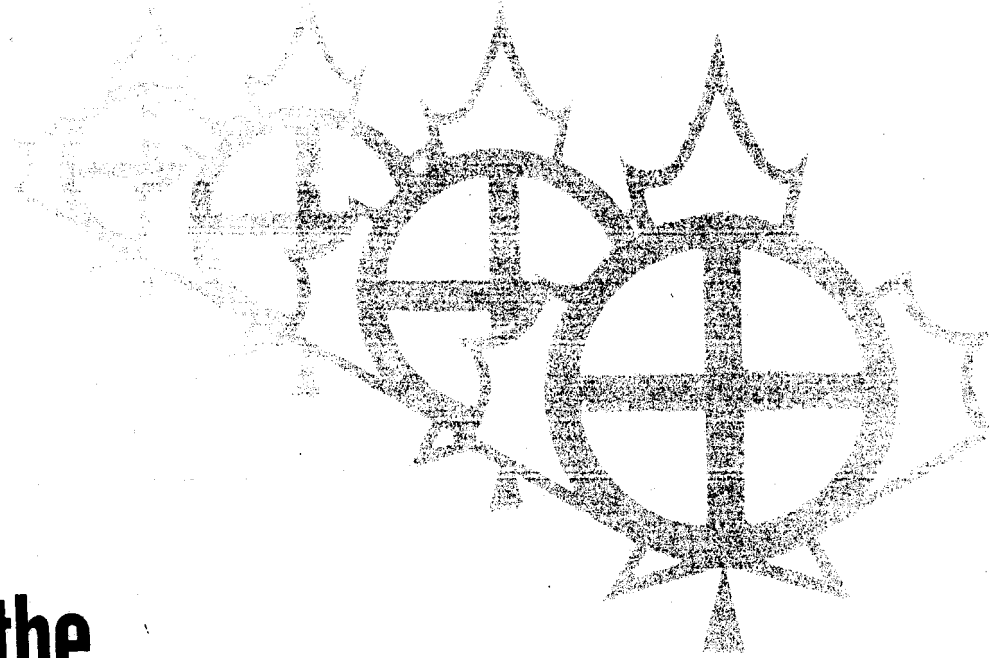


# PLATFORM



of the

# SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY

of Canada

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# MESSAGE

from the leader  
of the  
Social Credit  
Party of Canada

Dear Citizen:

I am happy to forward you a copy of the Social Credit Platform. We believe in the value of the Canadian private enterprise system and trust that our program will prove to all that we desire to build a better country.

Our program offers solutions to problems that trouble all Canadians: inflation, unemployment, foreign ownership, housing, agriculture, justice. We also propose sound solutions to problems of development of our natural resources, national economic security, and the many other difficulties that our country is running into today.

I am therefore asking you to study our Social Credit proposals attentively. In them, you will find adequate justification for the formation of a Social Credit government in Canada.

With best wishes.

Réal Caouette, M.P.  
National Leader

# FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL CREDIT

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The individual is the most important factor in organized society and as a divinely created being with both spiritual and physical potentials and needs, has certain inalienable rights which must be respected and safeguarded.

The major function of democratic government in organized society is to secure for the people the results they want from the management of their public affairs as far as these are physically possible and morally right.

The citizen must enjoy both freedom and security. Economic security is a means for full development of the individual in a context of freedom and security.

Whatever is physically possible and morally desirable can and should be made financially possible.

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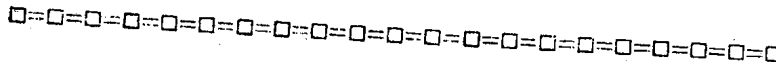
# INDIVIDUAL AND CIVIC RIGHTS

## PERSONAL RIGHTS:



We believe that the individual is the most important element in society. The principal function of government is to protect personal freedom.

Provided that the people's demands are physically possible and morally right, the government must yield to the will of the people in so far as the management of their affairs is concerned.

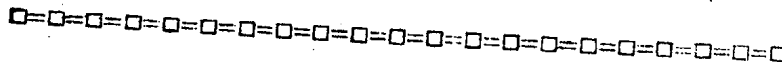


## LINGUISTIC RIGHTS:



The Social Credit Party believes that all Canadians have the right to address their government in English or French, as they prefer.

