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NIGEL HOWELL'S APPOINTMENT TERMINATED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY RECEIVED A REPORT ON MR. NIGEL HOWELL'S CONDITION. MR. HOWELL WAS SEEN BY HIS PRIVATE DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 7, AND WAS PUT ON SICK LEAVE SUFFERING FROM +AN ANXIETY STATE+.

HE WAS EXAMINED BY A PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALIST AT ST. THOMAS' HOSPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 9. THE SPECIALIST'S INITIAL REPORT INDICATES THAT MR. HOWELL IS SUFFERING FROM AN ACUTE DEPRESSIVE ILLNESS. IN THE SPECIALIST'S OPINION, FOR THIS REASON, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE FOR MR. HOWELL TO SERVE OUTSIDE HIS HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR THE TIME BEING.

AN ACUTE DEPRESSIVE ILLNESS CAN OCCUR VERY RAPIDLY, WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING AND WITHOUT IDENTIFIABLE SYMPTOMS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE EVENT. THE EXTENT AND BASIC CAUSE OF ILLNESS CANNOT BE THOROUGHLY KNOWN UNTIL THE PATIENT IS WELL ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY AND WHEN HE IS IN A POSITION FULLY TO DISCUSS HIS ILLNESS. DOCTORS ARE NOT YET ABLE TO DETERMINE AT WHAT SPEED THE ILLNESS DEVELOPED IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE.

A MONTH BEFORE MR. HOWELL LEFT FOR HONG KONG, A MEDICAL EXAMINATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN TO THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY. THIS WAS MAINLY A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (INCLUDING BLOOD PRESSURE AND CHEST EX-RAY) BUT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE, MR. HOWELL WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED ABOUT ANY PREVIOUS NERVOUS OR MENTAL TROUBLE. AT THAT TIME HE APPEARED PHYSICALLY HEALTHY AND MENTALLY STABLE= THIS SUPPORTS THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ONSET OF HIS ILLNESS MUST HAVE BEEN VERY SUDDEN.

MR. HOWELL'S APPOINTMENT WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HAS BEEN TERMINATED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON HIS CONDITION AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY SERVICE TO BE REVIEWED
GOVT. AND INDUSTRY URGED TO DO MORE IN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING
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THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF STRENGTHENING THE ADVISORY SERVICE AVAILABLE TO INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR. ANN TSE-KAI, INDICATED TODAY.

COMPARED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, HE SAID, HONG KONG'S ADVISORY SERVICE FOR INDUSTRY +IS A LITTLE THIN ON THE GROUND TO SAY THE LEAST,+ EVEN ACCOUNTING FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE OF THE TWO INDUSTRIES.

MR. ANN WAS SPEAKING AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF 69 APPRENTICES AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. THE GRADUATES ARE THE FIRST PRODUCTS OF AN EXTENDED TWO-STREAM SYSTEM OF TRAINING INTRODUCED IN 1969 TO HELP MEET HONG KONG'S INCREASING DEMAND FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMEN, MECHANICS, TECHNICIANS AND TECHNICAL EXECUTIVES. THE COURSES WERE RUN UNDER THE JOINT WATERWORKS AND ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE CRAFT AND TECHNICAL APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. ANN STRESSED THE NEED FOR EDUCATION, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO INDUSTRY AND NOTED THAT THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ENDEAVOURED TO HELP INDUSTRY IN THIS DIRECTION.

+BUT HOW MUCH CAN A SMALL BODY, WHICH WHEN AT FULL STRENGTH NUMBERS ONLY 14, DO IN THE WAY OF OFFERING SOLID ADVICE TO AN INDUSTRY EMPLOYING ABOUT ONE MILLION PEOPLE?+ HE ASKED. THE SAME BODY OF MEN, HE ADDED, ALSO HAD TO SERVICE THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL COMPLEX OF NEARLY 20 TRAINING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

MR. ANN FELT THAT BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY ITSELF COULD DO A GREAT DEAL MORE IN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

IN FACT, HE SAID, +UNLESS INDUSTRY DOES FAR MORE THAN IT IS DOING AT THE MOMENT THERE WILL BE NO SATISFACTORY LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO OUR MANPOWER PROBLEMS.+

WHILE HE APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT HONG KONG INDUSTRY WAS GOING THROUGH A TOUGH PERIOD, HE STRONGLY APPEALED TO ALL EMPLOYERS WHO ARE PRESENTLY TRAINING APPRENTICES NOT TO CUT DOWN THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO TRIM OVERHEADS.

