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Health care.

One more reason.

New Democrats are proud of the role they have played in pioneering health care programs at both the national and provincial levels of government.

The NDP fought for and

achieved: medicare, hospital insurance, pharmacare, and a province-wide ambulance system.

These programs are recognized by all Canadians as vital.

For that reason, Dave Barrett and the NDP did not expect to have to fight, in 1979, to guarantee the continued existence of these programs.

Unfortunately, that is precisely the case.

The Bennett government has severely restricted funding for hospitals. In fact, hospitals are being forced to lay off staff, threatening the quality of patient care.

B.C. doctors are actually making public statements about dropping out of medicare and billing patients directly.

In addition, the Bennett government has reneged on its promise to provide extended care beds — a less expensive alternative to keeping long term patients in acute care beds. It has also increased medicare premiums by 50 percent. Doubled ambulance rates. And quadrupled the cost of staying in a hospital.

Clearly, our health care system is under attack.

Dave Barrett and the NDP intend to fight hard defending it.

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*Something to
come home from.
A job.
The NDP created
36,000 more new
jobs than the Socreds.*

Job creation.

One more reason.

At least 27,000 more individuals in British Columbia are without jobs than there were three years ago.

The Socreds have worsened the situation with actions such as closure of the Railwest manufacturing plant.

In other instances, their lack of action has been the problem.

With the NDP, British Columbia's economy generated new jobs at a rate of 5.3 percent (140,000 jobs in three years). The Socreds were only able to achieve an increase of 3.3 percent.

When fewer people are working, each wage-earner has to bear a greater burden. Last year, excessive unemployment cost us \$1,100 per person* in lost production.

Dave Barrett and the NDP recognize that workers in British Columbia want jobs. An opportunity to contribute to the quality of life in B.C.

What we need is a government that cares. And is willing to take action.

Job creation. One more reason.

*Based on data from the B.C. Ministry of Finance.

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*Forestry.
More than cutting
trees. Accounting
for 60 percent of
our exports.*

Forestry planning.

One more reason.

What we sow today, our children will reap. That's why the NDP is proposing an immediate, and massive, expansion of reforestation efforts.

Forestry is the key to our economic future. It is B.C.'s largest source of jobs.

It accounts for 60 percent of our exports. And since our forests are a renewable resource, we should be able to count on them for a long time to come.

But it doesn't seem that we can.

The first act of the Social Credit government was to reduce the forest service budget by 15 percent. Expenditures are only now returning to their earlier levels in real terms.

Meanwhile, there remains a backlog of 1.84 million acres which have not been replanted.

British Columbia has only half the capacity needed to grow seedlings. And the province is losing one million acres of forest land to other uses every year.

The Socreds have made no

effort to develop superior strains or species of trees.

Already there have been reports of imminent and serious timber shortages in parts of the province.

Considering the fact that forestry is our major industry, it's a sad record.

The benefits our children will be able to get from forestry depends on the seedlings we put in the ground now.

We owe the next generation a better effort.

Forestry. One more reason.

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B.C. for British Columbians.

The New Democratic Party has demonstrated, at both the provincial and federal level, that it is prepared to fight against foreign control of our economy.

It was at the insistence of the NDP that the federal Foreign Investment Review Agency (FIRA) was established.

For the past three years, however, British Columbia has been up for sale.

Foreign takeovers of British Columbia holdings increased from nine in 1976 to a dizzying

39 in 1978. In three short years, the Socreds have helped 74 B.C. enterprises fall into foreign hands.

When the Socreds allowed Shell Oil of The Netherlands to take over Crow's Nest Industries, the province lost 260,000 acres of coal and timberland; 43,000 acres of coal licenses; 430,000 acres of oil and gas rights; 250,000 acres of timber cutting rights; and, a sawmill producing 135 million board feet of lumber each year.

But the Socreds are not only allowing the private sale of B.C.'s resources. They're leading the way.

Panco Poultry, the province's largest poultry processing plant, was handed over by the Socreds to Cargill Incorporated of Minnesota. Gray Line Limited of Victoria (a bus

tour operation) was sold to another U.S. firm.

