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GOVT'S FAR-REACHING SOCIAL PROGRAMME INVOLVES HEAVY EXPENDITURE  
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HONG KONG'S EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, WORKING CONDITIONS AND SOCIAL INSURANCE WILL BE RAISED TO LEVELS WHICH WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THOSE OF MOST OF THE COUNTRIES OF ASIA WHEN THE FAR-REACHING PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IS COMPLETE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OR SO.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, TODAY IN WINDING UP THE DEBATE ON A MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION.

HE EMPHASISED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE OBJECTIVES WOULD NOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT HEAVY EXPENDITURE IN MONEY, MANPOWER AND OTHER RESOURCES.

SIR DENYS AGREED WITH THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO PLANS WHICH THE ECONOMY COULD NOT BEAR WITHOUT UNDUE STRAIN.

+HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS UPON OUR ABILITY TO SELL OUR PRODUCTS IN THE WORLD MARKETS AND THAT IT MUST NOT PRESS FOR MEASURES WHICH WILL SERIOUSLY WEAKEN OUR COMPETITIVENESS,+ HE SAID. +FOR UPON OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS AS A TRADER DEPENDS THE REVENUE WHICH PAYS FOR OUR SOCIAL WELFARE.+

WHILE STRESSING THAT SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT WAS ESSENTIAL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID : +WE MUST NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT, IF NECESSARY, ADDITIONAL TAXATION, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, MAY HAVE TO BE IMPOSED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE WHOLLY ADMIRABLE AIMS WHICH WE HAVE NOW SET OURSELVES, THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FORGET THAT LOW RATES OF TAXATION ARE A VITAL ELEMENT IN OUR DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR INDUSTRIES.+

HE REFERRED TO THE WARNING FROM THE UNOFFICIALS THAT HONG KONG MUST NOT SUCCEED TO PRESSURE FROM ABROAD FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMMES WHICH MIGHT BE SO EXPENSIVE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS UPON OUR ECONOMY.

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SIR DENYS ASSURED THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES WERE BASED ON WHAT IT ASSESSED THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE TO BE.

+NEVERTHELESS,+ HE SAID, +WE CANNOT, AND SHOULD NOT, CLOSE OUR EARS TO SUGGESTIONS AND CRITICISMS FROM ELSEWHERE.+

+IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE, BY REASON OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS, OBLIGED TO PAY HEED TO THE VIEWS OF THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.+

HOWEVER, SIR DENYS AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE CARE NOT TO CONFER ON PEOPLE BENEFITS OF A KIND NOT WELCOME TO THEM, FOR EXAMPLE BY IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS WHEN THEY MIGHT PREFER MORE MONEY.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, BELIEVED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE WORKERS WOULD WARMLY WELCOME THE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

REPLYING TO A SUGGESTION FROM THE HON. T.S. LO THAT A COMPUTERISED CENTRAL SYSTEM OF MEANS TESTS BE ESTABLISHED, HE SAID THE PROPOSAL HAD, ON THE FACE OF IT, CONSIDERABLE INTELLECTUAL MERITS.

+BUT, AS I INDICATED IN APRIL, I AM DOUBTFUL AS TO WHETHER IT IS PRACTICAL AND WHETHER THE COMPLICATED AND EXPENSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY, IS JUSTIFIED,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE APRIL DEBATE, HE HAD ASKED THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION TO INSTITUTE A STUDY OF THE SCHEME OF WHICH SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE.

SIR DENYS SAID HE WOULD MAKE A FULLER STATEMENT WHEN THE ENQUIRIES WERE COMPLETED.

REFERRING TO CRITICISMS THAT THE PRESENT ACCOMMODATION OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS ILL SUITED TO ITS NEEDS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY REVEALED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT COULD BE MOVED TO BETTER PREMISES.

ON THE SUGGESTION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, HE POINTED OUT THE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION, WHOSE REPORT WAS BEING STUDIED, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE SECRETARIES CONCERNED.

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SIR DENYS THEN SPOKE ON THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

+THE ADMINISTRATION RELIES HEAVILY UPON THE ABILITY OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TO ASSESS THE BELIEFS, NEEDS AND FEELINGS OF THE RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG AND ON THEIR ADVICE AS TO HOW BEST TO TRANSLATE THESE INTO PRACTICAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE DANGER THAT AN UNCHANGING ADMINISTRATION SUCH AS OURS MIGHT BECOME UNFEELING AND INSENSITIVE. ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS IS TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.

+SIMILARLY, IT IS VITAL THAT THE ORDINARY CITIZEN WITH A GRIEVANCE (AND INEVITABLY THERE WILL BE SOME WHO ARE AGGRIEVED BY WHAT THEY SEE AS UNFAIR OR INHUMAN TREATMENT BY AN IMPERSONAL MACHINE) SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN REDRESS AND TO SECURE AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS CASE.+

SIR DENYS NOTED THAT THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS DEVOTED HOURS OF TIME AND MUCH ANXIOUS CARE TO A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF EVERY COMPLAINT WHICH REACHED THEM, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE.

