



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1976

NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR BRITISH FORCES

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN BUILDING A NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BRITISH FORCES.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW 27-STORY COMPLEX, TO BE BUILT ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE H.M.S. TAMAR, ARE NOW BEING CALLED.

THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR COMPLEX IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ITEMS IN THE P.W.D.'S BUILDING PROGRAMME TO REHOUSE BRITISH MILITARY UNITS NOW BASED AT VICTORIA BARRACKS AND R.A.F. KAI TAK.

THE PROGRAMME -- COSTING \$174 MILLION -- FOLLOWS A TIGHT SCHEDULE AIMED AT HAVING THE NEW SERVICE FACILITIES READY IN TIME FOR ABOUT 65 HECTARES OF MILITARY LAND TO BE HANDED BACK TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN KEEPING WITH THE NEW DEFENCE COST AGREEMENT.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE 48.5-HECTARE KAI TAK SITE IS DUE TO BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BY MARCH 31, 1978 AND THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SITE OF 16.5 HECTARES BY MARCH 31, 1979.

ITEMS IN THE BUILDING PROGRAMME INCLUDE NEW SERVICE FACILITIES IN EXISTING CAMPS SUCH AS SHEK KONG, OSBORN BARRACKS, STANLEY FORT AND GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS FOR VARIOUS SERVICES FROM BOTH KAI TAK AND VICTORIA BARRACKS.

WORK ON THESE IS PROGRESSING ON A WIDE FRONT AND MORE CONTRACTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AWARDED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

MR. CHUI HAY-MAN, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY BUILDING WORK ON THE NEW HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX WOULD BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SITE FOR THE COMPLEX HAD ALREADY BEEN CLEARED AND PILING WORK WAS PROGRESSING WELL.

+THE COMPLEX WILL BASICALLY CONSIST OF A 22-STORY TOWER BUILT OVER A FIVE-STORY PODIUM,+ SAID MR. CHUI.

/+THE PODIUM

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+THE PODIUM WILL COVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,800 SQUARE METRES. IT WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR CAR PARKS, A CHURCH, THREE SQUASH COURTS, A GYMNASIUM, A SHOOTING RANGE, STORE ROOMS AND SOME OFFICES.

+THE TOWER BLOCK WILL MAINLY CONTAIN OFFICES ON THE LOWER FLOORS WHILE THE UPPER FLOORS WILL BE TAKEN UP BY MESSSES, AND SINGLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL AND OTHER FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

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DUTCH AUTHORITIES RESUME ISSUE OF IMPORT
LICENCES FOR HONG KONG TEXTILES

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT IT HAD RECEIVED FORMAL CONFIRMATION FROM THE EEC COMMISSION THAT THE DUTCH AUTHROITIES WILL RESUME THE ISSUE OF IMPORT LICENCES FOR TEXTILE EXPORTS FROM HONG KONG.

THE CONFIRMATION FOLLOWS CONSULTATIONS HELD IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK.

EXPORTERS WITH TEXTILE GOODS HELD UP IN DUTCH PORTS, IN PARTICULAR GOODS FALLING WITHIN CATEGORIES 8 (WOVEN TROUSERS) AND 13 (WOVEN NIGHTWEAR), ARE ADVISED TO INFORM THEIR IMPORTERS IN HOLLAND TO RE-SUBMIT THEIR IMPORT LICENCE APPLICATIONS TO THE DUTCH AUTHROITIES.

THE PROBLEM HAD EARLIER ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE DUTCH AUTHORITIES' REFUSAL TO ISSUE IMPORT LICENCES EVEN THOUGH SHIPMENTS HAD BEEN COUNTED AGAINST QUOTAS BEFORE THEY LEFT HONG KONG.

A COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE ISSUE OF LICENCES, THE SITUATION SHOULD QUICKLY RETURN TO NORMAL.

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TSUEN WAN FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTEE SHOWS RESULTS
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TSUEN WAN'S FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTEE, FORMED ONLY NINE MONTHS AGO, IS ALREADY TURNING UP POSITIVE RESULTS - ESPECIALLY IN THE BIG ESTATES IN THE NEW TOWN.

SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE ATTRIBUTE A +TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT+ IN THE CRIME SITUATION AT THE TAI WOR HAU ESTATE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO A SHARPLY INCREASED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIMINALS.

TSUEN WAN'S DISTRICT OFFICER (URBAN), MR. HAROLD KWOK, SAID TODAY: +THE COMMITTEE DECIDED FROM THE OUTSET THAT IF IT WAS GOING TO HAVE ANY EFFECT IN HELPING THE POLICE, THEN WE HAD TO INVOLVE THE LOCAL PEOPLE VERY CLOSELY.

+WE HAVE MANAGED TO DO THIS AND THE RESULTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN REASSURING, ALTHOUGH WE KNOW WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO YET.+

ONE WAY IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE - HEADED BY INDUSTRIALIST MR. FRANCIS TIEN - HAS BEEN ABLE TO INVOLVE LOCAL PEOPLE HAS BEEN BY CO-OPTING THEM TO A SERIES OF SUB-COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE TASK OF TACKLING THE PROBLEM AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL BY IDENTIFYING +BLACK SPOTS+ IN PARTICULAR AREAS.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW INVOLVED IN THESE SUB-COMMITTEES WHICH DEAL WITH CRIME IN THE HOUSING ESTATES, SCHOOLS AND INDUSTRIAL AND RURAL AREAS.

THE FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME SUB-COMMITTEE AT TAI WOR HAU HAS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THREE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, KAIFONG ASSOCIATION AND THE SHOP/TENANTS ASSOCIATION.

