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## A G R I C U L T U R E

### Task Force Report - Agriculture

To ensure the viability of agriculture in the province, the Ontario New Democratic Party program to preserve the province's farming industry has the improvement of farm incomes as a top priority.

1. An NDP government would speedily enact an effective farm income insurance plan that would incorporate
  - a) a formal role for farmers' general and commodity organizations in the development of, and the determination of the terms and conditions of any plan requested by a group of producers;
  - b) comprehensive coverage for all Ontario commodities which will provide full support up to the negotiated stabilization level, irrespective of the actions of the federal government;
  - c) a provision for full current costs of production to be reflected in the final stabilization price or prices under the plan.
2. The NDP would support the legitimate activities of marketing boards that give farmers the collective strength they need to reduce corporate power in the food system and stabilize farm incomes as well as prices to consumers.
3. Public regulation of production, marketing, and income plans would be designed and administered to ensure the survival of the efficient family farm.
4. An NDP government would, through legislative action, reserve for farming all Class 1, 2, and 3 land (lands capable of sustained production of common cultivated crops), and special crop lands.
5. As recommended by the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities in 1976, any alternative use of foodland would be permitted only when unanimous consent has been granted by the local planning authorities and councils and by the provincial planning authorities--including the Minister of Agriculture--with an appeal to a provincial land tribunal when consent for non-agricultural use has been refused.
6. The ARDA land acquisition program would be expanded to permit purchase, for immediate leasing or sale, of all agricultural land which is voluntarily offered.
7. Implement a code of practice to protect farmers from harrassment associated with rural non-farm use.
8. Tax farmland on the basis of its use as productive farmland.
9. The New Democratic Party would ensure that the results of government-producer initiatives are not lost in the corporate maze between farmgate and checkout counter by reviewing the retail prices of all foods produced under government-approved income or marketing plans and by outlawing predatory pricing practices.
10. The development of farmer and consumer co-ops in the food processing, distribution and retail sector would be encouraged through government loans and loan guarantees.
11. The NDP would slow the rise in farm operating costs through:
  - a) increased research into less energy-intense cultivation practices,
  - b) the development of standardization in the farm machinery industry,
  - c) the enforcement of fair business practices on farm suppliers by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
12. The New Democratic Party would act to halt the deterioration of our diets by significantly increasing funding for nutrition education at all levels of the provincial education system, by enforcing the sale of nutritious foods in school cafeterias and where necessary, implement school food programs.

## ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND INDUSTRY

### Public Ownership and Economic Development

WHEREAS for over 100 years, Liberal and Conservative governments have presided over 100 years of exploitation of our natural resources in which raw or partly processed raw materials have been shipped out of the country with little of the wealth returning to the citizens of Ontario, and

WHEREAS continued misuse of the economic surplus generated in the resource sector ensures that Canada as a whole, and Northern Ontario in particular, will be forever a resource hinterland--an exporter of resources and jobs with no significant manufacturing sector, and

WHEREAS the inadequacy of the industrial tax base is directly related to the continuing erosion of government services and the deepening crisis in the public sector throughout Canada, and

WHEREAS the exploitation of Ontario's natural resources must be directed as part of a coherent industrial strategy in which the economic surplus generated in the resource sector will be reinvested in job producing secondary industry tied to the resource base, and

WHEREAS the Ontario NDP has committed itself to the development of a new industrial strategy in which public ownership of our primary resource industries would play a central role, and

WHEREAS the only adequate response to the irresponsible decisions of the multinational resource corporations on high-grading employment, layoffs, and investment is the public ownership of the primary resource industries so that the resources can be used as a lever for development, and

WHEREAS the Ontario NDP in the past has urged all our elected representatives and party officials to place much more emphasis on the social ownership of the means of production as the only effective solution to the serious economic problems facing the province,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party strongly

reaffirms existing policy resolutions on Public Resource Ownership (Convention 1974) and The Economy (Convention 1976) calling for development of an industrial strategy for economic development central to which is the public ownership of the primary resource industries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an NDP government will bring the Ontario resource operations of INCO, Falconbridge, Rio Algom and Denison Mines into public ownership as part of this industrial strategy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ONDP demands that the Ontario government adopt this development strategy and begin implementation at once.

### Nationalization of INCO

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Ontario support the immediate nationalization of INCO in Ontario, the value of INCO's Ontario assets to be determined by a governmental arbitration board; INCO to be paid the arbitrated value minus all outstanding debts to the government of Ontario; payment to be in the form of 50-year Government of Ontario debentures payable at Bank of Canada prime-rate, beginning 5 years after government takeover.

### An Industrial Strategy for Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that the primary economic goal of a New Democratic government would be to develop, protect, and sustain a strong manufacturing sector of the Ontario economy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a New Democratic government would control the flow of investment capital generated in the economy to suit the overall economic objectives of a planned industrial strategy in order to benefit the people of Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a planned industrial strategy for Ontario would include:

- a) the promotion of an active and innovative small business sector, by requiring that financial institutions give preference to this sector in their loan policies;



- b) conditional loans and grants to private industry;
- c) contractual arrangements between the government and the private sector;
- d) development of joint ventures between the government and the private sector;
- e) direct development by Crown corporations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the methods used will vary depending on the circumstances and the objectives to be achieved, but the choice of means to achieving them must be determined by the following principles:

- a) objectives must be achieved by choosing the means that make most effective use of scarce public funds;
- b) there must be no transfer of public money to the private sector either directly or through the tax system unless specific, enforceable performance conditions are attached. There must be an end to all blanket tax deductions and deferrals;
- c) no significant grant will be made unless equity in the enterprise or other consideration equivalent to the grant is made in return;
- d) preference will be given in all programs to co-operative enterprises and small businesses
- e) acceptable labour relations practices will be a condition of every public/private arrangement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Convention recommend the establishment of a party task force on manufacturing in order to develop specific policies within this framework in order to deal with the problems and solutions outlined in this resolution.

#### Job Creation

Employment is not solely a matter of economic significance to a worker. It is vital to one's self-esteem and to a meaningful life. In light of these economic and humanitarian concerns, it is a long-term goal of the ONDP to help make full employment a fundamental human right and reality.

Further, Canadian capitalism and its governments at Queen's Park and Ottawa are following a policy of maintaining high unemployment as a major means of fighting inflation. However, other mechanisms of fighting inflation are feasible, economically sound, and less discriminatory.

