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INCREASED FEES AT ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR**Local Education Allowances For Government Servants**

Fees at English speaking schools will be raised from January 1, 1973 to \$1,150 a year at primary schools and \$2,050 a year at secondary schools.

These new fees were announced at today's meeting of the Legislative Council by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. S.T. Kidd, in reply to a question by the Senior Unofficial Member, the Hon. P.C. Woo.

At the same time, the Acting Colonial Secretary announced that the Government, as an employer, would also be introducing local education allowances for its own employees as from the new year.

Mr. Kidd said: "The Report of the 1971 Salaries Commission pointed to the need for these, leaving details for later consideration.

"The intention now is to grant suitable allowances covering part of the additional cost of schooling for those children whose parents have no choice but to pay more than basic charges."

A Government spokesman gave as examples that in appropriate cases in the primary school sector, parents paying fees of \$100 per annum would receive allowances of \$60 a year; and parents paying \$1,150 per annum would receive \$690.

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In the secondary school sector, parents paying \$500 a year would receive \$60 a year whilst parents paying \$2,050 would receive \$990.

In its report, the Select Committee of the Legislative Council examined costs of English speaking schools and made certain observations about how the principle of parity should be implemented.

Degree Of Uniformity

Mr. Kidd told Legislative Council: "It accordingly found that fees in the English speaking schools should become \$1,000 per annum at Government and \$1,640 per annum at Foundation primary schools; and \$1,500 per annum at Government and \$2,450 per annum at Foundation secondary schools.

"It nevertheless commented on the desirability of maintaining a reasonable degree of uniformity in fee levels at these schools, and suggested how this might be done.

"Both the Foundation and the Parent-Teacher Associations' Joint Council subsequently stressed the need for uniformity."

Continuing, the Acting Colonial Secretary said: "It is now proposed to work out suitable means of putting the Foundation and Government schools on to a common basis, with agreed staffing ratios, salary scales and so on.

"It is also proposed to examine the case for spreading some costs which now fall on the Foundation but which might more equitably be a charge on the whole English School system."

Mr. Kidd emphasised that this would take time though the intention was to complete the task during 1973.

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"Meanwhile it would, against the background I have explained, be undesirable for fees to diverge sharply. Moreover, their temporary divergence could not easily be justified when (as the Select Committee itself recognised) the present costs of the two groups of schools are difficult, if not quite impossible, to compare with precision."

In the circumstances, Mr. Kidd said, "the fairest interim arrangement possible is to calculate fees by taking the levels mentioned by the Select Committee and producing average figures, weighted to reflect the number of places at Government and Foundation schools respectively."

After announcing the revised school fees for 1973, the Acting Colonial Secretary said details of the grants payable during next year to the English Schools Foundation had been agreed with all concerned. "These will enable it to operate viably," he added.

Commenting on the revised school fees, the Government spokesman said: "There is no doubt that any marked difference in fees would be inequitable. Whether a child attends a Government or a Foundation school is at present largely determined by where the parents happen to live."

The spokesman concluded by saying remission arrangements in respect of these school fees would, for the time being, remain unchanged and needy parents would not therefore suffer as a result of these increases.

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LITTER COURTS BEING SET UP

Courts are to be set up to deal exclusively with litter offences as a result of the Magistrates (Amendment) Bill 1972 which is concerned with the "Keep Hong Kong Clean" Campaign.

The Acting Attorney General, the Hon. G.R. Sneath, said today the Bill provides for a statutory form of notice to be handed to any suspected litter offender, specifying the time and date when he is required to appear before a named magistracy.

He said he had been informed by the Registrar of the Supreme Court that in each of the magistracies to be named in these forms, a magistrate or J.Ps. would sit at the times specified to deal exclusively with litter offences.

He was speaking in the Legislative Council while moving the second reading of the Bill.

Should a person fail to comply with one of these notices, the magistrate may issue a warrant for the person to be brought before him.

Where a warrant had to be issued and executed, he added, the Bill requires a magistrate to "mulct" the person concerned in costs amounting to not less than \$20 nor more than \$400.

