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Social Credit Platform of 1965

[Social Credit Candidate's Party Platform, Social Credit Party of Canada]

Social Credit presents an adequate and realistic platform which will build a freer and more prosperous nation and assure economic security to all.

UNITY AND NATIONAL PURPOSE

To develop in Canada a sense of national harmony and of common understanding, Social Credit will:

- 1) Give the Canadian people full sovereignty over their constitution.
- 2) Establish better cooperation between the two cultures which are the basis of Confederation in the federal government and establish a special commission on bilingualism and bi-culturalism.
- 3) At all times respect the constitutional rights of the provinces and assure them of the revenues necessary to carry out the responsibilities which flow from those rights.
- 4) Adopt a distinctive national flag and national anthem.
- 5) Give recognition to all employees of the federal government and crown corporations who are competent in our two official languages and additional languages of value in their employment.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

To encourage private enterprise and to combat monopolies Social Credit will:

- 1) Create for all classes of society and industry an economic climate which will encourage enterprise and initiative, and preserve the liberties and responsibilities of the individual.
- 2) Fight all forms of monopoly which work against the public interest.
- 3) Maintain the impartial enforcement of law and respect human dignity, by guaranteeing for all men, (regardless of race, creed, colour, social position or political allegiance) absolute equality under the law.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

So that Canada may become a leader among the democratic nations and so that the conduct and example of our country will make a real contribution to peace in the world, Social Credit will:

- 1) Work as a world force for peace and democracy.

2) Make more positive Canada's role in Western hemisphere affairs by joining the O.A.S.

3) Undertake an intensive programme of aid to under-industrialized nations to effectively combat communism.

PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

To assure proper and efficient functioning of an alert and realistic government, Social Credit will:

- 1) Set up a ministry of Federal Provincial Affairs which will deal with all the problems between the two levels of governments concerning their respective rights.
 - 2) Extend the right to vote to all citizens 18 years of age and over.
 - 3) Modernize parliamentary procedures for greater efficiency.
 - 4) Undertake reform of the Senate by setting a time limit on the tenure of an appointment, and nominate Senators one half by the federal government and one half by the provinces.
 - 5) Form a body independent of politics to recommend appointments to federal judgeships so that patronage will be eliminated.
- Establish new standards of honesty, efficiency and morality in government.

FINANCIAL POLICY

A Social Credit government will establish a modern and scientific monetary system, without inflation or deflation, and give the Canadian Parliament control of our money supply and credit through the Bank of Canada.

A Social Credit government will create a municipal development bank to finance the cost of public capital projects such as public works, bridges, government buildings, hospitals, etc. Such a bank would loan money to municipalities, school boards, and provincial governments for non-commercial capital purposes, thus freeing private investment for private enterprise capital needs.

The law governing C.M.H.C. would be amended by Social Credit government to allow C.M.H.C. to accept mortgages in all organized municipalities and towns in Canada.

A Social Credit government would institute an Import-Export Bank to facilitate the handling of foreign exchange and to enable us to accept the currency of other nations in payment for our goods and services and keeping the balance of payments in good order in our trade with other countries.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To assure the economic climate essential for the growth of agriculture and industry and development of our resources, Social Credit will:

1) Institute a two price parity system for agriculture and primary industry so as to compete in foreign markets.

2) Formulate agricultural policy so as to encourage and save the family farm and provide a reasonable income.

3) Find new markets at home and abroad and by agreement, establish freer trade with the USA, the Commonwealth, Latin America and other friendly nations.

4) Encourage coordination of efforts between management and labour by expansion of the National Productivity Council so as to guarantee the best possible utilization of the entire economic potential of Canada.

5) Provide expanded long term credit to farmers.

6) Cooperate with the Provinces to establish a comprehensive system of crop insurance.

FISCAL POLICY

To put an end to the crushing burden of debt and taxes, Social Credit will:

1) Adopt a system of "Pay-as-you-go" for government projects, thus putting a brake to the ruinous financial deficit policies which Canada has followed for so long.

2) Reduce taxes to help individuals as well as industry. Social Credit would put into effect the following tax changes:

a) Gradually reduce corporation taxes, with emphasis on those which are at least 51% owned and controlled by residents of Canada.

b) Allow fair exemptions and depreciation to encourage Canadian investment in industries and in their development.

c) Allow depreciation on private homes to be deducted from income tax.

d) Allow income tax deductions on workmen's tools used in earning a living.

e) Raise the base for income tax exemptions.

f) Give additional tax concessions to those corporations which have established profit sharing plans for their employees according to an agreed formula.

SOCIAL WELFARE

To assure every Canadian a minimum standard of living and permit him to participate in the

economic expansion of Canada, Social Credit will:

1) Set minimum basic income and health care standards for the aged, and all in need, so that they may be assured of an acceptable standard of living.

2) Extend student allowances to the mothers of all students over 16 years of age so that they may continue bona fide studies if they so desire until the age of 20 years.

3) Adjust family allowances and old age pensions according to the cost of living.

LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Social Credit realizes that the object of all production is to satisfy human needs.

Social Credit recognizes that the continuing collaboration of management and labour will assure efficient production.

The right of collective association is a natural right and must be recognized by clear and precise legislation.

Social Credit recognizes the need for a written labour code prepared by a committee formed by representatives of Government, management and labour.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

The Social Credit Party firmly believes that offensive nuclear weapons have no place in Canada's military programme. As individuals, we are morally opposed to all devices of mass destruction. We must intensify our efforts towards multilateral nuclear disarmament.

The defence of Canada must be maintained. In light of changing military techniques and strategy, Canada's defence policy must be removed once and for all from partisan politics. Social Credit pledges that upon election, it will immediately appoint a non-partisan Parliamentary Defence Committee to recommend defence policies in light of secret security information, military requirements and international developments.

Social Credit believes that Canada's armed forces must be equipped with highly mobile and effectively co-ordinated conventional defence equipment. The efficient surveillance of her skies and adjacent waters must be maintained.

Social Credit will develop Canada's role in the world towards greater mutual understanding and assistance. In the war against want, Canada must be concerned for the rights and the desperate needs of the less privileged people in the world. Our friends expect and should have our moral and material support. Canada can and must lead

in the peaceful development of our world for the benefit of all freedom loving people. This involves responsible co-operation with our neighbours and friends and includes joining the O.A.S. in our own hemisphere.

FARM POLICY

The greatest need today is for a concerted effort by the federal government to expand our trade with those countries that will buy Canadian wheat on a long term and regular basis. The Social Credit Party is convinced that we can achieve this if we would accept expansion of imports from those countries, offer credit loans and accept currencies other than dollars in payment.

Another great problem facing Canadian farmers is the need for long term credit to be made available to them. The federal government has exclusive authority over the regulation of credit

and currency in Canada, and, therefore, it is their responsibility to make provision for this long term credit. We believe the Farm Credit Corporation and other agencies for granting credit to farmers should be adjusted so that thousands of farmers who are unable to make use of these facilities at the present time, could make use of these services.

It is also the responsibility of the federal government to recognize that almost every other country in the world does subsidize food production. If we are to compete in international trade with these subsidized farming programmes, we must at least remove many of the barriers that prohibit us from trading with countries who would otherwise buy our surplus food.

History has proven and the Social Credit Party recognizes that the whole economy of Canada will be strong and healthy only if the agriculture sector is strong and healthy.