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HEALTH CARE

Have squeeze have-nots

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What is it about this provincial government of ours that, with what can only be described as demonic intensity, they continue to target the vulnerable, the lowest paid, the little people, the elderly, to "balance the budget".

There is a consistent theme now evident: Those who have money, education, power and possessions are grabbing by the throat those who do not, to squeeze out of them what little they do have.

What does the government think it will achieve by permitting the sellout of employees in the health-care system? Those who are already near the bottom of the wage ladder will get less. Will they be motivated to give of their best? Of course not! Why would they?

In this sellout, what will happen to their pensions? What will happen to the children of low-income parents? They will fare less well as parents will have to work more and more hours simply to stay even. The statistics are there to be read.

In spite of how much each one of us believes he or she has earned whatever we have, the fact is that anything we have is a gift. Some of us were given greater intelligence; a home environment that supported education, a stable mental process, ambition — all are gifts. No one can “earn” these things. But do these gifts grant those who receive them the right to squeeze out of those who do not, what little they have?

I’m guessing some of the budget could be balanced by peddling a few of the SUVs that litter the legislature parking lots. Or by a few of the very well-paid health-care bureaucrats getting an attack of conscience and refusing their next raise or “performance” bonus for selling out the lowest-paid workers in the health-care system to a foreign corporation. Almost sounds like the slave trade, doesn’t it?

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