Finally, it is clear that many of our economic problems relate to the fact that Ontario, and Canada in general, is a branch plant economy--exploited as a resource by multi-national corporations that have little real concern for the interests of our labour force.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one of the highest priorities of an ONDP government is to use the powers of the provincial government to create the conditions necessary for full employment with minimal inflation such that everyone must have the right to adequate employment related to their abilities and interests;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that job creation and anti-inflationary measures should focus on such priorities as the following:

- 1) ending participation in the federal wage controls scheme;
- 2) liberating the Ontario economy from the control of and dependence on foreign corporations and government;
- 3) developing further the manufacturing sector of the Ontario economy so that we cease to be so dependent on the diminishing primary resources sector;
- 4) significantly increasing social regulation and social ownership of resource industries in order to decrease the power of corporate cartels;
- 5) shifting from regressive taxation policies that are hostile to the interests of the working class (such as sales and property taxes) to a progressive income and corporate tax that also helps to stimulate consumer demand, and
- 6) providing direct and massive government aid to specific job creation programs, particularly in areas of high social need (such as housing, transportation, education, social services, and environmental improvement).

## The Construction Industry

WHEREAS unemployment in the construction industry in Ontario has reached its highest level since the depression, and predictions are that Ontario's share of the construction market will further decline in all categories, and

WHEREAS for every construction worker employed another four workers are employed in secondary and supply industries, and

WHEREAS 40 cents in every construction dollar spent is from public funds (federal, provincial, and municipal), and

WHEREAS there is little project planning co-ordination between the three levels of government and crown corporations, and

WHEREAS the private sector has traditionally been unconcerned with full employment planning for the industry, and

WHEREAS construction workers have been subjected to the boom and bust syndrome with all its accompanying social and personal ramifications,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP in the interest of creating a more stable construction industry, establish a policy on construction stability and planned development.



## E D U C A T I O N

### Task Force Report - Primary and Secondary Education

#### Recommendation #3

WHEREAS competence in the basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics should be mastered in the primary grades, and

WHEREAS additional funds for teacher training and smaller class sizes are required to achieve this goal,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an NDP government will amend, with all possible speed, the existing per pupil grant structure so that the elementary grants reflect this emphasis by being made equal to the secondary grants.

#### Recommendation #6

WHEREAS much evidence and opinion has now accumulated to show that big administrative units do not have the sensitivity necessary either to preserve a sense of community or protect the rights of citizens to participate in genuine decision making about policy or curriculum,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an NDP government would undertake a comprehensive review of the county and district administrative units for the purpose of evaluating their ability to provide the maximum amount of service in small, locally based, easily accessible units in order to reduce the amount of bus-sing needed (both in length of time spent in transit and numbers of students requiring transportation) and restore to both students and communities a resource necessary for their proper functioning as a community.

AND FURTHER, where the review demonstrates that these objectives cannot be met, that the existing administrative unit be disbanded and replaced with one or more of an appropriate size to meet these objectives,

AND FURTHER, that energy consumption and vulnerability to energy shortages be considered a valid criterion in the aforementioned evaluation process.

### Class Size and Education Cutbacks

WHEREAS 'declining student enrolment' in the elementary and secondary schools of Ontario presents an excellent opportunity for the Ontario government to institute improvements in the learning conditions for Ontario students in our publicly supported schools, and

WHEREAS 'declining student enrolments' are being used instead as an excuse and cover-up by the provincial Tory government for further cutbacks in provincial funding of education, and

WHEREAS such continuing cutbacks are causing program cuts, staff layoffs, large class sizes, etc., in our schools, and

WHEREAS such cutbacks are resulting in pressure for further tax increases to the already over-burdened municipal householder and renter through use of the regressive property tax:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) that the Ontario NDP strongly support and direct the NDP Caucus to support the reduction of class sizes at both the elementary and secondary school levels, and the negotiation of maximum class sizes in teachers' collective agreements to better ensure equality in education, and the possibility of more individual attention for students, and
- 2) that the ONDP place as a top priority the mounting of a public campaign to expose the government's position on education cutbacks, and call for the immediate end to the present regressive method of funding education, and
- 3) that the ONDP demand the immediate implementation of NDP policy to fund our public education system entirely by progressive provincial income and corporation taxes, and
- 4) that the ONDP oppose the Robarts Commission Report on Metropolitan Toronto in its acceptance and entrenchment of the present regressive system of funding education.

## ENERGY AND RESOURCES

### Forest Management in Northern Ontario

For decades, the Ontario Government has allowed pulp and paper companies to high-grade our forest resources with no thought given to proper forest management.

Companies have been allowed to harvest prime species such as black spruce and pine in areas close to their mills, while neglecting to husband less economical areas of their limits by harvesting on a rotation basis and failing to undertake silvicultural and reforestation programs which would have the effect of assuring the people, the owners of the resource, maximum economic benefit on a sustaining yield basis.

With present expansion we are reaching a 90% utilization, and if correcting measures are not taken immediately, quality species such as black spruce will be in great danger of extinction.

Recent announcements indicate that the Reed Paper Group will be given cutting rights over an area of 19,000 square miles of Boreal Forest in northwestern Ontario. This area is a part of an extremely fragile ecosystem which takes from 100 to 125 years for some trees to reach maturity in some areas. It is an area where our first citizens depend upon the indigenous resources to a greater extent than anywhere else in the province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no resource exploitation be allowed until complete open and frank discussion be held with native people in that area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Natural Resources undertake an in-depth environmental impact study to determine whether or not this area is capable of withstanding any degree of resource exploitation;

And that no harvesting be undertaken that abrogates the treaty and aboriginal rights of our first citizens.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that if the above conditions are met and that the Hartt Royal Commission finds that development of the area is acceptable to the interests of the North and to the interests of the native people, that we in the New Democratic Party insist on the kind of development that will include as much processing as close to the resources

as possible and that we must not be satisfied with mere capital intensive resource exploitation;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we in the New Democratic Party insist on a full and proper reforestation program for the entire province;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that under no conditions should any single limit of the size of the proposed Reed development be granted to any single private enterprise corporation.

### Gravel Pits and Quarries

WHEREAS the extraction of aggregate in the populated regions of South Central Ontario has already caused widespread and irreparable damage by destroying recreational, agricultural and scenic lands;

AND WHEREAS this industry and its accompanying heavy truck traffic causes conditions of noise, dust, scars on landscape and damage to cars;

BE IT RESOLVED that a New Democratic Party government would:

- 1) amend the Planning Act to clearly spell out that gravel pits and quarries are a "use of land";
- 2) ensure that new quarries conform to the terms of the Environmental Assessment Act, which gives local government and the public the chance to participate, and which, theoretically at least, makes the Ministry of Natural Resources sensitive to needs broader than those of the mining industry;
- 3) leave local municipalities the right to accept or reject open pit mining in their community, under the authority of the Planning Act, the Municipal Act, and subject to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board;
- 4) have licence fees and per ton levy cover all costs--road building and maintenance, Highway Act enforcement and compensation for nuisance and/or injurious affection, caused by traffic related to aggregate mining;
- 5) grant a portion of the per ton levy to municipalities to compensate



for social costs, loss of property values, noise disturbance and nuisance and/or injurious affection;

6) undertake studies to determine:

a) standards and costs of rehabilitation including the rehabilitation of all abandoned pits and consider having these costs covered by licence fees and/or the per ton levy;

b) consider the feasibility of taxing as an industry;

7) encourage the development of waste products which are suitable substitutes for or "extenders" of gravel;

8) take firm steps towards encouraging the rail and boat transport of gravel;

9) undertake a study of the supply and demand for aggregate in Ontario including the feasibility of shifting the resource exploitation away from the populated areas of South Central Ontario to other areas where supplies are abundant.

