



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1975

CITIZENS COMMITTEE SET UP TO ADVISE ICAC
ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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A FOURTH COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ON MAJOR POLICY ASPECTS OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK.

IT IS THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS WHOSE CHAIRMAN WILL BE SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

THE MEMBERS ARE : MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH, MRS. SELINA CHOW, THE REVEREND JOYCE M. DENNETT, MISS LIN NON-YING, MISS SALLY AW SIAN, MISS PATRICIA NYE, MR. W.D.F. WILLIAMS, MR. GEORGE HO, MR. NG WAN, MR. CHAN KWOK-KEUNG, MR. ANDREW WONG, DR. DANIEL TSE, THE REVEREND PATRICK MCGOVERN, MRS. LEE LO YUK-SIM, MR. D.M. DE M. RODRIGUES, MR. HENRY H.L. HU, MR. LOUIS L.Y. CHA, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND THE ICAC COMMISSIONER.

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE COMMISSIONER ON THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO ENLIST AND FOSTER PUBLIC SUPPORT IN COMBATTING CORRUPTION AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AGAINST THE EVILS OF CORRUPTION.

IN THIS RESPECT, IT WILL RECEIVE AND CALL FOR REPORTS ON ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE ICAC.

THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS WILL ALSO MONITOR COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S WORK AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS CORRUPTION IN GENERAL.

THE INTENTION TO SET UP SUCH A COMMITTEE WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE OPENING OF THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST OCTOBER. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE WAS DEFERRED UNTIL STAFF FOR THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT WAS RECRUITED.

IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN EMPLOYING AND TRAINING STAFF FOR THIS DEPARTMENT AND SUB-OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE OPENED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 28).

THE THREE OTHER COMMITTEES ADVISING THE ICAC ARE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CORRUPTION, THE OPERATIONS TARGET COMMITTEE AND THE CORRUPTION PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF EACH OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

SIR Y.K. KAN, CBE, JP
(CHAIRMAN)

- SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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- MR. JACK CATER, CBE, JP - COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION
- HON MRS KWAN KO SIU-WAH, MBE, JP - LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR-GENERAL SECRETARY, YWCA
- MRS SELINA CHOW - TVB PROGRAMME MANAGER-
- REV JOYCE M BENNETT - PRINCIPAL, ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, KWUN TONG
- MISS LIN HON-YING - SUPERVISOR OF HONG KONG WOMEN'S TRAINING SCHOOL- ASIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE
- MISS SALLY AW SIAN, OBE, JP - MANAGING DIRECTOR, SING TAO NEWSPAPER LTD- VICE-CHAIRMAN CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS INSTITUTE
- MRS PATRICIA NYE CHUNG - DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES
- MR W D F WILLIAMS - PRINCIPAL, VOCATION TRAINING CENTRE, THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION OF WORLD SERVICE, HONG KONG
- MR GEORGE HO, JP - MANAGING DIRECTOR, HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO- DIRECTOR, BANK OF EAST ASIA- MEMBER TDC AND COMMUNITY CHEST, HONG KONG.
- MR NG WAH - SKILLED WORKER- ELECTED MEMBER, TAI KOO JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
- MR CHAN KWOK-KEUNG - SEWING MACHINE MECHANIC- FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE TAI HANG TUNG CREDIT UNION
- MR ANDREW WONG - DEAN OF STUDENTS, UNITED COLLEGE, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, TV PERSONALITY
- DR DANIEL TSE - PRESIDENT, BAPTIST COLLEGE
- THE REV PATRICK MCGOVERN SJ - ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN WORKING WITH TRADES UNIONS
- MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM - MOTHER AND HOUSEWIFE- MAC, HON ADVISER- CONSUMER COUNCIL MEMBER
- MR D M DE RODRIGUES, JP (HK AND S BANKING CORP) - CHAIRMAN OF THE WYFOONG ASSOCIATION
- MR HENRY H L HU - VICE-CHAIRMAN, URBAN COUNCIL
- MR LOUIS L Y CHA - PUBLISHER, MING PAO
- SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES (EX OFFICIO)

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OIL POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT TO BE STRENGTHENED

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S CAPABILITY OF FIGHTING OIL SPILLAGES IN HONG KONG WATERS WILL RECEIVE A BIG BOOST THIS YEAR WHEN A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED LAUNCH WILL BE ADDED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT.

