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NEW GOVERNMENT MACHINERY TO CURB DRUG PROBLEM

Streamlined ACAN takes on advisory role next January 1

A streamlined Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN) on January 1 will become the government's sole channel of advice on all policy matters relating to the drive against drug abuse and drug trafficking.

Announcing this today, the Commissioner for Narcotics, Mr. N. G. Rolph, said that the move was part of the intensified anti-drug measures outlined by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, in his annual review of Hong Kong affairs in the Legislative Council last October 17.

Mr. Rolph said that for its new advisory role, membership of ACAN would be cut from 20 to 12.

He said the 12-member committee would be made up of seven senior government officials and five community leaders.

The seven officials are: The Secretary for Security; the Director of Medical and Health Services; the Director of Commerce and Industry, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Preventive Service; the Commissioner of Police; the Director of Social Welfare; the Commissioner of Prisons; and the Commissioner for Narcotics.

The five community leaders are: The senior Unofficial Member of the Executive Council, Sir Albert Rodrigues (chairman); an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, Mrs. C. J. Symons; and three individuals specially appointed by the Governor -- the Director of the Lutheran World Federation, the Rev. K. L. Stumpf; the secretary of

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the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts, Mr. Brook Bernacchi; and the Director of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Mr. Hui Yin-fat.

Mr. Rolph said ACAN's terms of reference would be strengthened to enable it to:

- . Advise the Governor on policies to be adopted to interdict illicit traffic in dangerous drugs into and through Hong Kong and to keep these policies under regular review;
- . Advise the Governor on measures necessary to eradicate drug abuse from the community;
- . Be the channel for advice to the Governor on the appropriate allocation of resources to ensure the implementation of government policies;
- . Ensure co-ordination and co-operation between government departments and voluntary agencies working towards the implementation of these policies and to enlist public support for them;
- . Keep under review programmes and projects undertaken by government and voluntary agencies to ensure that they are effective;
- . Draw the attention of government to policies, programmes, projects, laws and procedures it feels should be changed to implement government policies more effectively; and
- . Advise on any matter referred to it by government, or from any other appropriate source that may be concerned either directly or indirectly with the implementation of government policies.

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Mr. Rolph said these wider terms of reference would allow the new ACAN to take over the work previously carried out by a group formed 14 years ago, the Narcotics Advisory Committee.

As a result, this group had now been disbanded.

The Commissioner for Narcotics also revealed plans to give the Medical and Health Department overall responsibility for drug addiction treatment and research.

He said a Narcotics and Drugs Administration Division would be set up within the department.

Its task would be to implement and supervise all treatment and rehabilitation programmes approved by the government.

The division also would be responsible for studying and developing new therapeutic techniques.

Backing up these far-reaching measures, Mr. Rolph said, would be a Narcotics Secretariat responsible to the Secretary for Security.

This new secretariat, headed by the Commissioner for Narcotics, would service ACAN and monitor the implementation of government policies and decisions.

It also would co-ordinate government and non-government activities, implement policies aimed at combatting problems associated with the illicit drug trade and initiate proposals for ACAN's consideration.

The secretariat's other responsibilities would include the international aspects of the illicit drug trade, legal procedures, education and publicity, community involvement, and liaison with voluntary agencies and the Narcotics and Drugs Administration Division of the Medical and Health Department.

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APPEAL TO INDUSTRY TO SAVE FUEL

Hong Kong's industrial concerns - of which there are more than 22,000 - were urged to-day to appoint a senior member of their staff to supervise fuel-saving measures.

In a circular to factory managements, the Director of Oil Supplies, Mr. Roy Porter, appealed for their co-operation to avoid any wasteful and unnecessary consumption of electricity, fuel and other oil products.

He stressed that Hong Kong's oil supply situation was under daily review and so far stocks remained normal and there has been no interruption of deliveries.

"But in view of the uncertainty of the oil situation in the world, it is prudent for us in Hong Kong to take steps now to economise so that we make the best use of our stocks and our future supplies," he added.

Mr. Porter said there were many simple and easy measures which industrial concerns could take to save fuel without seriously affecting production, convenience or comfort.

He suggested the following ways to save electricity:

- * Switch on lights only when necessary
- * Keep lighting to the minimum essential for production and safety
- * Switch off lights during lunch or tea breaks and as soon as possible after work
- * Lower lamps from ceilings to increase intensity of illumination at the same time replacing bulbs with others of a lower wattage

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- * Switch off all induction motors powering such machines as power presses and lathes when the machines are not in use
- * Economise with air-conditioners, fans and heaters in factory offices

Mr. Porter also listed the following ways to save fuel:

- * Increase efficiency of boilers and furnaces
- * Do not over or under lubricate machines
- * Oil leakages from machines should be remedied immediately
- * Goods vehicles should be used as efficiently and economically as possible through careful planning of journeys
- * Factory buses should start journeys only when fully loaded
- * Private car owners should try to use public transport instead

Mr. Porter said that any electricity and fuel saving by factories would help contribute to the efficient use of our existing oil stocks.