#### Nuclear Power Plants

WHEREAS the Ontario government, in collaboration with Ottawa, continues to build nuclear reactors for production of electrical power,

AND WHEREAS the highly dangerous waste by-products from those plants already in operation continues to accumulate without the problem of their safe disposal being solved,

AND WHEREAS an increasing number of eminent nuclear scientists are questioning the safety of these nuclear power operations themselves,

AND WHEREAS the Darlington project is going ahead without, as our Members in the Ontario Legislature demanded, a public hearing being held,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP take a clear and unequivocal position of opposition to any further development of nuclear energy projects until such time as the safe disposal of by-products and the safety of these projects themselves are assured.

#### Beverage Containers

WHEREAS the public has demonstrated a strong and persistent attachment to the use of beverage cans,

WHEREAS the current policy to eliminate the use of beverage cans has been shown to be of dubious value,

WHEREAS elimination of beverage cans will not eliminate litter but simply change one kind of litter for another,

WHEREAS recycling of beverage containers can be environmentally superior to returnable bottles,

WHEREAS eliminating beverage cans will displace many workers in a very technical industry, during a time of very high unemployment,

WHEREAS the current cloud that hangs over the industry is discouraging any further technical development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this convention replace section 2 of E-9 (Solid Waste Management) including the 5-year phase-out of cans with the following:

#### Beverage Containers:

An NDP government would encourage and promote the use of returnable containers, and

- a) legislate standard container sizes
- b) tax all products proportionately to the amount of solid waste that they generate and the tax from this be used to establish recycling plants to reclaim our garbage.

#### Public Participation Fund

BE IT RESOLVED that the government establish a public participation fund to which individuals, non-profit groups and associations may apply for assistance to ensure effective participation by the public in hearings instituted under the Environmental Assessment Act, the Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act, and the Pesticides Act. The parties assisted should be representative of the various interests which are directly or indirectly affected by the hearings.

### Ontario Hydro's Purchase of Uranium

WHEREAS Ontario Hydro has sought to assure itself of fuel supplies for its \$14 billion nuclear generations system on a long-term basis at reasonable prices, through \$7 billion contracts with Denison and Preston Mines,

AND WHEREAS, from the testimony so far before the Select Committee on Hydro Affairs, a number of points have become clear:

- 1) The potential for excessive profits is not only possible, but probable, in view of the likelihood of high world prices for uranium, and assurances to the mining companies of sharing in these high prices because Hydro will have to pay, not only the costs of production plus a guaranteed profit of \$5 per pound, but in addition, half the difference between that figure and a negotiated "world price". The new Minister of Energy has stated, within a week of assuming office, that it would be government policy to tax away any excess in profits, but there has been no such commitment from either the Premier or the Provincial Treasurer. Without such a firm commitment the public interest cannot be protected.
- 2) Federal government policy is to escalate domestic energy prices, including those for uranium, up to the artificially high world prices, thereby denying Canadian consumers the benefits of lower prices from Canadian resources. While the Davis government has protested this policy, it has not done so with adequate vigour. Furthermore, it has refused to use all the leverage at its command to force a change in federal policy. The New Democratic Party re-affirms its policy of a two-price system so that Canadian consumers will not be denied the potential benefits from their own resources. Establishment of a lower domestic price would immediately affect the final "negotiated" price which Hydro would have to pay under the proposed contracts. The NDP therefore insists that the Ontario Government should pursue with vigour the establishment of a two-price system.

- 3) The Ontario Government dismissed prematurely the results of the Project Wellesley Study which stated that the uranium assets of Denison Mines were worth \$681 millions to Hydro. In fact, under the pretext of confidentiality, the study was never made available by Hydro, even to the Minister of Energy, other than through a briefing some 15 months after its completion. The Government therefore persisted in its policy directive to Hydro to seek its uranium fuel needs through commercial contracts rather than the route of public acquisition of the resources, despite the great economic benefits which could have accrued to the people of Ontario.

The New Democratic Party condemns the Davis Government for such a blatant sacrifice of Ontario consumer interests to its own doctrinaire free enterprise philosophy, and urges the provincial government to adopt the position that all uranium development be undertaken in the public sector.

### Lake Bottom Drilling for Uranium Ore

WHEREAS radioactive contamination has been identified as causing illness and death in the work place and general environment;

AND WHEREAS Elliot Lake has more than its fair share of radioactive contamination induced illnesses and deaths;

AND WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have done little to prevent such contamination;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government's recent approval of speculative lake bottom drilling of Elliot Lake and Wahnapiatae Lake for uranium establishes additional threats of radioactive and chemical contamination to the drinking water supplies of the residents of Elliot Lake and Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS such drilling poses health hazards to human and wild life alike and the destruction of prime recreational areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this convention supports the residents of the Town of Elliot Lake and the City of Sudbury in demanding an immediate freeze on all lake bottom drilling for uranium ore;



AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP adopt a policy of strict monitoring, control, and enforcement of standards and policies designed to protect our people, our lakes, the airways and our wild life from radioactive contamination.

## FEDERAL - PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

### A Positive Option for Canada

The New Democratic Party believes that the federal system of government can provide the means for economic and cultural justice for all Canadians. The failure of the current federal political leadership combined with an unplanned economy has led to the present national unity crisis. It is time now for creative national political leadership and a positive option for Canada's future. The New Democratic Party offers Canadians a positive option--a federal government committed to national programs aimed at cultural and economic equality across Canada, and political and economic independence for the country.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That we establish a national planning and investment strategy to ensure economic development priority for those sectors and areas essential to meeting basic human needs and reducing regional disparities in Canada.
- 2) That we commit our country to a national policy of full employment.
- 3) That a key national policy be Canadian political and economic independence.
- 4) That we recognize the basic human needs for housing, food and energy at reasonable prices, and equal access to health care, as social rights for all Canadians.
- 5) That we totally reshape the taxation system to eliminate unfair loopholes and achieve an equitable redistribution of income.
- 6) That we ensure maximum democratic participation in economic planning and implementation of these priorities.

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- 1) That while the New Democratic Party believes the people of Quebec have the right to make their choice without coercion, we strongly support a federal Canada and are confident that the majority of Quebecers will decide to remain within Canada.