He said this provision was mandatory indicating that such costs should be payable whether or not a person was convicted.

The Attorney General said he would be moving an amendment to the Bill providing that the date to be specified in the notice should be not less than three clear days, instead of within 24 hours, after it was handed to the person concerned.

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Speaking in support of the Bill, the Hon. Oswald Cheung said this amendment would be welcomed because "it does seem to me that to require a person to appear within 24 hours before magistrates is somewhat draconian".

It was somewhat demanding, he added, to require a person to rearrange his affairs in such a short span of time, and he might not be able to put his case together nor get legal advice in that time.

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MEETING SOON ON URBAN COUNCIL REORGANISATION

The first meeting between the Finance and General Purposes Select Committee of the Urban Council and the officials who have been working on the proposals in the White Paper on the Urban Council will take place later this month.

This was stated today by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. S.T. Kidd, in the Legislative Council in reply to the Hon. R.H. Lobo.

Mr. Lobo had asked when talks were scheduled to take place between the Government and the Urban Council to ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities on April 1, 1973.

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"PHYTO-PLANKTON" ENCOUNTERED BY SWIMMERS?

The Acting Director of Urban Services, the Hon. A.P. Richardson, today explained that the most likely cause of an oil like substance encountered by swimmers earlier this month was probably "phyto-plankton".

Speaking in the Legislative Council in reply to a question by the Hon. Wilfred Wong, he said that these brown-coloured floating plant organisms contained natural oils and were quite common in Hong Kong waters at this time of the year.

Mr. Richardson emphasised that the substance is quite harmless and although it may cling to one's body, it is not too difficult to remove.

He said that his department had no knowledge of "oil saturated mud" floating in Repulse Bay on August 6, but there had been a fair amount of this phyto-plankton in the area over the past week or so.

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POLLUTION BOOM MEETS WITH LIMITED SUCCESS

A modified oil boom, used in an experiment to protect beaches from pollution by refuse as well as oil, has had only limited success.

The Acting Director of Urban Services, the Hon. A.P. Richardson, said in the Legislative Council today that the boom itself had not proved to be high enough and the net below had been damaged on several occasions.

He said it was too soon to give an opinion on the durability of the boom under Hong Kong's conditions.

In the meantime, the department was seeking information about a variety of different booms from known suppliers and beach authorities in other parts of the world to determine which type was best suited to the needs of Hong Kong.

"On the one hand we need fairly sturdy booms to prevent the flow of refuse, while on the other we need booms which can be readily removed with the approach of typhoon," Mr. Richardson explained.

He was replying to a question by the Hon. Wilfred Wong.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

Water supply to the So Uk Estate in Sham Shui Po will be interrupted for five hours from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Friday, August 18.

The temporary stoppage is to enable the Water Works Office to carry out a leakage test in the area.

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CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Road improvement measures are being designed to give adequate capacity for weekend and weekday traffic on Clearwater Bay Road.

Plans are also being considered for an alternative route along the south side of Tolo Channel to the Sai Kung Peninsula by extending the Siu Lek Yuen Road at Sha Tin to link up with the Ma On Shan Road.

The Acting Director of Public Works, the Hon. A.S. Robertson, replying in the Legislative Council to the Hon. H.M.G. Forsgate, said work would begin soon on the construction of a four-lane road on a completely new alignment for the critical uphill section between Ping Shek Estate and Fei Ngo Shan Road junction.

From April till October last year, he said, goods vehicles were barred from this section between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Sundays and public holidays and this had been successful in improving traffic flow.

The restriction had been reimposed this year but landslips in the June rainstorm negated the advantage gained. However, he said, repair works would soon be completed and conditions would then improve.

Mr. Robertson said another project on the Clearwater Bay Road, involving improvements to the section from Anderson Road to Hiram's Highway, is expected to begin next year.

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NEW TRAFFIC PROPOSALS BEING STUDIED

The Transport Department, the police and the Public Works Department have decided to pursue the possibility of using "box junctions" to assist the free flow of traffic at busy light-controlled intersections.

