

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask one final supplementary on this subject. In view of the fact the overwhelming majority of these young people are anxious to work, and in view of the proportion of unemployed in the age group of 14 to 20 years, may I ask the minister whether the government and the committee, if he can speak for the committee, are considering some ongoing program, following up the Local Initiatives Program and opportunities for youth, of permanent training and actual jobs for the young people?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, I have not had a chance to study the report in detail. The local initiatives program and the Opportunities for Youth program have gone a long way in this direction. Whether they are to be complemented by something permanent would involve discussions with the provinces. I think a major area for examination here, in terms of a permanent mechanism, is greater accessibility by the provinces to the provisions of the Canada Assistance Plan. I have already mentioned one, work activity. I think this could be of considerable help in terms of involving the young.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—EXTENSION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL JOBS FOR THOSE BETWEEN AGES OF 16 AND 24

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State. In view of the fact the report referred to by the hon. member for York South indicates that the population increase of Canadians aged 16 to 24 years outstrips our ability to provide jobs, would the minister indicate what action he is going to take to expand the Opportunities for Youth program to take care of all the needs in the future?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the budget relating to this program has been increased twice between last year and this year. The government will have to see if this program should be pursued next summer, but, as I have already told the House, there are other youth employment programs that are not designed for students only. Those programs are now under consideration within the Department of Manpower and Immigration and that of the Secretary of State and will be discussed in due course.

INQUIRY RESPECTING GRANT TO HOSTELS

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary?

With respect to young people who prefer to live as parasites instead of looking for a job and who, as I saw in Regina, presently live in youth hostels, does the government grant any money for their maintenance, be it in Regina or elsewhere in Canada?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the fact is that there exists a certain number of hostels that are set up by private organizations. They are subsidized by the federal government and the Department of

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the Secretary of State in its summer activities program when they comply with certain criteria.

However, as to the hon. member's reference to young people staying idle in hostels for long periods, I must say that this would not involve a hostel that would be financed by the federal government, because the maximum period that young people are allowed to spend in these is two days.

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SPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NAMES OF RECIPIENTS OF SPORTS CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a related question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. When will the minister be announcing the names of the 500 recipients of Sports Canada Scholarships, in view of the fact that there must be at least 1,000 of the 3,200 applicants still up in the air about what they are going to do this summer?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I believe that in the latter part of last week—I stand to be corrected as to the precise day—letters went out to all the successful applicants for scholarships, together with a press release formally announcing them. The press release may not have gone out until today, but certainly letters were mailed to all the applicants.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Greenwood for a last supplementary on this subject, and then the hon. member for Témiscamingue.

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IMMIGRATION

ALLEGED USE OF MISLEADING ADVERTISING TO LURE IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question, I think, should be addressed to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It arises out of the report entitled "Riverdale," which I think is the same report referred to by the hon. member for York South; it is published by the Minister of Labour. Has the government seen the allegation in that report that misleading advertising and an unsuitable and dishonest sales campaign are still being used to lure immigrants to Canada? Would the minister look into this part of the report and take whatever action is required to end this sort of activity?

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we have at the present time no advertising sales campaign abroad as such, nor has there been a campaign of this type for quite some time. A report received by our research branch shows that out of 3,500 immigrants who arrived in 1969 and who were surveyed fairly recently, only 4 per cent of