

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLICY GUIDE LINES

Newfoundland society presents a striking contrast between the economic elite whose wealth is growing and the many who face a declining standard of living.

Thus while the overwhelming majority of people in this province have only their labour as their primary resource, the main benefits from our society's wealth are not tied to work, but to the ownership of the resources of this province.

The New Democratic Party believes that only through a better distribution of wealth and income can we build a society in which people will have more control over their own lives and increased opportunity for personal fulfillment.

The New Democratic Party has developed the following guidelines for legislative programmes to achieve that kind of society.

PLANNING :

Because private corporations and agencies are outside the democratic control of the entire body of citizens, economic and social planning should be the overall responsibility of the House of Assembly.

CONSUMER PROTECTION :

Price fixing is a fact of life. It is a cost to the consumer and the economy as a whole. A Fair Prices Inquiry Board should be established to investigate the key industries and services that most effect the ever increasing cost of living.

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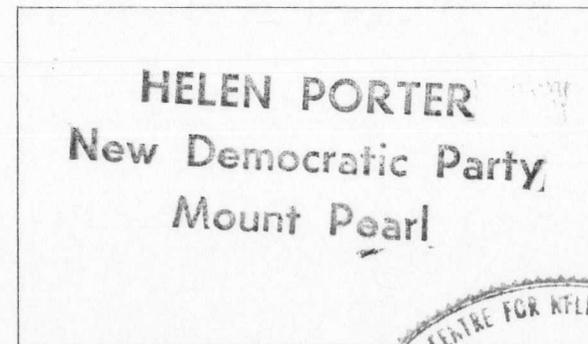
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IF YOU BELIEVE :

- * that the present economic crisis is likely to worsen, with continued recession, high inflation and high unemployment.
- * that the stranglehold that the economic elite in this province, have on our economy and society must be broken.
- * that inflation, unemployment and product shortages are caused by the high concentration of corporate assets, sales and production.
that a redistribution of wealth and income is necessary.
- * that equality, sharing and co-operation are more important than competition and profit.

THEN YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

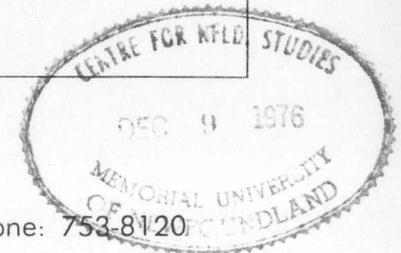
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT :

- * the economy must be planned in the interests of all and not just the profit-seeking few.
- * all utilities should be owned by the public.
- * the people of this province should become share-holders through the government in all companies to which financial assistance is given.

LABOUR :

- * every individual must have the right to belong to a union.
- * organized workers should have the right to negotiate on all aspects of their working conditions.
- * equal pay for equal work should be strictly enforced.

EDUCATION :

- * the school tax must be abolished and education financed out of general revenue.
- * education up to the level of high school should be free.

HUMAN RIGHTS :

- * an end to discrimination on the basis of sex in employment opportunities, etc.
- * meaningful protection against decisions of government that are arbitrary or unjust.

LABRADOR :

- * vastly improved transportation and communications services must be provided.
- * increased local and regional participation in government policy and decision making must be developed.

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HOUSING :

Left in the hands of the private sector, housing costs have skyrocketed, placing home ownership beyond the means of most people.

- * the government should enter directly into house construction and cease relying on the private sector to meet the housing needs of our people.
- * land banking must be started to provide for building lots that people can afford.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT :

The Newfoundland tradition of small communities must be maintained.

- * a reasonable province-wide standard of community services must be provided.
- * local industries must be developed wherever it is possible.
- * greater citizen participation and local control must be developed.

FISHERIES :

- * provincial direction of fisheries policy must be secured.
- * marketing and supply cooperatives must be developed.
- * a provincial income stabilization program for fishermen must be enacted.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT :

- * an end to the "rip-off" of our resources.
- * the processing of more of our natural resources must be done in the province.
- * mining companies must be made more responsible for communities that may be created as a result of their operations.
- * a fair and responsible share of the wealth from our resources must be used to the advantage of all the people of this province.

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