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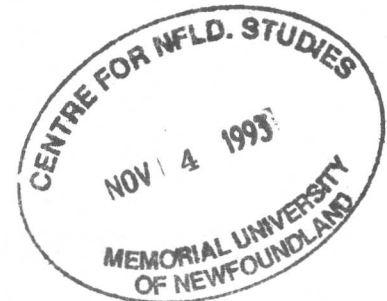
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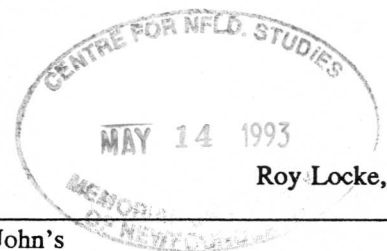
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LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

MARCH 3 AND 4, 1993

WE DESERVE BETTER

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION AS A PROVINCE IS INDEED SERIOUS. ALL NEWFOUNDLANDERS AND LABRADORIANS ARE AWARE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO SATISFY EVERY NEED OF OUR CITIZENS.

OUR OVERALL DEBT IS HIGH AND OUR ANNUAL BORROWING REQUIREMENTS ARE ALSO HIGH.

BUT PREMIER WELLS AND HIS GOVERNMENT ARE PROPOSING TO BORROW 85 MILLION DOLLARS LESS THIS YEAR IN CURRENT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS THAN THE AVERAGE OF THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS - AND OVER 150 MILLION LESS THAN GOVERNMENT DID IN THE YEAR 1990 - 91.

THIS IS COMING AT A TIME WHEN THE INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE PUBLIC DEBT - AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE - IS THE LOWEST THAT IT'S BEEN IN THE PAST 10 YEARS. THE REAL COST OF THE PUBLIC DEBT IS WHAT IT COSTS TO SERVICE THAT DEBT. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN FIGURES IN THE LAST BUDGET - IN 1993 WE WILL PAY 12.8% OF OUR REVENUE AS INTEREST ON THE PROVINCIAL DEBT - THIS IS ONLY 1/3 OF WHAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA MUST PAY AS A % OF ITS REVENUE. WHILE THE ABSOLUTE AMOUNT OF OUR DEBT IS HIGH AND CAN BE USED TO FRIGHTEN THE

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLDER - THE ACTUAL COST OF ADMINISTERING THIS DEBT AS A PERCENT OF GOVERNMENT REVENUES - IS, IN FACT, DECREASING. AND, INTEREST RATES ARE LOWER NOW THAN IN MANY YEARS.

THIS IS NOT TO SAY WE DON'T HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS - BUT WE DON'T NEED A GOVERNMENT TO TELL US WE HAVE PROBLEMS - WE NEED A GOVERNMENT TO LEAD THE WAY TO SOLUTIONS.

IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO SAY THAT OTHER PROVINCES HAVE THE SAME DIFFICULTIES. SASKATCHEWAN, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS A SERIOUS GOVERNMENT DEBT, WHICH THEY MUST ADDRESS. BUT WE MUST ALSO KNOW THAT THE SASKATCHEWAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS PROJECTED AT 7.4% FOR 1993 - WHILE HERE IN NEWFOUNDLAND WE ARE FACED WITH THREE TIMES THAT RATE. AND THAT'S ONLY THE OFFICIAL FIGURES.

HERE IN THIS PROVINCE THE NUMBER ONE PROBLEM IS NOT GOVERNMENT DEBT - IT'S UNEMPLOYMENT. THE NUMBER ONE EFFORT OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE TO ATTACK THE CAUSES OF THAT UNEMPLOYMENT AND LEAD THE WAY TO SOLUTIONS.

CLYDE WELLS AND THE LIBERALS WERE NOT ELECTED BECAUSE THEY PROMISED TO BALANCE THE BOOKS - GOVERNMENT IS NOT JUST AN ACCOUNTING EXERCISE - THEY WERE ELECTED BECAUSE THEY PROMISED A

BETTER FUTURE.

THERE ARE NOW 20,000 FEWER PEOPLE WORKING IN OUR PROVINCE THAN IN 1989 - AND THAT DOESN'T EVEN COUNT THE COD MORATORIUM.

IT'S NOT ALL THE FAULT OF THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT OF CLYDE WELLS - THE CONSERVATIVES IN OTTAWA HAVE REDUCED THE TRANSFER PAYMENTS AND AMOUNTS TO ASSIST PROVINCES IN THE SUPPORT OF HEALTH CARE AND OTHER ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS. AND OTHER FEDERAL POLICIES - THE G.S.T., U.I. CHANGES AND FREE TRADE HAVE HAD SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACTS. BUT THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HERE MUST TAKE IT'S SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR CURRENT SITUATION.

PART OF THE REASON FOR OUR MESS IS THAT CLYDE WELLS AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY ON THE CONSTITUTION - A PROCESS THAT GOT US NOWHERE - AND NOT ENOUGH TIME TRYING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF OUR ECONOMY.

THE GOVERNMENT IS SHOWING LITTLE IMAGINATION AND NO COMMITMENT TO THE REAL CHANGE THAT THEY PROMISED. CUTTING BACK THE INCOME OF PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS BY TAKING MONEY OUT OF THESE POCKETS WILL HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON THE PROVINCE'S FINANCIAL POSITION, IN FACT IT COULD MAKE IT WORSE - WE BELIEVE THE CLIMATE OF FEAR NOW CREATED AND THE REAL ROLLBACK TO FAMILY INCOMES WILL RESULT IN NOT ONLY

THESE WORKERS BUT OTHER PEOPLE IN OUR PROVINCE GENERALLY SPENDING LESS - SLOWING DOWN OUR ECONOMY AND DECREASING TAX REVENUES EVEN FURTHER.

AND OUR PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS - HOSPITAL WORKERS, TEACHERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT WORKERS ARE ALREADY BEHIND IN SALARY COMPARED TO OTHER PROVINCES AND ARE FALLING FURTHER BEHIND AS A RESULT OF THE LIBERALS BREAKING COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND LEGISLATING WAGE FREEZES.

WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DONE ENOUGH TO FIND WASTE IN THE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM - WE THINK THEY AIMED AT THE SALARY BUDGET BECAUSE IT WAS BIGGEST AND DECIDED TO ATTACK THIS.

IN THE LAST HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY WE WITNESSED THE SPECTACLE OF THE LIBERALS ATTACKING THE P.C.'S AND THE P.C.'S ATTACKING THE LIBERALS OVER WHICH GOVERNMENT WAS WORSE IN WASTING TAXPAYERS MONEY. THE TORIES COMPLAINING ABOUT 600 DOLLAR DOORKNOBS AND THE LIBERALS COMPLAINING ONCE AGAIN ABOUT SPRUNG AND THE EXTRAVAGANT EXPENDITURES FOR CIGARS AND ALCOHOL IN THE PREMIER'S OFFICE.