- 2) The NDP recognizes that some constitutional reforms are necessary but affirms that it is not by constitutional amendment alone that we will solve the national unity problem. We believe it essential for the federal Parliament to maintain sufficient power for effective national economic policies to build a fairer, freer Canada. The New Democratic Party rejects the current policies of the Conservatives and Liberals which would give more power to the richer provinces, a step which will balkanize Canada and provide for increasing disunity.
- 3) The New Democratic Party reiterates its determination to defend and promote the position of both French and English, our two official languages, and the multiplicity of our cultures which enrich and strengthen our national fabric. And further recognizes that the existence of a bilingual Canada depends on the presence of a Quebec where the language of work is French just as English is the language of work in most of the other provinces.
- 4) That in the implementation of existing national programs, and in the development of new ones, the New Democratic Party stresses the importance of delegating much administrative authority to the provinces, and affirms the need for the federal government, in co-operation with provincial governments, to devise new policies and structures that will respond more sensitively to regional needs and aspirations and permit the people of all regions and provinces to achieve their economic and cultural goals within one Canada.
- 5) That in continuing relationships between the federal and provincial governments an attitude of serious co-operation would replace that of confrontations which has characterized Ottawa's approach for the past decade.



## HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### Task Force Report on Health and Social Services

#### Resolution I: Income Security Program

WHEREAS the number of federal and provincial programs providing income maintenance services for our lower income citizens has grown to an unwieldy and inefficient number, and

WHEREAS unnecessarily large portions of our tax resources are expended in the administration of the myriad programs, and

WHEREAS several income transfer programs subject our lower income citizens to excessive and degrading application procedures while simultaneously providing altogether inadequate living allowances,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as a matter of high priority, an Ontario NDP government will, through redirection of provincial government policy, and through negotiation with the federal government where appropriate, work toward the establishment of one, rational, and effective Income Security Program designed to subsume and replace the existing structure of income maintenance programs wherever possible, and which provides for:

- 1) A program of guaranteed annual income transfer payment benefits adequate to meet the basic living needs of each and every resident of Ontario, participation in which shall be identified as a fundamental and irrefutable right accompanying residence in this province.
- 2) Such transfer payments to be established at a level sufficient to provide recipients a decent, healthy, and full participation in a normal life style such as is enjoyed by the community as a whole, and to be adjusted on a semi-annual basis to conform with changes in the Statistics Canada cost-of-living index.
- 3) Such program to be amalgamated with and based upon the income tax system (as the most progressive form of taxation extant), to be built upon Negative Income Tax principles and to be administered via the income tax collection system--modified where necessary

to this purpose, and with recipient identification to be established via the Social Insurance Number system.

- 4) Transfer payments to qualified recipients to be made on a monthly basis where necessary and appropriate.
- 5) Entrance to the program to be possible at any time of the year.
- 6) Benefits to be payable, under this program, to residents who ordinarily would not be required to file an income tax return, so long as they are otherwise qualified.

#### Resolution II: Unified Ministry of Health, Community and Social Services

WHEREAS the present arbitrary division within the Ontario Government between social and health services administrative units has made for fragmented and inefficient service delivery, and

WHEREAS we are committed to the reduction and streamlining of government bureaucracy wherever possible, and

WHEREAS many communities have become aware of the growing need to integrate health and social service structures to provide a rational basis for planning, financial control, and resource allocation, and

WHEREAS an appropriate organization is required to assist in the establishment of the Community Health and Social Service Centres which are a fundamental precept of existing party policy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government will establish a unified single Ministry of Health, Community and Social Services to be responsible for province-wide planning and organization, funding and financial control, and maintenance of provincial service standards.

Resolution III: Organization and Delivery of Health and Social Services

WHEREAS the party has, at this convention, adopted a policy resolution calling for the unification of the existing Provincial Ministry of Health with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, and

WHEREAS the adoption of such policy requires that alterations be made in the language of the resolution on Organization of Health Services adopted by Convention in 1974 (page 61 in Policy Book),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the language of said resolution be amended to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Health and Social Services system be organized on three levels: the provincial level, the regional level, and the local level. The duties of these three levels shall be as follows:

- a) It shall be the responsibility of the provincial Ministry of Health, Community and Social Services to decide on overall service priorities, to ensure equality in access to care and service, to set standards of service, and to provide expert advice and guidance to regional health and social service boards.
- b) Regional boards shall be responsible for coordinating and integrating health, community, and social services within the region. Regional Boards of Health and Social Services shall consist of elected representatives of the population at large in each region. Ex-officio (non-voting) positions shall be reserved on each Regional Board for one (1) designee of the Ministry of Health, Community, and Social Services, plus representation from Advisory Committees to be formed by the Health, Social Service, and Community Service professions in each region.
- c) Community Health and Social Service Centres shall be established as the units of primary care and service. They shall be responsible for meeting the health and social service needs of residents in a specified geographic area. They shall be organized and managed by a board made up of elected representatives

of the centre workers (30%) and of popularly elected community representatives (70%).

- d) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that alternatives to the fee for service delivery system should be developed in order to provide more equitable and efficient health care.
- e) That any unification of government ministries begin from an understanding of people's needs and not a top down concern for bureaucratic consolidation.

Dust Reading Stations

WHEREAS at the present time there are no local dust reading stations in Northwestern Ontario where dust filters being used in dusty mine areas can be analyzed,

AND WHEREAS at present it takes in excess of three months for mine samples to be returned,

AND WHEREAS without this information this procedure becomes null and void because the employees cannot be made aware to what extent working conditions exceed the T.L.V.'s,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party press for the immediate establishment of a dust reading station in Thunder Bay. This will enable the results of the analysis to be made available to the miners in the least time possible.

Industrial Hearing Loss

WHEREAS the present policy of the Workmen's Compensation Board is that payment of pension will not be made for industrial hearing loss unless the readings show at least 35 decibel hearing loss in both ears;

WHEREAS such policy gives companies the right to expose a worker to such industrial noise levels, knowing the fact that if a worker should become deaf in one ear, or reach a figure of industrial deafness which reads 35 decibels or more in one ear, that an injured worker would not receive benefit of a pension,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that payment of benefit be made to any disabled worker, that has suffered any loss of hearing due to being exposed to



excessive industrial noise, and be compensated by pension,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a set figure of decibel reading not be used as a base of formulating a pension, nor that deafness be restricted to both ears before a pension is considered.

#### Health - Home Care

WHEREAS the psychological benefits of a home environment for the physically and mentally handicapped, the chronically ill, and the elderly is obvious;

WHEREAS it has been proven that home care is cheaper than institutional care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that an NDP government would provide Home Support Services on a wholly or partially subsidized basis;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP pressure the existing government into providing urgently needed non-institutional alternatives.

## HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

### Task Force Report - Housing

#### 1. Crownhold

The most fundamental reform in NDP housing policy will be to end the profiteering in urban lands which underlies most of Ontario's housing problems. Working on the principle that increased land values that result from community growth and development should accrue to the public, an NDP government will develop raw land in and around major cities under public ownership.

Land prices in areas approaching development will be frozen to stop speculation. Land banks will be developed to control prices in smaller cities and towns.

The NDP intends that most new urban development in Ontario take place on leased Crownhold land, under a new system designed to ensure moderate-priced housing. Crownhold will provide home ownership on leased land. When an owner wishes to sell, he will transfer the land to the Ontario Housing Corporation at a price related to changes in new housing costs.

#### 2. Land Use Framework

The Ontario NDP commits itself to the institution of a clearly stated overall plan for the province which would:

- a) provide a framework into which local regions and municipalities would fit their respective plans;
- b) provide for a balanced development within the province so that growth will be more evenly distributed throughout the province;
- c) divert urban development from the province's areas of prime agricultural land and areas of natural beauty, high recreational capability, and ecological importance.
- d) urban development will occur in a compact form.

The Plan would provide the means for implementation of its objectives through co-ordinated action in the fields of Housing, Transportation, Agriculture, Economic Development, and Resource Development.

#### 3. Housing and Employment

An NDP government will stimulate employment by embarking on a program of providing non-inflationary housing for individuals and families of low and middle income ranges.

Private industry has shown its inability to provide housing for these income groups by providing only high cost housing. Thus government funds should be directed to the establishment of a jobs-related housing policy by:

- 1) discouraging speculation in land sales
- 2) encouraging municipalities and community groups to sponsor non-profit job creating housing programs for lower income groups
- 3) providing funds in a way which will reduce the seasonal fluctuations in the construction industry
- 4) expanding the Ontario Home Renewal Program
- 5) developing its own policy to enhance the Federal Home Insulation Program
- 6) doing everything within its power to bring about a substantial reduction of mortgage interest rates
- 7) by directly initiating a development and building program for assisted housing.

#### 4) Non-Profit Housing and Co-operatives

An NDP government will assist in mobilising trade union, municipality and community groups to develop non-profit and non-profit cooperative housing to meet the working people's housing needs and this task force recommends:

- 1) that the primary goal of this policy be the production of non-profit housing which allows collective ownership and control;
- 2) that increasing grants and technical assistance be made to groups involved in the development of such housing;
- 3) that 50% of the units be allocated to householders below the median



income in each area of the province;

- 4) that this housing be provided so that the cost of housing is no greater than 25% of the resident family's net income;
- 5) that the Province resume its land banking program and proceed to acquire and make available to non-profit groups, land on the basis of existing ONDP policy governing land speculation and acquisition;
- 6) that acquisition policies be geared to provide housing in geographical locations where it meets the needs of the residents;
- 7) that the extra costs to the public treasury be financed by redirecting funding for housing which presently benefits only the affluent (such as tax write-offs and exemptions and subsidies to private developers) into CMHC non-profit programs and the Province's Ontario Community Sponsored Housing programme;
- 8) expanded funding be made available to allow non-profit organizations to acquire, rehabilitate and preserve housing in older neighbourhoods.

Rent controls must be continued in Ontario as the present supply of rental accommodation is not growing at a pace sufficient to meet public needs, and conversion of existing buildings to condominiums further narrows the choices for other than the affluent in our society, legislation must be devised to discourage the conversion of existing buildings to condominiums.

#### Cut-Backs in Provincial Grants to Municipalities

In view of McKeough's announced cuts to municipalities, particularly in the areas of social services and transportation, and of the hardships these cuts will inflict on working people and the poor of this province,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Council urge all riding associations to organize delegations to all MPP's and to Darcy McKeough to protest these cuts.

#### Regional Governments

Since the imposition of regional governments by the Davis Government there has been growing disillusion and outright hostility to regional government in all areas where it has been imposed.

The merits of larger units of administration have been eroded by the methods of the Davis Government.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

- 1) that an inquiry into all aspects of each region be established by an NDP government within one year of coming to office;
- 2) that the results of these enquiries will be made public in each region;
- 3) that alternatives to structure, finance and operation of the regions will be within the terms of reference of the enquiries.

#### Municipal Affairs

WHEREAS at a conference in Edmonton in 1973, the Ontario government promised to increase provincial transfer payments to local governments at the same rate as the increase in provincial revenues, and

WHEREAS this was a novel plan that allowed municipalities to more accurately plan their future budgets, and

WHEREAS Darcy McKeough and the Ontario Tory government reneged on this commitment by reducing the scheduled 1978 transfer payments to municipalities by \$244 million, and

WHEREAS for many municipalities the reduction in expected revenues has meant the elimination of many capital spending projects, further cutbacks in necessary social services, more lay-offs and unemployment and increased municipal property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party urge Darcy McKeough and the provincial government to live up to the original intent of the Edmonton commitment and restore to Ontario municipalities the full \$421 million in additional transfer payments they were scheduled to receive in 1978.

### The Property Tax

The use of the property tax to raise revenues is regressive; that is, it falls relatively more heavily on low-income persons than on high-income persons. The reason for this regressivity is simple. Housing (rental or owner-occupied) is a necessary purchase of all households and expenditures for housing as a proportion of income are lower for higher-income people. Therefore, property tax payments, which are essentially a tax on housing expenditures, are as a percentage of income larger for low-income people than for high-income people.

The income tax is a much fairer tax since income is the best measure of the "ability-to-pay".

In addition, the property tax falls more heavily on poorer municipalities which have a low tax base and therefore find it more expensive to provide essential services.

Consequently, every effort should be made to substitute income, corporate and other progressive tax levies for local property tax levies to raise a given amount of revenue.

Towards fairness in taxation, the New Democratic Party would move towards dramatically reducing the tax to the point where there would be no net payment from property taxes toward education and other social services.

### O.H.C.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) that OHC should resume production of rent-geared-to-income housing in a form integrated with the surrounding urban and social environment rather than as isolated, high density, homogeneous, conspicuous projects;
- 2) the administrative structure of OHC should be reformed so as to include strong tenants representation at all levels of decision making;
- 3) OHC be directly responsible to government and not as an independent corporation.

### Adult Only Buildings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) the Ontario Human Rights Code be amended to prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of age,
- 2) the province incorporate into a standard lease form, a clause which prohibits a landlord from refusing to make a lease with a prospective lessee or to maintain a lessee in his right for the sole reason that he has one or more children, taking into account the space of the dwelling,
- 3) the municipalities be encouraged to ensure that a reasonable proportion of family units be constructed in private and non-profit projects.

