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ILLEGALS FLUSHED OUT IN BIG DRAGNET  
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ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HIDING IN HONG KONG AGAIN FELT THE HEAT THIS WEEK AS THE POLICE, LABOUR, AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS STEPPED UP OPERATIONS TO FERRET THEM OUT.

THIS TIME, THE DRAGNET WAS CAST EVEN WIDER AS POLICE CONCENTRATED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN ADDITION TO OTHER LOCATIONS.

A TOTAL OF 42 PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF BEING HERE ILLEGALLY WERE ARRESTED IN THE LATEST BLITZ, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ON-GOING EFFORTS TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HIDING HERE.

ALL THE ARRESTED PERSONS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY AGAIN STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED AT THE BORDER IN RECENT MONTHS BECAUSE SNAKEHEADS ARE AGAIN SPREADING RUMOURS THAT THERE WOULD BE AN AMNESTY AFTER AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER.

+THIS IS OF COURSE TOTALLY UNTRUE,+ HE SAID.

+OUR POLICY ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS VERY CLEAR. WHENEVER AND WHEREVER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE FOUND IN HONG KONG, THEY WILL BE SENT BACK.+

+OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD SHOW THEM THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS ALSO NO QUESTION OF ANY SLACKENING OF ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

+THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDER,+ HE SAID.

DURING THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OPERATION, POLICE STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES IN ADDITION TO CHECKING CONSTRUCTION SITES AND OTHER SUSPECT LOCATIONS.

BESIDES THE 42 PEOPLE ARRESTED, THE POLICE SUMMONSED 91 PEOPLE FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AND WARNED A FURTHER 46 IN RESPECT OF THE OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1 000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 9 953 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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A TOTAL OF 13 PERSONS IN 11 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER 81 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50 000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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REVIEW OF ACTION ON RESCUE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED  
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SINCE THE SINKING OF THE BARQUENTINE OSPREY LAST SEPTEMBER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONDUCTED ITS OWN REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN BY RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES HAD ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AND HE SUMMARISED BOTH THE ACTION THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THESE AREAS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO BEING GUIDED IN THIS MATTER BY THE FINDINGS OF THE MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY INTO THE LOSS OF THE OSPREY, PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 10.

FIRSTLY, AT THE LEVEL OF OVERALL SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSIBILITIES, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT'S STANDING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ORGANISATION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS HAD BEEN REVISED.

THE NEW INSTRUCTIONS CLARIFIED THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO DIRECT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR VESSELS EITHER LOST OR IN DISTRESS, AND FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TO ACT SIMILARLY IN RESPECT OF AIRCRAFT.

THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE BY DEPLOYING AIRCRAFT IN SEARCH OF A LOST VESSEL, AND OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION BY DEPLOYING SHIPS IN SEARCH OF A LOST AIRCRAFT, WERE ALSO CLARIFIED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE NEED FOR FURTHER ORGANISATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS WAS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY A GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP SET UP TO EXAMINE CURRENT SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES.

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SPECIFIC AREAS WHICH THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE EXAMINING CRITICALLY WOULD BE THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT SEARCH AND RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MANNED PERMANENTLY, PROCEDURES TO ENSURE A QUICKER RESPONSE TO TRANSMISSIONS RELEASED FROM EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACONS, THE NEED FOR AN IMPROVED NIGHT-TIME SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY, WAYS TO IMPROVE EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS SEARCH AND RESCUE AGENCIES, AND THE NEED FOR FURTHER STAFF TRAINING IN SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES.

ONE AREA WHERE ACTION TO IMPROVE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CONCERNED LIAISON BETWEEN THE HONG KONG SEARCH AND RESCUE AGENCIES AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GUANGDONG.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT WITH THE GROWTH IN SEA AND AIR TRAFFIC AROUND HONG KONG AND IN NEIGHBOURING CHINESE WATERS, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE AUTHORITIES ON BOTH SIDES KNEW EACH OTHER'S PROCEDURES AND CAPABILITIES IN AN EMERGENCY, AND WERE READY IF NECESSARY TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO ANY INCIDENT OCCURRING NEAR THE BOUNDARIES OF HONG KONG AND CHINESE WATERS.

TO THIS END THE WORKING GROUP HAD, AS A FIRST STAGE, VISITED CANTON EARLY THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS WITH THE GUANGDONG AUTHORITIES, STANDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA OF THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU, AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG SEARCH AND RESCUE AGENCIES. FURTHER MEETINGS AND VISITS WERE ENVISAGED.

MEANWHILE, AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL ALL THE HONG KONG AGENCIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS - MARINE AND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENTS, MARINE POLICE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, ROYAL AIR FORCE AND ROYAL NAVY - NOW MEET ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO COORDINATE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS ON SEARCH AND RESCUE MATTERS AND TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

THIS LIAISON MACHINERY WOULD BE ABLE TO ENSURE FULL COOPERATION IN FUTURE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS AGENCIES AT WORKING LEVEL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THIS LIAISON GROUP WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ANY OTHER AREAS WHERE ITS MEMBERS FELT THAT INADEQUACIES EXISTED OR IMPROVEMENTS WERE REQUIRED.

FOLLOWING THE OSPREY TRAGEDY, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD IMPROVED ITS OWN CAPABILITIES TO REACT EFFECTIVELY TO SIMILAR EMERGENCIES IN THE FUTURE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILED PLANNING WAS IN HAND TO MOVE THE PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE FROM ATOP THE RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING TO NEW ACCOMMODATION AT THE NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

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THE EXISTING MARITIME RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE AT RUMSEY STREET WOULD THEN EXPAND INTO THE VACATED PREMISES AS A SEPARATE UNIT.

THIS SEPARATION OF PORT CONTROL AND SEARCH AND RESCUE COORDINATION ACTIVITIES SHOULD ENSURE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, SUCH AS A TYPHOON, COINCIDING WITH A SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION, ACTION ON BOTH EMERGENCIES COULD PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY AND WITHOUT CONFUSION.

MARINE OFFICERS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PORT OF HONG KONG AND SURROUNDING WATERS WOULD NOT HAVE ALSO TO DEAL WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS OCCURRING ELSEWHERE.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO CALLS FROM VESSELS IN DISTRESS WOULD HENCEFORWARD BE COORDINATED SPECIFICALLY BY THE MARITIME RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ENSURE THAT THE STAFF SELECTED TO MAN THE CENTRE IN AN EMERGENCY WERE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH UP-TO-DATE SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES, THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOW ARRANGING FOR THE FORMAL TRAINING OF THOSE OFFICERS IDENTIFIED TO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES, IN ORDER TO COMPLEMENT THEIR EXISTING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

TO THIS END, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE INTENDED TO SEND SUITABLE OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS TO ATTEND TRAINING ATTACHMENTS WITH SPECIALIST SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES COASTGUARD AND THE UNITED KINGDOM COASTGUARD SERVICE.

THESE SENIOR STAFF WOULD THEN BE RESPONSIBLE BOTH FOR THE TRAINING OF MORE JUNIOR PERSONNEL TO A HIGH STANDARD OF PROFICIENCY AND FOR MAINTAINING THIS STANDARD THROUGHOUT THEIR ASSIGNMENT TO THE RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE.

THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED THAT WHAT HAD BEEN DESCRIBED SO FAR WERE IMPORTANT BUT INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SEARCH AND RESCUE MACHINERY.

THE WORKING GROUP SET UP UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY WOULD TAKE THESE IMPROVEMENTS INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS OVERALL REVIEW OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM, AND SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ANY PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER OR MORE RADICAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT IT FELT NECESSARY.

THAT THERE WERE FAILINGS IN THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANISATION HAD BEEN RECOGNISED BY ALL THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, AND MUCH HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE TO IMPROVE MATTERS AND ENSURE THAT - AS FAR AS WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE - ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS EXISTED TO SEARCH FOR, FIND, AND RESCUE ANY MARINER IN DISTRESS IN THE SEAS AROUND HONG KONG.

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TRADE CHIEF GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AT THE HEAD OF A DELEGATION FOR WASHINGTON D.C. TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. AUTHORITIES ON THE PROPOSED AMERICAN RULES ON TEXTILE IMPORTS:

+THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THIS PRESS CONFERENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY INTRODUCING THE TEAM WHICH WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON WITH ME THIS MORNING. I AM HONOURED TO HAVE WITH ME AS ADVISERS EXPERIENCED MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY AND OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG AND MR KENNETH FANG. IN ADDITION I HAVE TWO COLLEAGUES FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, MR ROBERT FOOTMAN AND MRS MAUREEN CHAN.