+WE MUST HAVE THE TRAINED MANPOWER READY WHEN THE SITUATION IMPROVES OR WE SHALL MISS THE BOAT.+ HE STRESSED. +TIGHTEN OTHER BELTS BY ALL MEANS, BUT NOT THAT OF TRAINING.+

HE ALSO TOOK ISSUE WITH THE TRADITIONAL PREFERENCE ATTACHED TO +WHITE-COLLAR+ JOBS. THIS ATTITUDE WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF DATE IN MODERN HONG KONG, HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS NOW ONE OF THE KEY INDUSTRIAL CITIES OF THE WORLD AND THE LARGEST EMPLOYER OF AN EVER-GROWING POPULATION.

MR. ANN SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY OF THE OUTPUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHEME, AND CONGRATULATED THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS EFFORTS. +BY SO DOING AND BY NOT COMPETING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE VERY TIGHT SKILLED LABOUR MARKET, THE DEPARTMENT IS INDIRECTLY HELPING INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

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REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS SCHEME
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IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS SINCE THEIR APPOINTMENT, THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS HAVE MADE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN THEIR WORK IN SPITE OF SOME DIFFICULTIES THEY WERE ENCOUNTERING, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TONIGHT.

SPEAKING TO THE PENINSULA LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, HE SAID UNDER THE SCHEME LAUNCHED LAST DECEMBER, AS PART OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT ON SOCIAL WELFARE, C.Y.O.S WERE APPOINTED IN 10 URBAN DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON AND TWO RURAL DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WORK OF EACH C.Y.O. WAS DELINEATED INTO FOUR BROAD HEADINGS OF WORK TO BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY OPERATED.

THESE WERE TO DEVELOP AND CO-ORDINATE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK= TO ASSIST ORGANISATIONS TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK= TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY WORK AND TRAIN LEADERS AND TO PROMOTE SCHEMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

WORKING ALONG THESE GUIDLINES, MR. LEE SAID, THE C.Y.O.S HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PROMOTING COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

THEY HAVE, HE NOTED, INITIATED OR INVOLVED THEMSELVES IN A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AIMED AT IMPROVING SERVICES FOR YOUTH.

ONE OF THESE WAS THE DISTRICT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES WHICH WERE SET UP IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH ORGANISATION COMMUNITY LEADERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OR YOUNG INDIVIDUALS.

BESIDES ALSO CO-ORDINATING VARIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES SUCH AS VOLUNTARY WORK AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER THEY HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACTS WITH DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES THAT RUN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES.

ADDITIONALLY, THE C.Y.O.S PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE TO ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES TO MORE FULLY UTILIZED RESOURCES FOR THE BEST RESULT.

IN DEFINING COMMUNITY NEEDS THEY WORK WITH RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT RESEARCHING THE PROBLEMS AND WORKING OUT THE SOLUTIONS TOGETHER.

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ANOTHER TYPE OF WORK WHICH THEY DO IS PROMOTING VOLUNTARY SERVICES AND CONDUCTING COURSES FOR VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT IN THEIR WORK THE C.Y.O.S HAVE COME UP AGAINST TWO MAIN DIFFICULTIES. THESE WERE THAT THE PUBLIC DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE AND THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT STAFF.

MANY PEOPLE, HE SAID, BELIEVED THE WORK OF THE C.Y.O. DUPLICATED THAT OF THE C.D.O. OR WAS TIED IN IN SOME WAY.