Convention 1978

### Conservation of Historic Buildings

WHEREAS one facet of our Canadian culture is our architectural heritage, many buildings and building styles in Ontario are unique and worthy of preservation for future generations;

AND WHEREAS the current Heritage Act in Ontario is ineffectual in meeting the continued loss of historic buildings;

AND WHEREAS Crown properties are unjustly excluded from the application of the Act:

AND WHEREAS the New Democratic Party supports a programme of historic conservation to preserve individual buildings and entire neighbourhoods for their cultural and social value;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an NDP Government would:

- 1) recognize the concept that the owner of a property of historic and/or architectural significance has a responsibility to the community to retain and maintain his property as part of our cultural heritage. Similarly, the community has the responsibility to assist the owner in this work;
- 2) develop strong legislation regarding the designation of properties and districts of historic and architectural significance, and



develop legislation to control and/or prevent demolition and alteration of buildings that have been designated as having such significance;

- 3) support incentives for the private restoration and maintenance of historic properties. Such incentives might include tax write-offs for the cost of rehabilitation or a freeze on property taxes at the pre-rehabilitation rate;
- 4) encourage historic conservation by making any grants to the owners of older homes contingent upon their agreeing to retain the original design of the buildings;
- 5) develop reasonable building codes for older buildings, recognizing that the construction of many older buildings is often superior to modern construction techniques, although not necessarily within modern building code regulations;
- 6) assist municipalities in developing municipal property standards that are relevant to older buildings, and in training municipal property standards officers to assess the requirements of older buildings;
- 7) encourage Ontario Housing Corporation to acquire older housing as well as vacant property in older residential areas for rent-geared-to-income housing;
- 8) provide grants to municipalities to assist them in historic conservation when, for example, buildings must be expropriated to prevent their demolition, or when municipalities must upgrade services in older areas;
- 9) develop a programme of grants and low-interest loans, similar to the OHR Programme for homeowners, for owners of commercial properties in selected downtowns of Ontario cities and towns;
- 10) consult with historic conservation organizations regarding areas in which special consideration should be given to history and tradition before undertaking major government development projects (e.g. highways, hydro corridors);
- 11) urge the federal government to prepare a national register of historic

buildings and to develop legislation to prevent the demolition of these buildings.

- 12) The NDP will implement this policy in cooperation with the many groups and organizations throughout Ontario committed to the conservation of our historic buildings.
- 13) All properties of the Crown will be placed under the purview of The Heritage Act.

Convention 1978

## N D P   I N T E R N A L   A F F A I R S

### Party Funding

WHEREAS the New Democratic Party was formed to unite progressive people and organizations into a party democratically controlled and openly financed by its membership, and

WHEREAS the traditional sources of finance for the New Democratic Party--namely donations from individuals and trade unions--are fully in accord with the constitutional aims and purposes of the Party, and

WHEREAS this method of financing ensures that the Party has no obligations to any vested corporate interest but rather responds to the needs of ordinary people who make up the NDP and shape its policies, and

WHEREAS the collection of monies from the large corporations would compromise the independence of the Party by creating a dependency on vested interests which have nothing in common with the needs and interests of the ordinary people who support the New Democratic Party, and

WHEREAS the acceptance of corporate donations by the NDP would constitute hypocrisy on the part of a Party that has persistently criticized the destruction of the environment, the erosion of the health of industrial workers, irresponsible policies of mass lay-offs, wanton exploitation of our resources, corporate welfare through the tax system, and failure to develop adequate processing and manufacturing industry and hence provide a stable economic base--all by a corporate sector with the blessing of their friends in the old-line parties, and

WHEREAS a principal point of difference between the New Democratic Party and the old-line parties lies in the sources of election finance--a fact that is well recognized by our voters,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Ontario will continue to accept political donations from individual supporters, labour and cooperative organizations.

### Fund-Raising

WHEREAS the Provincial Executive has decided by implication to solicit donations from private corporations, and

WHEREAS the Party has always relied on the work and dedication of its grass-roots supporters to outweigh the greater financial resources of the two capitalist parties, and

WHEREAS many of those dedicated supporters consider it a fundamental violation of the Party's principles to solicit funds from private corporations,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Provincial Executive not solicit any funds from private corporations until this fundamental issue of principle has been decided by a Provincial Convention.

### Membership Lists

BE IT RESOLVED that the executive of the Ontario NDP not give our membership lists to any other organization without the specific approval of Provincial Council.

### Party Banking

RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP should conduct its financial and other transactions with non-profit making co-operatives as much as possible rather than with profit-making corporations. Further, that it encourage its constituency associations and all of its members to do likewise.

### Visits to European Social Democratic Countries

WHEREAS Social Democratic political parties are an integral part of the political scene in Western Europe, and have been such for a long period of time, and in the process have been or are the government in their respective countries, and

WHEREAS the New Democratic Party of Ontario, the other provinces, and the federal New Democratic Party is Canada's version of a Social Democratic Party, and

WHEREAS it would be both educational and stimulating to establish intimate



contact with these various political parties,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council suggests to the Ontario Party that a committee be established to investigate the feasibility of arranging a charter trip to Europe to visit with these political parties and see their seats of government in process, and review with them some of the solutions they have adopted to a number of their problems and needs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this trip be contemplated in a year in which there is not an elected expected, and that in accordance with charter regulations, that the trip be open only to New Democrats whose membership is in good standing.

#### Convention Fees

The Ontario NDP is committed to the principle of equality of opportunity for all sympathetic Ontarions to participate in Party affairs. The Party has confirmed this commitment by imposing a differential scale of fees for Party membership. This principle has not, however, been extended to include attendance at Provincial Conventions. The imposition of a flat delegate fee places a constraint on the attendance of groups such as pensioners, unemployed, students, and the working poor. A substantial delegate fee, plus the cost of transportation and accommodation, means that many members of these groups cannot afford to attend Provincial Conventions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP adopt a differential scale of delegate fees, similar to that now employed in assessing membership fees, for future Conventions.

## L A B O U R

### Boycott of Sandra Products

That the Ontario New Democratic Party endorse the actions of the striking workers of Sandra Products in Ajax;

The Ontario NDP encourage its members to boycott Mother Parker Products by circulating the enclosed press item and list of products to all ridings.

### Closed Shop Agreements

WHEREAS the right to work is a misnomer; an attempt to return to sweat-shop conditions and to deny working people the right to decent working conditions and a decent wage, and

WHEREAS abolishing the closed shop agreement would not create one job and would create a lower working standard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party supports the unions of Ontario in their rights and privileges of their closed shop agreements.

### Labour

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has adopted a policy of transferring institutions in the Ministries of Health and Community and Social Services under the administration of local community boards, and

WHEREAS there is currently no method of successor rights between the Crown Employees Collective Bargaining Act and the Ontario Labour Relations Act and thus no guarantees protecting the pensions, accrued benefits and salary levels of the affected employees, and

WHEREAS in a brief to the Government, the Ontario Public Service Employees union has proposed legislative changes which would provide those needed successor rights,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council support the proposed legislative changes both within the party and in the Legislature.