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HALF-A-MILLION PAY-OUT FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Nearly \$500,000 was paid out today (Tuesday) from the Emergency Relief ~~Trust~~ Fund to victims of the recent fire at Kowloon Bay Licensed Area.

Cash grants are given to genuine fire victims to help them build and equip their homes at a nearby Licensed Area site.

A total of 306 families collected the allowances from the Squatter Control Office at Tung Tau Estate. Each received at least \$1,330. The new basic re-accommodation grant for each family-up to five members - is \$1,250.

An extra \$250 was paid for each additional family member. In addition every one got a re-equipment grant of \$80.

The total paid out today amounted to \$487,930.

Meanwhile, officers and men of the Housing Department are still busily engaged in preparing a site next to the fire scene for the victims to rebuild their huts.

Work is almost complete and the area should be ready in the next day or two.

Family representatives have been told to go to the Kowloon Bay Licensed Area Office on Thursday and Friday for site allocation. They can then build their huts.

A spokesman for the Housing Department said there were still about 50 cases in hand pending further investigation.

"These will be dealt with as quickly as possible," he added.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph of the pay-out are boxed for collection.

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CALL TO KAIFONG AND KUK LEADERS TO HELP IN POLICE RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr. D.C. Bray, has urged all kaifong and rural leaders to help in the current police recruitment drive.

The appeal is contained in a letter to Kaifong chairmen, chairmen of District Committees, Area Committees, the Heung Yee Kuk, Rural Committees and Chambers of Commerce in the New Territories.

Mr. Bray said that in order to walk the streets free of worry about crime, "we must have more policemen".

"As a result of a community-wide effort," he added, "there are now 37 recruiting centres located in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories."

All these centres are on business seven days a week and, depending on the specific needs of areas, operate well into the evening. "It is the biggest recruitment effort we have ever had."

Referring to police life, Mr. Bray noted that it was an exciting one for young men and women of the right sort.

He pointed out that the salary for police constables had recently been increased to about \$1,000 a month and secondary school graduates could get even more.

Although Hong Kong now probably had the best paid police force in Asia, the Secretary for Home Affairs said: "We are, however, faced with a very high problem: we have to recruit some 1,000 police constables."

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Based on past experience, it takes six firm applications to yield one recruit to the police force.

"This means we have to aim at getting some 6,000 firm applications to join the police force during our current recruitment drive," said Mr. Bray.

At the time of the Census, Hong Kong Island had 25.30 per cent of the population, Kowloon 18.19 per cent and New Kowloon 37.56 per cent.

As the New Territories had one-sixth of the population, the Heung Yee Kuk, Rural Committees and Chambers of Commerce in the New Territories have been asked to raise 1,000 firm applications.

Based on the 1971 population, Mr. Bray suggested 1,600, 1,100 and 2,300 as the targets for firm applications for Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Kowloon respectively.

He said it was most gratifying that kaifong and rural bodies had come forward to give their support to the recruitment campaign, and he hoped that they would continue to play their part in the drive.

Mr. Bray invited kaifong and rural leaders to telephone him on 5-95493 or Mr. Christopher Wong, who is helping him, on 5-95710 should they have any difficulties or suggestions to make.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IMPORTANT - SAYS SIR MURRAY

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, has stressed the importance of extra curricular activities and active student participation in the community life of Hong Kong in the course of educating young people.

In a speech delivered on the Governor's behalf by the Director of Education, Mr. J. Canning, at the annual speech day of the King George V School, Sir Murray noted that it was an essential feature for a successful school to develop a thriving corporate existence.

"Young minds are not developed, character moulded and healthy attitudes to life implanted through academic studies alone. A good school has to offer a much wider range of experience and challenge than can be provided for within the four walls of a classroom."

This, he said, could only be done through the establishment of a comprehensive range of what are normally termed extra-curricular activities.

Through these, young people could learn what it was to co-operate with others, assume responsibilities, discover potentialities for leadership and what it meant to accept commitment to activities and interests which went beyond the satisfaction of merely personal wishes.

The Governor noted that these extra-curricular activities were largely responsible for the creation of the life of a school. "It is also through them that much mutual understanding and respect can be established between pupils, teachers, and parents," he added.

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Sir Murray described the growing participation by school students in community projects and campaigns as " a most gratifying and encouraging development."

"There is, I am convinced, much you can learn from active participation in the community life of Hong Kong. There is much, I am equally sure, you can give to it," he said.