THE C.Y.O., HE EXPLAINED, IS A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKER WHO DEVELOPS THE CAPABILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS, ORGANISATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE OR SOCIAL WORK FIELD WHILE THE C.D.O. IS A GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR WHO FORMS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT AND CO-ORDINATES THE GOVERNMENT'S ADMINISTRATION WORK IN THE DISTRICT. HE SAID THEIR WORK COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.

ON STAFFING, MR. LEE SAID, DEMANDS WITHIN THE DISTRICTS WERE EVER INCREASING AND WITH ONLY AN ASSISTANT AND CLERICAL STAFF, THE C.Y.O.S WERE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO ALL DEMANDS MADE OF THEM.

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GOOD PROGRESS IN WATER AND POWER SUPPLIES PROGRAMME
IN LICENSED AREAS
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY AND WATER TO LIENSED AREAS IS PROGRESSING AS SCHEDULED.

WORK ON THE INSTALLATION OF AN OVERHEAD POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM AT CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSED AREA THREE IS GOING AHEAD SWIFTLY AND THE INSTALLATION OF A PIPED WATER SUPPLY TO THE AREA IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS FINALISED THE KOWLOON BAY LICENSED AREA STAGE ONE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND TENDERS FOR THE WORKS COSTING ABOUT \$150,000 WILL BE INVITED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO THE AREA, AT A COST OF \$465,000, WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

THE POWER AND WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME WILL BE EXTENDED TO OTHER LICENSED AREAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MEANWHILE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S TECHNICAL STAFF ARE PREPARING DRAWINGS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR SIMILAR WORKS TO BE INSTALLED AT OTHER LICENSED AREAS. THE INITIAL PHASE WILL INCLUDE CHAI WAN LICENSED AREAS 2 AND 3, CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSED AREA 2, SAM KAR TSUEN AND HIP WO STREET LICENSED AREAS.

TENDERS WILL BE INVITED PROGRESSIVELY AS SOON AS DOCUMENTS FOR EACH AREA ARE PREPARED.

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EDUCATION POLICIES EXPLAINED

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THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY), MR. GLEN PARRY, AND THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (PRIMARY), MRS. TERESE WEI, MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUPS OF RESIDENTS FROM NGAU TAU KOK, TAI WAN SHAN AND TAI HANG TUNG THIS MORNING WHEN THEY CALLED ON THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THREE DISTRICTS SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION TO THEIR THREE REQUESTS TO :

1. SPEED UP THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES AND IMPLEMENT NINE YEARS OF FREE EDUCATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE=
2. ABOLISH THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION= AND
3. MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE PRIMARY 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED FORM 1 PLACES.

DURING THE MEETING MR. PARRY EXPLAINED THAT SINCE SEPTEMBER 1971 EDUCATION HAS BEEN FREE IN ALL GOVERNMENT CHINESE PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND IN THE MAJORITY OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THIS HAD NOT BEEN AN EASY ACHIEVEMENT BEARING IN MIND THAT OVER HALF A MILLION PUPILS WERE NOW ENJOYING FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION. IN ITS REPORT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAD NOTED THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF FREE SECONDARY EDUCATION AT FORMS 1 TO 3 LEVEL WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AT LEAST UNTIL PLACES WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE WHOLE AGE GROUP. WHILE THE BOARD DID NOT RECOMMEND THE PROVISION OF FREE EDUCATION FOR THOSE IN FORMS 1 TO 3 LEVEL IT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING FREE PLACES TO ENSURE THAT NO CHILD SHOULD BE DENIED A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED OR ASSISTED PLACE BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY OF ITS PARENTS TO PAY THE SCHOOL FEES.

WITHIN THE PRESENT FEE STRUCTURE AND FEE REMISSION SCHEME THERE WAS ALREADY ADEQUATE PROVISION TO ENSURE THAT NO PUPIL WHO HAVING GAINED A PLACE IN A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOL IS DENIED THAT PLACE BECAUSE HIS PARENTS WERE UNABLE TO PAY THE FEES.

