Federal gov't : "first come, first served"

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Youth projects or had expressed an interest in community service. Representatives of the unit cover all regions of the province.

Two members of the Social Development Projects team, G. Gaudet and T. Hunsley, stated that there is much interest in the projects by welfare recipients. It is possible some people in welfare will form their own groups to apply for grants for such projects, as for example, improved housing.

Some communities have asked for imformation, but many welfare clients have been invited to meetings by personnel of the H.O.P.E. team (H.O.P.E., Help Organizing People for Employment, is a project of the Social Development Unit.) In this way, more information can reach people, making them aware of what is available. The obligations of any personnel in the Welfare department basically end at information dispersal.

However, the department is also acting as a liaison between its clients and other government agencies. As was noted by Hersley and Gaudet, materials for local projects are expensive, even if labour is paid for by federal government grants. Thus, interested welfare groups which do not have the capital to invest in such ventures are being aided in identifying agencies and organizations which might be of some assistance in securing materials.

The amount of federal support given to a project is related directly to labour and other costs. Salaries are to be based on the level of prevailing wages and the skills required in each project, but the federal contribution will not exceed an average of $100 per man per week. For example, if one member of the work crew receives a reimbursement of $130 a week, some other must be paid $70, to arrive at an average of $100. If the overall pay of workers exceeds the $100 average, the difference must be made up in some way by the sponsoring group.

For other costs, such as pension plans, rentals and materials, and additional amount, up to a maximum of 17 per cent of the sum provided for labour costs may be provided. Federal support for a project cannot exceed $500,000. The sponsoring organization must find other sources of funds for expenditures over and above these amounts.

Examples of projects which might be undertaken include initiating day care centres, services for the elderly or handicapped, pollution studies, the improvement of community facilities by native groups, improvement of substandard housing, the expansion of cultural and social programs, or the employment of people in co-operative ventures which may have a limited revenue but are not profit making.

Certain projects which are not acceptable under the scheme include any which subsidize profit making enterprises, which provide financial support for people already basically employed and which support leisure activities solely for the sponsor.

Also, the federal government does not plan to contribute to any costs in which it already shares.

The authority for approval or rejection of applications does not rest with the local Canada Manpower Centres, but with the various Regional Headquarters throughout the country.

Regional Headquarters for the Maritime region is situated in Halifax. According to the New Brunswick Information Officer for the Local Initiative Program, not much additional staff is required by Canada Manpower to handle this service. He has been the only additional person appointed to the NB Manpower branch to do the extra work entailed by the program, and is working out of the Fredericton centre.

Asked whether many New Brunswick groups had expressed interest and were likely to receive the grants, the Information Officer replied, "There has been a good amount of interest with people asking questions. We don't know how many of those who ask for applications actually do submit them to the Regional Manpower office in Halifax, since none of this goes through this office.

"How much of the federal money is going to be allotted to this area or to New Brunswick as a whole? Again, I can't say yet. There has been no definite sum allotted to any province by the federal government. I have been led to believe it operates on a nationwide "first come, first serve" bases – for all those projects which fulfill the stipulated criteria."

He went on to say this is a new project being undertaken this year. The old Winter Works program which ended some six years ago was much more limited in scope.

According to the Constitution notice must be given at least two weeks before a proposed constitutional amendment comes before ccuncil. The following is a proposed amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dept. of Physical Education be represented by one elected member on the S.R.C., this member to be elected by the Physical Education Faculty in the Spring Election.

Motion brought forth by Chris Fisher and published by Mike Richard, Chairman Constitution Committee.

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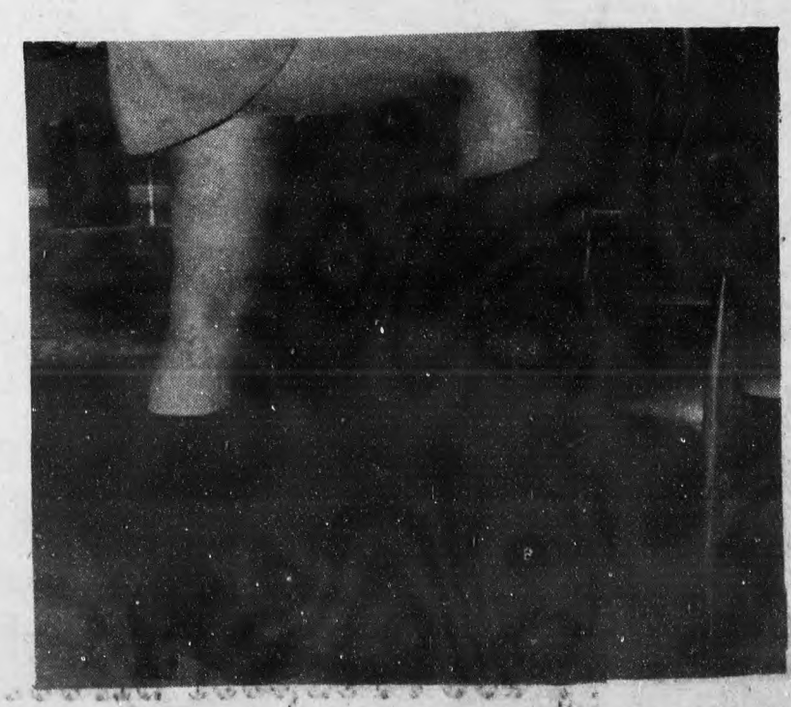
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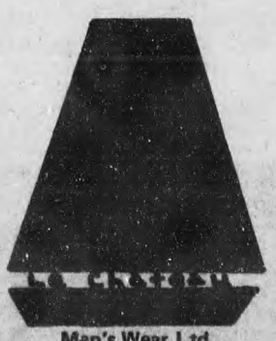
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