AT THE SAME TIME THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RESPONDED TO OFFERS FROM OUR PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS TO WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE

WASTE AND REDUCE COSTS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

WE HAVE ALSO SEEN THE UNFAIRNESS OF CLYDE WELLS SAYING THAT WE AS A PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO INCREASE THE PATHETIC \$128. PER MONTH MAXIMUM IN SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR SINGLE PERSONS WHOSE ONLY REASON TO BE ON RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IS BECAUSE THEY'RE UNEMPLOYED.

AND WE HAVE NOT SEEN FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CLYDE WELLS ANY REAL PROGRAM THAT WILL TACKLE THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND OUR PLACE AS NEWFOUNDLANDERS AND LABRADORIANS IN IT. WE CAN'T ASSUME THAT FREE ENTERPRISE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. IF THEY COULD, WE IN THIS PROVINCE WOULDN'T BE FARING SO POORLY IN ONE OF THE RICHEST COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

GOVERNMENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS, EVEN RADICAL SOLUTIONS, AND TACKLE THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT FORCE US INTO THE BACK WATERS OF CANADA'S WEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY.

THE PREMIER HAS SAID IN THE PAST AND AGAIN LAST NIGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST ACT RESPONSIBLY - AND WE AGREE - BUT WE SAY IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE TO CONTINUE WITH A PROGRAM OF CUTS, OF DOOM AND

GLOOM AND NO HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

THE FEDERAL NEW DEMOCRATS HAVE PRODUCED A JOBS STRATEGY FOR CANADA BASED ON A FULL EMPLOYMENT ECONOMY WHICH WOULD BOTH REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT AND REDUCE THE DEFICIT - AND THIS RESULT WAS VERIFIED BY INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC CONSULTANTS.

IN CANADA A FULL EMPLOYMENT ECONOMY WOULD PROVIDE 5.5 BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW TAX REVENUE FROM PEOPLE WORKING AND SAVE OVER \$16 BILLION IN U.I., SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT JOBS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF BOLD INITIATIVE WE MUST DEVELOP IN THIS PROVINCE - IT IS THE ONLY REAL WAY OUT.

RESPONSIBILITY AS A GOVERNMENT DOESN'T JUST MEAN RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR CREDITORS AND BANKERS - IT MEANS RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THE REAL NEEDS OF NEWFOUNDLANDERS AND LABRADORIANS.

IT MEANS GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE INITIATIVES WHICH PROVIDE HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FUTURE BUT ALSO FOR THE PRESENT. WE, AS THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND PUBLICLY IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS.

SPEAKING NOTES
CBC PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS
TELEVISED MARCH 20, 1993

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LEADER, NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

This week the Government of Clyde Wells brought down it's fifth budget. For four years the government of Clyde Wells has had control of the Newfoundland and Labrador economy and has taken on the task of providing leadership. It's time we looked at its record. Since 1989 the number of people receiving social assistance in our Province has increased by one half. - And there are now 20,000 fewer people employed in Newfoundland and Labrador than there were in 1989. And this doesn't count those who are out of work because of the cod moratorium.

We are suffering from a recession - international in nature - but its worst effects are made in Canada - by government policies that are increasingly unfriendly to the needs of ordinary people and increasingly friendly to the interests of big business.

A family of 4 with an income of \$24,000 pays 40% more in taxes than in 1984, while a wealthy family pays 6% less. A massive shift has occurred in Canada where corporation now pay a lesser share of taxes and individuals pay more - and many thousands of profitable corporations pay no tax at all.

Here in Newfoundland the government of Clyde Wells preaches restraint for public sector workers - and imposed successive wage freezes on its employees and broke collective agreements to do so. At the same time amid accusations of using \$600.

doorknobs for expensive office renovations - a minister admits to spending \$600. on a briefcase to be charged to the government.

This kind of extravagance continues while government looks to the pockets of public sector workers to save \$70 million dollars.

I haven't seen the 1993 Budget - this program was taped before the budget was brought down on Thursday. So I can't comment in detail on the governments specific plans for 1993.

But I can comment on the approach taken by government to fiscal management. They've taken the view that we are captives of the bankers and the bond-holders. - They've decided that the number one priority of government is the bottom line - to balance the books.

They say we are no different than Saskatchewan, or Ontario - who's NDP Government's are also cutting costs in the public sector. But that's NOT TRUE.

Two things are different. Ontario and Saskatchewan N.D.P. governments have never legislated collective agreements out of existence to impose wage freezes and

destroy pay equity for women. And Ontario and Saskatchewan have larger deficits than we do and their unemployment rates are something we can only aspire to - Ontario's unemployment rate is less than half ours and in Saskatchewan the unemployment rate for 1993 is projected at 7.4% - Newfoundland and Labrador's is 3 times that at 22%. In Newfoundland and Labrador one out of every 3 young people under 24 who are not in school are unemployed.

Our number one priority in Newfoundland and Labrador must be jobs for our people - not balancing the bottom line.

This weeks MacLean's magazine referred to the New Brunswick operating deficit of \$200 million as manageable - the government of Clyde Wells wants ours kept at \$50. million. At the same time we are paying less of our revenues to service the public debt then we have the past 10 years. For Newfoundlanders and Labradorians the real bottom line must be jobs.

If Premier Wells wants a real crusade to take across Canada and not just a pre-election fisheries crusade - he should take up the crusade in favour of a jobs plan and full employment for Canada - like the federal New Democrats have done in their jobs strategy - there is a way out - but not if we concentrate on our

weaknesses and not our strengths.

The New Democratic Party of Canada has developed this jobs plan that will create jobs and reduce the deficit at the same time - and submitted it for independent economic review and analysis. And it works - This is the kind of leadership we need in Newfoundland - a challenge to the status quo - and a rejection of an attitude that accepts our place as have nots in Canada.

SPEAKING NOTES FOR AN ADDRESS
TO
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
MARCH 30, 1993

I'd like first of all to thank the Business Association of Newfoundland and Labrador for inviting me here today to talk about the New Democratic Party and our hopes and vision for the future of our Province and our people.

We have in Newfoundland and Labrador a great history of hard work and struggle both on land and sea, to make a living and to build a society. We have a great legacy of courageous people, whose daring and tenacity have enabled us to create - over the centuries, a reputation and reknown worldwide for our capabilities as seafarers. We have a marvellous heritage of fishing villages and logging and lumbering towns and outport life, of language and stories and songs handed down that form our cultural underpinnings.

We have the ancient seaport of St. John's with its echoes of the centuries and the flavour of all the countries of the world whose ships and sailors have entered her narrows - and the connections with all the ports of the old world and new where from this place our own ships and men have sailed for commerce and adventure.