In matters of federal administration, a Social Credit government will guarantee this linguistic right all.



## WORKER'S RIGHTS:



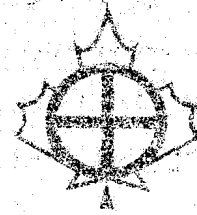
The purpose of all production is to satisfy human needs. We recognize that every person has the right to belong to — or to abstain from belonging to — a union and to take part in legitimate union activities without incurring unjust treatment for so doing.

A Social Credit government will introduce special courts to deal with disputes whose nature jeopardizes the national security or economy and which ordinary methods fail to resolve. The rulings of such courts will be enforced by legal process.

**PROVINCIAL RIGHTS:**

A federal Social Credit government will provide the provinces with the necessary financial means to allow them to undertake their constitutional responsibilities without federal interference.

**GOVERNMENT POLICIES**



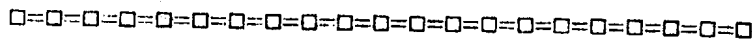
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS:**

The Social Credit Party maintains that the external policy of our country should be developed in a logical manner and that recognition of foreign governments should be based on uniformly applied principles.

Unless otherwise directed by Parliament, a Social Credit government will grant recognition de facto to the governments of all countries without distinction.

The Social Credit Party opposes all forms of totalitarianism. We undertake to encourage the spread of democracy by peaceful means throughout the world.

Canada must assume her share of responsibility with respect to the development and welfare of the world community. In general, foreign aid will take the form of technical and material assistance.



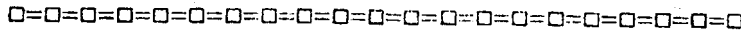
**AGRICULTURE:**



The Social Credit Party regards the farmers as the nourishers of the country. Because of the role they fulfil, a Social Credit government will encourage and protect farmers with equitable, sound, and progressive measures that will allow them to occupy the rank in society that they deserve.

We believe the lending policies of 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.

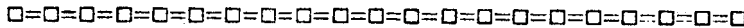
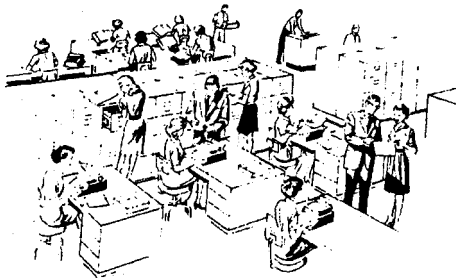
## NATIONAL DEFENSE:



Social Credit national security policy will be centred upon defending the country, rather than upon aggression.

The Social Credit Party believes that one of the functions of the Canadian Armed Forces is to provide emergency services of all kinds for the benefit of the people of Canada.

## ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION:



While promoting the normal dynamic development of Canada, the Social Credit Party will adopt a pay-as-you-go approach and will strictly control government expenditures. The taxpayers will benefit from these policies by a reduced tax burden.

The Social Credit Party advocates the decentralization of government, leading to more efficiency with less bureaucracy.

The Social Credit Party does not favour the extension of Crown Corporations and will ensure that all Crown Corporations are accountable to Parliament for their administration of public funds through the mediation of the Auditor-General of Canada.

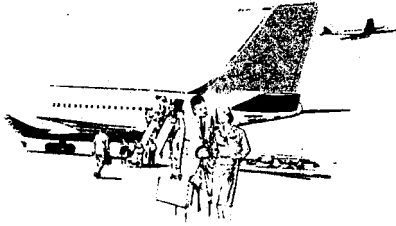
## HOUSING:



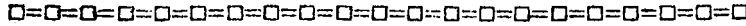
The Social Credit Party believes that ownership of their own homes by the heads of families is important for the advancement of the individual and of the nation. We will encourage development along these lines by instituting a new national housing program that will:

- a) encourage single family homes;
- b) provide low interest, long term loans;
- c) grant income tax exemption on interest of mortgage payments on single family homes;
- d) grant income tax exemption against school and municipal taxes on single family homes.

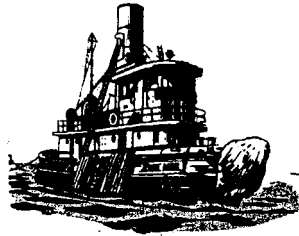
**IMMIGRATION:**



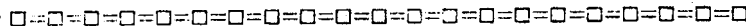
Admission of immigrants to Canada will be dependent upon the advantages that will thereby accrue to Canadians. The wishes of Provincial governments will be given priority in carrying out this policy.



