



*"Bangladesh" head of government ready to intervene at model heads of government conference. These conferences, held annually in Ottawa, are sponsored by the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Department of External Affairs.*

### It's fun to be young

The Commonwealth Youth Program is another important area of functional co-operation. Established in 1973 after a meeting of Commonwealth ministers concerned with youth matters in Lusaka, Zambia, the program is designed to promote pan-Commonwealth action in dealing with the practical problems faced by youth. Seminars and research in key youth-problem areas such as unemployment, education, health, rural development and urban adjustment are going on all the time and three regional youth-development centres have been engaged in training programs for youth workers. The CYP has also administered a Commonwealth Youth Service Awards scheme that provides travel and cash awards to outstanding youth-organized projects in social and community development. One of the earliest winners was a community-action youth group from Victoria, British Columbia. Canada has actively supported this program (we contribute 30 per cent of the CYP's budget) as a prime example of inter-Commonwealth co-operation in an area of concern to both developed and developing countries.