This century has seen incredible change and material progress for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador - most rapidly since Confederation with Canada. That change has been dramatic - especially for those who remember or know what life was like before we came to enjoy the benefits of being a part of Canada. The increased expectations - the old age pensions and family allowance, the availability of universal programs such as medicare, and unemployment insurance all served to ameliorate what was before a life of great hardship and subservience for most people and even greater uncertainty and powerlessness in the face of illness or unemployment.

In the thirties and forties in Newfoundland - we were forced to endure the parsimonious

regime of bean counters and bureaucrats from Whitehall who together with local cohorts were called the Commission of Government. They had a condescending attitude to the Newfoundland Commissioners and the Newfoundlanders that they were ruling. They provided no leadership or direction. Theirs was the work of accountants. They balanced the books. When the unemployed rioted they suppressed them with police. When the economy improved on its own during World War II they even lent money interest free to the United Kingdom. They were supported by the local newspapers, by the business leaders, and tolerated by the people.

Meanwhile, starting in Western Canada, there was the beginnings of a social movement that was to become the C.C.F. and later the N.D.P. A number of its initial leaders were preachers, methodist ministers and baptists who believed in the Social Gospel. They believed that in addition to preparing for the life hereafter - there was an obligation to create a better life here on earth - that rural farmers and urban workers and unemployed could work together to overcome the evils of the economic and social system that were so obvious in the depression. It was they who in 1933 in Regina formed the Cooperation Commonwealth Federation - the C.C.F. - a political party as well as a social movement. It aimed to place the supply of human needs ahead of the making of profits as the dominant principle regulating the economy.

It believed that through democratic means our society could be transformed by organizing the resources of the community to ensure that all those willing to work could participate in the rising standards of living, to grant the right to a job or the right to social insurance to protect workers and their families from the hazards of sickness, death, industrial accident and old age, to place limitation on the hours of work and provide protection for health and safety in industry.

They believed in guaranteeing equal opportunity and equal reward to both men and

women. They believed in freedom of association and the encouragement of worker organizations and trade unions, collective bargaining and work councils and genuine industrial democracy.

They believed in socialized health care, publicly organized health, hospital and medical services.

They stood for freedom of speech and assembly - full economic, political and religious liberty for all and equal treatment before the law irrespective of race, nationality or religious or political beliefs. They believed that the government of Canada had a direct responsibility to deal with the then critical unemployment situation, since the provincial and municipal governments were unable to cope.

They believed in a taxation system designed not only to raise public revenues but to lessen the glaring inequalities of income and wealth. They believed in public ownership of certain essential industries in transportation, communications and public utilities.

All these ideas were set forth in the program of the C.C.F. and fought for by its members and supporters throughout Canada.

Many of these ideas and programs are taken for granted today but in the twenties, thirties and forties in Canada they had to be fought for at the local, provincial and federal level. These policies - particularly those for social benefits - old age pensions, family allowances and protection for workers - were introduced at the insistence of the parliamentary representatives, sometimes as the price for their support to ensure a government's survival, sometimes by a governing party to prevent the rising support for the C.C.F. at the polls in elections. And it wasn't until 1944 that the CCF formed a government of its own under the leadership of Tommy Douglas - Premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961 and the first leader of the federal New

Democratic Party - successor to the C.C.F.

I've outlined this history and this comparison with Newfoundland's situation to make the following point. - That what Newfoundland and Labrador residents inherited after Confederation was the legacy of ideas and social programs that had been fought for by the C.C.F. within Canada and wrested from the Conservative and Liberal government's in Ottawa over the years. Essentially, Newfoundlanders got these benefits without having to fight for them.

But we are going to have to fight to keep our way of life and improve the lot of the poor and unemployed.

While benefiting from these programs and having a healthier and more prosperous life because of Confederation with Canada - we are NOT closer to control over our economic destiny.

Our earned income per capita as a percentage of the Canadian average has not improved since 1971. The benefits of Confederation have stagnated. The new policies of free trade and deregulation, down-loading of financial responsibilities to the provinces - and the painful G.S.T. will all conspire to actually make things worse for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in Canada. We face the prospect of actually reversing our direction and becoming poorer - getting worse not better.

Our fiscal problems are serious and prudence is wise. But my fear is that the message of the Wells government will serve to send us on a downward spiral which will paralyse our economy and create a climate which suppresses rather than encourages new activity.

Saskatchewan - which has a worse deficit and debt problem than Newfoundland's is

committed to attacking it - and committed to a balanced budget in four years.

They don't have the unemployment that we have - theirs is the second lowest unemployment rate in Canada - but still it's government is committed to jobs as a first priority. -

They regard co-ops and small business as Saskatchewan's most effective job creation program and have reduced the small business Corporate Income Tax Rate by 20% over 4 years. They have introduced a Temporary Manufacturing and Processing Credit for co-ops and small business as well as phasing out their sales tax on direct inputs into manufacturing and processing. They are investing \$51 million dollars into research and development and providing \$320 million in support for agriculture.

While providing positive incentives for business increases are being provided for support programs in a Child Benefit Plan, child care, assistance for seniors and others who are vulnerable in society.

In short they have shown there is a better way.

In Newfoundland our government seems prepared to preach doom and gloom and then blame the private sector for not doing more.

The N.D.P. believes there is a better way.

We believe that the private sector - especially small business - has a vital role to play in the diversification of our economy and creating wealth and employment.

But we don't believe that we can expect the private sector alone to solve the massive and serious unemployment problem we face in this province. If it could the legacy after 400 years would not be the unemployment rate we have today.

We believe the only solution is to adopt a national full employment policy with the

Newfoundland and Labrador government playing a full role in making it happen. It involves some major challenges to our way of thinking - but involves making the elimination of unemployment our number one priority. Other countries have been able to do so with the correct political will and New Democrats in this province and throughout Canada are committed to making it happen.

The federal New Democrats have just released a Strategy for Full-Employment Economy which should be of major significance for Newfoundland and Labrador. It will create 1.5 million jobs over 5 years - and reduce the national deficit at the same time - while keeping inflation in check and holding the line on taxes for low and middle income families.

The elements are set out in a document that I can have sent to you - and include commitments to a National Investment Fund for business enterprises, a National Infrastructure Program, a National Childcare Program, Investment in Research and Development and a commitment to a rebuilt fisheries and revitalization of the forest industry, and a shift in fiscal and monetary policy to complement the first priority of achieving full employment.

And it works - independent economic consultants have reviewed and tested the elements on their econometric models and have verified its ability to reduce the deficit and create jobs. The plan will create 5 billion annually in new tax revenues from those employed and save 16 billion in UI and other programs for those out of work.

That's the kind of leadership we need. That's the kind of program worth fighting for.

And fight for it we will - as a provincial party fight for those policies that help people who are suffering now and give some hope for the immediate future - not somewhere off in the distance when we imagine that by some magical process our economy will improve.

