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NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR EXCO AND LECCO
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THREE NEW UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. THEY ARE MR. G.M. SAYER, MR. T.K. ANN AND MR. OSWALD CHEUNG, ALL OF WHOM ARE AT PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. SAYER IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, TREASURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SINCE MAY, 1973.

MR. ANN WAS APPOINTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY, 1970. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF WINSOR INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

MR. CHEUNG, A QUEEN'S COUNSEL, WAS APPOINTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY, 1970. HE HAS SERVED ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES CONNECTED WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND RECREATION, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE AND THE SIR DAVID TRENCH RECREATION FUND.

BOTH MR. SAYER AND MR. ANN WILL RETIRE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BUT MR. CHEUNG WILL RETAIN HIS SEAT ON THIS COUNCIL.

THE NEW APPOINTMENTS FOLLOW THE RETIREMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, AND SIR DOUGLAS CLAQUE. SIR ALBERT HAS SERVED ON THE COUNCIL FOR 15 YEARS AND SIR DOUGLAS 13 YEARS.

MR. G.R. ROSS, WHO HAS SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, WILL ALSO BE RETIRING. BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR. ROSS HAD SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, FROM 1964 TO 1968.

IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR. P.C. WOO AND MR. SZETO WAI ARE RETIRING AFTER SERVING ON THE COUNCIL FOR TEN AND NINE YEARS RESPECTIVELY. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, REMAIN ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

MR. WOO ASKED TO RETIRE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST YEAR, BUT AGREED TO STAY ON AS SENIOR MEMBER AT THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR AT THE MOST TWO YEARS, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF POSSIBLE HE WOULD BE RELIEVED THIS YEAR.

+IT HAS NOW BEEN POSSIBLE TO DO THIS, AND HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED AS SENIOR MEMBER ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY DR. S.Y. CHUNG,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANOTHER MEMBER RETIRING FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS MR. WILFRED WONG, WHO HAS SERVED ON THE COUNCIL FOR NINE YEARS

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AT THE SAME TIME, FIVE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE ANNOUNCED. THE NEW UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE : DR. HARRY FANG, MR. FRANCIS TIEN, MR. J.H. BREMRIDGE, MR. LO TAK-SHING AND MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH.

DR. FANG, AN ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

MR. FRANCIS TIEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MANHATTAN GARMENTS LTD., HAS REPRESENTED HONG KONG, AS AN INDUSTRIAL ADVISER, AT INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AFFECTING HONG KONG'S TEXTILE EXPORTS. HE IS AT PRESENT VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND HAS SERVED ON THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD, THE HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. BREMRIDGE IS CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JOHN SWIRE AND SONS (H.K.) LTD. HE IS AT PRESENT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND IS TO TAKE OVER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION WHEN MR. HENRY KESWICK LEAVES HONG KONG.

MR. LO TAK-SHING, A SOLICITOR, HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL SINCE 1969 AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY HALL SELECT COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION.

MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH, AN ACTIVE SOCIAL WORKER, WAS APPOINTED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL TWO YEARS AGO. SHE IS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY HALL SELECT COMMITTEE. MRS. KWAN IS ACTIVE IN THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE WORK AND SERVES ON THE COMMITTEES OF MANY WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS. AMONG THESE ARE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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+FLYING DOCTOR+ SERVICE
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FLUTTERING INTO THE QUIET HILLY VILLAGE OF CHEUNG SHEUNG IN SAI KUNG ON A SATURDAY AN ALOUETTE HELICOPTER TOUCHES DOWN ON A TURF BESIDE THE PADDY FIELD, BRINGING WITH IT A DOCTOR AND A NURSE.

KNOWING WELL THAT THE +FLYING DOCTOR+ IS THERE TO TEND TO THEIR ILLNESS AND CHECK THEIR STATE OF HEALTH, ALMOST THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE VILLAGE — ALTHOUGH A MERE TOTAL OF ABOUT 40 — TURNED UP IN FULL FORCE TO GIVE HIM A HEARTY WARM WELCOME.

AFTER LANDING, THE PILOT VOLUNTARILY HELPS TO CARRY THE MEDICAL KIT TO A NEARBY SCHOOL ROOM WHICH HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A MAKESHIFT CLINIC.

THE DOCTOR AND NURSE, BOTH FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THEN GET DOWN TO THEIR BUSINESS WHICH, ALTHOUGH A LITTLE ROUTINE IN NATURE, MEANS MORE THAN DOCTOR AND PATIENT.

TO THE VILLAGERS, THE TWO ARE FRIENDS. FRIENDS WHO COME A LONG WAY TO SEE THEM IN THE LONELY AND REMOTE VILLAGE. IT IS MORE A SOCIAL CALL THAN A MEDICAL ONE.

AND A STEADY FLOW OF FRIENDLY CONVERSATION IS THUS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY.

THE VILLAGERS ARE MAINLY TREATED FOR SKIN DISEASES AND MINOR SICKNESS. WHEN SATISFIED THAT ALL IS WELL, THE VISITING TEAM BIDS FAREWELL TO THE WAVING CROWD.