Lady MacLehose later presented prizes and awards to the students after Mr. Canning delivered the Governor's speech.

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Note to Editors: Copies of the full text of the Governor's speech are boxed for collection.

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EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS

Applications for job assistance from disabled persons reached an all-time high last month when the Job Placement Unit of the Social Welfare Department received 58 referrals for employment assistance.

"Placement officers encountered difficulties however in finding jobs for disabled persons because vacancies suitable for them were fewer and in some cases, immediately filled by able-bodied persons," said Mr. Chan Shiu-wing, officer-in-charge of the Unit.

Despite this, the Unit successfully assisted 30 disabled persons to obtain jobs in open employment.

Also to create better job opportunities for them, he said the Chinese network of Radio Hong Kong and Commercial Radio have been broadcasting slogans from early October.

"Since then, telephone enquiries for hiring disabled persons were received almost daily. Some offered rather low wages but most offered reasonable remuneration," said Mr. Chan.

Those found jobs in October comprised eight blind, 12 crippled, five deaf and dumb, three cured mentally ill and two mentally retarded.

Five blind trainees were selected and employed by Winpull Fishing Accessories Co. Ltd. after they had completed the specific training course on knotting fishing hooks at Wong Tai Sin Blind Welfare Centre.

Other disabled persons were employed as machine sewing workers, telephone operators, repair assistant, messenger, assemblers, apprentices and general factory workers.

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HEAVY TRANSFORMER TO BE MOVED

Motorists are advised to avoid certain roads in the Eastern and North Point areas between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Thursday (November 29).

During that period, the Hong Kong Electric Company will be moving a 42-ton transformer from its power station at Wong Nei Chung Gap to the North Point Power Station in Tin Chong Street.

The transformer will pass Wong Nei Chung Gap Road, Stubbs Road, Queen's Road East, Morrison Hill Road, Tin Lok Lane, Hennessy Road, Yee Wo Street, Causeway Road, King's Road, Tin Chong Street and Java Road before reaching its destination.

The Commissioner for Transport said that due to the weight of the load, the transporting vehicle will be extremely slow and therefore, it will be to the advantage of motorists to avoid the route.

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TWO PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON CONDEMNED

The Building Authority today declared Nos. 394 and 396, Lai Chi Kok Road in Kowloon to be in a dangerous condition.

These four-storey pre-war buildings are constructed with load bearing brick walls supporting reinforced concrete floors and a framed reinforced concrete kitchen block.

In a statement, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said extensive spalling of the concrete and corrosion of the steel reinforcement in the kitchen blocks indicates that there is a risk of failure leading to collapse.

Many other areas of spalling were also noted, he added.

Notices of intention to apply for closure orders in Kowloon District Court at 9.30 a.m. on January 2 were posted today.

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"LUCKY" CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE

Another 20 "lucky" car number plates will be put up for auction this Saturday (December 1) at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Theatre.

The numbers are:

702	1911	5000	HK1331	HK7117
HK9191	AA2332	AA3113	AA3535	AB 81
AB 101	AB 456	AR 7	AR 18	AR 23
AR 39	AR 55	AR 66	AR 300	AR 800

Proceeds of the auction will be paid to the Government Lotteries Fund for charitable purposes.

Successful bidders at the auction will be required to pay in cash or cheque immediately after the bidding.

The vehicle registration mark will be assigned only to a vehicle which is registered in the name of the successful bidder within 12 months of the date of auction.

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U.N. FELLOWSHIP FOR MR. MILWARD

Mr. G.A. Milward, Senior Marine Officer (Planning) of the Marine Department has been granted a Fellowship to attend a United Nations Development Programme Seminar on cargo handling to be held in Singapore from December 3 to 13.

The Seminar, organised by the United Nations Development Organisation, is designed for senior management personnel with responsibilities for port operation and the speedy turnround of ships in port. Methods of identifying the bottlenecks to efficient movement of goods over the wharf will be discussed.

During Mr. Milward's absence, Mr. J.V. Mitchell, Marine Officer (Planning) will be responsible for press relations. His telephone number is 5-450181 ext. 219.

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REPLIES BY OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Note to Editors: Five Official Members of the Legislative Council will tomorrow reply to points raised by their Unofficial Colleagues during the debate on the motion of thanks for the Governor's address.

They are the Secretary for Social Services, the Hon. Li Fook-kow; the Director of Commerce and Industry, the Hon. D.H. Jordan; the Secretary for Housing, the Hon. I.M. Lightbody; the Director of Education, the Hon. J. Canning, and the Director of Medical and Health Services, the Hon. G.H. Choa.

Six other Officials will reply on Thursday (November 29).

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