We welcome the opportunity in the forthcoming election to put forth a detailed and comprehensive policy - compatible with the full employment strategy of our federal counterparts.

- and to create and build a party within the province which will fight till we succeed in creating our own future - one that we can control - and one in keeping with the dreams and ideals of our Party.

INFORMATION

NEW DEMOCRATS

April 20, 1993

For Immediate Release

N.D.P. Leader, Jack Harris

New Democratic Party Leader Jack Harris took his election campaign to the fishing stages in the Battery Tuesday to outline his party's fisheries policy.

Mr. Harris said the NDP stands for real participation of fishing communities and fishing industry workers in the management of the resource.

Mr. Harris said the NDP believes the fishing industry has been poorly served by the Wells administration.

He said a commitment is needed by both levels of government for a twofold attack on the present situation in the fishery, consisting of a commitment to rebuild our fish stocks together with sensible programs to help fishing industry workers and fishing communities survive the current downturn so as to take their rightful place in a rebuilt fishery of the future.

"The Wells government does not have a coherent fisheries policy," Mr. Harris said.

"They talk a lot about jurisdiction and joint management, without any indication of what they would do with expanded jurisdiction or joint management."

He said the Wells government has a very poor record in areas in which it was already has jurisdiction.

For example, he said the Fisheries Loan Board has failed to respond to the needs of fishing men and women during the present crisis in the fishery.

"While the fishing industry struggles though the worst crisis in our history, the Fisheries Loan Board is cracking down on fishermen with collection tactics that would embarrass most finance companies," Mr. Harris said.

He said Loan Board collections officers are hounding fishing vessel owners, trying to collect a portion of their northern cod moratorium payments to pay on their Loan Board accounts. They are also badgering fishermen for payments from the settlements they received when they were forced out of the salmon fishery by the joint actions of the federal and provincial governments.

"The Minister of Fisheries has been totally ineffectual during the fishing industry's hour of greatest need," the NDP leader charged.

He said the Wells administration also badly let down fishing industry workers by refusing an offer from Ottawa to make a fishery early retirement program available to workers from age 50 up.

"The Wells government has jeopardized the likelihood of increased input for the province in fisheries matters because it has performed so poorly in aspects of the fishery in which it has jurisdiction," said Mr. Harris.

He also pointed to the government's refusal to come to grips with the need to restructure the processing sector - another aspect of the fishery under provincial jurisdiction.

Government attempted to "wash its hands" of any responsibility for determining the future shape of the processing sector in its recently released "green paper" which was widely criticized by the fishing industry.

"The crisis cries out for committed and effective government action at both the federal and provincial levels," Mr. Harris said. "To date, both of them have fallen short of the mark."

As first steps, the NDP leader said the provincial government should call a halt to its relentless collection tactics at the Fisheries Loan Board, renegotiate an early retirement program to include workers from the age of 50, and plan a strategy to shape the processing sector of the future.

"The Newfoundland government won't have any credibility whatsoever in its claims for a greater say in fisheries matters until it gets its own fisheries house in order," Mr. Harris concluded.

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THE FISHERIES : BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY.

The New Democratic Party believes that the fisheries is the backbone of the Newfoundland and Labrador economy. We stand for real participation of fishing communities and fishing industry workers in the management of the resource. We believe that a commitment is needed by both levels of government to a twofold attack on the present situation in the fishery, consisting of a commitment to rebuilding together with sensible programs to help fishing industry workers and fishing communities survive the current downturn so as to take their rightful place in a rebuilt fishery of the future. Our future of fishing communities depends on effective and committed government action at the provincial as well as at the federal level to rebuild our stocks and provide support while that is happening.

The current crisis in the fisheries is unprecedented in scope and frightening in its implications. As the Government of Canada has failed in its management of the resource, there is now a clear need for the provincial government to act immediately and decisively.

The Wells Government does not have a coherent fisheries policy. They talk a lot about jurisdiction and joint management, without any indication of what they would do with expanded jurisdiction or joint management.

In the meantime the Government has failed utterly in those matters which do now fall under their own management. While the fisheries is in a state of disaster for the participants, the fisheries loan board is relentless in the pursuit of payments on loans and debts.

While many vital fisheries matters are outside our control, we must have policies on those matters over which we do have control. These include the licensing and regulation of the processing sector, the Fisheries Loan Board, education and training, collective bargaining and the development of the fishery as the mainstay of our provincial economy.

On all these issues the Wells' government has failed.

NEW DEMOCRATS: THE REAL ALTERNATIVE.

New Democrats believe that the following are critical to the development of the fisheries of the future:

- Successive Provincial Governments have licensed an overcapacity of processing in the industry. They must support the communities and individual workers who are affected by overcapacity in this crisis. It is not good enough to simply turn over the problem to the market place.

- New Democrats would develop a rational plan with the communities, the workforce and the industry having a major say. Such a plan would prevent the loss of the strategically and historically important plants in the province. It would also recognise the needs of particular communities, and that women are most often the most adversely affected by plant closures.
- Women make up the majority of workers in the processing sector. They have particular needs, which must be recognised. Women workers have found it harder to qualify under the Moratorium package, and to obtain appropriate training. Special attention must be paid to ensuring that women are equally compensated for their losses and equally protected when the moratorium is lifted.
- The Loan Board does not meet the needs of fishers. Instead of pressuring fishers to repay debts in an arbitrary fashion, New Democrats would require a writing down of debt based on the diminished value of the capital assets.
- New Democrats would require a review of the current practice of covering only loans of less than \$50,000, while requiring higher loans to go through chartered banks. New Democrats would also expand the services of the Loan Board to include a range of other banking facilities to fishers.
- New Democrats would amend the Fishing Industry (Collective Bargaining) Act, to improve the collective bargaining climate for lobster fishers, and implement the recommendations of the Aiden Maloney study of 1988.
- New Democrats would commission a thorough study of the potential for more secondary processing in the province, as well as methods of improving the condition and presentation of the product.
- Other countries and areas within Canada have been able to develop a significant aquaculture industry. Efforts should be redoubled now, while the cod moratorium is in effect, to make substantial investment of funds and training available to this growing industry which has so much potential for diversifying our economy.
- Urgent steps must be taken to make use of marine species which so far have been ignored or underutilized, and to develop the technologies to catch, process and market them, with the maximum possible value added in our province.

Those who forget history, are doomed to repeat it.

The International Labour Organization of the UN has condemned both Liberal and PC governments for their attacks on free collective bargaining.

- In the 1970s, the Tories forced Waterford Hospital employees into a 20-week strike.
- In the 1980s, a Conservative government passed Bill 111, legislating an end to the legal Lab & X-Ray strike.
- In 1986, a Tory government had union leaders, hundreds of union members, and the NDP leader arrested and dragged off to jail.
- A myth has been created that the PCs have never gone to the legislature to amend collective agreements.

