



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1977

ACAN TO LAUNCH ANOTHER ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS IS PLANNING TO LAUNCH ANOTHER LARGE SCALE ANTI-DRUG DISTRICT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR IN VIEW OF THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF ITS CAMPAIGN HELD IN KOWLOON CITY THREE MONTHS AGO.

ACCORDING TO AN EVALUATION SURVEY WHICH HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED, THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN IN KOWLOON CITY HAS ACHIEVED REMARKABLE RESULTS. MORE THAN 200,000 PEOPLE, REPRESENTING THREE-QUARTERS OF THE POPULATION IN THE 15 - 60 AGE GROUP IN KOWLOON CITY, WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN WELL AWARE OF THE CAMPAIGN, AND SOME 30,000 OF THEM ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTIVITIES.

THE SURVEY ALSO INDICATES THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAS EFFECTIVELY CREATED A GREATER AWARENESS AMONG THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEED TO EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DIVERT THEIR ENERGY TO MEANINGFUL AND HEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

THE SURVEY, CARRIED OUT BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ABOUT 60 STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, WAS BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH 1,800 KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WHO WERE SELECTED AS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE. APART FROM GAUGING THE IMPACT OF THE CAMPAIGN, IT WAS DESIGNED TO COLLECT INFORMATION WHICH WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE SIMILAR CAMPAIGNS IN THE FUTURE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, REV. KARL STUMPF, SAID THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WERE VERY ENCOURAGING AND REASSURING.

HE SAID THE KOWLOON CITY CAMPAIGN COST ONLY ABOUT \$60,000 BUT IT WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE SINCE 1973 WHEN THE FIRST ANNUAL ANTI-DRUG DISTRICT CAMPAIGN WAS HELD IN TSUEN WAN.

ONE IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN, HE POINTED OUT, WAS THE PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN 30 LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OF KOWLOON CITY. THESE ORGANISATIONS CONTRIBUTED A HUGE AMOUNT OF EFFORT TO THE PREPARATION OF THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM ANTI-DRUG LECTURES AND COMPETITIONS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO RECREATIONAL AND ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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+THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN IS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF ACTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, WHICH IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF CONTAINING THE DRUG PROBLEM THROUGH THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF DRUG ABUSE,+ REV. STUMPF SAID.

ON ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, REV. STUMPF SAID PLANNING HAS JUST BEEN STARTED ON ANOTHER CAMPAIGN OF THIS KIND TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER AS PART OF THE ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN 1977/78. HE SAID ALTHOUGH DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT, IT WAS THE INTENTION OF HIS SUB-COMMITTEE TO ORGANISE THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT CAMPAIGN ON A SCALE LARGER THAN BEFORE.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP * * * * *

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE BRITISH FORCES, WILL AGAIN ORGANISE A LEADERSHIP CAMP THIS SUMMER FOR YOUTHS.

THE CAMP, THE SEVENTH IN AS MANY YEARS, AIMS TO DEVELOP THE CHARACTER, SELF-RELIANCE AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF SELECTED PARTICIPANTS SO THAT THEY MAY BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

TWO RESIDENTIAL CAMPS, EACH TAKING 120 YOUTHS, WILL BE HELD AT THE ERSKINE CAMP IN SAI KUNG FROM JULY 4 TO 24 AND FROM AUGUST 1 TO 21.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CHOSEN FROM BOTH MALE AND FEMALE APPLICANTS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 25. EACH APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO PAY \$60 FOR THE COURSE AND \$35 FOR A PAIR OF BOOTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH WORK UNIT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TOP FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI, OR AT THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MAY 2.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED AND CHOSEN BY A PANEL COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BRITISH FORCES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SELECTIONS WILL BE BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE IN YOUTH WORK, KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS. A MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TESTS IN SWIMMING AND PHYSICAL FITNESS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

CAMP ACTIVITIES WILL COVER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXPEDITION, CANOEING, ROCK-CLIMBING AND SWIMMING.

THE BRITISH FORCES ARE MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SIDES OF THE COURSE WHILE THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HANDLES THE RECRUITMENT, LIAISON WITH PARTICIPANTS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION SUCH AS RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT. THE CAMP IS FINANCED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FUND.

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ISSUE OF DEMAND NOTES FOR RATES DELAYED
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THE ISSUE OF DEMAND NOTES FOR RATES DUE FOR SETTLEMENT BY APRIL 30 WILL BE DELAYED BY ABOUT ONE WEEK.

RATEPAYERS ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED NOT TO APPROACH THE TREASURY UNLESS THEY HAVE FAILED TO RECEIVE THEIR DEMAND NOTES BY APRIL 15.

+DUE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 'RATE RELIEF SCHEME', FOR LEGAL AND TECHNICAL REASONS IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO DELAY THE ISSUE OF THESE DEMAND NOTES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY EXPLAINED TODAY.

HE ADDED THAT BECAUSE OF THIS DELAY AND BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN APRIL, THE BUSINESS HOURS OF ALL TREASURY COLLECTION CENTRES -- CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, KOWLOON CITY AND YAU MA TEI -- WOULD BE EXTENDED.

+THEY WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 1 P.M. ON SATURDAY.+

HE ALSO REMINDED RATEPAYERS THAT THEY COULD AVOID QUEUING UP AT THE COLLECTION CENTRES BY SENDING THEIR REMITTANCES (CHEQUES ONLY) THROUGH THE POST.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS
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ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY (APRIL 5), A GENERAL HOLIDAY, BUT FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HOWEVER, ON GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 8) AND ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 21) THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY NOR WILL ANY POST OFFICES BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

ON SATURDAY (APRIL 9) AND EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 11), THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY AND 32 POST OFFICES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON.

THESE INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND THE TS'IM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED OF STATUTORY HOLIDAYS
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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. LAO MOU-CHI TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT WITH THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1976 ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER OF STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS HAD BEEN INCREASED FROM SIX TO TEN.

THE TEN STATUTORY HOLIDAYS TO WHICH ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED ARE : THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL, THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, THE CHINESE WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL OR CHRISTMAS DAY= AND A FLOATING HOLIDAY DESIGNATED BY THE EMPLOYER.

MR. LAO POINTED OUT THAT IF AN EMPLOYER WAS UNABLE TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE A DAY OFF ON ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE AND MUST GIVE HIM AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE HAD WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR HIS EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF.

ON STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DAILY RATE OF HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE A SUM EQUIVALENT TO THE NORMAL WAGES, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, FOR THAT DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS EMPLOYED ON PIECE RATES OR WHERE THE DAILY WAGES OF AN EMPLOYEE VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE HOLIDAY PAY SHALL BE A SUM EQUIVALENT TO THE AVERAGE DAILY WAGES EARNED BY HIM ON THE DAYS ON WHICH HE HAD WORKED DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

MR. LAO WARNED THAT IT WOULD BE AN OFFENCE AGAINST THE LAW FOR AN EMPLOYER TO INDUCE HIS EMPLOYEE TO ACCEPT A SUM LESSER THAN THE AVERAGE DAILY WAGES AS STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS DURING
RE-SURFACING WORKS ON WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CUMBERLAND ROAD AND AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 6) IN ORDER TO FACITITATE ROAD RE-SURFACING WORKS ON THE WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS, THE DOWN RAMP FROM WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC= THE SECTION OF CUMBERLAND ROAD FROM LINCOLN ROAD TO BOUNDARY STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND= AND ALL TRAFFIC WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT FROM BOUNDARY STREET INTO CUMBERLAND ROAD.

DURING THE PERIOD OF CLOSURE OF THE RAMP, TRAFFIC PROCEEDING SOUTH ALONG WATERLOO ROAD WISHING TO GET ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD CAN TURN INTO ESSEX CRESCENT AND THEN INTO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD VIA CUMBERLAND ROAD AND KNIGHT STREET.

ALTERNATIVELY, MOTORISTS CAN USE THE U-TURN UNDER PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER TO GET ON TO WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND AND LEFT TURN INTO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

KMB ROUTE 3C BUSES ON THE TRIP TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY WILL PROCEED VIA WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER AND TURN INTO ARGYLE STREET AND THEN ON TO NATHAN ROAD.

ROUTE 2D BUSES OF KMB FROM CHUK YUEN TO PAK TIN WILL BE DIVERTED FROM NGA TSIN WAI ROAD TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD BY WAY OF JUNCTION ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE POSTED FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MOTORISTS.

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