

WORKING HOLIDAY FOR STUDENTS

Some 3,200 post-secondary Canadian students will be able to enjoy a working holiday in Europe this summer, Manpower and Immigration Minister Otto E. Lang announced recently. They will be selected under an International Student Summer Employment Exchange program involving Canada and ten other countries - Austria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. About 2,500 foreign students will come to Canada for a similar working holiday.

This is the first time the Department of Manpower and Immigration has acted as an intermediary on such a large scale in an international student summer employment exchange program. "The Departments of External Affairs and Secretary of State have collaborated with my Department in this project," Mr. Lang said. "We hope the program will add a cultural dimension to the working experience of the students."

Foreign governments or agencies in Europe have developed jobs for Canadian students. For example, the German Government's Central Labour Office will place 1,500 students, France will make available 700 job opportunities, Belgium 500, Britain 300, the Netherlands 200. The balance will be divided among the remaining host countries.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, students must be Canadian citizens registered at or attending full-time a college, university or technological institute; they must be 18 years or older (21 for Belgium) by their departure date; and they must have a basic knowledge of the language of the host country.

Students must agree to work for at least two months, beginning about mid-May or early in June.

As the work week in Europe is generally longer than in Canada, it is not unusual for workers to put in 50 hours or more a week in their jobs. While European wages are lower than in Canada, room and board will be provided in some cases.

Three Canadian student organizations, the Association of Student Councils in Toronto and Halifax; Tourbec Inc., in Montreal and Quebec City; and Western Student Services Society, Vancouver, will assist participants in securing low-cost air fares and travel insurance.

MONTREAL'S TEUTONIC TOWERS

A German firm, Neue Heimat International, which has sponsored apartment buildings in France, Italy, Israel and South America, will give financial and technical assistance to the real-estate promoters of Mountain Place Limited in Montreal for a similar project, estimated at \$8 million, to be located in the west end of the city.

The complex, which will consist of two 19-storey

towers, one with 193 apartments and the other with 175, will be open for rental in October 1971 and May 1972, respectively. Each tower will be equipped with three elevators, air-conditioning with individual controls, as well as surface and underground parking areas. Forming an L shape, they will be linked by a three-storey central building which houses an indoor swimming pool and adjoining terrace under a glass roof. Surrounding grounds will be landscaped with trees and shrubbery.

AID TO AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

Canada is to give \$1 million to help expand the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently. With an equivalent contribution from Britain, the grant from the Canadian International Development Agency will finance the first phase of an expansion program at the unusual southern African university.

UBLS, a small but significant institution, began in 1945, as Pius XII University College, in the Roma Valley of Basutoland (since 1966, Lesotho). With assistance from many sources it has grown into a regional university, serving 2 million people of three non-adjacent developing countries, where most people live by agriculture and raising livestock. Its goals are the improvement of the general standard of education, the qualification of men and women for senior positions, and the preparation of students to take part in the development of their country's resources.

The main campus is at Roma, but an agriculture diploma is available at the Swaziland Agricultural College and University Centre, and UBLS has widespread extension programs in education, agriculture, government and community development.

The expansion program calls for new campuses at Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, and at Manzini, Swaziland. Further facilities will be added later under the second phase, which will bring the total cost to about \$4.5 million.

Besides funds, Britain and Canada provide technical assistance. The University has 23 British teachers on staff and, over the next 18 months, CIDA plans to provide about 20 Canadian instructors, double the number working there at present.

CMHC INTEREST-RATE REDUCED

Mr. H.W. Hignett, President of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, announced recently that the rate of interest charged on CMHC loans for new and existing housing is reduced to 8¾ per cent effective March 8, 1971.

The rate had been 9¼ per cent since the beginning of this year. From September 1969 until January 1, 1971 the rate had been 9½ per cent.