+WE HAVE ABOUT 40 MINUTES BEFORE WE NEED TO GO TO OUR PLANE. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY MAKING A BRIEF STATEMENT. I WILL THEN ASK MR CHEONG AND MR FANG IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY OPENING REMARKS, AND THEN INVITE QUESTIONS.

+THE FACT THAT WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO ADVISERS, AND THAT WE ARE HAVING THIS PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE OUR DEPARTURE, UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM WE NOW FACE. A PROBLEM WHICH STEMS FROM UNILATERAL ACTION BY THE USA, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR CONSULTATION AND MUTUAL AGREEMENT BEFORE CHANGES TO OUR BILATERAL TEXTILE TRADE ARE MADE.

+SINCE THE 10TH OF AUGUST, WHEN MY DEPARTMENT SET UP THREE 'HOT' LINES, MORE THAN 200 TELEPHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY TRADE OFFICERS OPERATING THE SERVICE.

+THIS SHOWS THE WORRIES AND CONCERN WHICH MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS HAVE ABOUT THE NEW RULES WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS HARDSHIP IN HONG KONG.

+I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE THAT HONG KONG'S ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED CRITERION OF SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION. THEY HAVE BEEN THE BASIS OF EXPORTS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN GOODS UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR MANY YEARS. ANY CHANGES TO THESE PRACTICES CONSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

+MOREOVER, THE NEW DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW RULES ARE ONEROUS AND UNREASONABLE. THEY ARE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO TRADE AND REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF TRADE SECRETS WHICH NO TRADER WOULD WILLINGLY REVEAL.

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+THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE ADVERSE REACTION TO THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS BOTH DOMESTICALLY IN THE USA AND AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT TO THE USA. THUS OUR BILATERAL EFFORTS WITH THE USA ARE ONLY PART OF THE PICTURE: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USA AND ELSEWHERE, AND IN A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT IN GENEVA, WILL ALSO AFFECT THE OUTCOME. IN THIS CONTEXT I CAN NOW REPORT THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE OF THE GATT WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4TH IN GENEVA. I WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG AT THAT MEETING.

+REGARDING OUR BILATERAL EFFORTS, DURING THE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON WE WILL RE-STATE HONG KONG'S POSITION THAT THE NEW US RULES ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT AND ARE THEREFORE UNACCEPTABLE. WE SHALL ALSO OF COURSE LISTEN AND REACT TO ANYTHING THE US HAS TO SAY.+

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RENT INCREASE NECESSARY TO COVER RISING COST  
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AN INCREASE IN RENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 FOR DOMESTIC FLATS IN 38 POST-1973 ESTATES IS NECESSARY TO MEET RISING OPERATING EXPENSES AND COST OF MAINTAINING THE ESTATES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY.

+AND PART OF THE INCREASE WILL BE OFFSET BY THE NEW INCREASED RATES AS A RESULT OF THE GENERAL RATES REVALUATION. IN THIS AND THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEARS THE AUTHORITY WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL RATE OF \$39.8 MILLION FOR THESE FLATS UNDER REVIEW,+ HE SAID.

OF THE 104 686 FLATS AFFECTED, OVER 88 PER CENT WOULD HAVE THEIR RENTS INCREASED ONLY BETWEEN \$51 AND \$130 PER MONTH, HE SAID.

+EVEN AFTER THE REVIEW, THE NEW RENTS FOR THESE ESTATES WILL RANGE FROM \$11 TO \$15 PER SQUARE METRE, AND WILL STILL BE LOWER THAN THE \$19 PER SQUARE METRE RENT LEVEL FOR FLATS IN NEW ESTATES.+

HE SAID THE ESTATES INVOLVED IN THE RECENT RENT REVIEW WERE AMONG THE BEST OF THE AUTHORITY'S ESTATES, WITH THEIR LIVING STANDARD AND FACILITIES COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF NEWLY COMPLETED ONES.

