

of the smaller "whitecoats".

Mr. Davis ended his statement as follows:

"The new regulations not only do away with those characteristics of the seal hunt which have been most offensive to people in many parts of the world but also ensure that those who have been dependent on this fishery can still earn a livelihood by exploiting this unique resource. It is my hope, of course, that the Norwegians will co-operate with us in enforcing these new rules. Once they are applied in international waters off the Labrador Coast, the killing of baby 'whitecoats' will have been eliminated entirely."

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The federal Department of Manpower and Immigration will help the Toronto Rotary Club to promote its experimental youth employment service, which helps find suitable jobs for young people referred to Rotary by social agencies. The project, which began in February, involves direct participation by business and community leaders in the development of job opportunities.

The federal department will co-operate with the Rotary Club in the planning and counselling phases of the project and in evaluating its results. Besides assigning manpower counsellors to work with the service, the department will make available a research group for consultation in the design of an assessment of the undertaking. A senior officer from the department will be a member of the project governing board.

Business executives, professional consultants, community agencies and employers are taking part in the experiment.

Of the first 85 youths interviewed 27 were placed in employment, eight were assisted in obtaining jobs and five were awaiting further assessment and interview. Forty-five were not considered suitable for placement.

A major effort is made to find jobs offering training possibilities. A number of youths have been placed where they will receive on-the-job training in basic office procedures, and, in some cases, in the operation of office machines. Others are in industrial production, clerical and shipping jobs.

Senior executives of large organizations play an active role in helping to place youth referred to the program by social agencies. Supervision in a specific job is carefully matched to the special problem of the youth, who may lack experience, education, initiative, or who lives in an unstable family situation.

Manpower Minister Allan J. MacEachen said that the knowledge and experience gained in this project would be helpful in developing future programs.

"There is a strong possibility that if the Toronto experiment is a success it could be the forerunner of similar projects in other Canadian centers," he said.

VISIT OF GABONESE FOREIGN MINISTER

At the invitation of Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gabonese Republic, Mr. Jean Rémy Ayouné, arrived in Ottawa on October 6 for a brief visit.

Mr. Ayouné, who was accompanied by Mr. Léonard Antoine Badinga, Gabonese Ambassador designate to Canada, and Mr. Paul Moukambi, Deputy Secretary-General in the Office of His Excellency the President of Gabon, met with Mr. Sharp the next afternoon. During the day, the Gabonese Minister also met with officials of the Department of External Affairs and visited the Canadian International Development Agency.

Discussions, conducted in a cordial atmosphere, dealt notably with subjects of international and African interest, including the current situation in Nigeria. In addition, the Gabonese and Canadian Ministers discussed the development of relations between the two countries and aid co-operation arrangements, and had a useful exchange of views on *la francophonie*. In this connection they underlined the importance of rapidly-intensifying *francophone* co-operation.

Regarding bilateral relations, the two Ministers agreed that they would recommend to their Governments that immediate steps be taken to permit the early presentation of credentials in the respective capitals by Canadian and Gabonese ambassadors.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Gabonese Foreign Minister agreed that all Canadian aid undertakings in Gabon, whether their primary sponsorship was federal or provincial, would be the subject of continuing co-ordination at the Canadian and Gabonese Governments.

AIR PACT WITH ISRAEL MOTTED

Delegations from Israel and Canada met in Ottawa last month to discuss proposals relating to a bilateral air transport agreement to govern commercial scheduled air-services between Canada and Israel.

The discussions took place in a friendly and co-operative atmosphere, and there was a useful exchange of views on the form that such an agreement might take. Whereas agreement in principle was reached on several matters, the heads of the two delegations agreed to give further thought to the proposals put forward by each side. It was agreed that further discussions would take place at the earliest possible date that would prove mutually satisfactory to the two governments.

The Israeli delegation was headed by Mr. Naphtali Ben-Yehuda, Director of Civil Aviation for Israel, while the head of the Canadian delegation was Mr. Gerald Morisset, Chairman of the International Transport Policy Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission.