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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

IDEAS FLOW WITH THE WATER
 WORLD IS BEGINNING TO TAP A HONG KONG LIQUID ASSET
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HONG KONG TENDS TO BE REGARDED, WITH REASON, AS AN IMPORTER OF TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS AND AS AN EXPORTER OF GOODS AND SERVICES RESULTING FROM THE EXPLOITATION OF THOSE SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES.

OVERALL, THIS PICTURE IS DOUBTLESS A TRUE ONE. BUT IN CERTAIN FIELDS HONG KONG IS NOW AN EXPORTER OF TECHNOLOGICAL IDEAS, EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE NO DIRECT OR IMMEDIATE CASH RETURN IN THE PROCESS. AND NOT THE LEAST OF THESE FIELDS IS WATER SUPPLY.

THE PROCESS TAKES THE FORM OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION - PARTICULARLY THROUGH VISITS BY FOREIGN EXPERTS WHO COME TO HONG KONG TO LEARN HOW A VERY SMALL TERRITORY CAN USE ITS INGENUITY TO SOLVE FORMIDABLE WATER PROBLEMS IN A WAY WHICH HAS ENABLED A 24-HOUR SUPPLY TO BE MAINTAINED FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.

THE MAIN ITEMS ON THESE VISITORS' ITINERARY ARE SUCH PLACES AND PROJECTS AS PLOVER COVE, HIGH ISLAND, THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS AND NOW THE DESALTER AT LOK ON PAI.

ALL OF THESE SCHEMES REPRESENT WORLD +FIRSTS+ IN ONE TECHNOLOGICAL SENSE OR ANOTHER. AND THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE STEADILY INCREASING NUMBERS OF ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM OVERSEAS WHO WANT TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW A RESERVOIR CAN BE CARVED OUT OF THE SEA, WHAT AN INTENSIVELY DEVELOPED HILLSIDE CONDUIT SYSTEM ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE ON THE GROUND, AND HOW ONE SETS ABOUT CONSTRUCTING THE LARGEST DESALTER IN THE WORLD.

A SIMPLE COMPARISON ILLUSTRATES THE STORY. FIVE YEARS AGO, IN 1969, THE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL VISITORS FROM ABROAD SHOWN AROUND BY WATERWORKS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WAS, IN THE WORDS OF ONE ENGINEER, +A BARE HANDFUL+. IN CONTRAST, THE EIGHT MONTHS FROM NOVEMBER 1973 TO JUNE 1974 HAVE SEEN TOURS BY AT LEAST 17 OVERSEAS GROUPS.

THE INFLOW OF VISITORS CAN AT TIMES REACH FAINTLY EMBARRASSING PROPORTIONS. MR. YOUNG AU-YOUNG, WATERWORKS OFFICE'S CHIEF RESIDENT ENGINEER AT THE DESALTER, COMMENTED RECENTLY : +IT'S A HIGHLY STIMULATING THING TO HAVE SO MANY PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES CALLING IN AT LOK ON PAI - BUT IT CAN GET A LITTLE DIFFICULT OCCASIONALLY TO FIT THEM ALL IN.

+IT'S A TWO-WAY PROCESS OF COURSE. WE LEARN FROM THEM AND THEY LEARN FROM US, AND WE BOTH SHARPEN UP OUR IDEAS. WE REALLY FEEL PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL SCENE HERE.+

THE GOVERNMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF DESALTING, MR. HERBERT WOODTHORPE, AMPLIFIED THUS: +YES, THERE'S NO DOUBT WE'VE REACHED A POINT WHERE OUR IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE HAVE A DISTINCT RATING OVERSEAS. FOR EXAMPLE, AMONG OUR RECENT VISITORS WERE SOME AUSTRALIANS LOOKING INTO THE PROS AND CONS OF BUILDING A DESALTER NEAR MELBOURNE.