The Acting Director of Public Works, the Hon. A.S. Robertson, said in Legislative Council that before these junctions could be introduced, it would be necessary to pass legislation making it an offence to enter them until the exit route was cleared.

"This should ensure that through traffic will not be blocked by stationary cross-traffic. I hope that priority can be given to drafting the necessary legislation."

He said the success of such a system would depend largely on the co-operation of individual motorists.

With such co-operation and good driver discipline, he said, many existing traffic jams would be avoided without the need for box junctions.

Mr. Robertson was replying to a question from the Hon. H.M.G. Forsgate.

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HAWKER BILL TO BE APPLIED "HUMANELY AND IMPARTIALLY"

The Acting Director of Urban Services, the Hon. A.P. Richardson, today reassured the general public that the Public Health and Urban Services (Amendment) (No.4) Bill 1972, which deals with hawking, would be applied "both humanely and impartially" when it was passed into law.

He described the amending Bill as "essential" if hawkers were to be effectively controlled and if the "Keep Hong Kong Clean" Campaign was to succeed in dirty hawker areas.

He was speaking in the Legislative Council while moving the second reading of the Bill.

The Bill seeks to extend the powers of the authority to make new regulations, to empower the Commissioner for Transport to declare any street to be set aside for hawking purposes, and to provide in certain instances, for the mandatory forfeiture of commodities and equipment belonging to hawkers.

Mr. Richardson said in some areas, hawking now made any form of cleansing virtually impossible and as a result, rats and flies bred freely and the nearby residents suffered quite unnecessarily from the dirt and filth generated by "conglomerations of hawkers."

However, he assured the Council that as part of the build-up of the "Keep Hong Kong Clean" Campaign, the assistance of all hawkers and their associations would be sought.

The Acting Director said the Government had for long been concerned about the ineffectiveness of existing hawker control measures, under which a hawker could go back in business on the streets with his returned equipment and

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commodities within a short time of his arrest for hawking offences.

The Urban Council, after careful consideration, has come to the conclusion that mandatory forfeiture of the goods and paraphernalia used for illegal hawking is the only effective means of dealing with the four most serious types of hawking offence, he said.

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SMOOTHER TRAFFIC FLOW TO REPULSE BAY

Plans are in hand to improve the flow of traffic on the route from Repulse Bay through to Queen's Road, East.

The Acting Director of Public Works, the Hon. A.S. Robertson, said this today in the Legislative Council in reply to the Hon. Mrs. Ellen Li.

He said preliminary plans had been drawn up for the construction of a flyover junction at the Tai Hang Road-Stubbs Road roundabout, and consultants had been appointed for its detailed design and construction.

"At present they are also investigating the possibility of making some interim improvements to assist traffic flow, and I hope that these can be introduced before next summer," he said.

The Director said other plans involved the widening of Stubbs Road from Queen's Road East to Tai Hang Road, and the widening of the whole of Repulse Bay Road.

At present, he said, widening of Wongneichung Road had been in progress for some time.

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HARBOUR TUNNEL AUTHORITIES PROVIDING
ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR VEHICLE SAFETY

The Acting Attorney General, the Hon. G.R. Sneath, said today, it was an offence to change lanes and overtake in the Cross Harbour Tunnel, and offenders may be fined a penalty up to \$1,000.

Mr. Sneath, who was replying in the Legislative Council to a question by the Hon. T.K. Ann, said that under the Cross Harbour Tunnel Ordinance, the Tunnel Company had the primary and immediate responsibility for the control and safety of vehicles and their occupants while they were in the tunnel.

"The tunnel officers are given power to enable them to exercise the necessary control," he added.

Mr. Sneath said the Commissioner for Transport was satisfied that the Company was providing adequate personnel and facilities and was confident of their intention and ability to exercise full and proper control.

"Under the Cross Harbour Tunnel Regulations, any accident occurring in the tunnel involving damage or injury to any person must be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Road Traffic Ordinance," Mr. Sneath said.

In his question, Mr. Ann had mentioned what he termed the "blatant violation of traffic regulations by many in the cross harbour tunnel in changing lanes and overtaking."

