

young of facilities available for athletics in Canada. Native peoples will be encouraged to take part in projects, particularly in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

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The Department of Manpower and Immigration now has 110 special Canada Manpower centres for students in 83 cities and towns throughout Canada, compared with 23 centres in 66 communities last summer. I can assure the hon. member who just spoke that young people from all parts of the country will have ample access to job opportunities through these centres. Municipalities and interested organizations are co-operating in the establishment of the student centres. They will be manned by 374 specially trained students and will have the effect of relieving the pressure on regular centres which will be engaged in their usual heavy seasonal tasks. As well, the department has negotiated employment for some 3,200 post-secondary students in other countries.

For summer employment in the public service of Canada students are invited to apply directly to the Public Service Commission or through the Canada Manpower centres. The utmost effort is being made to ensure that the positions available will result in the maximum value both to the students occupying them and to the government.

Mr. Stanfield: The minister has limited time, but would he permit a question?

Mr. Stanbury: I will be glad to receive the question at the end of my statement, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanfield: I do not want to be rude, but I wonder if the minister, instead of rereading press issues of a few days ago would fill in some of the blanks in the opportunities for youth programs for which we are all waiting and for which some of us have stayed in the House.

Mr. Stanbury: I thank the hon. member for his interest, and I welcome it. Under the direction of the Department of the Secretary of State there are a number of programs, including the Opportunities for Youth Program. For those who intend to travel in Canada individually, as many certainly will do, the government is enlisting voluntary organizations to man small information and service centres. We all know the extent of hitch-hiking in Canada; no one can drive along any highway in the summer without being aware of it. With our program of support for locally sponsored hostels this year and the placing of kiosks at strategic points along the highways, the government hopes to reduce unnecessary risks and anxieties on the part of both the young and their temporary hosts in Canadian communities.

An increased amount is available also for group travel for those who wish a more planned and directed experience organized either by governments, as in the case of the Young Voyageurs Program, or by voluntary organizations. The department will allocate increased sums of money for summer language training on a co-operative basis with provincial governments and universities. Obviously, if we are to live up to our ambitions as a bilingual

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society, young Canadians need all possible resources to learn a second language as early in their lives as possible.

I would like to stress the fundamental principle of co-operation with other levels of government inherent in these programs. We are not simply providing money for provinces or municipalities to spend on our behalf or on behalf of the taxpayers of Canada; we are establishing an unprecedented degree of co-ordination with these other governments so that the great variety of programs being undertaken this summer and a great variety of sources of initiative may complement one another and contribute a maximum multiplier effect. Consultation has been carried out with all provincial governments at both ministerial and official levels. Administrative arrangements have been established to ensure utmost co-ordination within the federal government as well as with other authorities.

The Youth Opportunities Program, to which we have allotted \$15 million, represents a unique challenge to the voluntary sector. The Leader of the Opposition is interested in the criteria on which proposals from voluntary organizations will be evaluated, as I am sure all hon. members are. These have been forwarded to all Canada Manpower centres, to citizenship branch offices and to almost 5,000 voluntary organizations in Canada.

In general, we are directing our attention to involving the young and those associated with them in creating, managing and evaluating their own projects. The value of this approach lies in the fact that young people will not only have an income but will discover the requirements for managing and accomplishing objectives in an organized, responsible manner. This experience will provide young people who take the opportunity with practical work experience but it will also provide for many needed additional services in communities. I am convinced that the new perspectives which young people will bring to situations, coupled with their imagination and energy, will produce many useful and exciting new programs. This program is a vote of confidence in the abilities of Canadian young people.

Projects will be selected and approved on a variety of criteria: first, the number of jobs created and their cost; second, the number of people who might benefit or take part; third, the involvement of young people in planning, carrying out and evaluating projects; fourth, creation of new services, programs or activities. Emphasis will be given to projects in which worth-while and useful jobs are proposed and in which jobs would not have otherwise existed. Because of their need for support to continue their education, emphasis will be placed on providing jobs for post-secondary students and those about to enter post-secondary institutions. The benefits to students in terms of both income and experience will be assessed.

A fair regional distribution of benefit will be attempted, based on regional need. About 100 proposals are already being analysed: for example, a proposal by a group of blind students aided by law students for a study of the rights of blind people in areas in which there might be discrimination against them; a project proposed by a group of young people in a small rural community to develop a recreation and day camp program for chil-