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SPECIAL BUS SERVICE ON MONDAY
TO FACILITATE PUBLIC TO SEE FIREWORKS DISPLAY
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A SPECIAL BUS SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED ON MONDAY (MAY 5) EVENING BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER AND HUNG HOM TO FACILITATE PEOPLE GOING TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE HUNG HOM VIEWING SITE.

THE SPECIAL BUS ROUTE, NO. 29, WILL OPERATE AT FIVE-MINUTE FREQUENCY FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 8.20 P.M. AND BETWEEN 9.10 P.M. AND 10 P.M., AND FROM HUNG HOM, BETWEEN 7.10 P.M. AND 8.10 P.M. AND BETWEEN 9 P.M. AND 10.10 P.M.

BUSES LEAVING JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER WILL TRAVEL VIA JORDAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD FLYOVER, HONG CHONG ROAD AND SERVICE ROAD, OBSERVING ROUTE NO. 11 BUS STOPS. RETURN JOURNEYS WILL FOLLOW THE SAME ROUTE. FARES WILL BE 50 CENTS PER SINGLE JOURNEY FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT ON MONDAY EVENING, PARKING AND WAITING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE HUNG HOM VIEWING SITE AND ALONG THE HONG CHONG ROAD SERVICE ROAD. YUK CHOI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO BUILDINGS ON THE ROAD.

MEANWHILE, TWO SUPPLEMENTARY CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTES WILL BE RUN FROM MAY 6 TO MAY 11 TO CATER FOR PEOPLE ATTENDING THE EXHIBITION AT HUNG HOM.

THESE ARE ROUTE 121 BETWEEN CENTRAL AND HUNG HOM, AND ROUTE 122 BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND HUNG HOM, BOTH OPERATING AT A 30-MINUTE FREQUENCY WITH A FLAT FARE OF \$1.

ROUTE 121 WILL OPERATE FROM HUNG HOM BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 9.30 P.M., AND FROM CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 9 P.M., TRAVELLING FROM CENTRAL VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, POTTINGER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, JACKSON ROAD, CHATER ROAD, MURRAY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, HENNESSY ROAD, FLEMING ROAD, WAN CHAI ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, CANAL ROAD FLYOVER, CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, HONG CHONG ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE.

ROUTE 122 WILL OPERATE FROM HUNG HOM FROM 10.15 A.M. TO 9.45 P.M., AND FROM CAUSEWAY BAY BETWEEN 10.15 A.M. AND 9.15 P.M., TRAVELLING FROM CAUSEWAY BAY VIA HING FAT STREET, LAU SIN STREET, KING'S ROAD, CAUSEWAY ROAD, IRVING STREET, PENNINGTON STREET, YEE WO STREET, HENNESSY ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, MORRISON HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, CANAL ROAD FLYOVER, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, HONG CHONG ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, WUHU STREET AND GILLIES AVENUE.

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ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO DROWNED GIRL'S FAMILY

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THE DOWNPOUR ON APRIL 30, 1975 CAUSED A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS FROM VARIOUS LOW LYING AREAS AND SQUATTERS IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT TO TAKE TEMPORARY SHELTER IN THE VARIOUS WELFARE BUILDINGS AND KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS.

ABOUT 150 RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON BAY (WEST) LICENSED AREA ALSO TOOK SHELTER AT THE NGAU TAU KOK POLICE STATION. STAFF FROM THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG) LOST NO TIME IN ARRANGING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THEM AND TWO WELFARE BUILDINGS IN LAM TIN WERE OPENED FOR THIS PURPOSE. TRANSPORT FACILITIES WERE ALSO ARRANGED TO CONVEY THOSE REGISTERED WITH THE CONTROL CENTRE INSIDE THE NGAU TAU KOK STATION TO THE SHELTERS. UP TO AROUND 4.30 P.M. ONLY 36 PEOPLE FROM 6 FAMILIES HAD REGISTERED WITH THE CENTRE AS THE HEAVY RAIN HAD ALREADY STOPPED AND THE FLOOD WAS RECEDING. C.D.O. STAFF CONTINUED TO INFORM THE RESIDENTS THAT THEY COULD STILL GO UP TO THE LAM TIN SHELTERS ALTHOUGH THEY WERE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICE IN RETURNING HOME. COORDINATION WORK OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG) CONTINUED UNTIL SOMETIME SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT BUT NONE OF THE RESIDENTS MOVED UP TO THE LAM TIN SHELTERS.

