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PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST
on behalf of
THE LABOUR PARTY

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1ST PERSON: I was just thinking about how things used to be before the war when suddenly I realised that the only people who could remember anything at all about those times are people over fifty. Now whole generations who just don't know what it was like with no National Health for example.

People wouldn't call out the doctor in those days for lack of money to pay, sometimes they died. That used to happen in my lifetime.

2ND PERSON: And then came the war, the blitz and everything, oh that was another kind of hardship but at least we had all learned to pull together, everyone said we can't go back to the old ways they were rotten, and everyone voted in the Labour Government and one of the first things they brought in was the National Health Service.

1ST PERSON: But the Tories they fought against it all the way, said it was all wrong and goodness knows what else.

2ND PERSON: The Tories in Parliament voted against it but it made no difference and by the time they got back into power in the nineteen fifties, ooh it was so popular they wouldn't have dared touch it.

(FIFTIES MUSIC)

3RD PERSON: I was born in the fifties, not that I can remember much about them. By the time I qualified as a doctor the National Health Service was taken for granted. I used to get very impatient if everything wasn't perfect. It was only when I started travelling abroad, and learning about health care in other countries that I began to appreciate what we had got here.

In America, for example, people still die for lack of money or because their private medical insurance simply runs out before they are cured and that is the system the Government want to bring in here, I don't know what the next generation is going to make of it.

(1980'S MUSIC)

4TH PERSON: I was a victim of television violence, fell off a ladder trying to mend my Mum's television aerial. Anyway, broke me jaw, and my ribs, ended up in hospital. I'd never even been in hospital before so it was all a bit new to me but the people, the doctors and the nurses, everyone, they were great, really nice. But what shocked me, when I got there there were no pillow cases or sheets on the bed, they were really sorry about it, said it was for the cut backs, ridiculous really isn't it?

3RD PERSON: The ridiculous thing is that we now spend far less on health care than most other European countries. If we just invested in a few computers, for example, we could begin to cut waiting lists, if we spent more on preventing illness we could actually save money.

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4TH PERSON: I didn't know it was the Labour Party that brought in the Health Service 'til just the other day.

5TH PERSON: He reckons he's a socialist now.

4TH PERSON: So do you.

1ST PERSON: We don't need a new health care system, we just need people who care for the one we have got, I think we have got the same kind of people in Government now that fought so hard against it in the nineteen forties.

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SWING MUSIC

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MUSIC

SPEAKER There are whole generations who just don't know what it was like with no National Health for example. People wouldn't call out the doctor in those days for lack of money to pay him. Sometimes they died. That used to happen in my lifetime.

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SPEAKER M Then came the war, the blitz and everything. That was another kind of hardship, but at least we all learned to pull together. So after it was all over, everyone said, "Well, we can't go back to the old ways. They were rotten", and everyone voted in the Labour Government. One of the first things they brought in was the National Health.

