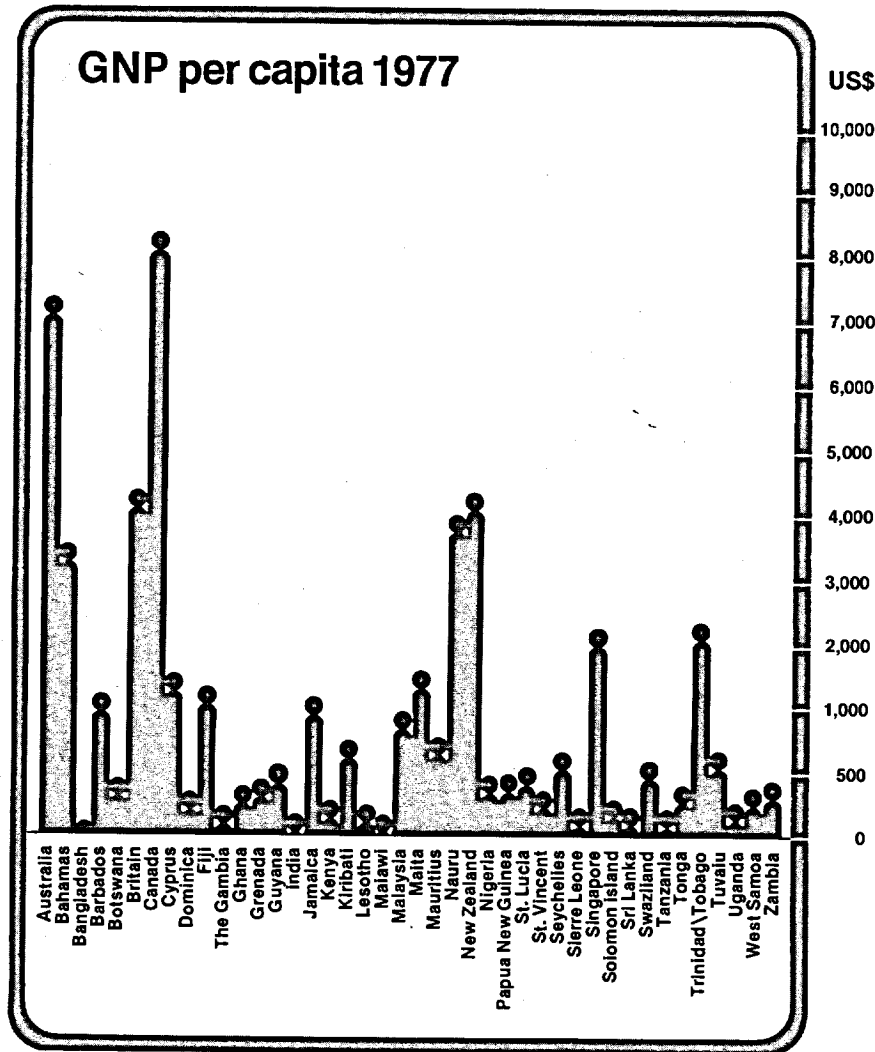


## Youth and the Commonwealth



The Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) is another important area of co-operation. It was established in 1973 after a meeting in Lusaka of Commonwealth Ministers concerned with youth matters. The program promotes pan-Commonwealth action in dealing with the practical problems faced by youth. Seminars and research in key areas such as unemployment, education, health, rural development and urban adjustment are going on all the time; and three regional youth-development centres engage in a variety of training programs for youth workers. The CYP also administers the Commonwealth Youth Service Awards which provide 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 actively supports the CYP as another example of inter-Commonwealth co-operation in areas of concern to both developed and developing countries and has contributed approximately 30 percent of CYP funding since the program's inception.