SOMEWHAT DISTINCT FROM THE FLOODING WHICH OCCURED AND RECEDED EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON WAS THE DEATH OF A 6-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO WAS DROWNED WHEN SHE FELL INTO A GUTTER AT AROUND 7.30 P.M. -- SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE FLOODING EFFORTS TO RESCUE THE GIRL FAILED AND SHE WAS FOUND DEAD AT AROUND MIDNIGHT.

A SPOKESMAN OF C.D.O. KWUN TONG EXPRESSED REGRET FOR THE INCIDENT AND SAID THAT STRENUOUS EFFORTS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE TO HELP THE FAMILY OF THE GIRL. AS AN IMMEDIATE RELIEF MEASURE, \$600 FROM A CHARITY FUND HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE FAMILY WITH WHOM THE C.D.O. STAFF IS KEEPING CLOSE CONTACT. THEY WERE ALSO ASSISTED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

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INDOOR STADIUM TO COMMEMORATE ROYAL VISIT
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COMMUNITY LEADERS AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE POOLING RESOURCES TO BUILD A 3,700-SEAT INDOOR STADIUM AND SPORTS CENTRE TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THE MORRISON HILL STADIUM HAS BEEN A CASUALTY OF FINANCIAL STRINGENCY BUT PRIVATE DONORS HAVE NOW RAISED A TOTAL OF \$8 MILLION TOWARDS THE \$22.5 MILLION PROJECT. THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IS TO GIVE ANOTHER \$2 MILLION, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK FINANCIAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL TO DONATE THE PROCEEDS OF THE COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COIN IN EXCESS OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON THE VISIT. THIS IS EXPECTED TO BRING TOTAL DONATIONS AND PLEDGES TO OVER \$17.5 MILLION AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO COMMISSION WORK ON THE PROJECT.

FURTHER DONATIONS ARE STILL MOST WELCOME AND MAY BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS OR HANDED IN AT ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

DETAILED PLANNING OF THE INDOOR STADIUM OF WHICH HONG KONG IS DESPERATELY IN NEED, WILL START IMMEDIATELY. WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JUNE, 1978.

THE STADIUM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN EXHIBITION AREA TOGETHER WITH A HIGH RISE BLOCK IN WHICH BESIDES A DORMITORY, CONFERENCE-COMMITTEE ROOMS, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND TOILET-CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES, THERE WILL ALSO BE SPECIAL FLOORS GIVEN UP FOR GAMES PRACTICE AREAS.

THE MAIN HALL HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE 3,700 SPECTATORS IN STEPPED SEATING, GROUPED AROUND AN ARENA IN WHICH TABLE TENNIS, VOLLEY-BALL AND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS MAY BE STAGED. OTHER EXHIBITIONS SUCH AS GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, JUDO, FENCING, ETC. MAY ALSO BE DEMONSTRATED WITHIN THIS ARENA.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A GYMNASIUM, SQUASH COURTS, ACCOMMODATION FOR TABLE TENNIS PRACTICE, JUDO, FENCING, ARCHERY, AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH REQUIRE INDOOR VENUES AND ARE ALWAYS IN DEMAND.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT AT LEAST THREE FLOORS IN THE HIGH RISE BLOCK, CONSTRUCTED AS OPEN HALLS, SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR TABLE TENNIS. EACH FLOOR WOULD ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 20 TABLES.

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THE GOVERNMENT IS KEEN TO ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF SPORT AND THESE FACILITIES WILL GO A LONG WAY TO MEETING WHAT IS AT PRESENT A VERY URGENT NEED.

THE NECESSARY CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, CANTEEN, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED TOGETHER WITH OTHER HALLS FOR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL PURSUITS.

