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generous farm credit and both will be hurt in the absence of crop insurance. The Agricultural Price Supports Act protects the farmer from a decline in prices. Crop insurance, made available and subsidized by the Diefenbaker Government, can similarly protect the farmer against a crop failure. It is becoming more generous, is spreading through the provinces and is a vital part of the Diefenbaker Government's Fair Deal for Eastern Agriculture.

5. **Agricultural Stabilization Act:** The level and stability of prices are vital to farm welfare. Crop insurance can be used to insure production. But the Diefenbaker Government passed the Agricultural Stabilization Act and set up a fund of a quarter of a billion dollars to under-pin farm prices. The Government meets with the Advisory Board, representing farm organizations, to agree on prices. And the stabilized prices permit the farmer to plan his production and know that when he markets his cattle or crops he will receive a fair price.

6. **The Drive for Export Markets:** The Diefenbaker Government, through its crop insurance, price stabilization, ARDA, farm credit and other programs of growth and development enables farmers to produce and make a good living, and then they have made a massive assault on the other essential end product—the sales of farm production.

Potato and cheddar cheese exports have been subsidized, flour mills have been built abroad, through FAVEX the Government has instituted a combined effort by fruit and vegetable companies to export to world markets. Through the Food Technology Institute research on new techniques and on marketing has resulted in development of new farm products that can be stored and shipped, and through the experimental drying station in Newfoundland it has created new products from fish and potatoes that are in demand in the markets of the world.

7. **Special Measures:** The integrated farm program of the Diefenbaker Government is designed to secure farming and farm income. But, when problems arise that are not met by the National Agricultural Policy special measures are undertaken—measures such as the special assistance to the wheat farmers on the Prairies, the potato farmers of Prince Edward Island and mixed farmers of Nova Scotia when their crops were damaged.

It is a part of the New Deal for Eastern Farmers that cannot be narrowly defined—it's the concern for the demonstrable needs of the farm community by the Diefenbaker Government when

unusual needs are not met by the National Program.

It makes common sense to vote for the party that understands the needs of the Eastern Farmer.

Social Credit Platform of 1963

[Policy Statement, National Social Credit Association of Canada]

POSITIVE AND DECISIVE LEADERSHIP WILL BE RESTORED TO GOVERNMENT

Responsibilities will be faced and problems resolved.

Decisions will be based on principle and not on expediency.

The Nation's interest will be placed ahead of party consideration.

Decisiveness will replace procrastination and indecision.

Streamline parliamentary procedure for greater efficiency.

Senate reform limiting the length of appointments and making half of all appointments upon recommendation from the Provincial Governments.

Improve communications between the Government and its people.

UNITY AND NATIONAL PURPOSE

The Federal Government's responsibility is to provide a financial system:

to allow the provinces to make available to all Canadians acceptable standards of education, health and welfare services.

allow cooperation and assistance to the provinces to develop Canada's vast natural resources.

arrange for Canada to have full sovereignty over her own constitution.

establish a ministry of provincial-federal affairs.

C.M.H.C. loans extended to all areas of Canada.

cooperation with the provinces to develop an integrated system of national transportation and highway policy.

LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

The rights of labour and management would be defended in the best interests of all concerned.

Adequate protection against all forms of monopoly and exploitation.

Training facilities to aid workers resulting from automation.

Establish a Universal Portable pension plan for all Canadians.

MAJOR FINANCIAL REFORMS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN

New Credit created by the Bank of Canada as production increases will be placed in circulation through pensions, family allowances and other forms of government spending.

Excess money will be drawn off through equitable forms of taxation to prevent inflation.

Establish a Municipal Development Bank to provide for essential social capital projects.

A long term programme of debt re-financing and retirement.

Taxes which impair, discriminate or restrict economic growth, will be eliminated.

Taxation system will be revised to ensure that citizens will be equitably [taxed] for those services they request of the State.

Establish "pay-as-you-go" system designed to halt Canada's ruinous deficit finance policies.

Social capital requirements removed as far as possible from competition with industrial capital requirements.

Leave private capital for investment in private industry.

A REALISTIC NATIONAL DEFENCE POLICY

Accept and discharge our responsibility within the total Western defence system.

Appoint a non-partisan parliamentary defence committee to recommend policies based on secret security information.

Remove defence policy once and for all from partisan politics.

Work incessantly through all available channels to outlaw nuclear weapons and achieve disarmament and international peace.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Restore Canada's international prestige.

Assume an active role through the United Nations and other channels to promote peace.

Assume a greater role in assistance programmes to help underdeveloped nations to help themselves.

Seek membership in O.A.S. and assume obligations in the Western Hemisphere.

Strengthen ties and ideals of the Commonwealth and improve Canada-U.S. relations.

AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS WILL BE FACED

Recognize Federal Government's exclusive authority in the field of credit and currency, and provide for an expanded long term credit to farmers.

Provide additional storage capacity for livestock feeders in all parts of Canada.

Seek new export markets for greater stability with long range market prospects.

Establish two price systems for wheat and other products providing parity price on the domestic market.

Formulate agricultural policy to encourage and save the family farm.

Cooperation with the provinces to establish a comprehensive scheme of crop insurance.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Seek freer trade between nations and the progressive elimination of artificial trade barriers.

Encourage trade by accepting foreign currencies and extending loans of credit.

Full cooperation with the provinces to develop natural resources and to export raw materials, energy and finished products on a basis consistent with Canada's best interests.

A NEW STATUS FOR CANADIAN NATIONHOOD AND CITIZENSHIP

The goal will be for greater unity in Canada under one flag and Canadians of all origins will be united in mutual patriotism and common ideals.

Canada's national sovereignty will be preserved. Legitimate rights of all minorities will be protected.

Extend franchise to all citizens over 18.

Judicial appointments on the recommendation of non-partisan advisory committee thus removing [them] from political patronage.

TRUTH AND MORALITY WILL BE RESTORED

Respect the eternal God and His right to man's allegiance.

CREEPING STATE SOCIALISM WILL BE HALTED

Business will be freed from unnecessary government interference.

Management and labour will be encouraged to work together as partners to increase production and raise living standards for all.

The State will assume its rightful responsibility to provide adequately enough for those unable to provide for themselves.