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BURDEN ON WATERWORKS BILLING SYSTEM

The high growth rate and the large numbers of water bills, together with the complications of different water charges, have placed a great burden on the Waterworks billing organisation.

This was stated today by the Acting Director of Public Works, the Hon. A.S. Robertson, while moving the second reading of the Waterworks (Amendment) Bill 1972 in the Legislative Council.

The Bill provides for water bills to be issued three times a year instead of four, in order to relieve some of the work pressure which will allow a more ready implementation of improvements to the system.

Mr. Robertson said the number of meters had increased each year by about 60,000 to the present total of about 450,000 since separate water metering became compulsory in 1965 for each residence in new buildings.

The number of water accounts had grown from 1.7 million last year to 2 million this year, he added.

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AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO ACCOUNTANTS BILL

The Hon. Wilfred Wong today welcomed the Accountants Bill 1972 but proposed an amendment relating to accountants working for incorporated non-profit-making charitable organisations.

He said it was traditional that these organisations would normally have their books audited by a qualified accountant, now to be registered under the Bill, but not necessarily holding a practising certificate.

He was speaking in the Legislative Council in support of the Bill on its second reading.

Mr. Wong said it was unlikely that a person holding a practising certificate would have the time to give free service to charitable organisations which in the past have been helped by the qualified accountants.

The Bill, he said, would put these organisations in an "invidious" position by depriving them of the traditional service which had hitherto been given to them.

The Bill seeks to, among other things, prohibit any person from practising public accountancy unless he is registered as an accountant and holds a practising certificate.

Under the Bill, the Hong Kong Society of Accountants will be incorporated and a Council set up as its governing body to provide for the registration of accountants and regulation of their professional practice and conduct.

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Mr. Wong suggested that the proposed legislation should not apply to a person who is registered as an accountant under the Bill and not holding a practising certificate, but he must be authorised by the Council to audit the books, without reward, of any charitable organisation or trust of a public character whose name is listed in the Gazette.

Earlier, the Acting Attorney General, the Hon. G.R. Sneath, said while moving the second reading of the Bill that for some time there had been a feeling that accountants should have their own professional body in Hong Kong.

At present, he said, auditors required to perform functions under the Companies Ordinance were under the control of the Authorised Auditors Board established by that Ordinance.

The Board would disappear with the repeal of the relevant sections of the Companies Ordinance by the Bill, he said.

Mr. Sneath said the statutory responsibility for accountants' training and examination was a most important aspect of the work of the proposed Society to be incorporated under the Bill.

Up till now, he said, would-be accountants had to go overseas to qualify or else seek enrolment in Hong Kong with the Australian Society of Accountants, or alternatively with the Association of Certified Accountants.

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SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS AMOUNT TO \$125.5 MILLION

The Financial Secretary, the Hon. C.P. Haddon-Cave, told the Legislative Council this afternoon that supplementary provisions for the last quarter of the 1971-72 financial year totalled \$125.5 million.

Of this sum, he said, Public Works Non-Recurrent expenditure accounted for \$69.9 million, made up largely of \$19.3 million required as a result of faster progress on existing projects and \$40.3 million due generally to increased costs.

He explained that an additional \$16.7 million was needed for major tunnel works for the High Island Water Scheme and a further \$15.5 million for the raising of Plover Cove Dams, the uprating and extension of the Sha Tin Treatment Works and Pumping Station and the Tai Po Tau Pumping Station.

The Government Printer needed another \$2.7 million as a result of increased consumption, higher cost of paper and other printing requisites and for work let out to contractors.

The Financial Secretary explained that the latter was unforeseen and consisted mainly of educational television books for school children and fixed traffic penalty forms.

Supplementary provision of \$22.5 million was required for the purchase of a block of flats and for faster progress on capital works for the Services under the Services Building programme.

"In accordance with the terms of the Defence Costs Agreement, the Hong Kong Government is committed to meeting expenditure on this programme up to \$17 million during 1971-72, and to paying a cash contribution to bring expenditure up to this amount in the event of under-spending."

