

commendable progress since those days of acute shortages of skilled help, a similar sharp increase in economic activity could very well create conditions not unlike those of that post-war period," Mr. Starr stated.

He observed that, the bulletin, entitled "Apprenticeship in Manufacturing", was designed primarily as a guide for companies wishing to establish apprenticeship training programmes. It showed that there were many young people waiting to receive training, and, consequently, it provided insight into the lack of training opportunities for youth.

"It is to be hoped that the booklet will inspire many industries to inaugurate training schemes geared not only to the immediate demands of their industry and our country, but to the even greater demands which will undoubtedly arise in an expanding economy," Mr. Starr concluded.

Information for the bulletin was obtained from 45 companies, ranging in size from a machine shop with 15 employees to industrial giants with over 10,000 employees. The data are related to the various features of a formal apprenticeship programme and represent a composite picture of how these companies are meeting their manpower needs through training.

The booklet deals with the planning and administration of an apprenticeship programme; how a company decided how many apprentices it should train; the information contained in and the purpose of the apprentice's contract or indenture; how the term of the apprenticeship is established; how wages are set; and the extent to which apprenticeship committees of labour and management officials are used and what the functions of such committees are.

Another section outlines training methods, both on the job and in the classroom, and tells about the various facilities which are available to industry through the offices of provincial departments of labour and education. Examples of training methods in both large and small companies are given as well as the opinions of numerous officials on the costs of administering apprenticeship training programmes.

YOUTH LEADERS IN OTTAWA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, was host at a reception on June 13 at the Rideau Club, Ottawa, for some 80 European and American delegates to the recent Conference of NATO Political Youth Leaders, which took place in Washington. The delegates were in Canada on a two-day study tour sponsored by the Canadian Political Youth Organizations and had been co-ordinated by Mr. D. Jung, M.P.

The Conference of NATO Political Youth Leaders in Washington was the first such meeting to be held in North America and was

attended by a large Canadian delegation. The subsequent study tour of Canada by European and American delegates was arranged to acquaint them with Canada as a member of NATO.

REGIONAL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer price indexes decreased in seven of the ten regional cities during April and May 1960, the declines ranging from 0.1 per cent both in Edmonton-Calgary and Vancouver to 0.4 per cent in Saint John, New Brunswick. In Toronto and Winnipeg indexes rose a fractional 0.1 per cent, while the St. John's, Newfoundland, index increased 0.3 per cent.

Food indexes were lower in eight cities and higher in two. Shelter indexes were up in five cities, down in four and unchanged in the remaining one. Clothing indexes showed mixed results as five increased, two decreased and three were unchanged. Household-operation indexes increased in six of the ten regional cities, decreased in two and were unchanged in the other two. Group indexes for other commodities and services rose in five cities, declined in four and were unchanged in the remaining regional city.

FILMS FOR STRATFORD

Twenty-four feature-length motion pictures and an assortment of short subjects, cartoons, documentaries and experimental films from studios in 18 countries have been slated for showing at the Stratford International Film Festival, it was announced recently by Louis Applebaum, director of the Film Festival, and John Hayes, film administrator. Negotiations for other films are under way and it is expected that the full programme will be announced shortly.

The Film Festival will be held in the Avon Theatre during the two-week period from August 22 to September 3. Among the many Canadian premières it will offer will be "The World of Apu" from India. It is the third film in the trilogy directed by Satyajit Ray, which began with "Father Panchali", winner of the Critics' Award at the Stratford Festival in 1958.

In addition to the screen programme, two of Hollywood's most prominent film composers will express their views on the relation between music and film, illustrating their view with excerpts from films they have scored. Slated to appear on August 24 in David Raksin, who has composed and conducted for numerous films including "Laura" and "Separate Tables". The following evening André Previn will appear. This young American composer-conductor-jazz pianist has written film scores, as well as conducting and arranging them. He was awarded an Academy Award for his work in "Gigi".