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### SAFETY STANDARDS FOR QUARRY WORKERS RAISED

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New regulations under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance have been introduced to raise safety standards in Hong Kong's quarries.

The Quarries (Safety)(Amendment) Regulations, made by the Commissioner of Labour on October 12, 1973, were yesterday approved by resolution in the Legislative Council.

The Secretary for Social Services, Mr. F.K. Li, said that since the enactment of the original regulations four years ago, 10 of the 14 fatal accidents recorded in quarries had resulted from falls. In seven of the accidents, the workers had not been secured by safety ropes. In another case, the safety rope had broken.

As a result, the present amending regulations were introduced to offer a greater degree of safety to workers operating at a height on the face or top of quarries. The new regulations required a quarry proprietor to provide each of his workers with a safety harness, which the worker had to wear, and a safety rope, one end of which must be securely attached to the safety harness and the other to an anchorage.

"The regulations also impose a duty on a quarry supervisor to inspect anchorages, safety harnesses, ropes and helmets, and mechanical equipment," said Mr. Li.

A supervisor was also responsible for ensuring that no person should use such equipment until it had been put into safe and efficient working order.

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"The regulations will become effective on January 1, 1974. This will give quarry proprietors sufficient time to take steps to meet their new obligations," Mr. Li said.

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NEW MEMBER FOR COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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Mr. Alex Wu is away from Hong Kong at present and is therefore unable to serve on the three-man commission of inquiry into the recent oil leakage at Aplichau.

Mr. Peter P.K. Ng, Urban Councillor, J.P., has been appointed to serve on the commission in Mr. Wu's place.

The other two members of the commission are Mr. W.S. Collier, District Judge, (Chairman) and Professor S. MacKey, O.B.E., J.P.

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TOUR OF OIL AFFECTED AREAS

By Members Of Commission Of Inquiry

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The Commission of Inquiry into the recent oil leakage at Aplichau went on a preliminary inspection tour of the oil affected areas this morning.

The members took the chance to familiarise themselves with the problem and to ascertain the course of their inquiry.

Mr. W.S. Collier, District Judge (Chairman), and Professor S. MacKey (Member), were accompanied on the tour by an officer of the Marine Department and Mr. M. Williams of Shell Company who explained the measures taken to cope with the escaped oil.

They were first taken by a launch to Picnic Bay where oil booms were rigged round marine fish breeding cages by the shore.

The party then went to St. George's Bay where oil slicks and emulsified oil could still be seen along the coast, although it appeared that the oil patches had cleared up considerably.

Government launches and hired boats could be seen in these places and off Aplichau applying emulsifiers or using water jets to disperse emulsified oil.

At Aplichau, the two members of the Commission inspected the fracture in No. 7 storage tank from which the oil leaked out.

They were shown round by Shell's Operations Manager, Mr. W. Jervis, and an inspector of the company, Mr. K. Bradbourne. They were also briefed on structural aspects of the tank, the circumstances of the oil leakage and subsequent action.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph taken during the tour of the Shell Oil Installation at Aplichau will be distributed separately in G.I.S. press boxes this evening.

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PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN WESTERN DISTRICT DECLARED DANGEROUS

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The Building Authority today declared No. 20 Tsung Sau Lane West to be in a dangerous condition and No. 18 Tsung Sau Lane West liable to become dangerous.

In a statement, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that these three-storey pre-war buildings were inspected as part of a planned survey in the area.

During the inspection, it was discovered that there was badly defective brickwork, which could collapse, in the kitchen block of No. 20 Tsung Sau Lane West together with decayed timbers and defective reinforced concrete.

It is further considered that No. 18 Tsung Sau Lane West is liable to become dangerous during or after the demolition of house No. 20 and also house No. 16 which is already subject to a Closure Order.

Notices of intention of apply for Closure Orders in Victoria District Court was posted today. Hearing will start at 9.30 a.m. on December 17.

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DIPLOMA IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

Success For Assistant Smoke Inspector Of Labour Department

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Mr. Leung Yiu-sing, Assistant Smoke Inspector of the Labour Department, has passed an examination in air pollution control held in Hong Kong in September this year, and been awarded a diploma of the Royal Society of Health.

This was the second examination to be held by the Society, the first being in March, when three candidates passed.

The examination included two written papers and an oral test.

The syllabus covered a wide range of topics, including fuel technology, air pollution control and administration, and the general effect of pollution.

Mr. K. Higginson, Smoke Abatement Adviser of the Air Pollution Control Unit of the Labour Department, said the inspectors awarded diplomas had been working in his unit, and had acquired intensive theoretical and practical training.

Smoke inspectors are responsible for the monitoring work associated with air pollution.

Their duties include giving free and constructive advice to fuel users on the efficient use of fuel, and the reduction of smoke emission from their plants. They also have the duty to enforce the provisions of the Clean Air Ordinance and Regulations.

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## FORMER ADDICTS JOIN ANTI-DRUG FIGHT AS ENTERTAINERS

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Former opium and heroin addicts will give the Keep Hong Kong Drug-Free Campaign a boost on Saturday (November 17) when they stage a free variety show in Tsuen Wan.

The two-hour show, featuring Alumni Association members of the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts (SARDA), will get under way at 8 p. m. in the Sha Tsui Road Sports Ground, next to the Princess Alexandra Community Centre.

The programme for the show, sponsored by the Tsuen Wan Anti-Narcotics Action Group, an ad hoc sub-committee of the Action Committee Against Narcotics, includes lion dances, Mandarin vocalists, kung fu demonstrations, a lucky draw and plays aimed at educating people about the dangers of drug addiction.

Many official guests have been invited to see the show. They include the Tsuen Wan District Officer, Mr. J. S. Warren; the chairman of the Tsuen Wan Rural Committee, Mr. Chan Po-fong; the Tsuen Wan Police Divisional Superintendent, Mr. W. J. Roberts; the Education Department's Senior Education Officer, Mr. David Leung; the Assistant Superintendent of SARDA, Mr. William Tang; the Warden of the Princess Alexandra Community Centre, Mr. Alexander Fung; and the chairman of the Federation of Societies in Tsuen Wan, Mr. Wong Tak-yan.

During the evening, pennants of appreciation will be presented to service organisations, voluntary agencies and government departments involved in a special pilot scheme being held in Tsuen Wan as part of the three-month Keep Hong Kong Drug-Free Campaign.

The scheme has .....

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The scheme has been specially designed to educate people in the 12½ to 25 years of age group.

It features a special survey aimed at assessing the community's knowledge about dangerous drugs.

Information gathered in the survey, which is being carried out by market research teams, will be used by the Action Committee Against Narcotics to formulate plans for major campaigns in the future.

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PASSING OUT PARADE

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Note to Editors: Fifty-five officers of the Preventive Service will take part in a passing-out parade on Saturday (November 17) at the Marine Deck of the East Arm, New Government Pier.

They comprise 18 Probationary Revenue Inspectors and 37 Probationary Assistant Revenue Officers.

Mr. P.K.C. Wong, Assistant Director of the Commerce and Industry Department, will take the salute.

You are invited to cover the ceremony which will begin at 10 a.m.

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Release time: 6.30 p.m.