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HARBOUR TUNNEL TOLLS SUPPORTED BY TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Traffic projections and economic factors had been taken into account in determining the present tolls of the Cross Harbour Tunnel.

The Financial Secretary, the Hon. C.P. Haddon-Cave, replying to Dr. the Hon. S.Y. Chung, said the advice of traffic consultants was sought on the expected numbers of daily trips by each category of vehicle.

The economic factors considered included the current level of public transport fares, especially ferry fares, the cost of the tunnel itself, and the extent to which the public might reasonably be expected to pay for the convenience and time savings afforded by the tunnel, Mr. Haddon-Cave said.

"The present tolls had been considered and supported by the Transport Advisory Committee, before they were approved by the Governor in Council," he stressed.

The Tunnel Company had also been asked to review its rates six months after the opening of the tunnel.

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EQUATING PENSIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. S.T. Kidd, said today the sanction of the Secretary of State was being sought on the Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1972.

He said when this was obtained, regulations would be submitted to the Governor-in-Council to be formally made and then to the Legislative Council for approval.

He was speaking in the Legislative Council while moving the second reading of the Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1972.

The Bill seeks to equate the pension rights of male and female officers by abolition of the marriage bar.

Speaking in support of the Bill, the Hon. Mrs. Ellen Li suggested that three points of principle be reconsidered either now or at a later occasion.

She said the qualification that a spouse receiving pension benefits should be of "good character" was superfluous and could be deleted.

As regards the requirement for proof of "dependency" for claims of pension benefits, Mrs. Li said she did not see the logic in it.

"We are considering the principles of 'rights' and 'entitlement' and not about the question of financial need or a means test."

The third point concerns maternity leave for women officers. She drew Government's attention to the "anomaly" and "inconsistency" in the policies regarding over-generous allowance of maternity leaves for low-grade staff and none for higher grade staff.

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Also speaking in support of the Bill, the Hon. Q.W. Lee said the proposed legislation marked an important milestone for the conditions of service for female government officers.

"I shall be watching with great interest the response from female officers to this new arrangement; any indication of reluctance to take advantage of the offer must either be due to the attraction attached to the existing conditions of service, or to the excessive restrictions imposed on the implementation of the new policy," he said.

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RESTRICTIONS ON PILEDIVING "A USEFUL FIRST STEP"

The Acting Director of Public Works, the Hon. A.S. Robertson, said today that the proposed restrictions on pilediving applied to all piling irrespective of what material the pile is made of or whether it was hammered, screwed or sunk into the ground by excavation.

He said this when moving the second reading of the Summary Offences (Amendment) Bill in the Legislative Council.

"This must be made clear, and could be during the committee stage of the bill, by framing a suitable definition of 'pilediving'," he added.

He agreed with the Hon. H.M.G. Forsgate that restrictions on piling would increase building costs as a result of the slowing down of piling works.

"If restrictions were also imposed at this time on other building works, building costs would increase further, and progress would be slower still. I think that we should be somewhat cautious in interfering too much, at one time, with the building industry, which is already under considerable strain.

"We should look upon the proposed restrictions on pilediving as a useful first step, to which other steps may be added at a later date," he said.

Earlier Mr. Forsgate had pointed out that an increase in building costs was "a premium which we must be prepared to accept if we are to put into practical effect our awakening concern for the future well-being and contentment of the citizens of Hong Kong".

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"However, I do feel that in its present format, a considerable amount of confusion will occur in the minds of the general public, the government departments who will be required to enforce its application, and also those who are directly involved in the carrying out of the operation of forming the subject of the offence."

He also felt that if amending legislation were to be introduced, an additional clause should be incorporated to include noise made by compressors and also a precise definition of an acceptable method of measuring noise.

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MORE COURT REPORTERS

The Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. S.T. Kidd, said today that consideration was being given to creating more court reporter posts.

Mr. Kidd was speaking in the Legislative Council in reply to a question by the Hon. Oswald Cheung.

He said urgent attention was being given to a request by the Registrar of the Supreme Court for more court reporters.

"The present Court Reporters strength is 16," Mr. Kidd said, "but there are three vacant posts which should soon be filled."