## Occupational Health and Safety

WHEREAS the working people of this province have for many years sought the enactment of health and safety legislation that would bring to their work place comprehensive and meaningful protection, laws that would protect them from the multiplicity of hazards that exist in the work environment, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this campaign by labour and the valiant work of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Bill 139 was enacted, being termed by the Ministry of Labour as an interim Act, pending the preparation of an omnibus bill which would reflect all the realities of the workplace, and

WHEREAS Bill 70, as presented, not only ignores these realities but threatens to weaken the advances made through the enactment of Bill 139, and more specifically undermines the right of workers to refuse to perform work judged to be hazardous, and

WHEREAS thousands of new substances have been introduced into the workplace without a care or thought for their effect on human beings:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the goal of occupational health and safety legislation be to enhance the complete physical, mental, and social well-being of all workers by:

- 1) strengthening the right for workers to refuse a dangerous assignment by deleting any reference to discipline in the "right to refuse" clause and removing any deterrents towards the exercise of this right;
- 2) making mandatory the establishment of joint health and safety committees in all workplaces with more than five employees and ensuring their uninhibited operation through inspections, access to information and education;
- 3) making obligatory the notification by the employer of the joint health and safety committee and workers' safety representatives at the same time as the director, of the use, or introduction in a workplace of any biological, chemical or physical agents for the purpose of pretesting and labelling of any such substances.



- 4) providing for the collection of statistics on a province-wide basis of worker exposure to any chemical, biological and physical agents and medical data throughout the individual's life.

#### Women and Occupational Health

WHEREAS persons working in manufacturing concerns, offices, hospitals, beauty salons, and laundry and dry-cleaning establishments are frequently exposed to such physical hazards as excessive noise, vibration, radiation and air-pollution levels and posture-related problems, and

WHEREAS the majority of such workers are women, and

WHEREAS such hazards can have particularly grave consequences in regard to the healthy development of fetuses and unborn children,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Ontario extend the scope of its existing policy on occupational health to include reference to these hazards, particularly as they affect the reproductive capacity of women and men, and the health of unborn children;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until the New Democratic Party of Ontario can form a government, its Members of Provincial Parliament be directed to place special emphasis on these problems and to raise them often in Provincial Parliament, and that, on forming a government, the New Democratic Party of Ontario proceed immediately to implement appropriate measures for relief from and prevention of such hazards.

#### Unionization of Bank Workers

WHEREAS banks are one of the remaining bastions of bosses' autonomy in Canada;

WHEREAS significant breakthroughs in the drive to unionize bank workers have been made by small independent Canadian unions in British Columbia and Ontario;

WHEREAS the Canadian Labour Congress and its affiliated unions have mounted a massive drive to organize bank workers throughout Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party fully endorse and commend the drive of the

Canadian Labour Congress to unionize Canadian Bank workers and the determined efforts of those trade unionists who have succeeded in winning another major battle for Canadian workers.

#### J. P. Stevens

WHEREAS J. P. Stevens, the second largest textile corporation in the United States, pays wages 31% below the national average factory wage, although it had profits of 36.5 million dollars in 1975, and

WHEREAS J. P. Stevens is the number one violator of American labour legislation, having been found in violation of minimum safety standards, guilty of violating the National Labour Relations Act 110 times with union employees and guilty of tax avoidance, and

WHEREAS products produced in J. P. Stevens' low-wage plants compete directly with Canadian products and rob many Canadian textile workers of their jobs, and

WHEREAS the ONDP has supported other fights for social justice such as the grape boycott,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party condemn J. P. Stevens for unjust treatment of its employees and denial of their basic rights to organize in a union of their choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party strongly support the boycott appeal of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers' Union and urge all its members and affiliates to refuse to purchase any products manufactured or distributed by this anti-union corporation; and to actively support the boycott campaign by creating boycott committees, supporting leaflet distribution and taking any other actions that would lead to the victory of the J. P. Stevens workers in their fight for social justice.

#### Minimum Wage for Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that the minimum wage in Ontario should be adjusted annually to equal 60% of the Industrial Composite Wage Index for Ontario.

### Domestic Workers

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Ontario recognize the value of the services rendered by domestic paid workers (i.e., those workers who work for pay as hired help in homes other than their own), and extend to them the full rights and privileges enjoyed by all other workers in the Province of Ontario, with respect to minimum wages, Workmen's Compensation, employment standards, overtime pay, hours of work, holidays, and vacation pay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employers be required to pay a percentage of those workers' OHIP and UIC premium costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right of collective bargaining be extended to these workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 4 (8) of the Ontario Human Rights Code, which excludes domestic workers from its provisions with respect to equal rights in employment, be repealed, and that full protection under the Code be granted to them.



## PEOPLE

### Task Force Report

1. That our policy dealing with Truth in Packaging be amended to read:

BE IT RESOLVED that manufacturers print on their packages the ingredients of the product in decreasing order as well as in percentage terms.

2. To amend the resolution called Consumer Protection in the first "WHEREAS" to read a five-day cooling off period instead of the present two.

3. Amend the section Commercial Reporting Companies to state as follows:

"a person about whom an inquiry is made be notified of the substance of the report".

4. In the resolution entitled Political Freedom delete the words "without pay if elected" and insert the following: "to run for office and to serve".

5. The resolution on Illegitimate Children be rescinded, as it is now legislation.

6. Amend the resolution on Confidentiality by adding the following:

"Guidance counsellors have an ethical duty to tell the client that there are limits on confidentiality".

7. BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would provide francophone education where it is needed and where there are enough students to warrant it.

### Relations with East Indian Community

WHEREAS the East Indian community in Toronto is the newest target of verbal and physical harrassment, and

WHEREAS the police department has been most unsympathetic to complaints lodged by members of the community;

WHEREAS visible minorities are being made the whipping boys of a society ridden with unemployment and economic stresses;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP:

- 1) initiate a dialogue with the East Indian community, with a view to understanding its problems;
- 2) actively speak out against the prevailing atmosphere of racial tension.

### Senior Citizens

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) the Ministries of Health and Social Services deal in a co-ordinated way with the provision of health, social, labour, and housing services to the aged in Ontario;
- 2) housing for the aged be established within communities on a percentage basis, with such a percentage to be applied to current and proposed housing supply. The percentage will be determined according to need for housing for the aged.
- 3) there be public ownership of all private facilities relating to the care and housing of the aged, and that these facilities be run by community boards;
- 4) a minimum level of income be provided to the aged, so that a decent and dignified existence within the community be possible;
- 5) services to the aged will be co-ordinated by community boards, with special emphasis on district nurses for home visits, homemaker and meal services, and accessible transportation;
- 6) community recreation centres be established, for use by all age groups, to enhance the integration of the aged within the community;
- 7) support be provided to individuals who care for parents and relatives in their own homes where, otherwise, institutionalization would be required.