The Conservative government of which Len Simms was a member retroactively amended lay-off notices required under the Labour Standards Act.

This cowardly move effectively reduced the lay-off notices in the NAPE Hospital Support Staff Collective Agreement, reversing an arbitration victory.

As a result, employees lost tens of thousands of dollars, owed to them from their inadequate lay-off notice.

Liberals are Tories, Too.

Clyde Wells followed the Tory lead, ignoring the right to free collective bargaining.

- Bill 16 showed true Liberal colours by breaking negotiated contracts, and breaking faith with workers.
- He has used legislation to rollback wages, benefits, the Labrador benefits agreement, pay equity, and Workers' Compensation top up provisions.
- Clyde Wells called this election seeking a mandate to continue his attack on workers and lower the standard of living of public employees.

There is a real alternative.

The Newfoundland & Labrador NDP believes that governments who deny workers free collective bargaining and who fail to honour legal contracts threaten one of the cornerstones of our democracy.

• Societies who trample workers' rights seldom stop with union members. They, governments eventually attack others in society. The Newfoundland & Labrador NDP is committed to free collective bargaining.

• In its first term of office an NDP government would rescind the hated Bill 59, passed

into law by Len Simms and the Tories.

"AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, AS A MATTER OF RIGHT, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES MUST BE FREE TO BARGAIN THEIR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR NDP REJECTS COMPLETELY THE NOTION THAT GOVERNMENT AS AN EMPLOYER SHOULD USE ITS LEGISLATIVE POWER TO OPPRESS EMPLOYEES.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR NDP BELIEVES THAT PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES ARE REASONABLE CONSCIENTIOUS PEOPLE; TREATED WITH RESPECT NOT CONTEMPT THEY WILL REACH COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE FAIR TO THE PROVINCE AND THEMSELVES."

— JACK HARRIS, NDP LEADER

The New Democratic Party makes the following commitments if elected:

1. Instruct government negotiators to immediately return to the bargaining table and negotiate in good faith with union representatives.
2. Rescind all legislation interfering with the implementation of pay equity. Government negotiators would be ordered to immediately begin implementation of the pay equity agreement throughout the public service.
3. Work with the public sector unions to identify government waste and eliminate it.
4. There would be no lay-offs of permanent employees. All job reductions would occur through attrition and voluntary early retirement.
5. Restore redundancy pensions for redundant employees.
6. Restore the provisions of the Labrador Benefits Agreement.

7. Negotiate a group insurance plan with fixed benefits and costs for the term of the respective collective agreements.

8. Negotiate a mutually agreeable voluntary unpaid leave system for public employees.

9. Rescind legislation which makes it illegal for unions to negotiate Workers' Compensation top up provisions.

10. Take steps to reduce the number of workplace accidents and injuries; governments in particular have to set an example in this area.

11. Introduce measures to ensure that there are labour representatives appointed to all boards such as hospital and nursing home boards.

12. Place public employees under the Labour Relations Act.

13. Institute a series of regular meetings with public sector unions to share information on the province's economy and develop a 5-year plan to ensure an efficient and stable public service.

OPENING STATEMENT - Jack Harris, NDP Leader

This election comes at a crucial turning point for Newfoundland & Labrador.

People I've been talking to are angry.

And I'm angry too --- because I know and believe there's a better way.

Far too many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians suffer as victims of an economic system that has no place for them ---

and like many victims, we are made to feel the blame ourselves, [look at Wells] or to accept it when others seek to avoid their responsibility.

Government is not just an exercise in budgetary management --- it's about people, and finding solutions together.

I got involved in politics because I believe it's about real people with real problems.

It's about the woman I met Sunday, who lives on bread and macaroni, because that's all she can afford, after her rent is paid.

It's about the 40% of young people in our province who have no jobs, and see no future and no hope.

It's about working people who want to be treated fairly.

It's about fishing men and women and their families, who don't know what they're going to do when NCARP runs out.

The REAL bottom line in this election is jobs, and how we can work together to create them, and keep them in the province.

We believe Newfoundlanders & Labradorians have a REAL alternative in the NDP --- one that attacks unemployment instead of working people.

One that promotes participation in finding solutions, instead of provoking confrontation.

And, [look at Wells] one that believes government does have a legitimate role to play in creating jobs for our people.

The NDP has a record number of top quality candidates.

They represent the true face of Newfoundland.

They come from all walks of life.

Almost a full third of them are women.

These men and women have a strong record of working with their communities and involving people in finding solutions to the problems that face them.

Staying with the politics of the "Ins" and the "Outs" is not the answer.

I'm asking you to believe, as I believe, that there is a better way.

On May 3, I am asking you to vote for the NDP candidate in your District.

There are no easy answers, but together we can work to rebuild the kind of province our children would be proud to inherit.

CLOSING STATEMENT - Jack Harris, NDP Leader

What this election is about, is Alternatives.

It is about whether we accept our fate as the have-nots of Canada ---

Or whether we find new ways to fight back against a system that leaves Newfoundland & Labrador in last place.

4 years ago, the people of this province voted for change, after 17 years of Conservative mismanagement.

Is this the kind of change you wanted? More people unemployed, a shrinking economy, and a Premier who wasted half his term in Ottawa discussing constitutional details?

On Election Day, ask yourself, "are you and your family any better off than you were 4 years ago, when Clyde Wells and the Liberals assumed power?".

I believe we have not yet had the kind of fundamental change needed to turn the province around, but at last there is an opportunity to do things differently.

I want to lead a government that will tackle the hard questions ---

- that will find new alternatives
- that will challenge the rules that keep our people down, and
- that will build new structures so people can participate in decisions about our future: in the fishery, the forestry, and the industries which provide the lifeblood of our communities.

I want to lead a government that will - together with its people - proudly insist that we rebuild our fish stocks --- an economic necessity for Newfoundland & Labrador, and a food resource for the world.

I want to lead a government that will attack unemployment, not working people.

I want a government that will live up to collective agreements it signs, and that believes in the value the free collective bargaining.

I want a government of men and women who understand, and are close to, the needs of our people who are hungry, or without work, or educational opportunity.

--- and men and women, who are committed to real change in this province.

I believe we have those men and women as candidates in this election,

and I am proud as their Leader to ask you to support them on May 3rd.

Give me 6 seats and we'll turn the House of Assembly upside down.

Give me 30 seats and we'll turn the province right side up.

Address to West Viking College
Jack Harris, MHA
April 22, 1993

Thanks to Cyril Organ for this opportunity to address the political science class at West Viking College, about the New Democratic Party, and our hopes for the future of Newfoundland [check this; the first version was accidentally erased].

We have in Newfoundland & Labrador a great history of hard work and struggle both on land and sea, to make a living and to build a society.