THE DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION IS ENVISAGED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VISITING SPORTS TEAMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A SKETCH OF THE MORRISON HILL STADIUM IS READY FOR COLLECTION IN THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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MORE FORM I PLACES TO BE ALLOCATED

MORE FORM I PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION THIS YEAR FOLLOWING THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+THE NUMBER OF FORM I PLACES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE WILL BE AROUND 48,100 COMPARED WITH 46,762 PLACES ALLOCATED IN 1974,+ HE SAID.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR 143 CANDIDATES WHO WERE PREVENTED BY BAD WEATHER FROM SITTING ALL OR PART OF LAST WEDNESDAY'S EXAMINATION TO TAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION.

THESE CHILDREN WILL BE EXAMINED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS' TIME IN THOSE SUBJECTS THEY MISSED.

AFTER THESE CHILDREN HAVE TAKEN THE SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES SITTING FOR THE S.S.E.E. WILL BE JUST OVER 96,000 -- 2,500 MORE THAN IN 1974.

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CLOSURE OF LOW BLOCK CITY HALL DURING ROYAL VISIT
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THE ENTIRE LOW BLOCK OF THE CITY HALL AND THE MEMORIAL GARDEN WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 A.M. ON MAY 4 TO 3 P.M. ON MAY 5 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROYAL VISIT.

HOWEVER, THE HIGH BLOCK, INCLUDING THE LIBRARIES, THE CITY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, THE EXHIBITION GALLERY, THE LECTURE ROOMS AND THE COMMITTEE ROOMS, WILL REMAIN OPEN AS USUAL.

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DANGEROUS BUILDING
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED NO.20, KO SHING STREET, ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THIS THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR SOME TIME IN VIEW OF THE DETERIORATED CONDITION OF ITS BRICKWORK AND STRUCTURAL TIMBERS GENERALLY.

THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE BUILDING THAT OVERRIDES THE NORTH END OF TSUNG SAU LAND WEST SHOWS SIGNS OF NEW FRACTURING AND OF SOME CRACKING TO THE ALREADY BULGED AND DECAYED BRICKWORK.

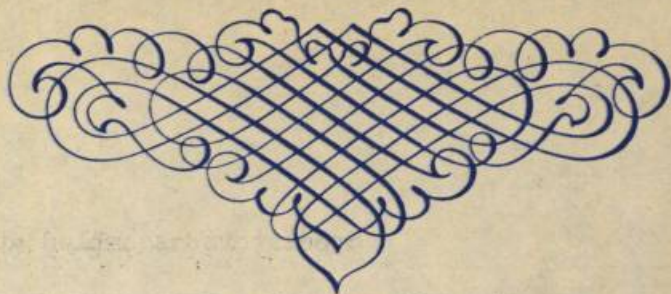
THERE IS ALSO EVIDENCE OF LOCAL FAILURE TO SEVERAL OF THE TIMBERS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDING.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 2, 1975 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Saturday, May 3, 1975

QUEEN AND DUKE TO ARRIVE TOMORROW

Welcoming Ceremony And Quiet Evening At Government House

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by members of the Royal household, officials and staff, will arrive in Hong Kong at 6 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, May 4.

They are coming from a Heads of Commonwealth States Conference in Jamaica, via Honolulu. The visit will be the first to Hong Kong by a reigning British monarch. Prince Philip has been here once before in 1959.

At Hong Kong International Airport, the Queen and the Duke will be met by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, who will present Lady MacLehose and prominent officials and residents, headed by Lieutenant-General Sir Edwin Bramall, Commander British Forces.

After the presentations, the Queen and the Duke will leave the airport and drive to Kowloon Public Pier for a ceremonial crossing of the harbour on the Governor's yacht, The Lady Maurine, escorted by Her Majesty's Ships Wolverton and Beachampton.

During this ten-minute crossing, a 21-gun Royal salute will be fired by HMS Tamar, and there will be a flypast of Wessex helicopters by 28 Squadron, Royal Air Force; Scout helicopters by the 656 Aviation Squadron Army Corps; and Britten Islander, Musketeer, and Alouette helicopters by the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force.

/Spectators

Spectators assembled at Queen's Pier will have a good view of the Queen and the Duke as they step ashore, followed by the Governor and Lady MacLehose.

After the Royal visitors have ascended the steps, the Governor will present Lieutenant-Colonel C.J. Scott, commanding Officer 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, who will escort the Queen to the saluting dais.