### International Women's Day/Women's Rights

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party endorse International Women's Day, March 8, 1978, encourage

action on the elimination of discrimination on the basis of sex and in favour of Women's Rights, and urges all NDP groups to actively support this day in whatever way possible.

#### Legal Services

RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party support the development in Ontario of Community Based Legal Services Organizations and Prepaid Legal Service Plans in order that people not normally reached by the private bar have access to the same quality and variety of legal services as are presently being delivered by lawyers to their paying clients.

#### R.C.M.P.

WHEREAS the cornerstone of the democratic process is the right of citizens to express political dissent without fear that their civil liberties will be jeopardized,

AND WHEREAS recent revelations of illegal and questionable activities by the R.C.M.P. and other police forces against political parties, labour unions and others in the name of national security subvert the rule of law and demonstrate lack of ministerial responsibility and control of the police,

AND WHEREAS it is important that the police know the difference between political subversion and political dissent in order that any group or individual in society can advocate reform and change in a free and open manner without intimidation or violation of their civil rights,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP Councils and Caucuses, both provincial and federal, demand that the terms of reference for both internal and external security be clearly defined by Parliament and that proper ministerial direction of the police and ministerial responsibility be exercised, and that all future activities of the R.C.M.P. in a security area be under the scrutiny of a committee composed of the elected representatives of the people of Canada,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP demand a complete investigation and public exposure of any activities, past and present, of security police to undermine, infiltrate or otherwise

hamper the legal activities of citizens in unions, political parties, and pressure groups.

#### South African Wines/LCBO

WHEREAS the recent bannings and arrests in South Africa are only the latest actions in a series of measures designed to destroy and repress all opposition to the system of apartheid,

WHEREAS this system of apartheid is based upon the principle of discrimination against the majority of the South African people solely on the basis of their race,

WHEREAS this system of apartheid is able to maintain itself in large part, through financial and trade arrangements with the Western world,

WHEREAS one such arrangement between South Africa and Canada is the importation of South African wines and liquors into Canada,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Liquor Control Board immediately terminate the importation and retail sale of all liquors, wines, and spirits produced and/or marketed by South Africa.

#### Universal Product Code

WHEREAS the food supermarket industry is introducing the Universal Product Code (U.P.C.) on a world-wide basis, and

WHEREAS the Universal Product Code is designed to be used in conjunction with a computerized assisted check-out system, which the supermarket industry claims will eliminate the need to continue individually marking prices on all products, and

WHEREAS consumers are entitled to know exactly how much a product will cost at the point of selecting an item, and as it stands at this time, consumers will have to rely on shelf pricing only, and

WHEREAS in the past shelf pricing has proven not to be reliable and without individual pricing consumers have no way of checking shelf prices against prices charged at the check-out counter;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario New Democratic Party will press the Ontario Government to bring in legislation to protect consumers by requiring the supermarket industry to continue the practice of marking the purchase price on each item for sale.

## TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

### Task Force Report:

#### Inter-Urban Recommendations

- 1) The government must commit itself to a policy which reduces the dependence of Ontarians on the automobile and the airplane for intercity travel by developing an integrated rail, bus, and urban transit network that acts as a realistic alternative to the car and short air haul services.
- 2) Subsidization of the car mode should be reduced and be redirected to improving rail and bus transportation.
- 3) The government of Ontario must establish and operate in co-operation with local municipalities and the federal government unified train-bus terminals in all medium-sized and large cities.
- 4) Ontario should help institute joint ticketing, reservations and credit card services for all air-rail-bus carriers.
- 5) Ontario must initiate joint programmes with the federal government to modernize and expand train service.
- 6) The existing publicly owned and controlled carriers Go-Transit, Gray Coach and Ontario Northland should be merged into an integrated rail-bus public passenger transportation corporation.
- 7) The operations of the provincial transportation corporation and the private bus companies should be closely co-ordinated with each other and with VIA Rail.
- 8) A Provincial Passenger Transportation Authority should be established to license private carriers. Criteria for operating and renewing licences should be based on standards of service, and willingness to operate on both profitable and unprofitable routes.
- 9) Greyhound Bus Lines should be prohibited from operating between any cities now serviced by Gray Coach Lines.

#### Intra-Urban Recommendations

- A) That a commitment to expansion of public transit as the primary means of improving urban transportation be confirmed.
- B) That an urban design that supports the use of public transit, walking and cycling be encouraged.
- C) 1) That a residential density of 15-25 units per acre be encouraged where public transportation exists or is desirable.  
2) That office employment centres of reasonably high density be encouraged in suburban areas of very large cities.  
3) That job opportunities and housing types and costs complement one another so that those accommodated could be expected to be able to work at nearby jobs.
- D) That government funding be directed primarily to medium capacity, short-haul facilities using proven technologies.  

For example, the Go-Urban/Krauss Maffei/ICTS development contract should be cancelled and the money diverted to useful public transit purposes.
- E) Public transit operating subsidies should be sufficient to ensure that transit fares are not a significant impediment to increased transit use.
- F) Road improvements in urban areas should only be made after consideration of:
  - 1) the benefits that would result to users of the road,
  - 2) the damage that could result in the area through which the road passes,
  - 3) the overall impact on the quality of life in the urban areas.



### Metro Toronto Transportation

- 1) There should be a moratorium on further expressway or limited access road (arterial street) construction in Metro Toronto.
- 2) Metro Council should adopt a strict policy of decentralization of land use and make a definite commitment to the development of employment and cultural sub-centres in the suburbs timed with the extension of public transportation facilities.
- 3) As an alternative to the construction of new roads and expressways, it is recommended that a positive commitment be made to an efficient public transit system for the Toronto Region.
- 4) Public transit facilities should be planned into each new development--commercial and residential--in order to anticipate and create a demand for its usage.
- 5) The use of existing railway lines for public transit purposes should be increased to offer alternative service and express service.
- 6) Truck noise is a serious problem for some residential streets in various parts of Metro. Because fences and banks fail to alleviate the noise caused by trucks, legislation should be introduced requiring improvements to engines and tires which would cushion the noise factor.
- 7) Any development of transportation facilities should be designed in a way which will preserve existing residential neighbourhoods.
- 8) In order to overcome delays caused by conflict between automobile traffic and transit vehicles, transit vehicles should be given the right of way at all intersections.

### Automobile Insurance

WHEREAS we remain convinced that only a provincial insurance scheme can provide reasonable automobile insurance coverage to the people of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the inauguration of provincial automobile insurance by the first NDP government of the province remain a Party commitment to the people of Ontario.