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DUTIABLE COMMODITIES BILL

The object of the Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill is to put beyond doubt that toilet preparations containing over 1.2 per cent of ethyl alcohol by volume are dutiable.

The Director of Commerce and Industry, the Hon. Jack Cater, said this today when he moved the second reading of the Bill in the Legislative Council.

Duty was not payable on denatured spirits so certified by the Government Chemist. But in 1970, the principal ordinance was amended in the definition of "denatured spirits" to allow, without payment of duty, the import of mixtures of ethyl alcohol for industrial use, provided such mixtures could not readily be converted into an intoxicating liquor.

"Some doubt has arisen as to whether this amendment might in some cases have gone further than was intended in relation to toilet preparations," he said.

Clause 2 of this Bill would remove all doubt by specifically excluding toilet preparations from the definition of "denatured spirits", he added.

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SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL REJECTS ALLEGATION BY C.C.S.A.

The Senior Civil Service Council today (Wednesday) rejected a statement by the Chinese Civil Servants' Association alleging that the Council "does not function properly".

A spokesman for the Council said in fact it was only the second time since 1968 that the Senior Civil Service Council had been unable to resolve an issue.

"The Council has dealt successfully with many important and difficult matters, amongst which have been the introduction of equal pay for women, pensionability for married women and nurses pay," he said.

"It has also reached agreement on the new structure and scales for all the teachers other than Certificated Masters."

He said that as to the Certificated Masters' scale, the Chinese Civil Servants' Association turned down an offer which would have given an average increase of about 12½ per cent and the average increase now being introduced was 10.9 per cent and not 7.4 per cent as the Association stated.

"Moreover," the spokesman added, "almost all Certificated Masters in Government schools will in fact get about 12 per cent as the Government earlier stated."

Many civil servants got far smaller increases than this after the 1971 Salaries Review and most teachers other than Certificated Masters are getting less, he said.

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"Only after 16 months discussion, when the matter had already been over long delayed, did Government reach the conclusion that no compromise appeared possible; and it then arranged for independent advice to be obtained," the spokesman said.

He continued that some members of the Salaries Commission have now been invited to reassemble and that their response to the invitations was awaited.

"When they reassemble, arrangements will be made for Certificated Masters in the aided sector to make representations to them," the spokesman concluded.

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ANTI-LITTER BY-LAWS APPROVED

New anti-litter measures in support of the Clean Hong Kong Campaign became law today when the Legislative Council approved by-laws made by the Urban Council last week.

The main by-law requires an occupant to ensure that the area around his premises is kept clean.

In the case of premises fronting onto a street or public place the occupant who has direct access to these areas is responsible for any rubbish within 20 feet of it. This also applies to any common part of a building such as courtyards, corridors, and staircases.

At today's Legislative Council meeting an amendment was approved to limit the responsibility for cleaning areas outside premises to those people who have direct access to such areas.

This generally means that ground floor occupiers are responsible for any litter found within 20 feet of their premises.

The amendment also lays down specific areas that will be the responsibility of the person having the control in the management or in the cleansing of the building instead of on the occupier as was previously the case.

If rubbish is found in the area, an authorised officer can serve the occupier or the person controlling the cleansing of the building with a notice to remove it within one hour or any other period of time specified in the notice.

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The Acting Director of Urban Services, the Hon. A.P. Richardson, said the by-laws as a whole "form the shaft, feathers and barb of the legislation which must be approved if the Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign is to succeed."

In moving the amendment the Acting Attorney General, the Hon. G.R. Sneath, said the changes did not affect the substance and did not reflect any change in the policy. It simply spells out more clearly the liability which the by-law seeks to impose.

The Hon. Oswald Cheung, who supported the amendment, said the regulation as originally put forward was somewhat amorphous, vague and uncertain and possibly unjust in its operation. However the redraft was more precise and more equitable.

The Hon. Mrs. Joyce Symons also speaking in support of the by-laws, said she felt sure they would demonstrate the earnest desire of the authorities to take a firm stand and to seek the co-operation of the public in keeping the city clean.

