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POLITICAL ADVISER LEAVING HONG KONG

To Become Deputy High Commissioner In Ottawa

Mr. R.J. Stratton To Succeed Mr. A.F. Maddocks

The Political Adviser, Mr. Arthur Maddocks, who has been on secondment to the Hong Kong Government from the British Diplomatic Service since June 1968, is leaving Hong Kong on May 9 on re-assignment.

He will be spending some time on leave in England before taking up his new appointment as Deputy High Commissioner and Minister Commercial in Ottawa.

Mr. Maddocks will be succeeded as Political Adviser in Hong Kong by Mr. R.J. Stratton who is at present Head of the United Nations Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

Mr. Stratton is expected to arrive in Hong Kong in July this year.

During the interim, Mr. C.J. Howells, Assistant Political Adviser, will act as Political Adviser.

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Note to Editors: The following biographical notes are provided for editorial use:

Mr. Richard James STRATTON

Head of United Nations Department 1971-72; Imperial Defence College 1970; born 16.7.24; H.M. Forces 1943-46;

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Foreign Office 1947-48; Third Secretary, Rio de Janeiro 1948-50; Foreign Office 1951-53; Second Secretary, Tokyo 1953; First Secretary, Seoul 1953-55; Private Secretary to Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Foreign Office 1955-58; First Secretary, Bonn 1958-60; Abidjan 1960-62; Foreign Office 1962; Private Secretary to Minister without Portfolio, Foreign Office 1963-64; Private Secretary to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs 1964-66; Counsellor and Head of Chancery, Rawalpindi 1966-69.

Mr. Arthur Frederick MADDOCKS

Political Adviser Hong Kong since June 1968; born 20.5.22; H.M. Forces 1942-46; Third Secretary, Washington 1946; Foreign Office 1949; Bonn 1951; First Secretary (Economic), Bangkok 1955; Paris (U.K. Delegation to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (O.E.E.C.)) 1958; Foreign Office 1960; Counsellor and Deputy Head of United Kingdom Delegation to the European Communities, Brussels 1964-68; married 1945 Margaret Jean Crawford Holt (2 sons born 1948 and 1962; one daughter born in 1946).

Mr. Christopher John HOWELLS

Assistant Political Adviser, Hong Kong since December 1969; born 2.3.33; Foreign Office 1958-59; Hong Kong 1959-60; Third Secretary, Peking 1960-62; Foreign Office 1962-64; Second later First Secretary, Vienna 1965-66; Foreign Office 1966-67; Seconded to Ministry of Defence 1967-69; married 1959 Janet Mackenzie Hayes (two sons born 1961 and 1966; one daughter born in 1962).

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SEAWALL AT CHAI WAN

Work To Start In July

Construction of a section of seawall about 1,500 feet long at Chai Wan is expected to begin in July this year.

The seawall, when completed, will protect the adjacent area which is at present being reclaimed.

The reclamation is urgently needed for industrial development and resettlement purposes.

The seawall will also form part of the future cargo-handling basin and facilitate sea transportation of goods and materials to and from Chai Wan.

The construction work will take about 18 months to complete.

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TRAINING OF THE DISABLED

S.W.D.'s Contribution To Exhibition

Some of the services provided by the Social Welfare Department to help integrate the disabled back into the community as contributing members will be underlined at the Vocational Training Exhibition in the Kei Heep Secondary Modern School which the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, will open on Monday.

Mr. Ku Choon-keong, Social Welfare Officer representing the Department on the exhibition's Organising Committee, says the SWD's contribution consists of a "practical introduction to the Department's vocational training among the handicapped."

The SWD stall will include demonstrations of trainees at work on machines for lock-stitching and knitting. There will also be photographs relating to the training of the disabled in radio and TV repairs, machine sewing, mechanics, printing, carpentry and domestic science.

The exhibition will last from May 8 to May 14. It will open each morning at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until 9:30 p.m. An attendance of 60,000 is expected, at least 20,000 of whom will be children from primary schools coming on "conducted tours" of the site.

The exhibition is the second to be organised by the Vocational Training Committee of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, designed "to give members of the general public a better appreciation of the aims and objects of vocational training."

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"By showing the range of training opportunities available for the young, we hope to help them decide on right careers. Our message is also addressed to prospective employers, because correct training contributes to skilled work, and industry in Hong Kong needs skilled workmen," Mr. Ku says.

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NEW BUS TERMINUS

At Wong Chuk Hang Low Cost Housing Estate

Residents of the Wong Chuk Hang Low Cost Housing Estate will soon have a proper bus terminus.

Work on the terminus is expected to start in June this year.

The works mainly involve the construction of re-inforced concrete slab, footpath and ancillary drainage works for a bus terminus. About 800 feet of Nam Long Shan Road will also be realigned.

This terminus, when completed, will replace the existing temporary on-street bus terminus in the car park situated on the south-western side of Block H of the estate.

Construction work will take about eight months to complete.

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VEHICLE LICENCES CAN BE RENEWED

At Kowloon Office Of Transport Department

Beginning on Monday, May 8, members of the public can renew vehicle licences at the Kowloon Branch office of the Transport Department in Pui Ching Road.

The Commissioner for Transport announced this today (Saturday).

Up to the present, it has only been possible to apply for or renew a driving licence at the Kowloon Office, vehicle licences being dealt with at the Hong Kong Branch Office.

Under the new arrangement, members of the public can also effect transfer of vehicle ownership, report changes of vehicle particulars and obtain the issue of duplicate vehicle registration books and licences at the Kowloon Office.

However, new registrations will not be dealt with in Kowloon and any one wishing to register a vehicle for the first time should go to the Hong Kong Office in Rumsey Street.

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D.I.B. ON SUNDAY

Note to editors:

There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Copies will be available for collection in the G.I.S. Press Room at 3 p.m.

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MORE TRAFFIC SIGNS ON HARCOURT ROAD

To Improve Traffic Flow

In an effort to improve traffic conditions on the westbound carriageway of Harcourt Road adjacent to the New Dockyard Open Air Car Park, additional traffic signs will be erected on Monday, May 8, the Transport Department announced today.

Motorists are asked to follow the explicit directions on the traffic signs and thereby improve lane discipline.

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H.K. MAN-MADE FIBRE KNIT FABRICS

EMBARGO IMPOSED BY U.S.

The United States Government has imposed an embargo on imports from Hong Kong of man-made fibre knit fabrics.

Indirect reports received by the Commerce and Industry Department indicate that the embargo was imposed from midnight Washington time on Friday, May 5.

"It affects goods on the way and those still awaiting clearance from Customs warehouses in the United States," a Department spokesman said.

Commenting on the situation, the Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Jack Cater, said he deplored the disruptive nature of the American action.

"I am particularly dismayed," Mr. Cater said, "because the embargo has been suddenly imposed despite the fact that we actually have a team in Washington discussing a technical problem concerning the trade in these fabrics. The consultations are still continuing and I find it very disturbing that the U.S. Government should have resorted to such tactics."

Man-made fibre knit fabrics have been subject to export restraint since October 1971. A Commerce and Industry Department spokesman said the volume of trade involved in the disputed area is roughly 7.5 million square yards, or about 3.5 per cent of expected total Hong Kong fabric exports to the United States in the current year.

The Commerce and Industry Department is seeking full details of the American action and will inform the trade as soon as possible.

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