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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY PLANNING UNDERLINED

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THE SUCCESS OF FAMILY PLANNING IN HONG KONG ULTIMATELY DEPENDS ON THE FREE CHOICE AND GOOD SENSE OF PARENTS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

+WE HAVE OUR PLANS FOR MAKING GOOD IN THIS DECADE SOME OF THE DEFICIENCIES OF LIFE THAT RAPID INCREASE IN OUR POPULATION HAS PRODUCED WHETHER IN EDUCATION, HOUSING, SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH OR EVEN PUBLIC ORDER.

+BUT THESE PLANS COULD BE UTTERLY FRUSTRATED BY A NEW EXCESSIVE GROWTH IN POPULATION, WHETHER BY IMMIGRATION OR BY NATURAL INCREASE,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID WHEN OPENING THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION'S WORLD POPULATION YEAR PROGRAMME AT THE HILTON HOTEL THIS AFTERNOON.

SIR MURRAY EMPHASISED THAT THE FACILITIES AND ADVICE TO ENABLE PARENTS TO PLAN AND CONTROL THE EXPANSION OF THEIR FAMILIES MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A SUFFICIENTLY WIDE SCALE TO ENSURE THAT ALL WHO WISH TO USE THEM CAN DO SO.

HE NOTED THAT THIS YEAR ALL THE 32 CLINICS IN GOVERNMENT PREMISES FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE F.P.A. WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE, AND ANOTHER FIVE NEW CLINICS WOULD BE DEVELOPED IN OTHER GOVERNMENT CENTRES.

+THIS WILL ENABLE THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION TO TURN ITS ATTENTION TO NEW AREAS NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED, AND THUS GREATLY INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY BOTH THE ASSOCIATION AND THE GOVERNMENT AND MAKE THEM MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

ONCE HONG KONG HAS THE SERVICES TO OFFER ON A SUFFICIENT SCALE, SIR MURRAY SAID, WE COULD PROFITABLY TURN TO THE SECOND STAGE, WHICH WILL BE TO USE EVERY MEANS AVAILABLE TO ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS THAT SMALLER FAMILIES WILL BRING ARE MORE WIDELY UNDERSTOOD BY PARENTS.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE HAS FOR LONG LAIN AT THE HEART OF MOST SOCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG.

+WORLD POPULATION YEAR AND THIS SEMINAR,+ HE ADDED, +GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON IT, TO CONSIDER ALL ADVICE AND EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE, AND TO REVIEW OUR POLICY.+

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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BUSY DAY FOR LEGCO TOMORROW

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A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO CANNOT ENTER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE WATER SUPPLY SITUATION AND THE WEIGHT OF BREAD.

THE QUESTION OF SCHOOL LEAVING PRIMARY STUDENTS WILL BE RAISED AT THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE BY THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WHO WILL ALSO ASK WHETHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE CORRECT WEIGHT OF BREAD SOLD TO THE PUBLIC IS CLEARLY INDICATED ON THE PACKAGE.

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, MR. CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF +UNSIGHTLY ADVERTISEMENTS+ ON WALLS OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, HILL SLOPES AND LAMP POSTS.

THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON. WOO PAK-CHUEN, WILL ASK GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE WATER SITUATION AND WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY RATIONING THIS SUMMER.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BAPTIST COLLEGE'S QUALIFICATION STATUS, AND THE NEW CULTURAL COMPLEX AT TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE ASKED BY THE HON. WILSON WANG.

THE HON. ANN TSE-KAI WILL ASK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF CATEGORIES OF CIVIL SERVANTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PENSION OR ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF PENSION. HE WILL ALSO QUERY THE GOVERNMENT WHETHER THE +EXISTING LOW MAXIMUM PENALTY+ OF $1,000 FOR SMOKE POLLUTION CAUSED BY SHIPS WILL BE RAISED.

THE HON. JOYCE SYMONS WILL RAISE THE QUESTION OF ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY MECHANICAL DEVICES AND VEHICLES PROVIDED FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES IN AMUSEMENT PARKS AND WHAT FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SUCH ACCIDENTS. SHE WILL ALSO ASK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS AND RE-SUBMISSIONS OF BUILDING PLANS AWAITING APPROVAL AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF STILL OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO COMMENCE WORK.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS RELATE TO POST OFFICE BOXES, PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ESTATES FOR SPECIAL AND LAND-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER LICENSED AREAS, THE POSSIBLE USE OF PRISON LABOUR FOR RAISING CROPS AND FOR LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY, AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONSULTANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

IN ADDITION TO THE 14 QUESTIONS FROM UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDES THE INTRODUCTION OF FOUR NEW BILLS IN COUNCIL. THESE ARE: THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, THE ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL, AND THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILL -- THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL-WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL.