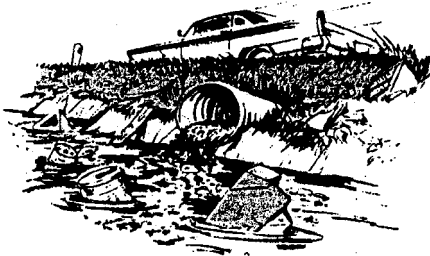
**FISHING:**



The Social Credit Party will extend national sovereignty over the entire adjacent continental shelf, and all resources therein to a depth of 1000 fathoms, under the restriction that provincial rights will be respected.



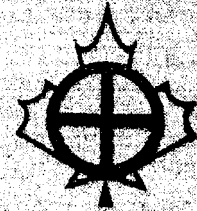
**ENVIRONMENT:**



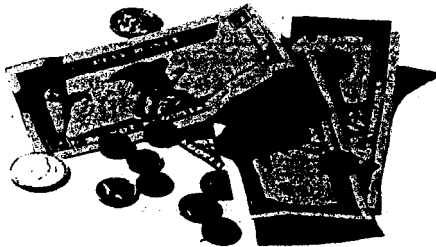
The Social Credit Party affirms that Canadians are heirs to immense resources which must be conserved.

We will assign the necessary funds to programs devised for cleaning up the environment, and keeping it clean. This will be given proper priority.

**THE ECONOMY**



**FOREIGN EXCHANGE:**



A Social Credit government will accumulate exchange reserves in various currencies other than gold and the American dollar. By permitting other countries to pay for our merchandise with their own currencies, such a measure will remove an important hindrance to international trade.

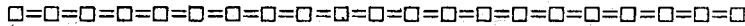
## TRADE AND PRODUCTION:



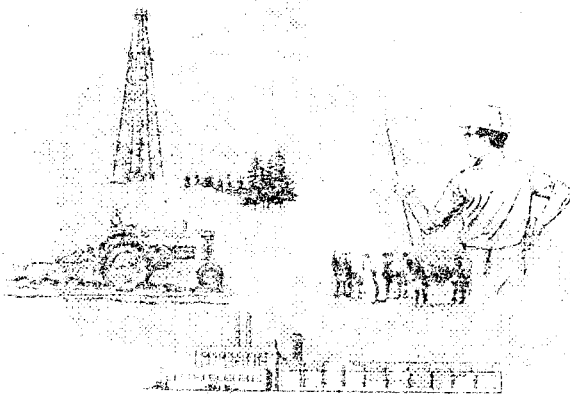
In order to create the economic atmosphere essential for the expansion of our agriculture, industry, housing, and the marketing of our resources, the Social Credit Party will develop a policy aimed at preserving and promoting the family farm, protecting the private enterprise system, and assuring producers of a reasonable income. In part this will be accomplished by:

- a) providing long term credit at low interest cost (approximately 3%), so as to help producers finance their means of production;
- b) reducing taxation and local rates, thus reducing costs of production.

We shall apply the principle that all new production must be balanced by new financial credit created at the cost of administration.



## EXTERNAL TRADE:



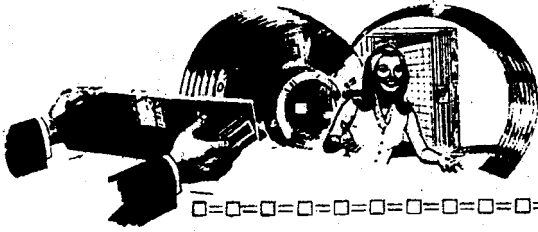
A Social Credit government will expand foreign trade by encouraging more salesmanship abroad, by greater acceptance of foreign currencies, by barter and by bilateral agreements avoiding import of products already in abundance in Canada.

The trade policies of the Social Credit Party will reduce customs duties and other tariff barriers that hinder our acquisition of foreign products which Canada is not able to produce.