She said the genuine and positive interest in the campaign shown by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, augured well for its success.

"The whole weight of the Government will be behind the campaign, the efforts of many, including members of this Council who have worked tirelessly for months must now be matched by the courageous co-operation of every man, woman and child," Mrs. Symons stressed.

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BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Five bills passed their committee stage and third reading in today's Legislative Council meeting and became law.

They were the Urban Council (Amendment) Bill 1972, the Powers of Attorney Bill 1972, the Perjury (Amendment) Bill 1972, the Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill 1972 and the Crown Land Bill 1972.

The Crown Land Bill 1972 was passed into law with amendments.

Seven other bills were introduced into the Council and received their first and second readings.

They were the Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1972, the Accountants Bill 1972, the Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill 1972, the Magistrates (Amendment) Bill 1972, the Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 1972, the Public Health and Urban Services (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill 1972, and the Waterworks (Amendment) Bill 1972.

Debate resumed on the second reading of the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 1972 and the Summary Offences (Amendment) Bill 1972.

A motion was carried in the meeting regarding the approval of the supplementary provisions for the quarter ended March 31, 1972.

Another motion was also carried in respect of the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances By-laws 1972 made by the Urban Council on August 8, 1972.

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INCREASE IN PASSENGER MOVEMENT AT HONG KONG AIRPORT

Passenger movement at Hong Kong International Airport has shown a big increase in the second quarter of this year.

Immigration Officers cleared a total of 665,712 passengers arriving or leaving Hong Kong during this period, representing an increase of nearly 45 per cent compared with 460,913 in the same three months in 1971.

In addition, 85,211 travellers passed through Hong Kong in transit.

The new Immigration Ordinance, which was introduced on April 1 this year, had little effect on the passenger movement and did not cause many problems at the airport.

The new controls on U.K. passport holders were also implemented smoothly.

At the border, immigration officers cleared a total of 157,301 people arriving from and 132,528 going into China during the quarter.

The total clearance at the border showed a drop of 51 per cent compared with the preceding quarter but an increase of more than 90 per cent compared with the same period in 1971.

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VOLUNTARY WORKERS FOR SHEUNG SHUI PROJECT

Residents in Sheung Shui will soon have a new site in which to hold their recreational activities, such as film shows, variety shows and carnivals.

An area of about 2,700 square feet beside the Sheung Shui Social Centre has been set aside for this purpose.

Construction has been in progress for some time, and additional help will be on its way tomorrow (August 17) when a group of about 60 volunteers from the Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate will join in the building work.

This is a part of the Summer Rural Services organised by the Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate Community Work Office, in conjunction with the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and the Sheung Shui Social Centre.

The volunteer workers will help lay a concrete path for the project. In the course of the day, they will also visit the Sheung Shui Social Centre and the Yuen Long Town Hall.

Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or
photographer to have the event covered.

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ANTI-LITTER SONG FOR RADIO AND TV

An anti-litter song has been specially written to launch the "Clean Hong Kong" publicity drive.

The words are by Ted Thomas, of Radio Hong Kong, and recordings have been made in English and Chinese for use on both television and radio.

The English version is by Noel Quinlan and the Chinese version is by Sin Wah. Both are well-known in the popular music field.

The words of the song are:

First Verse

Look at that fellow
Messing up your town
Opening his windows to
Fling his garbage down

Chorus:

Leaving the Lap Sap
Just where it was flung
Mr. Anti-social
Lap Sap Chung

Second Verse

Why should you let him
Litter up your place
Spreading his diseases
Making you lose face

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Chorus: Leaving the Lap Sap
Just where it was flung
Mr. Anti-social
Lap Sap Chung.

Third Verse Rubbish from the windows
And the upper floors
Litter on the sidewalks
Dirt outside the doors

Chorus: Leaving the Lap Sap
Just where it was flung
Mr. Anti-social
Lap Sap Chung

Fourth Verse Yes it is your city
No cause to feel smug
Until you do your everything
To stop the litter Bug

Chorus: Leaving the Lap Sap
Just where it was flung
Mr. Anti-social
Lap Sap Chung