SHORTLY AFTER THE DRAGONFLY-LIKE MACHINE TAKES OFF, THE VILLAGERS ONCE AGAIN BEGIN LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TEAM'S NEXT CALL IN A FORTNIGHT'S TIME.

MEANWHILE, THE DOCTOR AND NURSE FLY ON TO THE OTHER VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG, PAK SHA O, TAI LONG, SAI WAN AND LAN NAI WAN, DOING MORE OR LESS THE SAME THING AT EACH PLACE.

ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, THE TEAM WILL VISIT SOME OTHER VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING NIM WAN IN CASTLE PEAK, WU KAU TANG AND SAM A TSUEN IN THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF N.T.

THIS IS THE FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE INTRODUCED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN 1961 FOR THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE HEALTH STANDARD IN ISOLATED VILLAGES IN THE N.T.

UNDER THIS SERVICE, MEDICAL TEAM COMPRISING A DOCTOR AND A NURSE MAKES REGULAR VISITS TO THESE VARIOUS VILLAGES, USING ONE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS. IT SERVES A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE.

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BY ALTERNATE WEEK ROTATION, THE TEAM CALLS ON THE VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG AND OTHER PARTS OF THE N.T. ON SATURDAYS.

THE FLYING DOCTOR TEAM IS SERVING A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE, OVER 600 OF THEM WERE TREATED DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. THE DOCTOR TREATED A TOTAL OF 1,531 VILLAGERS LAST YEAR.

PATIENTS ARE USUALLY TREATED BY THE DOCTOR ON THE SPOT, THE MAJOR COMPLAINTS BEING UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION, SKIN AND EYE DISEASES, AND GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISTURBANCES. IN EMERGENCY CASES PATIENTS ARE FLOWN TO EITHER THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL OR THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.

ALL TYPES OF IMMUNISATION, INCLUDING ANTI-MEASLES, SMALLPOX, DIPHTHERIA, CHOLERA AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONS, ARE OFFERED TO THE VILLAGERS.

CATERING FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE SPRAWLING RURAL AREAS, THE FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE, TOGETHER WITH THE FLOATING CLINIC SERVICE, HAVE NOW ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AS AN INVALUABLE PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING A MEDICAL TEAM AT A SAI KUNG VILLAGE RECENTLY ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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KOWLOON LABOUR TRIBUNAL BEGINS ON TUESDAY

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KOWLOON'S FIRST LABOUR TRIBUNAL WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON TUESDAY (JULY 2).

THIS TRIBUNAL IS SET UP FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS ON THE KOWLOON PENINSULA.

IT IS SITUATED IN A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING AT WHITFIELD BARRACKS, JUST INSIDE FROM THE JUNCTION OF AUSTIN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS K-691514.

THIS KOWLOON TRIBUNAL IS THE THIRD LABOUR TRIBUNAL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG WITH THE OBJECT OF PROVIDING A QUICK, INEXPENSIVE AND INFORMAL METHOD OF SETTLING MONETARY DISPUTES BETWEEN WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS. THE FIRST TWO ARE BOTH LOCATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE NEW TRIBUNAL WILL SERVE MOST PARTS OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, BUT THE EXISTING ONE ON THE ISLAND, LOCATED AT PERMANENT COMFORT BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT CLAIMS FROM LAI CHI KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TAI KOK TSUI, MONGKOK, YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI AREAS FROM KOWLOON AS WELL AS FROM HONG KONG ISLAND.

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HIGHER WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS IN HONG KONG INCREASE BY A THIRD WITH EFFECT FROM TO-MORROW (JULY 1).

AND THE RANGE OF NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION PAYMENTS IS EXTENDED TO COVER ALL EMPLOYEES EARNING UP TO \$2,000 A MONTH - AS WELL AS ALL MANUAL WORKERS REGARDLESS OF THEIR INCOME.

THE PREVIOUS WAGE CEILING ON NON-MANUAL WORKERS ELIGIBLE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION WAS \$1,500 A MONTH.

THE EXTENDED COVERAGE FOR NON-MANUAL WORKERS, AND THE HIGHER COMPENSATION SCALES APPLYING TO ACCIDENTS HAPPENING FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS, ARE INCLUDED IN THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1974.

THE ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 27 THIS YEAR AND COMES INTO EFFECT FROM TOMORROW.

UNDER THE AMENDED ORDINANCE, DEPENDANTS OF A WORKER KILLED IN THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT WILL RECEIVE NOT LESS THAN \$9,600 OR MORE THAN \$60,000 - COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MINIMUM OF \$7,200 AND MAXIMUM OF \$45,000.

THE COMPENSATION PAYMENT TO A WORKER WHO SUFFERS PERMANENT INCAPACITY IS INCREASED FROM NOT LESS THAN \$9,600 OR MORE THAN \$60,000 TO A MINIMUM OF \$12,800 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$80,000.

THE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION PAYMENT FOR A WORKER WHO REQUIRES CONSTANT ATTENTION AS A RESULT OF HIS INJURIES IS INCREASED FROM A MAXIMUM OF \$24,000 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$32,000.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR, MR. DAVID LIN TODAY RE-ITERATED HIS WARNING TO EMPLOYERS TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO FULFILLING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE LAW.