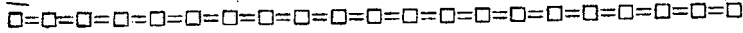
The government will no longer regard customs duties as a source of revenue to cover its expenses, but rather as a device necessary for the protection of the national economy. Funds derived from the application of tariffs will be used to create a two-price exchange system for the exportation of our surpluses. For this purpose special discounts will be granted to producers to allow them to export at competitive prices.



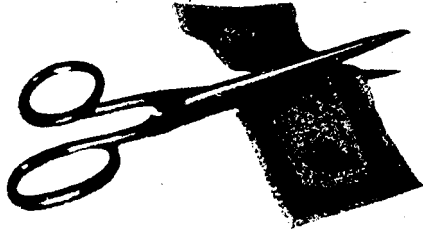
## INVESTMENT:



The Bank of Canada must satisfy the needs of the public sector on a debt free basis. Canadian citizens will then be able freely to decide on their own investment policies. Then Canadian-based businesses will progressively become the property of Canadians.



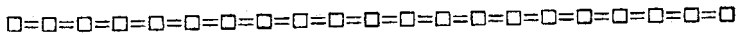
## FISCAL POLICY:



In order to relieve the country of its crushing burden of debts and taxes, a Social Credit government would adopt a system of currently paying for the administrative expenses of the government. This will put an end to the deficit policies that Canada has pursued for so many years.

Social Credit policies will allow the government to reduce expenses by curtailing public debt and make-work programs.

The advantages of these economies to the taxpayers will take the form of increased personal tax exemptions, reduced rates of taxation, and increased social security benefits.



## MONETARY POLICY:



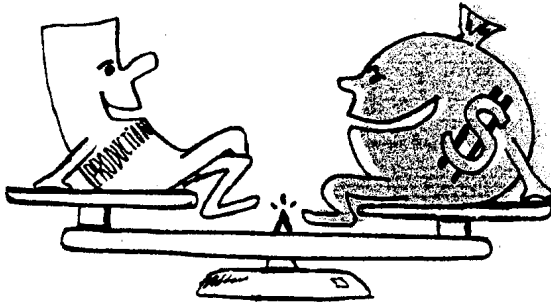
A Social Credit government will establish a modern and scientific monetary system which will allow neither inflation nor deflation, and which will give the Parliament of Canada — operating through the Bank of Canada — full control over the money supply and credit.

A competent, impartial body will regulate the money supply, which would be restricted by only the limitations of our natural resources and variations in the activity of the population.

A Social Credit government will make use of the services of the Bank of Canada to provide loans to the provinces at the cost of administration as a means of financing major public projects, such as construction of government buildings, hospitals, schools, and other public works.

Modern technology, automation, and the surpluses resulting from improved productive processes are an integral part of the Canadian heritage. The Social Credit Party maintains that without government interference, the private sector can and will produce in abundance all the goods and services Canadians require.

## CANADIAN ECONOMY:



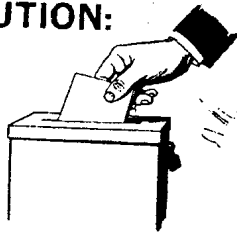
Real and adequate purchasing power must continuously sustain the domestic market so that, at all times, aggregate consumer purchasing power will be equivalent to aggregate prices of available consumer goods.

The difference between the total costs of production and consumer purchasing power will be eliminated in part by the periodic payment of credits to all Canadians (Social Security Program) and in part by the lowering of prices.

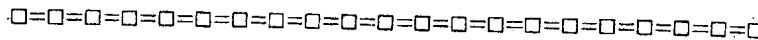
# PARLIAMENTARY REFORM



## CONSTITUTION:

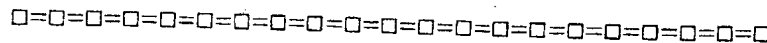


Canada's constitutional framework must allow all Canadians to live freely in their country. This framework will be altered as the emancipation and development of the country require change.



## SENATE REFORM:

To assure proper and efficient functioning of an alert and dynamic government, a Social Credit government will undertake reform of the Senate by setting a time limit not exceeding 10 years. Senators will be nominated one half by the federal government and one half by the provincial government, account being taken of demographic and geographic factors.