The Guard of Honour, from the 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, will give a Royal Salute, and the band of the Brigade of Gurkhas will play the National Anthem.

After inspecting the Parade, the Queen and the Duke will move to the City Hall for a formal ceremony welcoming them to Hong Kong.

As they enter the Concert Hall, a fanfare will be sounded by trumpeters of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force. About 1,200 guests, representing all sections of the community, will stand as the Queen and the Duke walk down the aisle and ascend the steps to the platform.

The band of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force will play the National Anthem, after which the Governor will speak, followed by Sir Yuet-keung Kan, Senior Unofficial Member of the Executive Council. The Queen will reply.

In contrast to the more solemn proceedings within the hall, the Queen, when she leaves, will find the foyer crowded with some 500 children, eager for a glimpse of her as she boards her car for the drive to Government House.

On her arrival at this historic residence, which has accommodated other members of her family during their brief visits here, the Queen's Standard will be broken at the main flagstaff and the Guard of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) will turn out.

There will be no further official functions for the Royal visitors that evening.

QUEEN TO VISIT ESTATE FAMILY ON MONDAY

The Tang family home on the sixth floor of Hong Man House in Oi Man Estate is alive with excitement which grows more intense as the hours creep towards 11.30 a.m. of Monday, May 5.

At about that time, the family will be experiencing one of their proudest and happiest moments when the Queen will call on them in their home for a brief visit during her tour of Oi Man Estate.

"I cannot describe how proud and honoured we all feel," said Mr. Tang Shiu-cheung, the head of the household. "We thought we would be seeing the Queen only on television during her visit here. We certainly never expected to meet her in person and talk to her."

Mr. Tang's wife, Wan-fong, still thinks it is all a dream. "It's incredible," she exclaimed. "Imagine, me actually meeting the Queen; it seems too much to believe."

Her nine children, she said, spoke about nothing else but the visit. "Even the little ones seem to realise the auspiciousness of the occasion. They brag to everyone about it. I suppose I do too sometimes," she admitted.

Mrs. Tang said she had heard much about the Queen and looked forward to meeting her. She admitted, however, that she was a bit nervous. "The Queen is such a distinguished person," Mrs. Tang said, "and I don't know anything about Royal etiquette.

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"But I know her visit here will be an informal one and I know that she will not mind if we are just ourselves and welcome her like we would any close friend," Mrs. Tang said.

The Tang family is one of the largest the Housing Authority caters to. A fare collector with the Hong Kong-Yaumati Ferry Company, Mr. Tang and his wife have nine children, ranging in age from eight to 28 years. All but one, who is married, live with their parents.

Mrs. Tang's mother also lives in the same flat, which is slightly over 600 square feet. One of the largest built by the Authority, the flat is self-contained with two bedrooms, kitchen and toilet. There are about 200 flats of this type in Oi Man Estate.

Five of the Tang children are still in school -- two are in primary and three in secondary school. The eldest son, Chung-ming, attends night classes at the Polytechnic and works as a technician with Harpers by day.

Another son, Chi-ming, is an apprentice in the watch trade and the second eldest daughter, Kun-tei, is a personnel clerk with Emerson Electric (H.K.) Ltd.

Mr. Tang, 53, is a native from Tung Koon province in China but has lived most of his life in Hong Kong.

The family moved into Oi Man Estate on March 1 this year. Previously they shared a small tenement flat with another family in Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom.

HAND-PICKED POLICE MOTORCADE FOR ROYAL VISITORS

24 Officers Divided Into Three Teams

Twenty-four hand-picked officers of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force will provide a motorcade escort for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh during their visit to Hong Kong.

The 24 men have been divided into three teams of eight officers each - one for Hong Kong Island, one for Kowloon, and one for the New Territories - and each team will comprise an inspector, two sergeants, and five constables.

Wherever the Royal visitors go, their escort will be eight traffic policemen smartly uniformed - wearing white helmets and white sleeves, and riding gleaming motor cycles.

The officers have been carefully selected for their important task, the criteria being past experience. They have undergone special training under Chief Inspector John Guy, who was an outrider during the first visit to Hong Kong by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1959.

Practice runs have covered all the routes to be used by the Queen and the Duke in both their separate and joint itineraries.