

CANADA MOVES TO RELOCATE UNEMPLOYED

Dec. 1 (IPS)--The Canadian Manpower Department has launched major pilot projects in job training and "work attitudes improvement" for unemployment insurance recipients. These moves are part of concerted drives to slot all "usable" unemployed into the Department's relocation operation, the so-called Job Mobility Program.

Simultaneously, plans are in the offing to herd people unsuited for either job training or relocation--the retarded, the mentally ill and chronic alcoholics--into locally coordinated labor intensive public works jobs.

Newfoundland's Labor Minister told IPS last week that the job training project was "going along quite well." The trained recipients are already being relocated in jobs; the recipient must take a job even if its 100 miles away, he boasted.

A spokesman for Canadian Manpower Department offices stated that the success of the project could "really help the 'Mobility Program' get off the ground."

Meanwhile, the Hawkesbury project in Southern Ontario is forcing recipients to attend films depicting their social obligation to work. The films are followed by an indoctrination lecture where they are told that they must make use of their skills and take whatever jobs offered them--wherever these jobs may be located.

The Manpower Department spokesman also revealed that a new slave labor program to deal with non-trainables will soon be implemented. Entitled the Community Employment Strategy this project will track workers deemed unusable for relocation into low-wage self-help jobs in community projects.

The Manpower Department intends to extend these Nazi selection and relocation experiments to cover the entire Canadian population. In a speech this week, Manpower and Immigration Minister Andras declared that now all unemployment insurance claimants will be slotted into a selection program, and then forcibly relocated under the "Mobility Program" if they meet requirements.

A government spokesman told IPS that the only roadblock to this recycling machine is the bureaucratic separation of the Manpower and Insurance Departments. This problem is presently being remedied on the local level by an amalgamation of functions leading to their eventual merger into one manpower office. Both departments now sit on a national steering committee to oversee the operation of the pilot projects. 80 "employment market specialists" have been dispatched to provinces to work closely with the Unemployment Department. They will set up slave labor pools by funnelling worker profiles into computer banks now established in several provinces.

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