Recent information indicates the Socreds have been negotiating the sale of our Ocean Falls pulp mill to Quebec financial interests.

And a leaked federal document has revealed that the Bennett's government has attempted to subvert the role of FIRA hoping to sell off the province without interference.

This increasing level of foreign control has serious implications for the long-term health of our province's economy.

The real danger is that our economy will remain perpetually too dependent on resource extraction and fail to develop a strong industrial base.

And then what do we do when we've sold off all the resources?

A secure food supply.

A secure food supply for British Columbians depends on two things:

- Preservation of our scarce farmland.
- A fair income for farmers.

The NDP government established programs to ensure both. Its farmland preservation and income assurance legislation have become models for all of North America.

The highly successful programs immediately halted the migration of farmers from the land to the cities. In fact, the trend was reversed. An average of 350 farmers a year left



the land between 1951 and 1971 — but the number of farmers grew by 1,050 in 1975.

Unfortunately, both programs are being eroded.

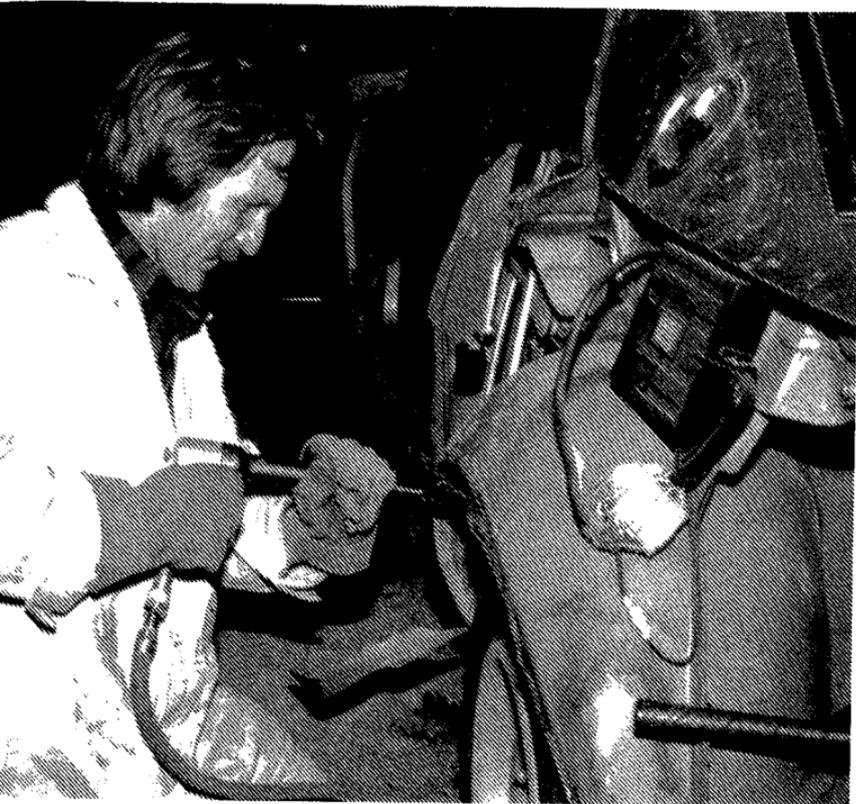
The Bennett government has failed to negotiate an income assurance agreement with any farm commodity group. There is no guarantee the program will continue.

In addition, we're gradually losing our scarce and irreplaceable farmland. Again.

Under the Socred policy, B.C. will become increasingly dependent on food imports. Imported lettuce at \$1.00 a head could become the rule, rather than the exception.

The NDP believes we must have a secure supply of food. We must work to ensure fair prices at both the farm gate and the check-out counter. And we must preserve our farmland.

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ICBC was designed as a break-even proposition. The Socreds have doubled and tripled rates to run up a surplus.

Concern for your pocketbook.

One more reason.

The New Democratic Party has demonstrated that it is ready to take firm action to lessen the burden of rising costs.