+FOR EXAMPLE AT MEI TUNG ESTATE IN URBAN KOWLOON, THE NEW RENT FOR A FIVE-PERSON FLAT OF 24.3 SQUARE METRES, WHICH HAS SELF-CONTAINED FACILITIES AND A PRIVATE BALCONY, WILL ONLY BE \$315.

+ALSO AT SHUN ON ESTATE, THE NEW RENT FOR A 24.5 SQUARE-METRE MODERN FLAT IS \$345 PER MONTH.

+THE EXISTING RENTS FOR THESE ESTATES ARE LOW. IT IS THEREFORE NOT REALISTIC TO JUDGE THE BIENNIAL INCREASE IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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+THE MAIN CRITERIA SHOULD BE WHETHER THE NEW RENTS REPRESENT GOOD VALUE TO THE TENANTS WHO OCCUPY THE ACCOMMODATIONS, AND WHETHER THE RENTS, AFTER THE INCREASE, ARE AFFORDABLE BY THEM.+

EVEN WITH THE REGULAR INCREASES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ESTIMATED THE DEFICIT ON THE DOMESTIC PROPERTY ACCOUNT WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE YEARS TO COME.

+AND IT HAS NEVER BEEN THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO BRING ITS DOMESTIC RENT LEVEL CLOSE TO MARKET LEVEL ALTHOUGH THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO IS STILL QUITE CONSIDERABLE,+ HE ADDED.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN SHA TIN  
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+IMMEDIATELY REGISTER AS A VOTER+ WILL BE THE MAIN THEME OF A SPORTS CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN SHA TIN.

THE MAJOR ATTRACTION WILL BE PONY RIDES FOR YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 14 -- +ON HORSEBACK+ LITERALLY MEANS +IMMEDIATELY+ IN CHINESE.

THE EVENT, MARKING THE BEGINNING OF THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN IN SHA KOK CONSTITUENCY, WILL ALSO FEATURE TRAMPOLINING, DARTS AND SHUTTLECOCK COMPETITIONS, AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE GURKHA BRIGADE BAND.

DURING THE CARNIVAL, A BOOTH WILL BE SET UP TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE THEME SONG OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION - +ONE VOICE+ - WILL BE PLAYED AND PUBLICITY LEAFLETS ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD DISTRIBUTED.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, THREE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR NG CHAN-LAM, MR WAI HON-LEUNG AND MR WONG PO-MING, TOGETHER WITH SOME 100 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL ALSO MAKE DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TOMORROW TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO REGISTER.

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SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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ABOUT 300 RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEES OF TUNG TAU, LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM, AIMS AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

PANELISTS WILL INCLUDE AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS PAULINE NG; A LECTURER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MR WONG KUI HUNG; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL WONG; AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES.

THEY WILL TALK ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENS, THE ROLES OF AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE A SLIDE SHOW AND AN EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATING THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

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NEW I.D. CARD PHASE FOR WOMEN

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WOMEN BORN IN 1957 AND 1958 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS WHEN THE FOURTEENTH PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME STARTS ON MONDAY (AUGUST 20).

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO PROCESS MORE THAN 106 000 APPLICATIONS FROM THE ABOVE TWO AGE GROUPS DURING THE FIVE WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 22.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY APPROACH ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WHICH ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY, +TO FACILITATE PROCESSING, APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE THEIR PERSONAL PARTICULARS READY, INCLUDING THEIR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES IN FULL.

+IF ANYONE WISHES TO CHANGE HER LAST NAME AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS, SHE MUST PRODUCE HER MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE CERTIFICATE, + HE SAID.

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THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SERVICE CAN OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR IMMIGRATION OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+ONCE DETECTED AND CONVICTED, THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED,+ HE SAID.

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PUBLIC VIEWS SOUGHT ABOUT TV AND RADIO  
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A TERRITORY-WIDE SAMPLE SURVEY WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW TO SOLICIT PUBLIC VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD WHICH WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR EARLIER THIS YEAR TO CONDUCT A WIDE RANGING REVIEW OF BROADCASTING.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY WILL BE USEFUL REFERENCE FOR THE BOARD TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION WITH REGARD TO BROADCASTING SERVICES IN HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

OVER 4 000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY. A PERSON AGED 15 OR ABOVE WILL BE INTERVIEWED FROM EACH HOUSEHOLD.

QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED TO OBTAIN VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING, SUCH AS NEWS BULLETINS, CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES, DRAMAS, ADVERTISING, CENSORSHIP, AND GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING.

THE SURVEY WILL LAST FROM AUGUST 20 TO SEPTEMBER 3.

ENUMERATORS, WHO WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS DURING THIS PERIOD. FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, THEY WILL ALSO WORK OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS AND ON HOLIDAYS.

THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, MR A.G. COOPER, URGED THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE SURVEY.

+ALL FINDINGS WILL ONLY BE PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WHICH WILL NOT REVEAL ANY INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS,+ HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TEL: 5-438344, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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MORE WOMEN SEEK BIRTH CONTROL ADVICE

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THE 47 FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT DEALT WITH 132 206 VISITS BY WOMEN SEEKING ADVICE ON BIRTH CONTROL METHODS DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1984.

THIS WAS EIGHT PER CENT MORE THAN THE 121 898 VISITS MADE DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS LAST YEAR.

OF THE VISITS, 17 091 WERE NEW CASES.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES TODAY, THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES SAID HONG KONG WOMEN ARE NOW MORE INCLINED TO SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE ON BIRTH CONTROL.

+USERS OF CONTRACEPTIVES IN OUR CLINICS ARE GIVEN A THOROUGH MEDICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE THEY TAKE UP ANY FORM OF BIRTH CONTROL CONTRACEPTION, SO THAT DOCTORS CAN ADVISE ON THE BEST METHOD TO USE,+ SHE SAID.

+WE ARE CONSTANTLY REMINDING USERS OF CONTRACEPTIVES THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE A MEDICAL CHECK UP AT OUR FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR,+ SHE SAID.

+WHAT IS MORE ESSENTIAL AFTER ADOPTING A CERTAIN METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION IS AN ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK UP. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO BODILY OR HABIT CHANGE THAT WOULD ENTAIL A RECONSIDERATION OF THE CONTRACEPTIVE METHOD BEING USED,+ SHE SAID.

ALL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND BIRTH-CONTROL METHODS ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE AT FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

FOR ENQUIRIES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTACT THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES ON 5-7900521.

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SEMINAR ON SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SEMINAR.

THE SEMINAR WAS DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS TO OPTIMISE THE USE OF EXISTING SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES FOR BETTER PROGRAMMES FOR THE DISABLED.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR OXLEY SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE CONSTANTLY SEEKING SITUATIONS IN WHICH THEY COULD GAIN RECOGNITION AND BE ASSURED OF THEIR OWN ADEQUACY.

/+PHYSICAL RECREATION .....

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+PHYSICAL RECREATION AND PLAY ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THIS SEARCH FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PROOF OF ADEQUACY,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS AS TRUE, IF NOT TRUER, FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AS FOR ALL OF US,+ MR OXLEY ADDED.

ABOUT 200 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SEMINAR WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED AND THE RECREATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE SEMINAR WAS CONDUCTED BY DR JULIAN STEIN, A PROFESSOR IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY IN VIRGINIA, USA.

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DON'T LITTER BEACHES, BATHERS TOLD  
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BEACHGOERS ARE URGED AGAIN TO KEEP THE BEACHES CLEAN AND TO PRESERVE THEIR NATURAL BEAUTY.

A NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT CLEANSING STAFF WERE REGULARLY AT WORK AT ALL 27 PUBLIC BATHING BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, BUT COULD NOT PICK UP ALL THE RUBBISH CONSTANTLY BEING DUMPED BY BEACHGOERS.

GIVING AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT SOME 640 000 BATHERS HAD GONE TO CLEARWATER BAY (SECOND BEACH) LAST MONTH AND LEFT BEHIND MORE THAN 7 500 BASKETS OF RUBBISH.

THE REFUSE COLLECTED FROM THE BEACH HAD INCREASED GREATLY FROM 3 000 BASKETS OF RUBBISH LEFT BY 220 000 BATHERS IN JULY LAST YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MORE WORKERS WERE THEREFORE REQUIRED TO CLEAR THE RUBBISH, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST LITTERBUGS WAS BEING STEPPED UP.

+A LITTERING OFFENCE COULD RESULT IN A FINE OF \$5 000,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED PEOPLE TO TAKE PLASTIC BAGS ALONG WITH THEM TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LITTER, AND TO USE THE LITTER BINS PROVIDED ON THE BEACHES FOR THEM.

