

Implement these Measures with Care

A set of punitive measures have been announced by the Council of Ministers to curb corruption in our examination system...

How many corrupt students, dishonest teachers or unscrupulous government officials had been punished under the existing laws?

Punishing those who abuse and corrupt our education system is definitely one way of handling the issue.

There is then the question of the type of education that is being imparted. The issue of its relevance and appropriateness has been raised over and over again.

The sporting world is on fire. Cuba started it all. The smarting Americans had some consolation in springing soccer surprises...

In far-off Brussels, the double capital of Belgium and Europe, Viswanathan Anand gave the legendary Karpov nightmares for days on end and firmly planted the map of this subcontinent on the world map of chess.

MALAYSIA

ALAYSIA'S revised economic blueprint, the New Development Policy (NDP), which replaces the controversial 20-year (1970-90) New Economic Policy (NEP), contain no major surprise...



Mahathir: Ambitious plan

Flipping through the 177-page document, it's easy to see why investors and businessmen are as bullish as the tone of the document is.

For 20 years, the NEP used a wall of quotas, tariffs, subsidies, and government patronage to restructure the economic and social fabric.

Her budget was drafted after the biggest slump for more than a decade in the real average income of each New Zealander.

A Liberal Blueprint

group of Malays, a distinction that is not missed in the NDP. But, that is not to say that the mollycoddling will stop...

Typically, while the NDP continues to maintain the basic system of controls, quotas, and licences, the distribution of the largesse to Bumiputras will be much more restricted.

Ownership of Share Capital (at par value) of Limited Companies, 1990 (M\$million). Table with columns: Ownership Group, 1990, (%)

Overall, the economically dominant Chinese are expected to share some of their business experience through joint ventures with the Malays...

Cabinet of the Rich Dismantles Welfare State

David Robie writes from Auckland

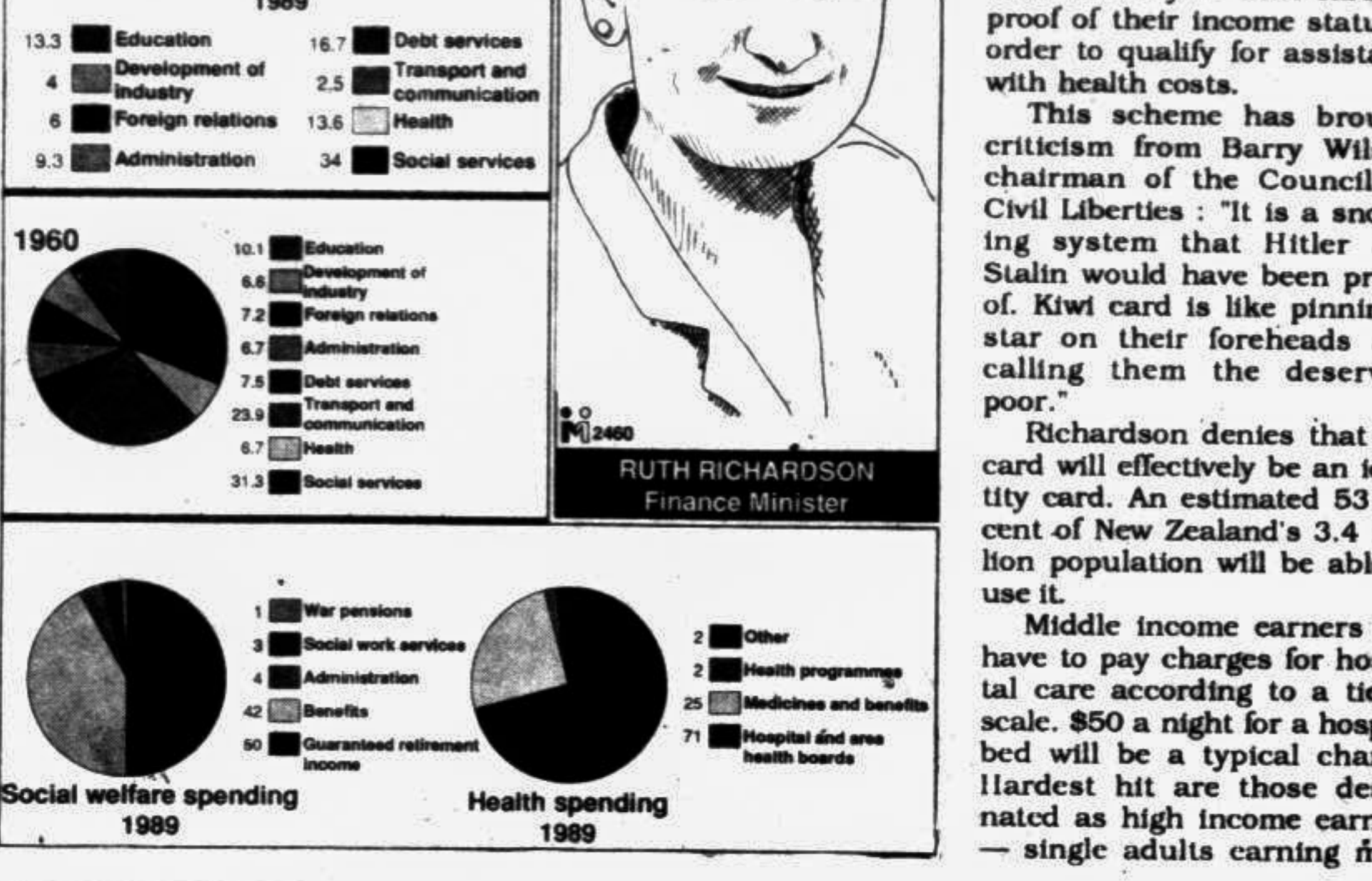
THE conservative government of New Zealand has taken a gamble on its political future by hitting its middle class supporters with drastic changes to the traditional cradle-to-grave welfare state.

Finance Minister Ruth Richardson, in her first budget, has unveiled a programme which introduces charges for beds in state-run hospitals, a three-year freeze on national superannuation...

Once regarded as a model for the world, the New Zealand system of social welfare has fallen victim to heavy debt and deteriorating terms of trade.

Minister John Banks with \$3.5 million. Prime Minister Bolger just nudges in with \$1 million.

Area health boards have been replaced by commissioners and a new structure of four regions will be set up to control public health.



than \$17,280, people with children who are ineligible for family support and married superannuitants with a private income of more than \$23,741.

The proportion of retired people of New Zealand's total workforce — known as the dependency ratio — is expected to double from 15 per cent in 1980 to 30 per cent in 2030.

To the Editor...

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Whither solution? Sir, Would you kindly allow me to add my voice to the anguish of Mrs Munira Khan expressed in your letter column, July 20.

postings are not made in the ledger by the staff, and the consumers are held responsible? ...When gas authorities do not bill regularly according to their installed household meters...

cause heart burning in other services. I know of at least two cases in which the bright young executives, with hardly five years' of total service experience, in two different foreign NGOs, were drawing salaries around Taka 20,000 per month.