IN THE POST-PRIMARY FIELD IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECLARED AIM TO PROVIDE AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF AIDED SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN SEEKING IT= THUS PROGRESSIVELY MAKING AVAILABLE WITH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AT LEAST THREE YEARS POST-PRIMARY EDUCATION TO ALL CHILDREN IN THE 12-14 AGE GROUP.

IT IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE THE FIRST HALF OF THIS GOAL, THAT IS TO SAY TO PROVIDE FOR 50 PER CENT OF THE AGE GROUP BY 1976. THIS HAD NOW BEEN ACHIEVED - TWO YEARS AHEAD OF ITS TARGET.

IT MAY BE THAT THE WHITE PAPER COULD SUGGEST A MORE GENEROUS PROVISION OF PLACES THAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GREEN PAPER.

AS REGARDS FUTURE SECONDARY EXPANSION POLICY, MR. PARRY SAID THIS WOULD BE OUTLINED IN THE FORTHCOMING WHITE PAPER TO BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLY IN THE NEW SESSION WHICH BEGINS NEXT MONTH. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FINAL DECISIONS ON ALL EDUCATIONAL POLICIES RESTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT, ACTING AS IT DOES ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

ON THE DEMAND FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, MR. PARRY SAID THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TOWARDS ITS ABOLITION. BUT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PREDICT WHEN THE EXAMINATION WOULD DISAPPEAR. IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT THE S.S.E.E. WAS IN FACT INTRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SCHOOLS. THE PROBLEM WAS HOW TO REPLACE THIS EXAMINATION WITH A FAIR SELECTION PROCEDURE WHICH WILL ALLOCATE STUDENTS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS. CUMULATIVE RECORDS AND A MORE RIGID REGIONALISATION OF ALLOCATION MIGHT BE ONE WAY BUT THE PROBLEM IS VERY COMPLICATED AND IT MIGHT WELL END UP WITH SCHOOLS SETTING THEIR OWN SELECTION EXAMINATIONS.

ON THEIR REQUEST FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE PRIMARY 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED FORM 1 PLACES, MR. PARRY SAID THAT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGED 12 TO 13 YEARS WHO ARE NEITHER AT SCHOOL NOR AT WORK IS CERTAINLY A PROBLEM. THE ONLY ULTIMATE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR ALL THE CHILDREN CONCERNED AND THEN TO ENSURE THAT THESE CHILDREN CAN AND DO ATTEND SCHOOL. THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING TOWARDS THIS END, ITS POLICY BEING TO PROVIDE 3 YEARS OF AIDED EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 12 TO 14 YEARS OF AGE. HOWEVER, THE PROVISION OF THESE PLACES WILL TAKE TIME. JUST HOW LONG WILL DEPEND ON THE DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN THE FORTHCOMING +WHITE PAPER+ ON SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPANSION.

MR. PARRY THANKED THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG. HE SAID THAT THEIR VIEWS WOULD AGAIN BE CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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FIREMEN GRADUATION DAY

NOTE TO EDITORS: COMMODORE J.A.G. EVANS, COMMODORE IN CHARGE HONG KONG, WILL INSPECT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF SOME 160 FIREMEN AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE NEW RECRUITS HAVE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF TRAINING AND AFTER THEIR +GRADUATION+ TOMORROW WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS FIRE STATIONS.

AFTER THE PARADE AND AN ADDRESS BY COMMODORE EVANS, THERE WILL BE DRILLS, EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXERCISES.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE OCCASION ARE WELCOME TO DO SO.

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COMMERCIAL RADIO'S LICENCE RENEWED
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THE LICENCE ISSUED TO THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED HAS BEEN RENEWED FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 26, 1974.

THE ORIGINAL LICENCE, WHICH EXPIRED ON AUGUST 25 THIS YEAR, WAS GRANTED TO COMMERCIAL RADIO 15 YEARS AGO UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE AND WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY AMENDED — IN SEPTEMBER 1967 — BY A SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CHANGE OF LOCATION OF BOTH THE STUDIOS AND TRANSMITTING STATION.