## FIXED ELECTION DATE:

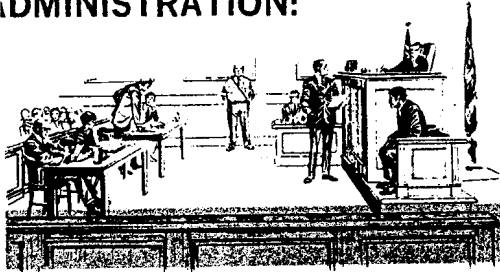


The Social Credit Party favours federal elections on a fixed day every four years, except that an election will be called sooner in the event that the Government is defeated on a specific vote of non-confidence.

# JUSTICE

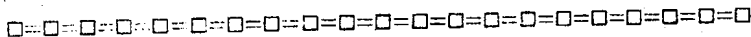


## ADMINISTRATION:



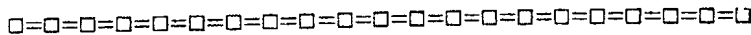
Administration of justice will be fundamentally reformed. The accent will be placed on the protection of society and adequate compensation to the victim.

A Social Credit government will appoint a body independent of political influence to recommend federal judicial appointments. Political favouritism will thereby be eliminated.



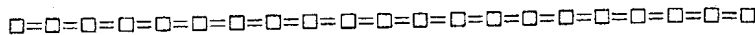
## ABORTION:

The Social Credit Party recognizes that the foetus is a human being and that as such it is entitled to legal protection.



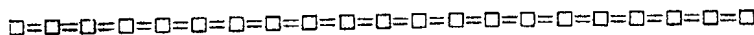
## LAW AND ORDER:

Social Credit stands for the efficient and just maintenance of public order. Freedom and justice for the individual cannot flourish in the absence of respect for authority and order.



## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT:

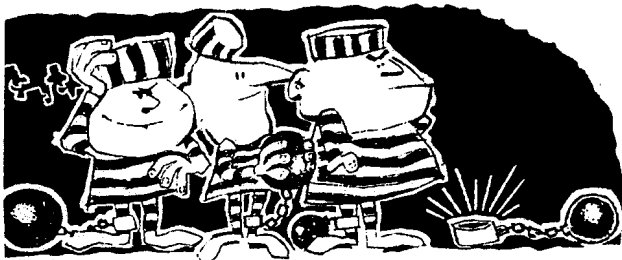
The Social Credit Party will reopen the question of the abolition of capital punishment.



## PRISON REFORM:

A Social Credit government will modify the penitentiary system with a view to encouraging:

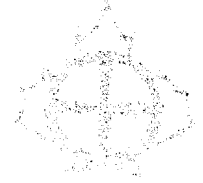
- useful work by prisoners
- marketing of their products
- apprenticeship in trades for prisoners
- provide some assistance in rehabilitation of prisoners after discharge.



Monetary profit from such work will be used to:

- compensate victims of crime
- support the prison system
- support the families of prisoners
- provide some assistance in rehabilitation of prisoners after discharge

# SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM



Progressively, Social Credit will replace existing government welfare programs

with a Social and Economic Security Program as follows:



## TAX EXEMPTIONS:

Married couple:	\$5000.
Single person:	\$2500.
Each child:	\$ 500.

(per year)

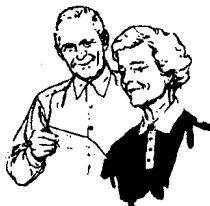
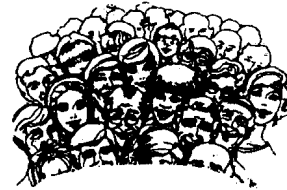
## ECONOMIC SECURITY BENEFITS:

Applies to all Canadians from the age of 18.

Per person (adult):	\$1200.
Per child:	\$ 250.

(per year)

With no restrictions against earnings.



## OLD AGE PENSIONERS:

At age 60:

Per month:	\$ 200.
For spouse:	\$ 150.
Total Benefits:	\$ 350.

In the case of couples, all benefits will be paid when either spouse reaches retirement age (60 years).

## DISABLED:

Per month:	\$ 200.
Plus, for spouse:	\$ 150.
Total Benefits:	\$ 350.



## WIDOW/WIDOWER (WITH CHILDREN):

Per month:	\$ 200.
Plus: per child per year	\$ 250.

In place of existing benefits.

Provided equivalent levels of benefit are paid, a Social Credit government would be willing to administer the above

program through Provincial Government wishing to distribute these benefits themselves.