IT IS CHAIRED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TSUEN WAN TAI WOR HAU KWAI CHUNG ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY PROJECT, MISS ROSANNA CHAN.

SAYS MISS CHAN: +THERE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION IN TAI WOR HAU AND THE COMMITTEE, WITH ITS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES, MUST TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF CREDIT.

+THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE ARE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WELL WITH OTHER RESIDENTS.

+THE OTHER RESIDENTS TRUST THEM AND FEED THEM WITH INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OR POTENTIAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

+THE OTHER MAJOR FACTOR IS THE GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUTHORITIES INVOLVED - THE POLICE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

+THEY TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY THEY ARE CALLED.+

/MR. KWOK

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MR. KWOK SAYS THE SUB-COMMITTEE SYSTEM IS BEING EXTENDED FROM ESTATE TO ESTATE AND +EVENTUALLY WE HOPE ALL THE ESTATES IN THE NEW TOWN WILL HAVE THEM.+

+IN THE MEANTIME, THE MAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MR. TIEN RECEIVES A LOT OF VALUABLE FEEDBACK,+ HE SAID.

+AT OUR LAST MEETING, FOR INSTANCE, WE WERE TOLD THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BURGLARIES AT SHEK LEI ESTATE, WHICH HAS 66,000 PEOPLE, MAINLY CAUSED BY RESIDENTS LEAVING DOORS UNLOCKED.

+HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY TOOK ACTION TO WARN THE RESIDENTS ABOUT THIS AND SINCE THEN THE INCIDENCE OF BURGLARIES REPORTED TO THE POLICE HAS DROPPED OFF.+

MR. KWOK SAID THE HEADMASTERS HAD BEEN CO-OPTED TO THE SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE, WORKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA SUB-COMMITTEE AND RURAL LEADERS TO THE RURAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

EACH COMMITTEE IS CARRYING OUT SURVEYS TO IDENTIFY CRIME +BLACK SPOTS+ WHICH ARE FED TO THE TSUEN WAN POLICE FOR CROSS CHECKING.

TSUEN WAN'S DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, MR. GEORGE CHAN, SAYS THE WORK OF THE LOCAL FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES HAD GREATLY HELPED POLICE WORK.

+WHEN WE RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON +BLACK SPOTS+ WE CHECK IT OUT AND TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY, SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MOBILE PATROL, OR THE POSTING OF BEAT POLICEMEN,+ HE SAYS.

+WE ALSO SEND IN A MAN FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION SIDE TO GIVE ADVICE TO PEOPLE WHO MAY BE AFFECTED IN A +BLACK SPOT+ AREA.

+THE MOST GRATIFYING PART HAS BEEN THE IMPROVED PUBLIC REACTION TO POLICE WORK AND A GREATER INVOLVEMENT BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN TRYING TO HELP US BEAT THE CRIME PROBLEMS.+

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT TA KU LING
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT TA KU LING RURAL COMMITTEE FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY FOR 2 DAYS FROM NOVEMBER 22 (MONDAY).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING THE AGE OF 18.

REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS. THEY SHOULD REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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A CHANGE OF HOME IS AS GOOD AS A REST

For the past six months Mr. Lai Ming-chan has been rising early to travel from his home at Chai Wan to his place at work at Tsuen Wan - more than 13 miles, and a total daily travelling time of over three hours.

At the same time Mr. Cheung Ping-wah would make the same daily journey, changing buses three times, but in the opposite direction. Mr. Cheung lived at Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan and travelled to work at Chai Wan.

Now, after a little help from the Housing Department's recently formed Tenants Mutual Exchange Bureau, Mr. Lai and Mr. Cheung live on the doorstep of their respective employments.

The Bureau, set up in August, is designed to aid people like Mr. Lai and Mr. Cheung, who occupy public housing but for some reason or another would prefer to live in another district.

All applications to the Mutual Exchange Bureau are sorted and classified, and where possible suitable exchanges are arranged.

The usual reason for tenants wishing to move is a need to be nearer to work. However, the Bureau has experienced many other situations in which tenants request a change of neighbourhood. These range from quarrels with the neighbours, to seeking a lower rental unit, the desirability for children to be closer to school and many other personal reasons.

As for the Lai family and their new friends the Cheungs, they have now completed a successful exchange of flats. And everybody is happy with the new arrangement.

Mr. Cheung said that the Bureau had helped to bring more happiness to his family.

"Now, I really feel like a father because I have more time to look after my wife and children."

"Besides, the exchange allows more time for me to relax and enjoy various entertainment in the evenings."

The exchange also makes it possible for Mr. Cheung to save transport expenses. In addition Mr. Cheung's new home is a lower rental unit. All this has placed him in a better financial position.

Despite the fact that when Mr. Lai moved to Lei Muk Shue his monthly rental went up, he is also quite contented.

Mr. Lai, father of three and an assistant in a bookstore at Lei Muk Shue, said that previously he had to spend at least three hours travelling each day to and from his home at Chai Wan to the estate where he is now living.

"I had to leave by 7.30 a.m. to make sure I was not late for work. But now it's a different story. I'm at work in just five minutes."

"It is true the rent at Lei Muk Shue is higher, but on the other hand the additional expense has been covered by the savings in travelling costs. I also enjoy the extra sleep!" he said.

The Bureau was founded on August 3, 1976 to offer guidance for those seeking an exchange of flats. Since then more than 1,267 applications have been received and of these more than 500 have been offered flats in different locations.