+IN THE REVERSE DIRECTION, WE'VE RECENTLY SENT SOME OF OUR CHAPS TO KUWAIT TO SEE HOW THEIR VARIOUS PLANTS ARE WORKING OUT. WE'RE THE INTERESTED PARTY IN THAT CASE - BUT I'VE NO DOUBT THAT OUR ENGINEERS HAD A WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE EXCHANGE.+

THESE COMMENTS WERE ECHOED, OUT AT HIGH ISLAND, BY MR. TONY VAIL, THE SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER FOR THE DAM CONSTRUCTION.

+WHAT WE'RE DOING AT HIGH ISLAND,+ HE SAID, +IS BUILDING A RESERVOIR WHOSE EASTERN DAM WILL HAVE TO WITHSTAND SEAS BUILDING UP ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE PACIFIC. IT'S NOT BEEN DONE BEFORE= THE PROBLEMS ARE ABSORBING AND IT'S ALWAYS A REFRESHING EXPERIENCE TO CHAT ABOUT THEM TO OUTSIDERS. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT OUR VISITORS USUALLY GET A KICK OUT OF IT TOO - AND TAKE QUITE A FEW NOTIONS AWAY WITH THEM.+

MR. LI HIN WING, THE GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF NEW WORKS, AGREED. AND HE ADDED A FURTHER THOUGHT: +IT'S NOT ONLY THE PROFESSIONAL VISITORS WHO GIVE AN EDGE TO OUR THINKING. THERE ARE THE LAY TOURISTS WHO COME TOO - AND THEY CAN BE A REAL PLEASURE TO SHOW AROUND.

+FOR EXAMPLE, CONDUCTING A PRESS PARTY AROUND CAN OFTEN BE A TONIC EXPERIENCE. YOU HAVE TO TRANSLATE YOUR ANSWERS INTO LAY TERMS AND THIS CAN PROMOTE A CLEARER PICTURE IN YOUR OWN MIND.+

THE TREND WAS SUMMED UP BY HONG KONG'S DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, WHO JOINED PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN 1951.

+I'VE BEEN IN THIS GAME TOO LONG+, HE SAID, +TO THINK THAT WE HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. WE HAVEN'T. WE'RE LEARNING THE WHOLE TIME. BUT WE'VE GOT SOME OF THE ANSWERS - AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO SHARE THEM.

+DAM-BUILDING OR DESALTER-BUILDING OR EXTENDING A CONDUIT SYSTEM CAN NEVER BE CONDUCTED IN A TERRITORIAL VACUUM. THERE'S A 'WORLD BANK' OF IDEAS, SO TO SPEAK, AND OF COURSE WE'VE DRAWN ON THAT BANK - AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DRAW ON IT. BUT IT'S TRUE, FOR SOME TIME NOW WE'VE BEEN DEPOSITING IDEAS WITH THE BANK - REPAYING WITH INTEREST, IF YOU LIKE - AND THIS PROCESS, I'M SURE, IS GOING TO CONTINUE AND WILL EXPAND,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH ILLUSTRATING THE ABOVE ITEM IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE GIS PRESS ROOM.

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P.W.D. CHIEF'S ANTI-POLLUTION MISSION
ENGINEERING DIRECTOR TO HAVE TALKS IN U.S.

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P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR. DAVID STEAD, IS OFF TO THE UNITED STATES NEXT WEEKEND ON A MISSION WHICH WILL CONSOLIDATE THE ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES BEING WORKED OUT FOR THE POLYSTYRENE PLANT TO BE SET UP ON TSING YI ISLAND. HIS VISIT WILL ALSO REINFORCE THE GOVERNMENT'S LONG-TERM PLANS FOR COMBATTING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PLANT WAS RECENTLY SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MANUFACTURERS, DOW CHEMICAL, OF HOUSTON, TEXAS.

MR. STEAD'S FIRST STOP WILL BE LOS ANGELES. HE WILL HAVE A FULL DAY OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE NEARBY INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF TORRANCE, WHERE THE MANUFACTURERS HAVE A POLYSTYRENE PLANT SIMILAR IN CONCEPT TO THE ONE PLANNED FOR TSING YI.