REPORTS TO BE TABLED INCLUDE THE 1972/73 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, AND THE ANNUAL SUMMARY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

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KEEPING HONG KONG GREEN

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TREE-PLANTING TIME IS HERE AGAIN AND THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CONSERVATION FIELD DAY 1974 -- FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TREE PLANTING FESTIVAL -- PLACES SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE PROMOTION OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION AMONG TRAINEE-TEACHERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY IT WAS HOPED THAT THE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED BY THE TRAINEES WOULD, IN TURN, BE PASSED ONTO SCHOOL CHILDREN IN FUTURE.

THE PROGRAMME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS FOR MANY YEARS TO GIVE THEM A KEENER APPRECIATION OF THE VALUES OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. PARTICULAR ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE IMPORTANCE OF VEGETATION AND TO THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY FIRE EROSION AND LITTER.

TODAY (TUESDAY), 50 STUDENTS FROM THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS AND WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS) TOOK PART IN THE OUTING.

THEY FIRST SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR AT GIN DRINKERS' BAY, KWAI CHUNG, TO STUDY THE DISPOSAL OF URBAN REFUSE. THE PARTY THEN LEFT FOR THE PINEAPPLE DAM NATURE TRAIL IN SHING MUN, TSUEN WAN, WHERE THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE MULTIPLE USES OF LAND, INCLUDING WATER GATHERING, FORESTRY, OUTDOOR RECREATION AND EDUCATION. THEY ALSO STUDIED THE VARIOUS TYPES OF VEGETATION IN THE AREA.

THE ACTUAL TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE SHING MUN FOREST PLANTATION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF EXPERIENCED FORESTERS. THE DAY'S PROGRAMME ENDED WITH A CONSERVATION TOUR VIA FORESTRY ROADS FROM SHING MUN TO TAI PO KAU.

SIMILAR TREE PLANTING EVENTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR 160 STUDENTS AND LECTURERS OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON FRIDAY (APRIL 26) AND FOR ANOTHER 160 FROM THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON JUNE 12.

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BY OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS ARRANGED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS BEFORE EACH FIELD DAY IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM SOME ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE ON THE SUBJECT.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 3,500 TREES WILL BE PLANTED THROUGH THEIR EFFORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TREE PLANTING EVENT ON FRIDAY (APRIL 26). PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD REPORT TO MR. T.T. LIU AT 9 A.M. SHARP ON THAT DAY AT THE FOOT OF THE SLOPE LEADING TO THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD NEAR THE SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY BUILDING. THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES TO MR. LIU OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 5-778311, EXT. 156, NOT LATER THAN 12 NOON TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ARRANGEMENT OF LUNCH AND TRANSPORT.

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MORE JOIN TRADE UNIONS

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THE MEMBERSHIP OF ALL REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS IN HONG KONG REACHED 306,721 AT THE START OF THIS YEAR -- AN INCREASE OF 44,792 OVER THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

THIS FIGURE WAS COMPILED FROM DECLARATIONS RETURNED FROM A TOTAL OF 340 TRADE UNIONS -- 284 EMPLOYEES' UNIONS, 44 EMPLOYERS' UNIONS AND 12 MIXED EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS' UNIONS -- WHICH WERE ON THE REGISTER ON JANUARY 1, 1974.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE REGISTRY OF TRADE UNIONS, AS AT THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER THIS YEAR, THESE UNIONS OPERATED 336 UNDERTAKINGS FOR THEIR MEMBERS, INCLUDING 75 BRANCHES, 14 SCHOOLS, 45 CLINICS AND 202 BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

THE TOTAL INCOME OF TRADE UNIONS IN 1973 WAS $28,680,282, AN INCREASE OF $6,679,418 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THIS AMOUNT WAS MADE UP OF ABOUT $9.35 MILLION FROM MEMBERS BY WAY OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ABOUT $19.33 MILLION FROM OTHER SOURCES, MAINLY FROM SCHOOLS, CLINICS, DONATIONS, INTEREST FROM BANKS AND BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

SIX WARNING LETTERS WERE ISSUED BY THE REGISTRY DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS THIS YEAR FOR CONTRAVENTION OF UNION RULES.

THESE WARNINGS WERE ISSUED FOR EXCESS CASH BALANCE, INSUFFICIENT NOTICE FOR CONVENING A GENERAL MEETING, FAILURE TO HOLD ELECTION BY SECRET BALLOT, FAILURE TO HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONSTITUTIONALLY, UNCONSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION OF UNION FUNDS, AND FAILURE TO COLLECT FEES ACCORDING TO REGISTERED RULES.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED ON MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND, AND IS EARMARKED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE SECOND, SITUATED ON WAI TSAI PEAK, PENG CHAU ISLAND, IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

EACH LOT MEASURES ABOUT 4,000 SQUARE FEET.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 A.M. ON MAY 7 IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS) ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON AND AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

SALE PLANS OF THE TWO LOTS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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DAY OF FUN FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS OF YUEN LONG WILL BE TREATED TO A SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT ON THURSDAY (APRIL 25) WHICH IS THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE YUEN LONG SPORT ASSOCIATION AND THE ARMY, THE DAY-LONG PROGRAMME INCLUDES FILM SHOWS, CONCERTS, AND OPERA, DOG SHOW AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS.