Some inflationary pressures — the cost of imports, for instance — are outside the control of provincial governments. But provincial governments should, nevertheless, strive to reduce the burden.

The NDP did so through rent controls, a price freeze on food and other essentials, and increased assistance to senior citizens and others on fixed incomes.



In addition, the NDP is prepared to offer lower cost mortgages through the B.C. Savings and Trust Corporation — legislation the Socreds have refused to enact.

Under Bill Bennett's guidance, however, the provincial government has worsened the cost spiral.

The Bennett Socreds added to the consumer price index by increasing sales taxes, doubling ferry rates, increasing car insurance rates by 100 percent to 300 percent, doubling bus

fares, and increasing the cost of essential health services.

In 1976, Vancouver had the highest rate of inflation of any major city in Canada — 29 percent higher than Toronto. Food prices have gone up 23.6 percent in the last two years.

And for the first time in recent B.C. history, wages have fallen behind inflation. In 1978, the average worker lost \$216 in purchasing power.

The message is clear: government should have more concern for your pocketbook.

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*The Soereds
have cut back
women's programs
drastically.*

A fair deal for all.

This is ridiculous.

It should not be an issue in an election campaign in 1979. It should be something that all political parties agree on.

Unfortunately, it isn't.

About one half of the people living in this province are being denied a fair share of services and opportunities. Unjustifiably. Only because they're women.

Consider the record of the Bennett government.

Unemployment among women is a staggering 10.9 percent.* Training and apprenticeship programs designed to give women an opportunity to learn new work skills have been cut back. In some cases, eliminated entirely.

The Bennett government has shut down daycare centres, eliminated transition houses, and closed rape relief counselling centres.

The impact of these ill-considered actions is staggering. In effect, one half of B.C.'s population is being denied an equal opportunity to play an active role in our society.

Dave Barrett and the NDP believe these essential programs and services for women must be restored and improved.

**Statistics Canada data.*

Economic leadership.

B.C.'s resource wealth is a tremendous asset — but it must be developed carefully and thoughtfully.

That's why Dave Barrett and the NDP have developed

an industrial strategy designed to give us the maximum benefit from our resources now, and at the same time work towards a mature, balanced economy.

To create jobs, and to ensure our economic future, we must:

- Process resources here, instead of simply exporting them — along with thousands of jobs.
- Encourage job intensive service industries.
- Diversify export markets.
- Establish an integrated transportation system.
- Build our own resource extraction equipment instead of importing two-thirds of it as is presently the case.

The Bennett government has provided no economic leadership. More than 100,000 individuals are out of work — 9.4 percent in February, 1979.*

Small business bankruptcies have doubled.*

In addition, major indicators point to a further decline in our economy — and a further increase in unemployment — this year.

The sad economic record of the Bennett government is a stark contrast to its election slogans.

Check the statistics yourself.

You'll find that economic leadership is one more reason you're better off with the NDP.

**Statistics Canada data.*

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A safe, affordable energy supply.

Social Credit wants to build a nuclear reactor in the heavily populated lower mainland of British Columbia.

Last year, Robert Bonner, the Socred appointee to B.C. Hydro, said B.C. should commit itself to energy export. He said Hydro must begin construction on a nuclear power plant "whether people like it or not".

The Socreds themselves recently admitted they are actively lobbying Ottawa for permission to build a lower mainland nuclear power plant.

Social Credit does not care, nor acknowledge, the potential dangers.

Their former minister in charge of energy said: "Radiation and the possibility of waste leakage from power plants is not a danger." (August 21, 1976)

Dave Barrett and the NDP have a comprehensive energy plan to meet B.C.'s energy needs without turning to nuclear power.