FROM THERE HE WILL FLY ON TO HOUSTON FOR THREE FURTHER DAYS OF TALKS AT DOW CHEMICAL'S HEAD OFFICES. ALSO TAKING PART IN BOTH SETS OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CONSULTANTS, MESSRS. CREMER AND WARNER.

COMMENTING ON HIS ASSIGNMENT, MR. STEAD SAID TODAY: +THE IMMEDIATE PURPOSE OF MY TRIP IS TO ENSURE THAT THE ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES PLANNED FOR THE TSING YI PLANT ARE DEVISED AND IMPLEMENTED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY POSSIBLE TO MEET THE STANDARDS THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAID DOWN.

+THE WAY TO DO THIS IS THROUGH CLOSE TECHNICAL LIAISON WITH THE MANUFACTURERS, AND KNOWING MORE ABOUT THEIR METHODS AND PROCESSES. MY VISIT WILL EXTEND THE AREA OF TECHNICAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE COMPANY.

+THERE IS ALSO A SECOND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE - AND THIS IS TO ADD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S STOCKPILE OF EXPERTISE ON INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION. WE HAVE ALREADY AMASSED A SIZEABLE TALLY OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, BUT THE MORE WE KNOW ABOUT PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE IN THE COURSE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND ABOUT THE ANSWERS TO THEM, THE BETTER.+

MR. STEAD, WHO IS P.W.D.'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, POINTED OUT THAT EVER SINCE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE TSING YI PLANT WAS FIRST MADE, P.W.D. AND ITS CONSULTANTS HAD GIVEN CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS.

+IN JANUARY THIS YEAR MY COLLEAGUE MR. WONG MANG-KI, NOW ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER, WENT TO MIDLAND IN MICHIGAN FOR TECHNICAL TALKS WITH DOW CHEMICAL THERE.

+I MYSELF SHALL BE GOING BACK TO HOUSTON FOR ANOTHER VISIT IN SEPTEMBER, BY WHICH TIME THE PLANS FOR THE TSING YI PLANT WILL BE JUST ABOUT IN THEIR FINAL FORM.+

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SECOND MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE
SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY
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A SECOND MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 16 TO AUGUST 6 BY THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ALL MAJOR AND MINOR SHIPYARDS, PONTOONS, SHIP SURVEYOR AND CONSULTANT FIRMS, FIRMS WHICH SERVICE MARINE ENGINES, AND SHIPPING FIRMS WHICH RECRUIT THEIR ENGINE ROOM STAFF LOCALLY.

A LETTER, TOGETHER WITH THREE COPIES OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE FORM, AN EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND A LIST OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS ALL WRITTEN IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE SENT OUT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ALL THE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

THE INFORMATION WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INCLUDES :

- (A) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT PRESENT EMPLOYED=
- (B) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING=
- (C) THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES= AND
- (D) A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES REQUIRED BY JULY 1975.

SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT BY APPOINTMENT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SURVEY TO HELP EMPLOYERS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE SECRETARY OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR. AU-YEUNG MAN-TAK SAID: +THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

+THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD IN MAKING FUTURE PLANS FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN THE INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

MR. AU-YEUNG SAID THAT ALL EMPLOYERS WERE WILLING TO SUPPLY THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IN THE FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JULY 1968.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS SURVEY WILL MEET WITH EQUAL SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

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DEAF CLUB MEMBERS FORM SCOUT GROUP
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A GROUP OF 26 MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DEAF CLUB RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAVE FORMED THEMSELVES INTO A SCOUT GROUP AND AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY IS TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 3.30 P.M.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY WHICH IS TO BE HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE YUEN LONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL AT BLOCK 5 OF THE YUEN LONG HOUSING ESTATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE GROUP WILL BE KNOWN AS THE 32ND NEW TERRITORIES GROUP (EXTENTION SCOUT).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND TWO S.W.D. STATIONWAGONS, AM2143 AND AM5008, WILL BE AT THE TSIMSHATSUI SUB-POOL BEHIND THE POST OFFICE AT 1.45 P.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO YEUN LONG AND BACK.