+AS A RESULT OF THEIR EFFORTS,+ HE CONTINUED, +MISTAKES HAVE BEEN PUT RIGHT, INJUSTICES CORRECTED AND WRONGS HAVE BEEN RIGHTED.+

IN CONCLUSION, SIR DENYS EXPRESSED HIS SYMPATHY FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, WHO HAD SEEN PLANS FOR EXPANSION TRIMMED AND THEIR AMBITIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVICES POSTPONED.

+THEY WILL, I KNOW, WARMLY WELCOME THE RECOVERY OF THE ECONOMY, AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THIS CAN BE REFLECTED IN AN EXPANSION OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PROGRAMMES,+ HE SAID.

+THE PUBLIC SERVICE WILL NOW BEAR IN MIND THE NEED TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY AND URGENTLY THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR WHICH FUNDS HAVE BEEN VOTED. WE MUST ENSURE THAT APPROVED PLANS AND WORKS KEEP TO THE TIME TABLES WHICH ARE SET FOR THEM.

+THIS WILL IMPOSE MANY EXTRA BURDENS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON CIVIL SERVANTS. I HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE THAT THEY WILL DISCHARGE THEM WITH THE SAME DEVOTION AND SKILL AS THEY HAVE SO OFTEN SHOWN IN THE PAST.+

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FORMATION OF MAC'S A SUCCESS

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THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IS A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT ON A GIGANTIC SCALE AND IT IS SUCCEEDING, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE HON. DENIS BRAY, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING VARIOUS POINTS RAISED EARLIER BY THE HON. WONG LAM ON DIFFICULTY IN THE OPERATION OF MAC'S, HE SAID THE PROBLEMS DID NOT EVEN IN SUM DETRACT SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE GREAT BENEFITS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO RESULT FROM MUTUAL CO-OPERATION IN TALL BUILDINGS.

+URBAN LIVING AT THE DENSITIES WE HAVE IN HONG KONG REQUIRES MUCH MUTUAL TOLERANCE, CONSIDERATION AND CO-OPERATION,+ HE SAID. +THIS IS LATENT IN THE PEOPLE AND HAS BEEN BROUGHT OUT THROUGH THE CATALYST OF MAC FORMATION.+

MR. BRAY SPOKE AT LENGTH ON A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS FACED BY MAC'S IN THEIR OPERATIONS.

HE ASSURED THE COUNCIL THAT SECURITY PATROLS FORMED BY MAC'S WERE LEGAL BECAUSE THEY WERE PATROLS OF RESIDENTS AND NOT HIRED MEN, AND BECAUSE THEY WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE POLICE WHO WERE ABLE TO EXPLAIN HOW FAR A PATROL MIGHT LEGALLY GO, AND HOW TO FOLLOW THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES IN PREVENTING CRIME AND REPORTING IT.

MR. BRAY SAID THERE WERE 159 SUCH PATROLS AND ADDED THAT +WHILST THE POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE MAC'S TO DEVELOP THESE PERFECTLY LEGAL PATROLS AND TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION, GUIDANCE AND TRAINING, IT IS ESSENTIAL IN THE INTERESTS OF LAW AND ORDER, THAT THE POLICE MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE SECURITY PATROLS IN CASE AN OVER ZEALOUS INDIVIDUAL ABUSES HIS POSITION AS A GUARDIAN OF THE LAW+.

HE STRESSED: +ABUSE HAS NOT BEEN A PROBLEM. THESE PATROLS ARE A SUCCESS.+

REFERRING TO AN ASSERTION MADE BY MR. WONG LAM THAT MAC'S MUST BE SUPPORTED BY MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF RESIDENTS TO BE EFFECTIVE, MR. BRAY SAID MOST MAC'S HAVE OVER 50 PER CENT PARTICIPATION.

+WE DID ACCEPT 20 PER CENT PARTICIPATION IN THE EARLY DAYS AND MANY MAC'S FORMED ON THIS BASIS HAVE GATHERED MUCH GREATER SUPPORT AS THEY STARTED TO SHOW WHAT COULD BE DONE IN THE BUILDINGS.

+NOWADAYS WE LOOK FOR MUCH MORE THAN 20 PER CENT PARTICIPATION,+ HE SAID.

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ON VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN BUILDINGS, MR. BRAY SAID IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH INDIVIDUAL CASES.

+I WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY MAC CHAIRMAN FINDING THIS PROBLEM SHOULD DISCUSS IT WITH HIS CDO,+ HE SAID. +ANY OBVIOUSLY CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE.+

TURNING TO ROOF-TOP SQUATTERS, MR. BRAY SAID ONE METHOD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM WAS TO REGARD THEM MORE AS FELLOW RESIDENTS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN THE MAC.

BUT IF THESE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE CENTRES OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, LEGAL STEPS MUST BE TAKEN BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO REMOVE THEM, HE ADDED.

ON THE PROBLEM OF COLLECTING MAC SUBSCRIPTIONS, HE SAID CDO'S HAD OFTEN BEEN ABLE TO HELP TO PERSUADE RESIDENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT MAC'S, +BUT IF MORAL PRESSURE ALONE IS INSUFFICIENT THEN RECOURSE MUST BE HAD TO THE LAW+.

THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE, HE SAID, PROVIDED THE SIMPLEST POSSIBLE MACHINERY FOR CREATING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.

+ONCE LEGAL OBLIGATIONS ARE CREATED THEY CAN BE ENFORCED THROUGH THE COURTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THROUGH THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO TRAINING COURSES FOR MAC OFFICE BEARERS, MR. BRAY SAID ANOTHER LOOK WOULD BE TAKEN AT THE COURSES OFFERED.

+FOR THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO READ A MANUAL ONE IS BEING PREPARED,+ HE SAID.

MR. BRAY STRESSED THAT APATHY WAS A THREAT TO A SUCCESSFUL MAC AND THAT ONCE THE INITIAL IMPACT ON THE CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY OF A BUILDING HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AN MAC MIGHT BECOME LESS ENERGETIC.

+CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY DO HOWEVER REQUIRE CONTINUING EFFORT EVEN IF NOT ON THE SCALE NECESSARY AT FIRST AND THEN ONE CAN GO FURTHER,+ HE SAID. +ONE MAC I KNOW HAS EXTENDED ITS ACTIVITIES TO DISCOURAGING BREACHES OF LEASE CONDITIONS AND OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AND DOES IT PRETTY EFFECTIVELY.+

+BUT WHEN MAC'S DO DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN WIDER AFFAIRS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THESE DOES EXIST IN THE AREA COMMITTEES,+ HE ADDED.

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MORE PEOPLE REPORT CRIME  
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AS A RESULT OF VARIOUS EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES, A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CRIME IS NOW BEING REPORTED, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON. LEWIS DAVIES, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

SO, HE ADDED, THE CRIME STATISTICS +DO REFLECT MORE EXACTLY WHAT THE LEVEL OF CRIME IS, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE PICTURE WHICH THEY GIVE IS BECOMING STEADILY MORE ACCURATE - THANKS TO THE VERY WELCOME INCREASED PUBLIC WILLINGNESS TO REPORT CRIME.+

MR. DAVIES WAS REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED BY THE HON. PETER C. WONG.

ON THE SUGGESTION MADE BY REV. THE HON. JOYCE BENNETT THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE TO THE POLICE SHOULD BE TAPED, MR. DAVIES SAID AT FIRST SIGHT, IT SEEMED TO BE ATTRACTIVE.

IT WAS EXAMINED BOTH HERE AND BY THE HOME OFFICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM A LITTLE TIME AGO, HE SAID. BUT IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE FOR ALL STATEMENTS WAS NOT PRACTICABLE.

+APART FROM THE VERY CONSIDERABLE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS ANY SYSTEM OF RECORDING SOME INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT OTHERS, WOULD BE UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF IMPORTANT ORAL ADMISSIONS WHICH ARE, AT PRESENT, GIVEN IN EVIDENCE WOULD REMAIN UNRECORDED: TO THIS EXTENT THE WHOLE OBJECT OF THE SYSTEM WOULD BE FRUSTRATED, + HE POINTED OUT.

+IN ADDITION THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME SYSTEM FOR EXCLUDING FROM RECORDINGS PLAYED OVER IN COURT ALL INADMISSABLE, AND, IF POSSIBLE, ANY CLEARLY IRRELEVANT MATERIAL.

+THIS WOULD MEAN EDITING THE TAPES AND AS A RESULT CAST SUSPICION ON THEIR VERACITY. THIS APART THERE WOULD BE NO MEANS OF ENSURING THE WHOLE OF EVERY RECORDING WAS ACCEPTED BY THE COURT AS AUTHENTIC.

+UNFORTUNATELY NO WAY ROUND THESE VARIOUS DIFFICULTIES PRESENTS ITSELF. FOR THIS REASON WE SEE NO MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING SUCH A SCHEME.+

REGARDING THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN'S CONCERN OVER THE PRESENT CRIME REPORTING PROCEDURE, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY SAID UNHAPPILY THERE WERE OCCASIONS WHEN INDIVIDUALS GET FRUSTRATED BY THE RESPONSE FROM THE +999+ SYSTEM.

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+BUT IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES THE RESPONSE IS QUICK AND EFFICIENT AND IT IS ONLY WHEN A +999+ CALL DOES NOT REQUIRE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE THAT THERE IS WHAT IS CALLED 'A REFERRAL' ELSEWHERE,+ HE SAID.

DURING 1975, HE SAID, THE POLICE RESPONDED TO A TOTAL OF 82,769 +999+ CALLS AND THE TIME REQUIRED FOR AN OFFICER TO REACH THE SCENE OF THE COMPLAINT AVERAGED FIVE MINUTES, 12 SECONDS.

+WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THAT THIS INCLUDES +999+ CALLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE DISTANCES ARE RELATIVELY GREATER THAN IN THE URBAN AREAS, THE SPEED AND EFFECTIVENESS OF +999+ SYSTEM IS CLEARLY HIGH,+ HE EMPHASISED.