The NDP is committed to:

- placing B.C. Hydro under the control of the B.C. Energy Commission to regulate unnecessary expansion plans;

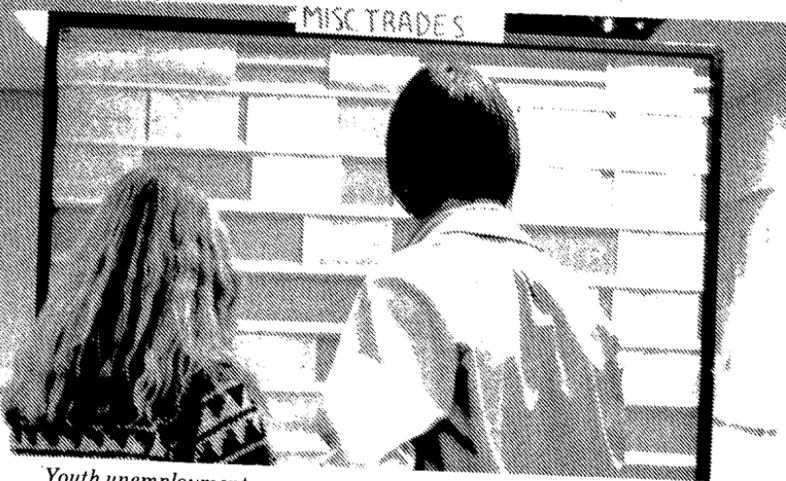
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a nuclear reactor
for the
lower mainland.

- placing controls on energy exports and meeting B.C. needs first;

- altering B.C. Hydro's rate structure to end residential subsidies to industry (currently, industry pays only 13 percent of electrical energy costs while consuming 33 percent); and,

- increased support of conservation and recycling programs such as home insulation and the recycling of wood wastes to achieve energy self-sufficiency in the forest industry.

British Columbia can have a safe, secure and affordable supply of energy without resorting to nuclear power.



*Youth unemployment
is twice that of
the average worker.*

Concern for youth.

More than 48,000 young British Columbians cannot find employment. Twice the average rate for other workers.

The New Democratic Party believes young people should be given a chance to do their part for British Columbia. In 1975, \$19.6 million was spent for just that purpose.

Social Credit has cut the program back to \$6.8 million.

And tripled ICBC rates for young people. To build up a \$521 million unspent surplus for the insurance corporation.

They have also allowed tui-

tion fees to rise an average of 24 percent since 1975.

The NDP believes there should be:

- special employment training for youth;
- special job creation programs; and,
- proper funding to universities and colleges, and the eventual elimination of tuition fees.

Young people in British Columbia need a strong, positive start. With the help of their government.

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*A train linking
Alaska with the
southern part of
the continent
through B.C.
A well received proposal
presented by Dave Barrett
and the NDP.*

Concern for the north.

One more reason.

The resources of Northern B.C. are extremely valuable, and important to the future of all British Columbians.

But quick, uncaring exploitation — with no concern for the people and the communities of the North — must not be permitted. A more co-operative approach is required.

To begin with, a reliable rail transportation system should be built to link the North and southern markets. Such a railway would transport goods, services, supplies and people — in both directions, to the benefit of everyone.

Thousands of jobs would be created along the way. Permanent jobs.

Dave Barrett and the NDP have pioneered this exciting plan. Already, the governments of Alaska and Washington states have given Dave

Barrett their support for the project.

But the North needs more. It is especially crucial in the North that the provincial government give local communities a say in the important decisions affecting their lives. Decisions on development, social services, education. Because Victoria is a long way away.

Northern B.C. needs the understanding and proven commitment of Dave Barrett and the NDP.

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Dave Barrett.

We can build a dynamic future in British Columbia.

We can turn around the harsh economic circumstances of the past three years.

If we look around at the great wealth of natural resources and the greater wealth of human energy and talent, we recognize at once that we can provide jobs for all.

We can maintain a quality health care system. We can

provide our children with a diversified economic base on which to build for their children.

We can guide our own economic destiny and end forever the uncertainty of having our jobs and resources controlled by outsiders.

We can build industries, mills, refineries, and shipyards that will use our resources and employ our workers.

Together, we can build a better British Columbia.

It has to be done. With your help, it will be done.

Dave Barrett,
Leader,
British Columbia
New Democratic Party



Dave Barrett
and Ed Broadbent.
Two good reasons.

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