+THERE ARE MANY EMPLOYERS WHO ARE EITHER IGNORANT OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES OR ARE DELIBERATELY FLOUTING THE LAW,+ HE SAID.

+IF THIS SITUATION PERSISTS, WAYS AND MEANS WILL NEED TO BE DEvised TO REMEDY THE SITUATION.

+THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR IGNORANCE OF THE LAW. A GUIDE TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LEGISLATION, REVISED TO INCORPORATE THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1974, IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM ALL OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.+

MR. LIN SAID ENQUIRIES CONCERNING WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COULD BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-668946 OR 5-282523 EXT. 97.

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FOURTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY TICKETS NOW ON SALE

TICKETS FOR THE FOURTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR
ARE NOW ON SALE AT \$2 EACH.

TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB SELLING BOOTHS, HONG KONG AND YAU MA TEI FERRY PIERS,
VARIOUS BANK OFFICES AND TWO HOTELS IN KOWLOON.

THE DRAW FOR THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT
THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY AT BROADCAST
DRIVE AT 8.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY (JULY 12).

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 159 PRIZES COMPRISING ONE
FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE EACH, 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AND
106 CONSOLATION PRIZES.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZES WILL TAKE UP 60 PER CENT
OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS WITH THE REST GOING TO THE LOTTERIES
FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY WELFARE
PROJECTS.

THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE WORTH 40 PER CENT OF THE
PROCEEDS, THE SECOND PRIZE FOUR PER CENT AND THE THIRD
0.4 PER CENT.

EACH SPECIAL PRIZE AND CONSOLATION PRIZE WILL BE
WORTH 0.1 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE, MR. CHAU KAI-YIN, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE
AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT AT 12.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 2)
WHEN HE WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS TO PROMOTE THE FOURTH GOVERNMENT
LOTTERY OF THE YEAR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND.

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PLASTIC EXPORT CONTROLS LIFTED

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CONTROLS RESTRICTING THE EXPORT AND RE-EXPORT OF A NUMBER OF RAW MATERIALS USED EXTENSIVELY IN THE LOCAL PLASTICS INDUSTRY WILL BE LIFTED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), BUT EXPORT LICENCES WILL STILL BE REQUIRED, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE CONTROLS WERE IMPOSED ON A QUOTA BASIS EARLIER THIS YEAR ON FIVE KEY MATERIALS AFTER THE CUT-BACK IN OIL PRODUCTION RAISED UNCERTAINTIES OVER ESSENTIAL PLASTIC SUPPLIES.

THE ITEMS SUBJECT TO CONTROL WERE HIGH AND LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE, POLYPROPYLENE, P.V.C. RESINS AND POLYMER AND COPOLYMER RESINS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT COMMENTED: +WE ARE LIFTING EXPORT QUOTA CONTROLS ON THESE ITEMS ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD.

+WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1 NO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED, BUT IT WILL STILL BE NECESSARY FOR EXPORTERS TO OBTAIN THE APPROPRIATE EXPORT LICENCE, IN RESPECT OF EACH SHIPMENT, FROM THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

+ALTHOUGH THE SUPPLY SITUATION IS NOW BACK TO NORMAL, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO RETAIN EXPORT LICENSING FOR ANY TYPE OF PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS TRADE.

+WE DO NOT ENVISAGE AT THIS STAGE THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RE-IMPOSE QUOTA CONTROLS, BUT IT IS OBVIOUSLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A WATCHING BRIEF IN CASE THERE IS ANY SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE SUPPLY SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

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COLOUR ETV FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY 1976

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AN EXTRA 250,000 STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, MR. COLVYN HAYE, THE HEAD OF ETV, MADE THIS FORECAST TODAY WHEN HE REVIEWED EXPANSION PROGRAMMES.

ETV, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION THREE YEARS AGO, IS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO ABOUT HALF A MILLION PUPILS IN PRIMARY 3, 4 AND 5. WHEN SCHOOL RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER, IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO PRIMARY 6.

BUT MR. HAYE NOTED THAT THEIR MOST AMBITIOUS PLAN WAS A MULT-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT TO PRODUCE PROGRAMMES IN COLOUR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY 1976.

DETAIL PROPOSALS FOR THIS EXPANSION HAD BEEN LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY, AND WITH THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, WE TRUST THAT WE SHOULD MEET A SEPTEMBER 1976 DEADLINE, HE SAID.

THERE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE A WIDER RANGE OF SUBJECTS AND A MORE DETAILED SYLLABUS TO COVER, AND MORE STAFF WOULD BE NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME, BUT MR. HAYE DID NOT FORESEE ANY TERRIBLE PROBLEM.

COMMENTING ON THE ULTIMATE TARGET OF ETV, HE SAID: WE TRUST TO COVER THE FIRST THREE YEARS, AT LEAST, OF SECONDARY EDUCATION. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE ETV CENTRE HAD BEEN SO DESIGNED TO LOOK AFTER PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND POSSIBLY TERTIARY OR OTHER AREAS OF EDUCATION WHEN THE DEMAND EXISTED.