

exchanges of classes and classrooms for periods of two weeks at a time. (This period is chosen -- admittedly arbitrarily -- as the most likely minimum time in which a student could begin to get beneath the "surface" of a community and thus could begin to make personal observations about the culture.) By "promoting" such exchanges is meant the usual diplomatic approaches to provincial Ministers of education and their departments, plus the offer of assistance with the contacting of appropriate state or local authorities, plus the provision of incentive funds. It is likely that the Grade 8 level would be the lowest optimum one in terms of the maturity of the students, but the fact that Canada tends to be taught at the Grade 5 or Grade 6 level in the United States warrants consideration. With careful arrangements, such as the billeting of each student in the home of his or her opposite number, the Expo experience indicates that exchange of at least sub-class groups of quite young children should not be automatically ruled out. It could be extremely interesting if the U.S. and Canadian teachers were to stay in their own classrooms and simply exchanged classes, but this might prove too disruptive to the respective students' programs. It would be far more feasible to simply have the teachers continue their regular program for the most part -- but in a foreign school and community setting. The presence of this foreign program in their midst, would provide additional important experiences for the school and the community visited. In such a case, it would be wise to think of a brief advance trip, a couple of weeks or a month ahead of time, by the two teachers involved in each exchange.

Financing on a joint basis would be justified. On the Canadian side, a federal government grant to the province concerned could cover the advance visit by the Canadian teacher. The province could underwrite transportation costs for the class, and pupils' individual expenses for the week (probably minimal) could be left to the pupils, their parents, and the community. On the American side, it seems quite likely that a