THE ORIGINAL LICENCE CONTAINED PROVISIONS FOR ITS RENEWAL FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, SUBJECT TO ANY ALTERATIONS BEING MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL AND THE COMPANY. SOME MINOR CHANGES, MAINLY OF A TECHNICAL NATURE, HAVE BEEN DECIDED UPON.

MR. IAN KINGSLEY, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND FILMS, WELCOMED THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENCE AND SAID HE FELT SURE THAT THE COMPANY WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT SOUND RADIO SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LICENCE LIES WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND FILMS.

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EDUCATION SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
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SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, ST. TERESA'S CHURCH AND ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AT 11 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 15 — EDUCATION SUNDAY — TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

ALL TEACHERS AND PUPILS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES WHICH ARE HELD TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN THE TASK THAT LIE AHEAD IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

THE SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND ST. TERESA'S CHURCH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH WHILE THE SERVICE AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WILL BE CONDUCTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CANTONESE. THE SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE ONLY.

SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND THESE SERVICES.

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P.W.D. ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOLDING THEIR SIXTH ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL.

MORE THAN 150 SWIMMERS WILL COMPETE IN 23 EVENTS WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LIFE SAVING DEMONSTRATION BY THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AND A DEPARTMENTAL INVITATION RELAY.

THE GALA WILL BE OPENED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. WILLIAM BELL AT 2 P.M. MRS. BELL WILL HELP PRESENT PRIZES AND SOUVENIR PENNANTS TO THE WINNERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A LUCKY DRAW BY MISS JUDY DIRKIN, THE FIRST RUNNER-UP IN THE MISS HONG KONG CONTEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PREVENTIVE SERVICE SEIZE DRUGS

WORTH \$77,000

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ANTI-NARCOTIC OPERATIONS BY THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE LAST MONTH RESULTED IN DRUGS VALUED AT \$77,134 BEING SEIZED.

A TOTAL OF 117 SEIZURES WERE MADE OF WHICH 101 WERE ON LAND, FIVE ON THE OUTER ISLANDS, 10 ON OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AND ONE ON THE WATERFRONT. PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE TOTALLED 437.

ELEVEN SEARCH WARRANTS WERE EXECUTED UNDER THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF 14,373 PIRATED MUSIC CASSETTE TYPES, 706 GRAMOPHONE RECORDS AND 99 CARTRIDGES.

TWO STILL'S USED FOR THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURE OF LIQUOR WERE SEIZED AND 868 GALLONS OF FERMENTING LIQUOR WERE DESTROYED ON SITE.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI		NO SALE
CHU CHO		NO SALE
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
<u>U.S. RICE</u>		
		NO SALE
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.77
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
		NO SALE
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
		NO SALE

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN-THREAD	GOOD	3.40	2.00	2.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.00	1.40	2.00
SQUID	GOOD	2.50	0.80	1.50
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.20	0.50	1.10
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.30	0.70	1.50
CROAKERS	LIMITED	2.80	0.70	1.20
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.90	1.50	1.70
MELON COAT	LIMITED	1.70	1.10	1.30
BREAMS	NORMAL	4.80	1.20	3.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.90	1.00	1.40
MACKERÉLS	NORMAL	5.50	2.10	4.50
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.80	0.45	0.60
FORK-TAIL	---	---	---	---
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.20	2.00	4.00
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.10	0.70	1.30
POMFRETS	SCARCE	7.50	6.00	6.50
GAROUPAS	LIMITED	8.50	6.00	7.20
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	6.50	3.00	5.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.50	0.50	1.20
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.50	0.15	0.30
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.80	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.20	0.50	1.50
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.60	0.50	1.00
SPINACH	---	---	---	---
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.50	2.00	2.80
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.90	0.25	0.60
TOMATO	SCARCE	5.00	2.50	3.50