



Michael Hanson: building hopes and building cabinets.

# Best of British

A CABINET-maker from Halifax, a joiner from Malton, a hairdresser from Brighouse, and a cook from Hull will be among those representing Britain at the International Youth Skill Olympics in Sydney next week.

The 26 UK team members have been selected from regional and national competitions organised by Skill-UK, a co-ordinating body of industrialists and educationists.

In Sydney they will do battle with more than 400 youngsters in up to 40 different skills, ranging from heavy engineering and construction to jewellery and garment production.

The Minister of State at the Department of Employment, Mr John Cope, who will see the competitors off from Heathrow Airport this Thursday, said he was delighted with the preparation and effort which had gone into their selection.

One Yorkshire contestant, Michael Hanson, 21, of Cherry Tree Drive, Greetland, Halifax, qualified for the competition after winning a regional heat and a three-day national Skill-UK cabinet-making final in Leeds.

In the international final he will have four days to plan and make a cabinet from a given drawing: "I am really looking forward

to it and although I have a love-hate relationship with cabinet-making this is a challenging competition," he said.

Other Yorkshire and Humberside team members are: Matthew Rohan, 21, of Langton Road, Norton, Malton, representing the country in the joinery section; hairdresser Gary Taylor, 18, of Slead Avenue, Brighouse; and Carl Bontoft, 20, of Legard Drive, Analby, Hull, who is taking part in the cookery section.