+WITH THE IMPENDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEAT RADIO SCHEME, THE RESPONSE TIMES TO +999+ CALLS SHOULD BE EVEN BETTER.

+TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REFERRAL REQUESTS +999+ CALLS ARE MONITORED. THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS OFFICERS WILL, IN THE COMING MONTHS, PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ALL SUCH CASES TO ENSURE THIS HAS ONLY BEEN DONE WHEN AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BY A +999+ CAR IS NOT REQUIRED.+

ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR POLICE ENTRANTS, HE SAID 90 PER CENT OF THE APPLICANTS JOINING THE FORCE NOW HAD SOME SECONDARY EDUCATION, COMPARED WITH ONLY 44 PER CENT IN 1970.

REFERRING TO A CALL BY THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH THAT MORE POLICE OFFICERS SHOULD BE ON DUTY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, HE REVEALED THAT THERE WERE 15 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UNITS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, ALL BUT ONE IN GOVERNMENT ESTATES.

+IN ADDITION WE ARE PRESSING AHEAD WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE POLICE REPORTING CENTRES,+ HE SAID.

+SIXTY-EIGHT SUCH CENTRES WERE IN EXISTENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, AND AT LEAST A FURTHER 20 SHOULD BE IN OPERATION BY THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR.

+AREAS NOT COVERED BY THESE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UNITS RECEIVE THE SERVICES OF PATROLS, EMERGENCY UNIT VEHICLES, DIVISIONAL POLICE VEHICLES AND MEMBERS OF CID.

+FOR THE FUTURE, ONE OF THE OBJECTS OF THE REVIEW OF POLICE ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH IS GOING ON IS TO SEE THE EXTENT TO WHICH GREATER RESOURCES OF MANPOWER NEED TO BE DEPLOYED.+

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NON-NEW-TOWN AREAS TO GET DEVELOPMENT BOOST  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE HON. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY ANNOUNCED A SWEEPING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWNS.

HE TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT THE PLANS INCLUDED THE EXPANSION OF THE MARKET TOWNS OF TAI PO AND YUEN LONG, HOUSING PROJECTS FOR LANTAU AND CHEUNG CHAU, THE PROVISION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SQUARE FEET OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL USE, AND THE BUILDING OF 26 NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

MR. AKERS-JONES GAVE THIS OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME:

**YUEN LONG:** EXPENDITURE OF \$34 MILLION HAS BEEN APPROVED TO COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE TOWN, TO FORM LAND FOR A HOUSING ESTATE AND PROVIDE FOUR HECTARES FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.

**TAI PO:** WORK WILL START SOON ON THE RECLAMATION OF 37 HECTARES OF LAND - AT A COST OF \$56 MILLION - TO PROVIDE A HOUSING ESTATE FOR 30,000 PEOPLE, AS WELL AS LAND FOR SCHOOLS, A NEW MARKET, A SHOPPING CENTRE AND OTHER FACILITIES.

**ISLANDS DISTRICT:** A \$22 MILLION HOUSING AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT TAI O AND \$18 MILLION EARMARKED FOR LAND TO PROVIDE A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED ESTATE FOR THE BADLY-HOUSED RESIDENTS OF CHEUNG CHAU.

**NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES:** A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT APPROACH TO THE CLUSTER OF SMALL MARKET CENTRES OF LUEN WO HUI, FANLING, SHEK WU HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI, WITH \$67 MILLION SET ASIDE FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD TANNERIES SITE, WHICH WAS CLEARED BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR.

MR. AKERS-JONES DESCRIBED THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AS A +CONSCIOUS AND DELIBERATE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TURN ITS ATTENTION TO AREAS OTHER THAN THE NEW TOWNS, WHICH ARE DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY TO ABSORB HUGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE FROM THE EXISTING URBAN AREA.+

THE PLANS, HE WAS SURE, WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED BY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TURNING TO INDUSTRY, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE +ALMOST AS THOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO RECESSION.+

+ELEVEN FACTORIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT TUEN MUN ON 950,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND AND ANOTHER 12 ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON 600,000 SQUARE FEET,+ HE SAID.

/+MANY OF THESE ....

+MANY OF THESE FACTORIES ARE DEVELOPED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE PLOT RATIO OF 9.5 TIMES THE SITE AREA, THUS PRODUCING MANY MILLION SQUARE FEET OF ACTUAL FLOOR SPACE.

+SO MUCH SO HAS THE BALANCE ALTERED, THAT THERE IS A LOCAL SHORTAGE OF WORKERS, RATHER THAN WORK AT TUEN MUN.

+FORTUNATELY NEXT YEAR, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TAI HING ESTATE WILL ADD ANOTHER 25,000 TO THE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN AND THE BALANCE WILL BE SOMEWHAT RESTORED.+

MR. AKERS-JONES ADDED THAT WORK HAD ALREADY BEGUN ON FACTORIES AT THE FO TAN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN SHA TIN PROVIDING 1.3 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF INDUSTRIAL FLOOR SPACE.