We have a great legacy of courageous people, whose daring and tenacity have enabled us to create - over the centuries - a reputation and reknown worldwide for our capabilities as seafarers.

We have a marvellous heritage of fishing villages and logging and lumbering towns and outport life, of language and stories and songs handed down, that form our cultural underpinnings.

This century has seen incredible change and material progress for the people of Newfoundland & Labrador - most rapidly since Confederation with Canada.

That change has been dramatic, especially for those who remember or know what life was like before we came to enjoy the benefits of being a part of Canada.

I was born one year before our Confederation with Canada. Many of your grandparents will remember that time. Most of you will not !!

But the increased expectations --- old age pensions and family allowance, the availability of universal programs such as medicare, and unemployment insurance, all served to improve what was, before, a life of great hardship and subservience for most people, and even greater uncertainty and powerlessness in the face of illness or unemployment.

In the 30s and 40s, in our province, we were forced to endure the parsimonious regime of bean counters and bureaucrats from Whitehall, who together with local cohorts were called the Commission of Government.

They had a condescending attitude to the Newfoundland Commissioners and the Newfoundlanders that they were ruling --- some would say they were talking down to them, like a more recent Premier has been doing lately !!

They provided no leadership or direction.

Theirs was the work of accountants. They balanced the books. When the unemployed rioted they suppressed them with police.

When the economy improved on its own during World War II they even lent money interest-free to the United Kingdom.

They were supported by the local newspapers, by the business leaders, and tolerated by the people.

Meanwhile, starting in Western Canada, there was the beginnings of a social movement, that was to become the CCF and later the NDP.

A number of its initial leaders were preachers, methodist ministers, and baptists who believed in the Social Gospel.

They believed that, in addition to preparing for the life hereafter, there was an obligation to create a better life here on earth: ---

... that rural farmers and urban workers and unemployed could work together to overcome the evils of the economic and social system that were so obvious in the depression --- and are still with us today.

It was they who, in 1933 in Regina, formed the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation - the CCF; a political party, as well as a movement.

It aimed to place the supply of human needs ahead of the making of profits as the dominant principle regulating the economy.

Its founders believed that, through democratic means, our society could be transformed, by organizing the resources of the community to ensure that all those willing to work could participate in the rising standards of

living; ---

... to grant the right to a job, or the right to social insurance to protect workers and their families from the hazards of sickness, death, industrial accident and old age; ---

... to place limitation on the hours of work, and provide protection for health and safety in industry.

They believed in guaranteeing equal opportunity and equal reward to both men and women.

They believed in freedom of association and the encouragement of worker organizations and trade unions, collective bargaining, and work councils, and genuine industrial democracy.

They believed in socialized health care, publicly organized health, hospital and medical services.

They stood for freedom of speech and assembly --- full economic, political and religious liberty for all, and equal treatment before the law; irrespective of race, nationality or religious or political beliefs.

They believed that the government of Canada had a direct responsibility to deal with the then-critical unemployment situation, since the provincial and municipal governments were unable to cope.

They believed in a taxation system designed not only to raise public revenues, but to lessen the glaring inequalities of income and wealth.

They believed in public ownership of certain essential industries in transportation, communications, and public utilities.

All these ideas were set forth in the program of the CCF, and fought for by its members and supporters throughout Canada.

Many of these ideas and programs are taken for granted today; but in the 20s, 30s, and 40s in Canada, they had to be fought for at the local, provincial, and federal levels.

These policies --- particularly those for social benefits --- were introduced at the insistence of the parliamentary representatives of the CCF and NDP; sometimes as the price for their support, to ensure a government's survival; sometimes by a governing party to prevent the rising support for the CCF at the polls in elections.

And it wasn't until 1944 that the then-CCF formed a government of its own, under the leadership of Tommy Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan from 1944-1961, and subsequently the first leader of the federal New Democratic Party, successor to the CCF.

I've outlined this history, and this comparison with Newfoundland's situation, to make the following point: ---

That what Newfoundland & Labrador residents inherited after Confederation, was the legacy of ideas and social programs that had been fought for by the CCF within Canada, and wrested from the Conservative and Liberal governments in Ottawa over the years.

Essentially, Newfoundlanders got these benefits without having to fight for them.

But now we are going to have to fight to keep our way of life, and improve the lot of the poor and unemployed.

Moreover, while benefitting from these programs, and having a healthier and more prosperous life because of Confederation with Canada --- we are NOT closer to control over our economic destiny.

Our earned income per capita, as a % of the Canadian average, has not improved since 1971.

The benefits of Confederation have stagnated.

The new policies of Free Trade and deregulation, down-loading of financial responsibilities to the provinces, and the painful GST, will all conspire to actually make things worse for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in Canada.

We face the prospect of actually reversing our direction and becoming

poorer --- getting worse not better.

Our fiscal problems are serious, and prudence is wise.

But my fear is that the message of the Wells government will serve to send us on a downward spiral, which will paralyze our economy, and create a climate which suppresses, rather than encourages, new activity.

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And I'm angry too --- because I know and believe there is a better way.

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I got involved in politics because I believe it's about real people and their problems.

For me, the REAL bottom line in this election is jobs, and how we can work together to create them, and keep them in our province.

If I can do anything today, it's to encourage young people in the Province, yourselves include, to take up this challenge and become involved in the

political process.

The unemployment rate this month for young people under the age of 24 is 40%.

In a recent high school survey in St. John's, 95% of the students indicated they were planning to leave the Province altogether, after their studies.

I can't imagine the kind of province we would have, with no young people, who have been relied upon in past generations to provide the new ideas, the energy and the impetus for so many of the innovations in our society.

I think the history and roots of the CCF and NDP on the Prairies during the Depression is an important story to tell, during this turning point in the history of our province; because it's the story of how people came together to work out new solutions to the problems that faced them.

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**"Tough Medicine for the Environment
is Good Medicine for the Economy," NDP's Harris says**

St. John's --- (April 23, 1993) NDP Leader Jack Harris made a statement on the Environment in Pippy Park today. Highlights include:

- A commitment to rebuild and maintain the fishstocks, forests, and our other natural resources over the long term
- Greater community control over natural resources
- "No" to American garbage and other wastes for disposal; and amendments to Environmental Assessment legislation to ban such projects
- "No" to the Outer Ring Road through Pippy Park, and a commitment to renegotiate the funding agreement with the federal government, to redirect those moneys to other needed projects
- A pledge of immediate action to re-introduce and support the use of refillable and returnable containers in the beverage industry
- Full community participation in the assessment of a project's environmental impacts, with adequate intervenor funding
- Environmental and industrial clean-up as a priority for job creation

"The huge depletion of the northern cod stocks has shown Newfoundlanders & Labradorians the economic consequences of not harvesting resources at a sustainable level," Harris said.

