



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HIGH ISLAND ADVANCES ONE STAGE FURTHER

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AN IMPORTANT STAGE OF WORK ON THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WAS COMPLETED THIS WEEKEND WHEN THE LAST OF 6,619 MASSIVE CONCRETE +DOLOS+ UNITS WAS LOWERED INTO POSITION ON THE CREST OF THE EAST SEA COFFER DAM.

THE DOLOS UNITS, WEIGHING 25 TONS EACH AND LOOKING RATHER LIKE LARGE, CONCRETE SEA-ANCHORS, FORM A PROTECTIVE INTERLOCKING SYSTEM ON THE SEAWARD SIDE OF THE DAM, WHICH WILL HAVE TO WITHSTAND SEA FORCES WHICH CAN BE GENERATED FROM FAR OUT IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

THE DOLOS +WALL+ WILL BREAK UP THE FORCE OF THE WAVES. THE PLACING OF THE LAST UNIT ON FRIDAY (MAY 16) MEANS THAT THE SEAWARD DEFENCES OF THE EASTERN DAM ARE NOW COMPLETE AND THE DAM IS +TYPHOON-PROOF+, A WATERWORKS OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE WORK OF PLACING THE UNITS HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE MAIN CONTRACTOR ON THE HIGH ISLAND DAMS, THE VIANINI COMPANY OF ITALY.

THIS WORK HAS INVOLVED THE CASTING OF THE UNITS ON A RESERVOIR FACTORY SITE AND CARRYING THEM BY SPECIALLY ADAPTED DUMPER TRUCKS TO THE DAM, WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN LOWERED INTO POSITION BY A GIANT CRANE.

THE OPERATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT ONE ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO ANY WORKER, THE GOVERNMENT'S RESIDENT ENGINEER, MR. JIM ASPDEN, NOTED TODAY.

THE RESERVOIR IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IMPOUNDING WATER NEXT YEAR. MAJOR WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1979, WHEN ITS CAPACITY WILL BE 60,000 MILLION GALLONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE PLACING OF THE LAST DOLOS UNIT ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

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BAPTIST COLLEGE IS 19 TODAY

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY THAT EXAMINATIONS ARE NO MORE THAN MILESTONES MARKING A SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AT SOME TIME.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 19TH FOUNDER'S DAY DEDICATION SERVICE OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE.

MR. BRAY SAID: +STUDENTS AND TEACHERS SOMETIMES SET TOO GREAT A STORE BY THE CERTIFICATE ITSELF AS THOUGH A GOOD CERTIFICATE WERE RATHER LIKE ALADIN'S LAMP THAT ON DUSTING IT OFF FROM TIME TO TIME IT WOULD ENSURE A PLENTIFUL FLOW OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE.

+OF COURSE IT IS NOTHING OF THAT SORT,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO CERTIFICATES EMBODYING RESULTS, MR. BRAY SAID: +THEY ARE NOT PASSPORTS. THEY MARK A STATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND HELP TO DETERMINE WHAT SHOULD COME NEXT.+

WHEN A MAN IS CONSIDERED FOR A JOB OR PROMOTION OR AN ASSIGNMENT, HE STRESSED, THE MILESTONES OF HIS EXAMINATIONS BECOME PROGRESSIVELY MORE OBSCURE AND LESS IMPORTANT THE FURTHER THEY ARE AWAY.

+INSTEAD THE MAN IS JUDGED ON WHAT HE IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE IN THE MUCH MORE RECENT PAST. THIS IN TURN DEPENDS VERY MUCH MORE ON THE FULLNESS AND ROUNDNESS OF THE EDUCATION ORIGINALLY RECEIVED AND BUILT ON IN LIFE THAN ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.+

MR. BRAY SAID: +EDUCATION IS A MATTER OF LEARNING TO LIVE LIFE AS IT IS FOUND.+

HE URGED THE STUDENTS TO DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY AND DEVOTE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF ENERGY TO GETTING A GOOD EXAMINATION RESULT.

HOWEVER, HE EMPHASISED THAT IN THE LONG RUN IT IS NOT THE PRINTING ON A PIECE OF PAPER THAT MATTERS.

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### INCREASE IN FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU INSPECTIONS

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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT 14,019 INSPECTIONS IN APRIL, A RISE OF 12 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH'S FIGURE.

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TO 54,063, OF WHICH ABOUT A HALF WERE IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS.

THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO A RISE IN THE NUMBER OF VENTILATION SYSTEMS INSPECTED.

A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BUREAU HAD RECEIVED MORE INQUIRIES ABOUT AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATIONS FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF WARMER WEATHER. THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS IN THIS CATEGORY WAS 1,241, COMPARED WITH 697 IN MARCH.

AS IN THE PAST, MOST OF THE INSPECTIONS WERE CONNECTED WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM BUILDINGS (5,645) AND 1,312 WERE RELATED TO GENERAL COMPLAINTS.

THERE WAS A BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS INSPECTED DURING APRIL. FROM 2,065 IN MARCH IT WENT UP TO 2,894. ONE VEHICLE WAS INSPECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW SYSTEM OF LICENSING DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES ANNUALLY.

OTHER INSPECTIONS WERE: DANGEROUS GOODS (907), FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS (400), NEON SIGNS (6), PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (98), RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS (302), SCHOOLS (317), TIMBER YARDS AND STORAGE (32) AND MISCELLANEOUS (67). ELEVEN FIRES WERE INVESTIGATED.

IN ADDITION, THE BUREAU FINALISED 658 PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, ISSUED OR RENEWED 353 DANGEROUS GOODS LICENSES AND SEVEN TIMBER LICENSES, AND ALSO GAVE 18 LECTURES ON FIRE PREVENTION. OVER 500 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED- 100 PROSECUTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN RESULTING IN FINES TOTALLING \$39,145 BEING IMPOSED.

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NEW MEMBER OF CONSUMER COUNCIL

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THE HEADMISTRESS OF THE YUEN LONG PRIMARY SCHOOL, MRS. SIEH LO LAU-SIM, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

MRS. SIEH IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICULARLY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT MRS. SIEH HAD INDICATED HER WILLINGNESS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL AND TO PUT FORWARD NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HER ONE YEAR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL TOOK EFFECT FROM APRIL 8.

SHE IS THE LAST OF THE SEVEN NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

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