+AND AT TAI PO, THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS MAKING DRAMATIC PROGRESS AND SITES WITHIN THE FIRST STAGE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL IN 1977, SOME 18 MONTHS AFTER WORK BEGAN TO MOVE MOUNTAINS INTO THE SEA,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO SCHOOLS, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT THE BUILDING OF 26 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT TSUEN WAN WOULD NOT ONLY CORRECT AN IMBALANCE THAT HAS EXISTED FOR SOME YEARS BUT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE GROWING POPULATION AND THE SCHOOLS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY.

HE ADDED: +IT IS OF ESPECIAL INTEREST TO THE NEW TERRITORIES THAT A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT AND A +HEUNG YEE KUK+ SCHOOL ON LANTAU ARE PART OF THE APPROVED PROGRAMME, SO THAT CHILDREN WHO NOW HAVE TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO TOWN FROM THESE PLACES WILL, IN FUTURE, HAVE A SCHOOL NEAR THEIR HOMES.+

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FOURTH TRAMWAY RESERVE  
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THE FOURTH OF THE NEWLY-INTRODUCED EXPERIMENTAL TRAMWAY RESERVES WILL COME INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN JOHNSTON ROAD, BETWEEN LANDALE STREET AND TRIANGLE STREET, WANCHAI.

THE TRAMWAY RESERVES ARE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TRAM TRACKS MARKED BY DOUBLE WHITE LINES TO PREVENT ENCROACHMENT BY OTHER VEHICLES.

THE THREE OTHER TRAMWAY RESERVES ALREADY IN OPERATION FOR SOME TIME, ARE LOCATED IN CAUSEWAY ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD, BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND JARDINE'S BAZAAR, AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, BETWEEN TAI CHEONG STREET AND TAI ON STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT STUDIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE TRAMWAY RESERVES TO EXAMINE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN SPEEDING UP TRAM SERVICES AND THE EFFECTS ON OTHER TRAFFIC BEFORE ANY DECISION WAS MADE ON PLACING PHYSICAL BARRIERS AT THE RESERVES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE FOR MOTORISTS TO CROSS THE DOUBLE WHITE LINES MARKING THE TRAMWAY RESERVES.

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NEED FOR A PERMANENT CONSUMER COUNCIL

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THE CONSUMER COUNCIL HAS BY ITS ACHIEVEMENTS, CONVINCED MOST PEOPLE THERE IS A PERMANENT NEED FOR IT IN HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE HON. DAVID JEAFFRESON, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE RESUMED DEBATE ON A MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING ADDRESS, HE SAID THAT OVER THE TWO YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, THE CONSUMER COUNCIL HAD CARRIED OUT 33 DETAILED SURVEYS OF INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS AND HAD RECEIVED SOMETHING LIKE 13,000 COMPLAINTS.

THE COUNCIL, MR. JEAFFRESON SAID, FOUND ABOUT A QUARTER OF THEM JUSTIFIED AND SUBSEQUENTLY SUCCEEDED IN EFFECTING IMPROVEMENTS.

IF THE NEED FOR A PERMANENT COUNCIL WAS ACCEPTED, HE SAID, IT MUST BE GIVEN LEGAL STATUS AS POINTED OUT BY THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, DR. THE HON. S.Y. CHUNG.

THE EASIEST AND QUICKEST WAY FOR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL TO BECOME A LEGAL ENTITY WOULD BE FOR IT TO REGISTER AS A SOCIETY UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE, MR. JEAFFRESON SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR IT TO BE INCORPORATED UNDER ITS OWN STATUTE, WOULD INEVITABLY TAKE LONGER AND RESULT IN A CERTAIN INFLEXIBILITY WHICH COULD BE DISADVANTAGEOUS, FOR EXAMPLE IF THE COUNCIL WANTED AT A LATER DATE TO SEEK TO MODIFY ITS OBJECTIVES.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL, BY REGISTERING UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE, WOULD MEET ALL THE DIFFICULTIES OUTLINED BY DR. CHUNG, EXCEPT ONE.

+FOR ONLY IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO ASSUME INVESTIGATORY POWERS WOULD IT NEED TO BE INCORPORATED UNDER ITS OWN STATUTE,+ HE SAID.

+I MUST CONFESS THAT ON THIS POINT THE GOVERNMENT DOES HAVE DOUBTS. ONE CAUSE OF THESE DOUBTS IS THAT TO MAKE THOSE SERVING CONSUMERS IN HONG KONG LIABLE TO INVESTIGATION BY A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION WOULD LEAVE THEM OPEN TO A MAJOR BREACH OF THEIR PRIVACY.

+I STAND TO BE CORRECTED WHEN I SAY THAT THERE ARE NO NON-GOVERNMENT STATUTORY BODIES THAT DO HAVE SUCH POWERS.+

MR. JEAFFRESON SUGGESTED THAT BEFORE TAKING THIS SERIOUS STEP, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NEED TO BE FULLY SATISFIED THAT LACK OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HAMPERING THE COUNCIL IN ITS WORK, THAT SUCH POWERS WOULD NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF ACTUALLY HAMPERING THE EFFECTIVE WORKING OF THE MARKET SYSTEM, THAT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE FELT STRONGLY THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE SUCH POWERS, AND THAT THE NECESSARY LAW COULD BE DRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE POWERS COULD BE ADEQUATELY DEFINED BOTH AS TO THEIR EXTENT AND TO THEIR USE.