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PORT OF HONG KONG DIRECTORY
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A NEW DIRECTORY, CONTAINING THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE PORT OF HONG KONG, HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL SHIPPING INTERESTS AND MARITIME AGENCIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

PRODUCED FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE 110-PAGE DIRECTORY PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION ON PORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES, FEES AND CHARGES ANPVD GENERAL STATISTICS.

IT ALSO CONTAINS A HARBOUR PLAN AND COMPLETE LIST OF ALL LINER SERVICES, BOTH OCEAN AND COASTAL, PRINCIPAL SHIPPING COMPANIES AND THEIR AGENTS IN HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTORY REPLACES THE PREVIOUS PORT OF HONG KONG HANDBOOK, OF WHICH THE FOURTH EDITION WAS PUBLISHED IN 1971.

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C.Y.O. ORGANIZING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMMES
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THE ELEVEN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO WORK AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL FUNCTIONING AS CO-ORDINATORS AND DEVELOPERS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PARTICULARLY RELATED TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION, HAVE ARRANGED A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES TO TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMMES IS THE CONCEPT OF SERVICE TO THOSE IN THE DISTRICT BY OTHERS LIVING WITHIN THE SAME AREA.

WHEREAS PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHEME IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR SUCH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WERE PERFORMED AND ORGANIZED BY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS INDIVIDUALLY WITHIN THE DISTRICTS, SUCH SERVICES ARE NOW BROUGHT TOGETHER BY THE C.Y.O.S IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE MORE AFFECTIVE AND OF MOST BENEFIT TO THOSE FOR WHOM THEY HAVE BEEN PLANNED.

ONE EXAMPLE OF THESE IS THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH IS TO START SHORTLY AND IN WHICH THE C.Y.O.S ARE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN AN ADVISORY AND FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY IN ITS ORGANIZATION.

INSIDE THEIR DISTRICTS THEY WORK WITH LOCAL GROUPS, YOUTH CLUBS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH OPERATE WITHIN THEIR IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS, COMBINING TOGETHER INTO ONE CHANNEL ALL EFFORTS WHICH MAY BE AIMING FOR ONE PARTICULAR OBJECTIVE.

THE C.Y.O.S ALSO ACT AS CO-ORDINATOR WHERE SOME PROJECT OVERLAPS INTO ANOTHER DISTRICT.

SOME OF THE MORE NOTABLE PROJECTS WHICH THE C.Y.O.S INVOLVED IN ARE:-

- * IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND, THE C.Y.O. HAS ASSISTED IN THE FORMATION OF THE SHAUKIWAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE PROMOTION OF A SHAUKIWAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER COUNCIL.
- * IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, THE C.Y.O IS ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING AN INTER-HONG RECREATION CLUB PROVIDING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS.
- * IN KOWLOON CITY, THE C.Y.O. IS INVOLVED IN A SCHEME TO MOBILIZE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT IN NATURAL DISASTERS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE WHICH WOMEN CAN PLAY.
- * IN YAUMATEI, PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO ORGANIZE SERVICE PROGRAMMES FOR BOAT PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

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IN ADDITION TO ALL THESE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER PROJECTS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY STARTED AND OTHERS WHICH ARE ABOUT TO BE IMPLEMENTED, WHICH C.Y.O.S HAVE INITIATED OR ARE WORKING ON IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

THESE INCLUDE DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES= TRAINING CAMPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE= A SYMPOSIUM ON WORKING YOUTH= ASSISTING THE ARMY IN A COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECT= THE ORGANIZATION OF YOUTH FORUMS TO STUDY VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROBLEMS SUCH AS SEX AND VIOLENCE= RECREATIONAL SCHEMES FOR FACTORY WORKERS AND AN EXHIBITION ON YOUTH SERVICES.

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KAM HONG STREET TO BE RE-ROUTED
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A SECTION OF KAM HONG STREET IN NORTH POINT IS TO BE RE-ROUTED NEXT WEEK TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 3) THE SECTION OF KAM HONG STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND TSAT TSE MUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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