

Controls imposed to reduce the net immigration gain to a level more in keeping with the economy's ability to absorb immigrants have been substantially successful. These controls will continue but not so as to prevent family reunification or to exclude humanitarian considerations.

Government recognises that immigrants from the South Pacific require preparation for life in New Zealand. Greater emphasis will therefore be given to providing pre-departure and post-arrival training and orientation programmes for these immigrants.

In the fields of housing and social welfare people from the Pacific Islands will also receive assistance.

Several important changes are contemplated in the area of industrial relations. The Government intends to devise ways of improving industrial democracy, and to this end legislation will be introduced giving workers the right, in a secret ballot, to determine whether membership of the union covering them should be within the "unqualified preference" or voluntary.

The Government will reintroduce penalties for unlawful industrial action against the public interest and for breaches of the Industrial Relations Act 1973.

The difficult question of redundancy will be reviewed with a view to introducing legislation providing for reasonable compensation to, and the placement of, redundant workers.

Attention will also be given to promoting higher standards of industrial safety.

The provision of good housing for everyone has a high place in the Government's objectives. It is introducing policies that will promote the full utilisation of existing accommodation while at the same time maintaining an efficient building industry adequately equipped with labour, materials, and finance.

Among its earliest decisions the Government set new housing targets which restored confidence to the industry and made financial arrangements to ensure that these targets would be met. The changes in interest rate policy which allowed independent financial institutions to compete more freely for deposits, should help them provide an increasing proportion of housing finance.

The Government plans to take further initiatives to encourage a greater participation by the private sector in the provision of housing and its capital needs.

Legislation will be introduced this Session to amend the National Housing Commission Act 1972 and to provide for a building performance guarantee scheme.

It is essential, if we are to have a health service as distinct from a sickness service, that appropriate and adequate facilities are readily accessible to everyone. The Government recognises the need to improve health services and to bring them closer to the people by extending them into the community. To implement this policy a Special Advisory Committee on Health Services Organisation has been established to investigate and make recommendations. Professional and other