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BRIBERY OFFENCES IN PRIVATE SECTOR

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PROSECUTIONS FOR BRIBERY OFFENCES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED AND BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO HAVE HAD A GREAT IMPACT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON. JOHN HOBLEY SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING DURING TODAY'S RESUMED DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE SAID THE PROSECUTIONS HAD INDUCED, AND CONTINUED TO INDUCE, MARKED CHANGES IN ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES.

+THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ABOUT AND WHY THE PUBLIC INTEREST REQUIRED THAT PROSECUTIONS BE BROUGHT,+ HE STRESSED.

MR. HOBLEY POINTED OUT THAT THE EFFECT OF SECTION 9 OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE -- THAT IS, PRIVATE SECTOR BRIBERY -- WAS NOW WIDELY KNOWN AND WELL UNDERSTOOD.

+IT PROHIBITS THE GIVING OR RECEIVING OF SECRET PAYMENTS -- THAT IS, PAYMENTS TO A SERVANT OR AGENT WHICH ARE NOT AUTHORISED BY HIS EMPLOYER OR PRINCIPAL,+ HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE CORRECTNESS OF THE PROVISION COULD NOT BE QUESTIONED AND THAT ARGUMENTS BASED ON WHAT HAD BEEN CUSTOMARY, OR WAS +NECESSARY+ IN SOME WAY FOR TRADING PURPOSES, WERE UNACCEPTABLE.

MR. HOBLEY ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE NECESSARY WHEN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT THE PUBLIC INTEREST WOULD BE SERVED BY PROSECUTING CERTAIN OFFENCES AGAINST SECTION 9.

+ONE IS THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR A MAGISTRATE WARNED THAT A SERIOUS VIEW WOULD BE TAKEN OF OFFENCES AGAINST THAT SECTION COMMITTED IN THE LIGHT OF THE WIDE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THAT SECTION NOW PREVAILING.

+THE COURTS HAVE LOOKED MORE KINDLY ON SUCH OFFENCES COMMITTED AT AN EARLIER TIME,+ HE SAID.

+ANOTHER IS THAT I HAVE BEEN AWARE FOR A WHILE OF SOME CONCERN AMONG SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE CONTINUED INSTITUTION OF PROSECUTIONS IN RESPECT OF TRANSACTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THAT EARLIER TIME,+ HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE ICAC HAD A DUTY TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS ALLEGING OFFENCES UNDER SECTION 9 WHENEVER THEY OCCURRED AS IT MUST INVESTIGATE OTHER OFFENCES UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

+FOR OUR PART, EACH CASE SUBMITTED TO ME OR MY OFFICERS WILL THEN BE CONSIDERED IN THE NORMAL WAY, TAKING ACCOUNT OF ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS APPLYING IN THE PARTICULAR CASE,+ HE SAID.

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TURNING TO THE SO-CALLED +TEA MONEY+ CASES, MR. HOBLEY SAID THE EXPRESSION IMPLIED A TIP GIVEN SOLELY OUT OF KINDNESS, WITHOUT ANY ULTERIOR MOTIVE -- LIKE THE TIP ONE GAVE A RESTAURANT WAITER OR A HOTEL PORTER.

THE DESCRIPTION OF TWO SUCH RECENT CASES, HE SAID, WAS VERY MISLEADING BECAUSE BOTH INVOLVED THE OFFERING OF MONEY TO EMPLOYEES OF A PUBLIC BODY SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE.

MONEY WAS RARELY GIVEN IN SUCH CASES SOLELY OUT OF KINDNESS, HE STRESSED.

REFERRING TO THE ICAC'S PRIORITIES WHICH, AMONG OTHER ASPECTS, WERE CONCERNED WITH MAJOR RATHER THAN MINOR CASES, HE SAID +WE MUST BE CAREFUL ABOUT OUR CLASSIFICATION OF 'MINOR'+.

+A CASE IS CERTAINLY NOT MINOR MERELY BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED IS SMALL, AND A MAGISTRATE HAS WARNED IN CLEAR TERMS THAT IN HIS COURT IMPRISONMENT WILL FOLLOW IN ALL BUT THE MOST EXCEPTIONAL CASES WHERE MONEY IS OFFERED TO PUBLIC SERVANTS, AMONG WHOM THERE IS INCLUDED THE EMPLOYEES OF SCHEDULED PUBLIC BODIES,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF LEGAL AID, MR. HOBLEY SAID THE NEXT STEP IN ITS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE AN EXTENSION TO COVER CIVIL CASES BY RAISING THE FINANCIAL LIMITS OF ELIGIBILITY.

+THE QUESTION HAS BEEN UNDER REVIEW FOR SOME MONTHS NOW AND PROPOSALS ARE LIKELY TO BE PUT FORWARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ADVICE AT PUBLIC EXPENSE AND THE EXTENSION OF LEGAL AID TO THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME.