THE 73-FOOT LAUNCH, COSTING \$1.8 MILLION, IS NEARING COMPLETION AT LANTAO ISLAND AND IS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE POLLUTION CONTROL FLEET BY SEPTEMBER.

AT PRESENT, THE FLEET CONSISTS OF TWO VESSELS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT AND TWO STANDBY CRAFT FITTED WITH SPRAY BOOMS. ANOTHER 20 CRAFT WILL SHORTLY BE FITTED WITH SPRAY BOOMS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE UNIT.

THE NEW LAUNCH, THE BIGGEST AND MOST SOPHISTICATED VESSEL IN THE FLEET, WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH OIL DISPERSANT STORAGE TANKS, SPRAY BOOMS AND AGITATING DEVICES, A HIGH PUMPING CAPACITY FOR SPRAYING EMULSIFIERS AND LIFTING EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPLOYING AND RECOVERING OIL CONTAINMENT BOOMS.

THE LAUNCH WILL BE CAPABLE OF A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 12 KNOTS AND WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE FOR ABOUT 100 HOURS AT A TIME AT HALF SPEED WITHOUT REFUELLING.

ALL PROPELLING MACHINERY AND PUMPS OF THE BOAT WILL BE CONTROLLED FROM THE WHEEL HOUSE WHICH WILL CONTAIN RADAR, ECHO (DEPTH) SOUNDER AND RADIO (V.H.F.) EQUIPMENT. WASHING, MESSING AND REST ROOM FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR HALF OF THE ESTIMATED 16 PERSONNEL ON BOARD DURING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POLLUTION CONTROL, MR. A.A.C. MASON, THE PRIME FUNCTION OF THE LAUNCH WILL BE TO DEAL WITH DAY TO DAY CASES OF MINOR OIL POLLUTION WHICH OCCUR FREQUENTLY WITHIN THE HARBOUR. IN CASE OF A MAJOR OIL SPILLAGE, IT WILL ACT AS A COMMAND BOAT OF THE OPERATING FLEET.

MR. MASON SAID IT WOULD ALSO BE USED FOR INSPECTING TANKERS AND OTHER VESSELS, INSPECTING SHIPS THAT ARE BUNKERING AND CONDUCTING OIL POLLUTION EXERCISES PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND ASSESSMENT OF EQUIPMENT.

/THE PRESENT FLEET

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THE PRESENT FLEET CARRIES OUT DAILY OIL DISPERSAL DUTIES AROUND OIL TERMINALS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE HARBOUR, HE SAID. RECENTLY THE UNIT HAS ACQUIRED 4,750 FEET OF LIGHT-WEIGHT OIL BOOM AND WILL SHORTLY GET A FURTHER 10,000 GALLONS OF DISPERSANT ON TOP OF ITS PRESENT STOCK SO THAT AT ALL TIMES 20,000 GALLONS WILL BE AVAILABLE. EIGHT PORTABLE RADIOS WILL ALSO BE ORDERED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION LINKS BETWEEN OPERATING LAUNCHES IN AN EMERGENCY.

THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT IS ALSO INVESTIGATING MEANS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE HARBOUR SCAVENGING FLEET WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THE WATER REFUSE-FREE.

MR. MASON SAID THE UNIT WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF BUYING A MECHANICAL REFUSE COLLECTOR TO REPLACE MANUAL WORKERS ON SAMPANS WHO COLLECT REFUSE BY TRADITIONAL MEANS OF FISHING NETS AND POLES.

THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED SPECIFICATIONS OF NEW WATERBORNE REFUSE COLLECTORS IN THE EVENT ONE CRAFT SUITABLE FOR HONG KONG BECOMES AVAILABLE, HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 12 SAMPANS OPERATING IN CENTRAL HARBOUR AND SIX AT ABERDEEN. THEY COLLECT AN AVERAGE OF 13 TONS OF REFUSE DAILY. THE REFUSE COLLECTED IS DISPOSED OFF AT GIN DRINKER'S BAY.

THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROSECUTING MASTERS AND OWNERS OF VESSELS WHICH CAUSE OIL SPILLAGES OR DEPOSIT REFUSE IN HONG KONG WATERS. OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF FIVE CASES WERE PROSECUTED FOR DISCHARGING OIL INTO THE WATERS. THE TOTAL FINES AMOUNTED TO \$12,200, WITH A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000.

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