"Environmental protection and sustainable harvests of resources make good economic sense, now and in the future," he continued.

"Newfoundland & Labrador should be leading the way in developing environmental technologies and community-based enterprises, that take full economic advantage of our commitment to save the planet."

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Environment Statement
Jack Harris, NDP Leader
April 23, 1993

New Democrats stand proudly in defense of our environment, in the knowledge that we have a responsibility to future generations to protect the legacy handed down to us; and to provide our children with a good place in which to live and work.

We are luckier than some of our fellow Canadians. We still have a relatively unspoiled province, with beautiful landscapes, clean waters and clean air. However, we must never take these things for granted; we must always be vigilant to protect the environment from degradation in the future.

That's why New Democrats are fighting for genuine environmental protection, based on principles like polluter-pay and conservation incentives.

Newfoundlanders & Labradorians know all too well the dire consequences of short-term thinking in the management of our natural resources. The huge depletion of the northern cod stocks provides daily reminders about the economic consequences of not harvesting resources at a sustainable level.

More than most, we know that an environmentally sustainable economy is not only possible, but also necessary.

Remember, the Brundtland Commission Report linked the future of the planet to the need to eliminate poverty. It raised concerns that industrialized countries would impose stringent standards on Third World countries who had no resources to meet them without our help, or that Less Developed Countries would become the dumping grounds of the world.

Well, some people want to make Newfoundland & Labrador the dumping grounds of North America, and I'm here to say that New Democrats will never accept that role for our province.

We have to say "No" to American garbage. "No" to the importation of foreign waste. "No" to the incineration of toxic waste by-products.

And we say "Yes" to tougher Environmental Assessment Laws, that will legislate a ban against this type of project.

We need to work together --- industry, labour, environmentalists ... all of us... to prevent future clean-up costs, conserve resources, put people to work now doing industrial clean-up, and make our society truly efficient.

We need to say "No" to the Outer Ring Road through Pippy Park, and renegotiate the funding agreement with the federal government, to redirect those moneys to other needed projects.

We need to take immediate action to re-introduce and support the use of refillable and returnable containers in the beverage industry. The Wells' government has taken no action at all on this issue; even though refillable containers are more labour-intensive, and produce less waste than the current arrangement.

We will follow the standard of setting aside 12% of our wilderness in its natural state, and establishing a preserve for each of our 51 unique ecosystems, by developing a comprehensive land and resource use plan without delay.

Municipalities, labour, environmentalists, tourist operators, and aboriginal people, as well as business, have to work together with government to develop this plan. Certainty in land use means that business is assured stability, while the people of the province are assured a future for their children.

All renewable resources such as fish, seals, moose, caribou, birdlife and the forests must be managed to assure their continued existence, and their present and future economic viability. Forest practices in particular must be re-evaluated for their environmental and economic impacts.

We need to generate a massive campaign to involve the federal Government in the clean-up of St. John's harbour; and use the power of the provincial Government to adopt sewage treatment as the rule for municipalities.

These are just a few of ways we can keep our commitment to the environment, and make jobs a priority.

That's the real alternative: Newfoundland & Labrador should be leading the way in developing environmental technologies, and community-based enterprises, that take full economic advantage of our commitment to save the planet.

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"Good Housing makes Good Economics," says NDP's Harris; NDP Supports CHANAL Co-op Housing Program

St. John's --- (April 24, 1993) NDP Leader Jack Harris made a statement on Housing today. Highlights include:

- Housing construction, as one of the most labour-intensive and cost-effective public investments that can be made, would be an important priority for an NDP government
- Non-profit and co-op housing are the NDP's preferred means of providing adequate and affordable housing
- The NDP supports the development of a Provincial Co-op Housing Program, as outlined in the CHANAL proposal, but insist that the federal government shoulder its responsibility for funding as well
- An NDP government might require a quota of special needs units for seniors and the disabled in housing projects it funds, if those needs continue to remain unaddressed
- The market-rent component of Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation's mandate should be preserved, to help finance future housing projects

"Housing is a basic human requirement, recognized as a right of all persons in United Nations covenants and declarations to which Canada is a signatory," Harris said.

"It is also good economics. Housing is one of the most labour-intensive and cost-effective investments of public funds that can be made, and would be an important priority for an NDP government," he continued.

"The federal government's lack of leadership in this area is appalling, and their cuts to social housing and the elimination of the Co-op Housing Program unconscionable. It's about time Len Simms stood up to Brian Mulroney, and his other friends in Ottawa, and told them to 'put people first'," Harris said.

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Housing Statement
Jack Harris, NDP Leader
April 24, 1993

Housing is a basic human requirement, recognized as a right of all persons in United Nations covenants and declarations to which Canada is a signatory.

It is also good economics.

- The housing sector has been estimated to comprise between 7-15% of GNP.
- For every \$1 million invested in housing construction, the equivalent of 37 year-round jobs are created.

By contrast, overcrowded and inadequate housing contributes to many social and health problems; the costs of which, over the long-term, represent an enormous drain on the public purse, and take an enormous toll on the public morale.

Housing is one of the most labour-intensive and cost-effective investments of public funds that can be made, and would be an important priority for an NDP government.

The federal government's lack of leadership in this area is appalling, and their cuts to social housing and the elimination of the Co-op Housing Program unconscionable.

It's about time Len Simms stood up to Brian Mulroney, and his other friends in Ottawa, and told them to "put people first".

Meanwhile, Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation, one of the most successful provincial programs of its kind, has just been directed by Clyde Wells to get rid of its market-rent stock.

Just 6% of NLHC's budget has come from provincial funding. It is a prime example of how a return on public investment can be redirected to help meet the needs of those less fortunate; of people helping other people, and using government to facilitate that sharing.

Non-profit and co-op housing are not only important and cost-effective, they are empowering for residents.

That's why New Democrats favour non-profit and co-op housing as the preferred means of providing adequate affordable housing for our people.

We commend the work of CHANAL in developing a proposal for a Provincial Co-operative Housing Program for our Province, and I am pleased today to announce our support for that program.

New Democrats agreed that housing might be better delivered by provincial governments, during the constitutional negotiations, and so I have no hesitation in supporting at least a cost-shared role for the province in the CHANAL proposal; however, I believe the federal government has to shoulder its responsibility in this area as well.

Particular attention must be paid to the housing needs of the disabled and elderly.

Housing projects receiving funding from an NDP government in Newfoundland & Labrador may be required to include a quota of special needs units in their plans, should these needs remain unaddressed through other policy initiatives.

We also realize the importance of a socio-economic mix in co-op housing, both in maintaining the project's viability, and in promoting a community spirit and the development of leadership skills among co-op members.

Province-wide participation in non-profit and co-op projects would be an important social investment priority for an NDP government.

I believe that --- working together --- we will be able to build the kind of Province our children would be proud to inherit.

Remarks to Action Canada Network Caravan
Jack Harris, NDP Leader
April 25, 1993

Thanks very much.

I ran into Clyde Wells on my way down, and he was all ready to make a speech denouncing the "undemocratic grab for control of our province", and the need to "get a mandate from the people of the province" so he could "crack-down" against this kind of policy.

All ready, that is, until I explained to him that it was an anti-N-A-E-T-A Rally; not an anti-N-T-A Rally !!

Poor Clyde, he doesn't really know anything at all about NAFTA and Free Trade. He doesn't even know whether to oppose it or support it.

Well, Clyde Wells, you better wake up. Because what they've done back in Ottawa is write an "Economic Constitution" for the country; ---

... and if you won't stand up for Newfoundlanders, get out of the way and let New Democrats do it!!!

It's astounding, really.

Clyde Wells had an opinion on every comma, every sentence, in every clause, in every sub-paragraph, in every line, of every appendix of the

Charlottetown Accord, and the accompanying legal text.

I find it astounding that the man can pay so much attention to all those legal details, for all those years, and fail to notice that, since Free Trade was signed, we have lost 11,000 jobs in the Goods Producing sector, in this Province.

That's 11,000 families, Clyde;---

... losing 11,000 salaries, 11,000 benefit packages, 11,000 pension plans;---

... 11,000 UI claims that ran out, 11,000 more people on welfare.

That's the real deficit, Clyde. The human deficit. If you want to look for the REAL bottom line, I want to tell you: "the REAL bottom line is jobs".

And what about Len Simms?

Brian Mulroney, and all their conservative friends?

The Conservatives behave like love-sick puppies, fawning over the American.

They're like the terrified family of a big fat bully, who truly believe that "if only we loved him more, he'd stop hurting us."

Did Free Trade stop the Americans from attacking our social programs, or our interprovincial trade controls, or our regional development programs?

Who could know that, when Len Simms said he was going to "put people first", he really meant the Americans?

Now we're in the fight of our lives to stop the NAFTA deal.

With NAFTA, go any hopes we have for controlling the future of our Province, and restructuring our economy to put our people back to work in useful, meaningful jobs.

The Liberals and PCs don't want that kind of fundamental change.

They don't mind letting the multinational corporations, and the international money traders make all the decisions for us.

They don't mind seeing profits and jobs going south of the border.

They even think this is the best thing we can do for Mexican workers.

The only party opposed to NAFTA; the only people prepared to go to Ottawa and stand up for the people of Newfoundland, and to stop this new Economic Constitution is the New Democratic Party.

That's the REAL alternative.

We're prepared to make stopping NAFTA the "fight of our lives", and I'm asking you to join us in doing so.

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Harris Releases NDP Women's Policy

St. John's --- (April 25, 1993) NDP Leader Jack Harris released his party's Women's Policy today, at a celebratory lunch for the 18 NDP women candidates.

Highlights of the policy include:

- Enforcement of maintenance orders, through the payroll system
- End discriminating treatment of women on social assistance who have maintenance enforcement order
- Deadlines for pay equity to cover women in the public and private sector
- Mandatory employment equity in the public sector
- Support for Audrey McLaughlin's proposed National Childcare Program
- Involving the community in developing a long-term strategy to counteract violence against women
- Secure core funding for transition and safe houses
- Protection of women's reproductive choice rights

"Men of quality aren't threatened by women's equality," Harris said.

"Inequality and exploitation waste women's skills and talents --- a loss to our economy. They also have serious social costs," he continued.

"Electing more women to the House of Assembly is not enough, if those women don't support the policies and programs that will help other women live up to their own potential, and thereby enrich our whole society," Harris said.

"That's why we need to change the face of the House of Assembly, by electing record numbers of New Democrat women on May 3rd," he concluded.

Women's Equality Statement
Jack Harris, NDP Leader
April 25, 1993

Thanks very much, [Dorothy or Amy].

I'm especially delighted to be invited to speak today, because among the full slate of top quality candidates the NDP is running, for the first time in our history; are 18 topnotch women candidates.

We made history !!

A full 35% of our candidates are women;---

... and probably 85% of the campaign staff are women; including the best, most persistent, most energetic, most politically shrewd Campaign Director any Leader could hope for, Brenda O'Brien.

... and one of the best and brightest, most patient and savvy Campaign Managers an MHA can count on, Evelyn Riggs.

New Democrats have put our affirmative action and women's equality policies into practice, precisely because they produce women of such high calibre; and that's good for everyone.

And I believe most men are finally coming of age, in their thinking on these questions.

I don't know too many men who didn't stop to think about their daughters, their sisters, their mothers, wives or partners, the night of the Montreal Massacre;---

... who didn't think about them, and say "the old ways just aren't worth it".

The challenge now, is for men to learn to work with women, and learn a new way from them;---

... give up a bit of privilege, yes; but gain so much more from building a new, more equal partnership.

Men of quality, aren't threatened by women's equality.

Women make up 52% of our population, but only 4% of the House of Assembly;--- 2 MHAs out of 52.

The Province has been governed by Liberal and PC middle-class men.

And it shows.

When I introduced a Private Member's Resolution, to cut the number of districts in half, and elect a man and woman in each district, both parties scoffed.

But electing women to the House of Assembly is not enough;---

... not if those women don't support the policies and programs that will help other women live up to their own potential, and thereby enrich our whole society.

... not if those women sit in the Caucuses of the 2 status quo parties, who never once lifted a finger to help women, when they had the chance.

Len Simms and the Conservatives are satisfied with token pre-election gestures, 6 candidates now, and promises of more women in the future.

Clyde Wells, you remember, opposed gender equality in the Senate, because it would prevent 100% female representation.

With 7 women candidates in this election, Clyde's only 87% away !!

He says he wants the "best and most qualified person for the job".

Well after the mess Clyde Wells and the Liberals have made of our Province and our economy, I'd say that anyone is better qualified !!

What happens --- when the House of Assembly doesn't reflect the true face of Newfoundland --- is what we saw at Daybreak.

Clyde, and his cloistered bureaucrats;---

... who probably never dropped a child off at daycare in their lives,

... who never exhausted themselves all day running after a hyperactive child,

... or stayed up all night worrying about what kind of life these kids would have if they couldn't concentrate at school;

... after they had already fobbed off nearly all our public services to the voluntary sector;--- decided to cut the funding for a program, when they had no idea what it was doing !!

They don't know. They don't live the lives most Newfoundlanders & Labradorians do.

They haven't moved an inch on childcare, pay equity, employment equity, or women's safety.

We need a REAL alternative.

That's why we need to change the face of the House of Assembly;---

... and the most dramatic change we can make, is to elect record numbers of New Democrat women on May 3rd !!

So, when I say "Give me 6 seats" or "Give me 30 seats", I want you to fill at least half of them with the women who are our candidates throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.