



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1976

SQUATTER ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME — FIRST VILLAGE TO BE SWITCHED ON

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THE SWITCHING ON OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO THE FIRST OF SIX VILLAGES ON THE KOWLOON FOOTHILLS IN THE PILOT PROJECT TO PROVIDE LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO SQUATTER AREAS, WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

AT 3.30 P.M. THAT DAY, SIR LAWRENCE KADOORIE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD., WILL START THE FLOW OF ELECTRICITY TO UPPER LION ROCK VILLAGE WHERE SOME 500 PEOPLE LIVE.

A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICE. ATTENDING WILL BE OFFICIALS FROM THE COMPANY AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

THIS IS THE FIRST RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON ELECTRIFICATION OF SQUATTER AREAS. THE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP LAST NOVEMBER BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING TO OVERCOME PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY TO ALL STRUCTURES IN SQUATTER AREAS, SOMETHING WHICH HAD BEEN ATTEMPTED PREVIOUSLY BUT WITHOUT RESULTS.

THE COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPANY, CHOSE, FOR THE PILOT SCHEME, THE VILLAGES OF MA CHAI HANG, YAN OI, YAN YEE, TAI YUEN AND UPPER AND LOWER LION ROCK WHERE, IN TOTAL, AN ESTIMATED 8,500 PEOPLE OR 1,700 FAMILIES LIVE IN.

THE VILLAGERS AT PRESENT OBTAIN ELECTRICITY EITHER THROUGH PRIVATE GENERATORS OR ILLEGALLY TAPPING OFF PUBLIC LIGHTING. THIS SITUATION, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN A CAUSE FOR CONCERN, NOT ONLY TO THE GOVERNMENT, BUT TO THE PEOPLE THERE AS WELL, PARTICULARLY ON THE SAFETY ASPECT.

UNDER THE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME, OVERHEAD LINES WILL BRING ELECTRICITY FROM POWER STATIONS AND FEED IT INTO METER ROOMS AND DISTRIBUTION PILLARS FROM WHERE VILLAGERS CAN HAVE THEIR MAINS CONNECTED.

CHINA LIGHT IS BEARING THE COST OF THE CAPITAL OUTLAY WHILE VILLAGERS HAVE TO PAY FOR WIRING THEIR HUTS TO TAKE THE ELECTRICITY FROM THE DISTRIBUTION PILLARS.

BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE PILOT AREA, THE PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS AND THE OTHER VILLAGERS WILL BE SWITCHED ON IN TURN.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO SEE PUBLIC
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN CHAIWAN

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT THE CHAI WAN AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND TOMORROW (MONDAY) MORNING TO SEE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THERE.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR. I.M. LIGHTBODY, SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, LADY MACLEHOSE WILL INSPECT THE CONSTRUCTION AND PILING WORKS IN PROGRESS AT YUE WAN ESTATE WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY NAMED CHAI WAN (AREA 6) ESTATE.

SHE WILL THEN PROCEED TO HING WAH ESTATE AND VISIT A FAMILY IN FUNG HING HOUSE. THE FAMILY HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN THE ALDRICH BAY SQUATTER AREA AND WAS REHOUSED THERE TOGETHER WITH MANY FAMILIES AFTER THEY WERE MADE HOMELESS IN THE BIG FIRE ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT. SHE WILL ARRIVE AT THE YUE WAN ESTATE BUILDING SITE ABOUT 10 A.M. AND AT FUNG HING HOUSE, HING WAH ESTATE ABOUT 10.30 A.M.

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H.K. FLOWERS FOR COMMONWEALTH DAY IN LONDON

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HONG KONG FLOWERS WILL BE USED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO DECORATE THE WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN LONDON FOR THE COMMONWEALTH DAY CEREMONY.

A BOX, CONTAINING SIX CUTTINGS EACH OF RED IXORA AND WHITE DICHROA, IS BEING FLOWN TO LONDON FOR THIS PURPOSE, TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PICKED FROM THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

THE COMMONWEALTH DAY CEREMONY IS NORMALLY ATTENDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH HIGH COMMISSIONERS AND HEADS OF VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH SOCIETIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS. AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS IS THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER.

FOR THE OCCASION, THE WESTMINSTER ABBEY IS DECORATED WITH FLOWERS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

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TUEN MUN RECLAMATION
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NOTE TO EDITORS :

A CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS FOR A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR RECLAMATION SCHEME AT TUEN MUN.

THIS IS THE LARGEST ENGINEERING CONTRACT SO FAR AWARDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OCCASION.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, 12TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR. G.B. O'RORKE, AND HIS CHIEF ENGINEER, MR. KWEI SEE-HAN, WILL BE PLEASED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE PROJECT AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN STANLEY
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN STANLEY ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 9).

FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, STANLEY BEACH ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. AND 7 P.M. DAILY ON THE SECTION OF STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD BETWEEN THE POLICE STATION AND 51-53 STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, INCLUDING THE LANE SERVING AS A BUS TERMINAL POINT.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING TO PICK UP/SET DOWN PASSENGERS DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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