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UNUSUAL POSITION OF EMPLOYEES IN CIVIL SERVICE

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THE NUMBER OF STAFF SIDE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL COULD BE INCREASED WITHOUT MAKING IT UNWIELDY, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE HON. ALAN SCOTT, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

SPEAKING DURING THE RESUMED DEBATE ON A MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING ADDRESS, MR. SCOTT SAID HE WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME PROPOSALS FROM STAFF ASSOCIATIONS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THE CENTRAL REPRESENTATION OF UNESTABLISHED (MODEL SCALE 1) STAFF WHO WERE NOT SO REPRESENTED AT PRESENT AND WHO THEMSELVES FORMED A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THIS, HE SAID, COULD EITHER BE DONE BY DEVELOPING THE EXISTING COUNCIL OR BY ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE COUNCIL.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY SUCH CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREED WITH THE SIGNATORIES OF THE 1968 AGREEMENT, WHICH LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL, AND THAT ANY PROPOSALS FOR THE ELECTION OF STAFF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD REQUIRE THE JOINT BACKING OF A REASONABLE PROPORTION OF ASSOCIATIONS.

+IT IS NOT FOR MANAGEMENT TO URGE THE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTION IN MATTERS LIKE THIS, BUT RATHER TO OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADVICE,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO CRITISICMS THAT THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL PROVIDED ONLY FOR CONSULTATION AND NOT FOR NEGOTIATION, MR. SCOTT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS PROVISION UNDER THE 1968 AGREEMENT FOR THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY IF THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT OVER A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE IN THE COUNCIL, UNLESS IT INVOLVED A MATTER OF SETTLED PUBLIC POLICY.

+IT IS A MATTER OF RECORD THAT SUCH A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY HAS ONLY ONCE BEEN ASKED FOR AND APPOINTED, AND THAT GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED ITS FINDING,+ HE SAID.

MR. SCOTT POINTED OUT THAT ARBITRATION MACHINERY, THOUGH WELL-ESTABLISHED IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, HAD NOT PROVED AN UNMITIGATED SUCCESS ELSEWHERE, +LARGELY BECAUSE ITS VERY EXISTENCE ENCOURAGES BOTH SIDES TO BY-PASS NORMAL PROCESSES, AND IT TENDS TO RESULT IN STATEMENTS OF EXTREME POSITIONS AND AUTOMATIC COMPROMISE ON ALL ISSUES, WHATEVER THE MERITS AND REALITY OF THE CASE.+

+I HOPE THAT THE TIME WILL NEVER COME, IN THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE, AS IT HAS ELSEWHERE, THAT AN ADVERSARY PROCESS AUTOMATICALLY COMMENCES WHENEVER STAFF AND MANAGEMENT MEET,+ HE SAID.

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HE STRESSED THAT EMPLOYEES IN A CIVIL SERVICE WERE IN AN UNUSUAL POSITION BECAUSE ITS MANAGEMENT AND ITS STAFF WERE BOTH EMPLOYEES, AND FELT SURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF UNIONISM WAS CORRECT AND THAT STAFF ASSOCIATIONS GENERALLY EXERCISE THEIR FUNCTIONS WITH A DUE SENSE OF PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY.

+NEVERTHELESS, SITUATIONS DO OCCUR WHEN MANAGEMENT CANNOT GO ALL THE WAY TO MEET STAFF REQUESTS, AND WE WOULD INDEED BE SUPER-HUMAN IF CONFLICT OR DISAGREEMENT NEVER OCCURRED.

+THESE ARE THE OCCASIONS WHEN ALLEGATIONS OF INSINCERITY OR OF UNREASONABLE DELAY TEND TO ARISE AGAINST MANAGEMENT= BUT IN MY VIEW, SIR, MANAGEMENT IS NOT DOING ITS DUTY IF FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE, IT YIELDS TO SUCH TACTICS,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION AT THE DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL, MR. SCOTT SAID MORE THAN 30 CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS HAD NOW BEEN FORMED IN 24 DEPARTMENTS.

THOUGH THE COUNCILS WERE SOMETIMES CRITICISED AS PLACES WHERE ONLY MINOR MATTERS AND GRIEVANCES COULD BE AIRED, HE STRESSED THAT THEY COULD BE USED EFFECTIVELY BY BOTH STAFF AND MANAGEMENT AND THAT MUCH COULD BE ACHIEVED FROM THE TWO-WAY FLOW OF VIEWS AND IDEAS.

+THEY ARE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CORRECT FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE STRUCTURE OF DEPARTMENTAL GRADES AND THEIR INTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS, AND WHERE APPLICABLE, RELATIONSHIPS TO COMPARABLE OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH KEEP IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS, TO FOLLOW PROGRESS AND TO ADVISE UPON DISCUSSIONS IN DEPARTMENTAL COUNCILS AS NECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING TO LOWER-INCOME CIVIL SERVANTS, MR. SCOTT SAID IT WAS DECIDED IN 1961 THAT 15 PER CENT OF ACCOMMODATION IN GOVERNMENT LOW-COST HOUSING ESTATES SHOULD BE SET ASIDE ANNUALLY FOR ALLOCATION TO THEM.

