

where it will be several months before private enterprise will be able to start hiring young people.

On the other hand, Hon. Members know perfectly well that this summer—in a few weeks—hundreds of thousands of students throughout their ridings are going to start working on projects they themselves proposed. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) has set aside \$170 million for the Summer Canada program, and when I hear the Members opposite say that we are doing nothing, I would like to point out that they are all delighted to announce these summer jobs in their ridings. I certainly am. Thirty-two projects will start in the riding of Shefford to provide students with interesting work during the summer. That is one of the many programs we are offering. Thanks to the Summer Canada program, and the funding it is able to provide, many young people will be able to pay for their education next year and at the same time acquire some useful experience on the labour market. I think this is an admirable initiative on the part of the Government. There are also summer programs in the Federal public service under which thousands of students will be able to acquire practical experience, and although these programs may not be attractive to everyone, anyone may apply, and applicants who are chosen will be able to work under these programs during the summer.

The Government also has other programs which I intend to discuss in greater detail later on, and these include the NEED program, community development, manpower training, workshoring, National Defence projects and the Katimavik program of the Department of the Secretary of State. At this point I would like to point out that this summer again, the main employer of young people in Canada will, of course, be the private sector.

In this connection, a national advertising campaign, urging the private sector, including industry, businessmen and even private citizens to hire a student this summer, has been launched by Employment and Immigration, under a very striking slogan: *Profitez de l'énergie scolaire. Embauchez un étudiant cet été.* Earlier, I heard the Member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper) say that we should not spend money on advertising. I beg to differ. This publicity campaign will help make potential employers aware of the services offered by student employment centres, and as a result, think about having certain jobs done by students. As Hon. Members will see in their own ridings, student employment centres are playing a very significant role throughout Canada.

I would therefore like to take advantage of this opportunity to ask Canadian employers to hire as many young people as they can this summer, either on their own or by asking the Canada Employment Centre or the Student Employment Centre to get the young workers they need.

Incidentally, we are trying to direct young people to entrepreneurs who are able to offer career-oriented job experience. In the past, we have seen that in many cases, such jobs have finally led to permanent employment. In fact, I would say that student employment centres are another important source of

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employment and experience for thousands of our young people, because these centres are, in fact, run by students.

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In addition, one sometimes forgets the significant role played by the employment and counselling services of Employment and Immigration Canada. Are Hon. Members aware that, before the June 19 budget last year, the employment strategy for 1983-84 was expected to provide assistance to 2.2 million young Canadians thanks to a \$145 million appropriation to Canada Employment and Youth Employment Centers. Are they aware that, in the area of job training, under the Act passed by Parliament last year, \$589 million out of a total of over \$1 billion allotted this year are to be spent directly for young Canadians and should provide assistance to 140,000 of them? Job-creation programs such as the CCDP, NEED, Katimavik and Summer Canada were allotted \$338 million and will provide employment for 107,000 young people. Including the additional \$70 million allotted to Summer Canada, which represent 24,000 jobs, the \$18 million allotted to the youth-oriented element of the ACCESS Program, which will provide 9,500 jobs, as well as the \$2 million granted to the Department of National Defence, which will provide employment for over 4,000 young people, and the additional \$10 million provided to Katimavik, which will help another 1,000 young people, the recent federal budget provides an additional \$160 million to create 38,000 more jobs for young Canadians. In view of the present economic conditions, Mr. Speaker, this allocation of funds indicates that the Government recognizes the unemployment problem among young people and is willing to spend a lot of money to alleviate it, since it intends to add \$160 million to its existing programs and make a special effort to provide assistance during these difficult times.

I might add that the youth employment strategy proposed by the Canadian Government depends on the cooperation and the participation of the young people themselves, as well as of business, labour, and the Provincial and Federal Governments. Speaking of Provincial Governments, I would like to take this opportunity to deal with the NEED Program as it applies to municipalities in Quebec since the PQ Government has refused to cooperate with the Federal Government. We all know that the PQ Government reversed its decision at a time when we had already received from Quebec over 400 municipal projects which could have provided many jobs for young people. Moreover, last week, in my own region, the Minister of Municipal Affairs announced a subsidy program, and what is more, he made something of an overbidding by saying that the Provincial Government would in any cases spend \$50 million, while providing a bit more for winter works, and so on. What he did not say publicly, but revealed privately was that all municipalities with employees subject to recall will have to rehire all of them before being eligible for the subsidy program. In other words, the city of Granby, for instance, which