trade in the first instance and later, at enabling cargo of greater bulk and volume to be loaded and stored at Portsmouth.

* The starting of negotiations with friendly governments and aid agencies, aimed at securing funds for the expansion of the Deep Water Harbour at Woodbridge Bay to its originally intended size.

* Installation of night landing facilities at Melville Hall Airport, completing construction of port and tower facilities at Canefield, improving security and fire safety at both.

* Finalisation of a site for construction of an International Airport and securing funds for an early start on its construction.

ENERGY

A new policy area, ENERGY, has become necessary for the following reasons :

– The importance or cheap, reliable, safe energy for sustained economic growth,

– The increasing dependence of our economy on energy from oil,

–The constantly increasing cost of oil products,

– The need to reduce our dependance on external sources of such a vital resource,

– The obvious potential in Dominica for developing other sources of energy (solar, wind, water),

– The clear support by a DLM-Alliance Government for Caribbean, non-aligned and Third World solutions to our problems.

The importance of gasolene, deisel, kerosene and oil to our economy, requires that an informed and aggressive Energy Policy be pursued. The main aspects of this policy are as follows :

* steps to conserve fuel with the public sector setting the example by maintaining accurate vehicle logs, much improved vehicle maintenance, a reduction in the movement of large vehicles for transporting personnel ;

* a progressive move towards full hydro-generated electricity ;

* immediate discussions at a CARICOM level aimed at obtaining cheaper fuel supplies from Caribbean oil suppliers under foreign assistance packages ;

* collaboration with international research efforts (United Nations, OAS, and others) on the development of solar, wind, geothermal and biological sources of energy and power (with particular reference to agriculture).

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LABOUR , JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS POLICY

LABOUR

As a Government, the DLM-Alliance will recognise that in an oppressive society, the law has always been partial to the interests of the rich who control political power and use that power in their own interests. We believe that law must exist to serve everyone in the society, especially the interest of the workers, peasants, the downtrodden, the poor – who are the majority. That is why we have included Labour with the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs. This Ministry will work to ensure the following :

* A guaranteed minimum wage for workers consistent with the cost of living.

* Reorganise the department of Labour to at all times safeguard the interests of workers.

* Equal pay for equal work, by terminating all forms of discrimination against women and the Caribs.

* The right of worker to be represented by the Unions of their choice, and the right to defend those rights by taking actions of strike, go-slow, etc.

* Full consultation of organised trade unions prior to the introduction of legislative and administrative changes affecting labour.

* Representation of trade unions on the Senate.

* An Employment Bureau will be set up to place the unemployed into jobs.

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

* To reform the Constitution to include «the right to work», as a basic human right.

* Steps to be taken to amend the Constitution to ensure a fully functioning Senate with Senate Seats open to youth, women, trade unions, farmers organisations, the Carib people, the private sector, selected by the various mass organisations. These Senate seats are in addition to the already existing allocation of seats to Government and Opposition.

* The preservation and strengthening of the rule of law to safeguard and defend the interest of the poor and oppressed classes in Dominica.

* Change the Constitution to impose safeguards on the unlimited powers of the Prime Minister in order to democratise and decentralise Government.

* Introduce provisions in the Constitution to allow for the recall of a Candidate by the Constituency.

* Removal of all oppressive and non-constitutional laws from the Statute Books, for example, repeal of Dread Act.

* Set up a Legal Aid Clinic and Human Rights Commission to ensure legal services to all, investigation and action on Human Rights complaints.

* Training lawyers in special areas of importance to Dominica, such as Legal Drafting, Constitutional, International and Business Law, Land Law, and Law of the Sea.

* Urgent attention to construction of suitable court