

Summer youth employment

The Federal Government will spend \$29.4 million hiring students this summer, Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy has announced.

The government jobs are part of a total summer youth employment program, which will receive \$110 million in federal funds and create jobs for an estimated 70,000 students.

More than 30 departments and agencies will spend the money but four will be mainly responsible for the job-creation programs.

They are Secretary of State, Solicitor General, Environment Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs.

The government program will provide jobs for an estimated 12,900 students in 1,879 projects.

Funding for language program

The Federal Government has paid the provinces \$140 million under an interim arrangement for 1979-80 pending the completion of negotiations for new longer-term agreements for official languages programs in education.

These payments are primarily on the basis of student enrolment in official languages programs and a percentage of provincial education costs. Of the \$140 million, some \$89 million was paid to Quebec, \$32 million to Ontario and almost \$10 million to New Brunswick.

The federal-provincial programs for the official languages in education were first initiated in 1970 and renewed in 1974 for a five-year period which expired March 31, 1979.

In addition to these "formula" payments to provinces, the Federal Government contributed slightly over \$30 million in 1979-80 for specific programs and initiatives such as special projects (e.g. development of immersion programs), bursaries and language monitors.

Since 1970, the Government has contributed \$1.3 billion to the provinces for official languages programs in education. The objectives of these programs are two-fold: to increase opportunities for Canadians of the minority official language groups in each province to have their children educated in their own language, and for students to learn, as a second language, the other official language.

Firms pledge to buy airplane

Though a prototype has not yet been built, 17 companies have signed letters of intent to purchase 55 *DASH-8* aircraft at a cost of \$4.5 million each, de Havilland Canada Ltd. has announced.

Company president John Sandford said the *DASH-8* program will create 3,000 jobs and could lead to export sales of approximately \$4 billion.

Mr. Sandford said the *DASH-8* program, which will cost the Crown company \$150 million, is being carried on "the strength and the success" of the *DASH-7*, which has led to the creation of jobs and the interest in the new plane.

The 32-passenger *DASH-8* will fit midway between de Havilland's 19-passenger *Twin Otter* and the 50-seat *DASH-7*. The new aircraft will be powered by two PT7A-2R engines designed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft of Canada Ltd. of Montreal. Currently under development, the engine is an advanced turboprop that will provide major improvements in fuel efficiency.

Sales from the 17 agreements total about \$400 million including spare parts and ground handling equipment. The 55 aircraft are expected to be delivered by

1986 and will be produced at a rate of six a month. The first *DASH-8* will be delivered in mid-1984 to NorOntair, the air service sector of the Ontario government's Ontario Northland Transportation Commission.

World market

Based on initial market studies conducted last year, de Havilland expects to sell more than 600 *DASH-8s* by the early 1990s. The company believes there will be a total world market for more than 1,500 such aircraft by 1995.

U.S. commuter carriers have taken 36 of the 55 orders for the \$4.5-million airplane, with the largest single order — 12 aircraft — placed by Golden Gate Airlines Inc., followed by Pennsylvania Commuter Airlines Inc. with six. Other U.S. purchasers are Southern Jersey Airways, four, Golden West Airlines Inc., Henson Airlines Inc., Ransome Airlines Inc., and Rio Airlines Inc., three each and Air Oregon two.

International purchasers are Aerolineas Centrales de Colombia, Brymon Airways of Britain and South Pacific Island Airways of Samoa with two each. The aircraft can be used for both passenger and cargo services.

Canadian delegation at United Nations environmental meeting



A Canadian delegation, listed as observers, for the first time in their unbroken participation in the United Nations Environment Program's Governing Council recently attended the eighth session of the 58-nation Governing Council of UNEP in Nairobi, Kenya. Pictured at the plenary session in Nairobi's Kenyatta Conference Centre, are (left to right): Lorne Clark, Director, Legal Operations Division, Department of External Affairs; G.F. Bruce, High Commissioner of Canada to Kenya; and Dr. P.M. Bird, Director-General, Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate, Department of the Environment.