will press for entrenchment of a comprehensive Bill of Rights in the Canadian constitution.

An NDP government will also:

- Appoint a provincial Ombudsman to receive complaints from citizens of unjust actions by the government or its agencies, including Crown corporations, with the power to correct abuses.
- Pass a Crown Proceedings Act to allow citizens to take legal action against the Crown for injuries done by the government or its servants, with no prior consent of the government required.
- Develop a comprehensive legal aid scheme to guarantee counsel to an indigent person in court.

Consumer Protection

As long as corporations are free to raise prices at will and to engage in deceptive selling practices, people will remain powerless to prevent the evaporation of their incomes and savings.

An NDP government will protect the consumer by establishing Price Review Boards to prevent unjustified price increases. It will, for example, investigate the disparity in the price of gasoline between the Lower Mainland and other centres in B.C.

The Consumer Affairs Branch of the Provincial Government will be strengthened by increasing its staff in Victoria and by establishing Regional Consumer Affairs branches throughout the province.

It's Up To You

The problems grow worse as we view the environment of our time.

The Social Credit Government has consistently demonstrated its inability to resolve them.

There are alternatives. The NDP has no magic formula which will answer these pressing questions overnight.

But it does have a determined team of candidates and MLAs, led by Dave Barrett, who promise to bring a fresh approach to politics.

You can help bring NDP policies forward by working for the NDP.

Contact your local candidate or the provincial NDP office at 1881 East Hastings, Vancouver (phone 253-7521).