WITH THE GREATLY EXPANDED HOUSING PROGRAMME IN 1973, IT WAS DECIDED THAT 1,500 UNITS PER ANNUM OUT OF ALL PUBLIC HOUSING WOULD BE RESERVED FOR THEM BECAUSE A CONTINUATION OF THE 15 PER CENT POLICY WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN THE ALLOCATION OF AS MANY AS 5,000 UNITS PER ANNUM.

HE SAID IN 1975 THERE WERE 1,449 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED ALLOCATIONS.

THIS YEAR'S ALLOCATIONS, HE ADDED, HAD NOT YET BEEN FINALISED BUT IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE ALLOCATION OF 1,500 UNITS WOULD BE ALMOST FULLY SUBSCRIBED, AND THAT FEW, IF ANY, QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WOULD NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING AN ALLOCATION.

+I DO NOT THEREFORE THINK IT NECESSARY AT THE MOMENT TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN THE ALLOCATION FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE CRITERIA APPLIED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONTINUE TO BE APPLIED TO CIVIL SERVANTS,+ HE SAID.

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SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

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SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 14) IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DURING THE TWO WORLD WARS.

DUE TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN CHATER ROAD, THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH THIS YEAR WILL BE SIMPLIFIED WITH NO RELIGIOUS SERVICES, BANDS OR GUARDS OF HONOUR.

IT IS INTENDED TO RESUME THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH IN FUTURE YEARS AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT.

AMONG THOSE LAYING WREATHS AT THE CENOTAPH WILL BE THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS= THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, LT. GEN. SIR JOHN ARCHER= THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR GEOFFREY BRIGGS= THE THREE SERVICE COMMANDERS, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMANDING OFFICERS' COMMITTEE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MERCHANT NAVY, COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SERVICE UNITS AND EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR WILL ARRIVE AT 9.58 A.M. AND WREATH LAYING WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M. THE WHOLE CEREMONY IS EXPECTED TO END AT 10.15 A.M. BY WHICH TIME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND SERVICE OFFICERS WHO WISH TO LAY WREATHS AT THE CENOTAPH MAY DO SO.

AT 10.55 A.M., THE ACTING GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND A REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL IN THE COURSE OF WHICH THE TRADITIONAL TWO-MINUTE SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED AND THE BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE LIGHT INFANTRY WILL PLAY.

EARLIER ON THE SAME DAY, A SHORT CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9.15 A.M. AT THE CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL IN THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANIC GARDENS.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR AND THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES WILL LAY WREATHS THERE. THEY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, CHINESE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, AND CHINESE MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT SEK KONG AND AT STANLEY FORT AT 10.50 A.M. AND 11 A.M. RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL IN KING'S PARK, A SPECIAL SERVICE WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY ALL UNITS BASED IN KOWLOON WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5 P.M.

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THE BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE LIGHT INFANTRY AND THE CHOIR OF ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

CENOTAPH CEREMONY

THE FIRST FLOOR BALCONY OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS COVERING THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH. THERE WILL BE NO PRESS POSITIONS WITHIN THE STATUE SQUARE PERIMETER.

SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE CEREMONY. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICERS AT THE NEWS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICE

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CATHEDRAL BEFORE THE CHURCH SERVICE BEGINS. NO PHOTOGRAPHING WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL.

CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL CEREMONY

EDITORS ARE ADVISED THAT REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE ROPE CORDON AROUND THE CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL IN THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANIC GARDENS.

THEY CAN STAND EITHER ON THE EAST OR WEST SIDE OF THE ROPE CORDON, BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE MEMORIAL ARCH.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED ACCOMMODATION, TO OBSERVE THE DIRECTION OF POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT SEK KONG,  
STANLEY FORT AND BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL.

THE PRESS ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SERVICES.

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RE-OPENING OF ELECTRIC AND JAVA ROADS  
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THE SECTIONS OF ELECTRIC AND JAVA ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO FACILITATE CABLE-LAYING WORKS WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

THE SECTIONS ARE THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND WATSON ROAD, AND THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN KAM HONG STREET AND ELECTRIC ROAD.

CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE 23 (TO POKFIELD ROAD) AND ROUTE 80 (TO CENTRAL) WILL REVERT BACK TO OPERATE WESTBOUND ALONG JAVA AND ELECTRIC ROADS AND ROUTE 23B (NORTH POINT FERRY TO PARK ROAD) WILL RESUME OPERATION AT NORTH POINT FERRY INSTEAD OF CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY CAR PARK.

IN KOWLOON, THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK BAY BRIDGE TO LAI CHI KOK BEACH ROAD NEAR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 A.M. ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AND 6 A.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD RE-SURFACING WORKS IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 13) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, CHI KIANG STREET AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD, INCLUDING SZE CHUEN STREET, HA HEUNG ROAD AND TO KWA WAN ROAD.

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