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FOOD CENTRE FOR MUI WO

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A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND A LOCAL OPEN SPACE ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT MUI WO FERRY CONCOURSE ON LANTAU ISLAND.

CONTRACTS FOR BOTH PROJECTS, VALUED AT ABOUT \$4 MILLION, HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE CENTRE WILL HAVE 20 COOKED FOOD STALLS, FIVE FRUIT STALLS, FIVE MINI-STALLS, AN OFFICE, A STOREROOM AND A SITTING-OUT AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE OPEN SPACE WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION AT FIVE SITES WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 1.1 HECTARES.

THEY INCLUDED A REST GARDEN WHICH WILL CONTAIN TWO STONES OF THE SUNG DYNASTY FOUND AT MUI WO, AMENITY PLANTING AND A SITTING-OUT AREA.

WORK WILL START AT THE SAME TIME AND FINISH IN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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FROM 6 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 20), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS:

- \* THE JUNCTION OF KAI CHIU ROAD AND LEE GARDEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC
- \* KAI CHIU ROAD BETWEEN YUN PING ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH LEE GARDEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS. THE SAME ROAD SECTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC
- \* YUN PING ROAD BETWEEN KAI CHIU ROAD AND PAK SHA ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC
- \* LEE GARDEN ROAD BETWEEN PAK SHA ROAD AND RUSSELL STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND
- \* THE EXISTING PLB 'MAXICAB' STANDS AT YUN PING ROAD WILL BE RESITED TO THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF PAK SHA ROAD
- \* MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 4 FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO ABERDEEN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PAK SHA ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD, LAN FONG ROAD AND YUN PING ROAD

/\* MAXICAB ROUTE .....

- \* MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 5 FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO ABERDEEN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PAK SHA ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD AND RUSSELL STREET
- \* MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 25 FROM UPPER BRAEMAR HILL TO ADMIRALTY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YUN PING ROAD, PAK SHA ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD AND RUSSELL STREET
- \* MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 28 FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO BAGUIO VILLA WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PAK SHA ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD AND RUSSELL STREET
- \* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUN PING ROAD BETWEEN KAI CHIU ROAD AND PAK SHA ROAD AND THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PAK SHA ROAD WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY. WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS
- \* ALL PARKING SPACES ALONG PAK SHA ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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#### STADIUM TO HAVE EMERGENCY GENERATOR

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AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT MONG KOK STADIUM WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY TO EXISTING FLOODLIGHTS AND LIGHTING ALONG EXIT ROUTES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE GENERATOR WILL BE HOUSED IN A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING IN FLOWER MARKET ROAD, WHICH RUNS ALONG ONE SIDE OF THE STADIUM.

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#### HK FIREMEN VISIT MACAU

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TWENTY HONG KONG FIREMEN, LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, HAS JUST LEFT FOR MACAU TO ATTEND THE MACAU FIREMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE PLAYING A MINI-SOCCER MATCH WITH THEIR MACAU COUNTERPARTS, AND WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON MONDAY.

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PAT HEUNG TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES AT PAT HEUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 21) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE ALONG KAM TIN ROAD FROM SHEK KONG CAMP TO PAT HEUNG POLICE STATION, AND FAN KAM ROAD FROM PAT HEUNG POLICE STATION TO PAT HEUNG FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL, INCLUDING WANG TOI SHAN TSUEN AND LO UK TSUEN.

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR KING'S ROAD

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 20), A NEW FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS KING'S ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE OPENED FOR PEDESTRIANS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT KING'S ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 20), TRAFFIC ON LUEN WO HUI, FANLING, WILL BE DIVERTED TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, AS FOLLOWS:

- \* THE SECTION OF LUEN WO ROAD BETWEEN LUEN HING STREET AND LUEN SHING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- \* THE SECTION OF LUEN SHING STREET BETWEEN LUEN WO ROAD AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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STREET CLOSURE EXTENDED  
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THE EXISTING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WU NAM STREET AND THE SECTION OF TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN WU PAK STREET AND WU NAM STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PRACTICE WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 22), THURSDAY (AUGUST 23), AND FRIDAY (AUGUST 24).

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLATS ARE HOISTED.

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