THE ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 10.30 A.M. WITH FREE FILM SHOWS FOR 4,000 SCHOOL STUDENTS. IN THE AFTERNOON, THERE WILL BE A CONCERT, A CHINESE OPERA AND A CHESS COMPETITION.

ON THE SPORTING SIDE, THERE WILL BE FOOTBALL AND BASKET-BALL MATCHES. FOOTBALL FANS WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH A FIRST DIVISION MATCH BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND 48TH GURKHA BRIGADE COMBINED TEAM. THE MATCH STARTS AT 5 P.M. DURING HALF TIME, THERE WILL BE A SKY-DIVING EXHIBITION.

AT 7.30 P.M. THERE WILL BE A POLICE DOG SHOW AT YUEN LONG STADIUM. MUSIC WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE R.H.K.P.F. AND THE 48TH GURKHA BRIGADE.

LATER IN THE EVENING, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL HOST A DINNER FOR RURAL LEADERS IN THE HEUNG YEE KUK SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG.

MR. AKERS-JONES WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO COMPETITORS OF THE VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS.

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F.S. LEAVES FOR A.D.B. MEETING

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, LEFT FOR KUALA LUMPUR THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

MR. HADDON-CAVE, WHO IS GOVERNOR FOR HONG KONG ON THE BOARD, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. K.Y. YEUNG, ASSISTANT ECONOMIC SECRETARY, AND MR. A.D. OCKENDEN, COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

THE DELEGATION HOPES TO SECURE FURTHER LOANS FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR SELF-LIQUIDATING PROJECTS.

THE CONFERENCE BEGINS ON THURSDAY (APRIL 25) AND CLOSES ON SATURDAY, AFTER WHICH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL PROCEED ON LEAVE, ACCOMPANIED WITH MRS. HADDON-CAVE.

MR. YEUNG AND MR. OCKENDEN ARE DUE TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY.

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HONG KONG AFFECTED BY CANADIAN POSTAL STRIKE

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT DUE TO A POSTAL STRIKE THROUGHOUT CANADA, THE CANADIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT AIR-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE THEREFORE ASKED NOT TO POST LETTERS OR PARCELS BY AIR FOR DESTINATIONS IN CANADA.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL SAID IT MUST BE EXPECTED THAT BOTH SURFACE AND AIR-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE ARRIVING IN CANADA DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DELAY IN DELIVERY.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON MAY 3, 1973 ON WAN MUI-MUI BE COMMUTED TO A TERM OF 25 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON CHAU CHEUK-YIN, LAI FAI AND LIU SIM-SHUN SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A TERM OF 22 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT IN EACH CASE.

CHAU, LAI, WAN AND LIU WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHAN KWOK-CHEONG.

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PROVISIONAL LEGCO APPOINTMENTS

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MR. H.M.G. FORSGATE AND MR. KENNETH LO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED PROVISIONAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OF THE HON. G.M. SAYER AND HON. LEE QUO-WEI.

THE APPOINTMENTS TOOK EFFECT FROM YESTERDAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR GARDEN PARTY

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THURSDAY (APRIL 25) AFTERNOON TO ASSIST GUESTS ARRIVING AND DEPARTING FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE DURING A GARDEN PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

BETWEEN 3.30 P.M. AND 5.30 P.M. THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM ROBINSON ROAD TO ALBANY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC. THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ARBUTHNOT ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WYNDHAM STREET, WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRANCHISED BUSES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT ALL EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CAINE ROAD WILL TURN LEFT INTO OLD BAILEY STREET, APART FROM FLAG CARS, LABELLED CARS, FRANCHISED BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES OVER TWO TONS.

ALL TRAFFIC, ENTERING UPPER ALBERT ROAD FROM GLENEALY, WILL TURN LEFT, AND PROCEED BY WAY OF ARBUTHNOT ROAD= AND ALL EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WYNDHAM STREET, WILL TURN LEFT DOWN WYNDHAM STREET, AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON GLENEALY, WILL TURN RIGHT AT ITS JUNCTION WITH WYNDHAM STREET.

CARS CARRYING GUESTS MAY ENTER GOVERNMENT HOUSE BY THE MAIN GATE AND AFTER PASSENGERS HAVE ALIGHTED THE CARS MUST LEAVE BY THE EAST GATE.

TO ASSIST WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW AND TO PROVIDE PARKING FACILITIES FOR GUESTS, THE EXISTING PARKING SPACES IN WYNDHAM STREET= THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN UPPER ALBERT AND LOWER ALBERT ROADS= LOWER ALBERT ROAD= THE SLIP ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE= AND THE KENNEDY ROAD CAR PARK, UNDER COTTON TREE DRIVE, WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 1 P.M. UNTIL 5.30 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GUESTS. CARS BEARING RED GOVERNMENT HOUSE LABELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE FORECOURT AND THOSE WITH WHITE LABELS ON THE TENNIS COURTS. CARS BEARING BLUE LABELS SHOULD PARK AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE COMPOUND= THE SLIP ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE CONSULATE= THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN UPPER ALBERT AND LOWER ALBERT ROADS= LOWER ALBERT ROAD= OR THE KENNEDY ROAD CAR PARK.

CARS BEARING NO OFFICIAL LABELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARKS.

THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL OPERATE A SPECIAL BUS SERVICE BETWEEN THE STAR FERRY AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE FROM 3.30 P.M. TO 5.30 P.M.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO MOTORISTS TO AVOID THE GENERAL AREA OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE BETWEEN 3.30 P.M. AND 5.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, UNLESS THEIR JOURNEY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

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LET'S NOT BE STRANGERS URGES MR. BRAY

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HONG KONG CANNOT AFFORD TO BE A CITY OF STRANGERS, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY.

+WE HAVE TO DEPEND ON EACH OTHER, AND THAT GOES FOR THE GOVERNMENT AS MUCH AS FOR THE ORDINARY CITIZEN,+ HE TOLD A MEETING OF THE KIWANIS CLUB.

SOMETIMES, HE SAID, HE SUSPECTED THAT HONG KONG'S SOCIETY HAD BECOME SO COMPETITIVE, AND SO IMPERSONAL THAT THE INSTINCT OF THE ORDINARY CITIZEN IS TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY INTO HIMSELF AND TO DISPENSE WITH TIES OF ANY KIND EXCEPT WITH HIS CLOSEST RELATIVES. +WE MUST FIGHT THAT INSTINCT,+ HE STRESSED.

HE ADDED: +I HOPE WE HAVE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN RECENT YEARS THAT WE WANT TO COMMUNICATE, THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED TO COMMUNICATE. AND I DRAW COMFORT FROM THAT UNMISTAKABLE EVIDENCE THAT THE PUBLIC RECIPROCATE THIS DESIRE.+

MR. BRAY FELT THAT ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING AVENUES FOR DEVELOPING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY IS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

SEVERAL SUCH CENTRES ALREADY EXIST AND HAVE BEEN FUNCTIONING FOR YEARS, FULFILLING A ROLE EQUIVALENT TO THE 'VILLAGE HALL' IN THE SMALLER AND MORE CLOSELY-KNIT RURAL COMMUNITY, HE NOTED.

TURNING TO COMMUNITY LIFE IN URBAN AREAS, MR. BRAY SAID: +IT IS IN THE OLDER AREAS THAT THE REGIONALISATION OF THE DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE COMMUNITY IS BEING STRENGTHENED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS, COMMUNITY YOUTH OFFICERS, URBAN SERVICES OFFICERS, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS.

AS TO THE FUTURE, HE SAID THAT IT MIGHT WELL BE THAT OTHER ASPECTS OF ADMINISTRATION REQUIRING DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE MIGHT ALSO BE DEALT WITH IN THIS WAY.

+THERE IS NO DOCTRINE OR POLICY ABOUT THIS BUT WHAT HAS MADE SENSE IN SEVERAL FIELDS ALREADY MAY WELL EMERGE AS SENSE IN OTHERS, FOR INSTANCE PERHAPS IN RECREATION AND SPORT+, HE ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. BRAY'S SPEECH ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1974.

CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALES 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
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEW		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.12
S.C.JIEN		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.06
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	2.01
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.90
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.70
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	-
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	-
PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	-

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE ($/CATTY) HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.70	2.50	3.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.40	0.60	1.60
SQUID	NORMAL	4.00	2.00	3.50
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.60	0.60	1.10
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.00	1.50	2.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.30	1.00	1.60
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.70	1.20	1.50
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	NORMAL	3.50	2.50	3.00
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.00	0.50	1.50
MACKERELS	GOOD	3.20	2.70	3.00
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.90	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	1.40	0.60	1.00
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.00	2.50	4.00
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.40	1.40	2.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	8.50	8.80
GAROUPAS	NORMAL	7.50	5.00	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	--	--	--	--

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(VMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE ($/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.60	0.60	1.2[illegible]
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.50	0.20	0.30
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	1.40	0.30	1.00
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.20	0.50	0.80
SPRING ONION	GOOD	0.70	0.20	0.50
SPINACH	SCARCE	0.80	0.30	0.60
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.40	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	1.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK ($/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - 305 (AVERAGE)

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