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**NEW TEXTILE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AUSTRALIA  
EXPORT LICENSING SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY**

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NEW ARRANGEMENTS COVERING THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM HONG KONG TO AUSTRALIA ARE TO BE INTRODUCED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS IN HONG KONG THIS WEEK.

ANNOUNCING THIS, TODAY MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SAID THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MULTI-FIBRE TEXTILE AGREEMENT WHICH HAD COME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1974.

CONSULTATIONS WITH HONG KONG WERE REQUESTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING FINDINGS BY THE AUSTRALIAN TEXTILES AUTHORITY THAT IMPORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES WERE CAUSING DAMAGE TO CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE AUSTRALIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

THE AUTHORITY RECOMMENDED THAT LIMITATIONS ON EXPORTS OF CERTAIN KNITTED AND WOVEN TEXTILES SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED WITH HONG KONG AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIA BEGAN ON AUGUST 1, AND CONTINUED UNTIL LATE LAST NIGHT.

MR. MILLS SAID THAT TODAY HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY SORTING OUT THE DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE.

FULL DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS THEY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

MEANWHILE THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT EXPORT LICENSING OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FOR SHIPMENT TO AUSTRALIA WAS SUSPENDED WITH EFFECT FROM 9 A.M. ON AUGUST 8, 1974.

THE ITEMS CONCERNED ARE:

- (1) KNITWEAR (COATS, CARDIGANS, JUMPERS, SWEATERS, BLOUSES, SHIRTS AND THE LIKE= DRESSES= TRACKSUITS, PLAYSUITS AND ROMPERSUITS)
- (2) WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' DRESSES, BLOUSES AND SHIRTS OF WOVEN FABRIC= AND
- (3) WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS' COATS OF WOVEN FABRIC.

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE SUSPENSION OF THE ISSUE OF EXPORT LICENCES WAS TO ENABLE THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ARISING FROM THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND HONG KONG, AND TO CALCULATE AND ALLOCATE QUOTAS TO COMPANIES IN THE TRADE FOR THOSE ITEMS WHERE QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS WERE TO BE APPLIED.

FULL DETAILS OF THE BASIS ON WHICH THESE QUOTAS ARE ALLOCATED WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY THROUGH THE USUAL NOTICE TO EXPORTERS CIRCULAR LETTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO INTERESTED COMPANIES AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.

NEW HOMES FOR 12,000 ON THE WAY

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TO BUILD ANOTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE KWAI CHUNG AREA TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR OVER 12,000 PEOPLE.

IT WILL BE KNOWN AS CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE AND WILL HAVE PLENTY OF OPEN GROUND AND GREENERY.

A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE BLOCKS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE AT OI MAN ESTATE, AND WOULD PROVIDE 1,600 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS, WITH BALCONIES, VARYING IN SIZE FROM 356 SQUARE FEET TO 641 SQUARE FEET.

THE NEW ESTATE, WHICH IS PART OF THE AUTHORITY'S 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME, WILL CONSIST OF TWO TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS AND ONE SLAB BLOCK WITH A SHOPPING CENTRE, SCHOOL PREMISES AND OTHER ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION.

IT WILL OCCUPY A 13.6-ACRE SITE IN THE UPPER SHING ON VALLEY, WEST OF LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE.

SITE FORMATION WORK, INVOLVING CUTTING BACK AND FILLING OF LOW-LYING LAND TO FORM A SERIES OF PLATFORMS TO BUILD UPON, IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN THIS NOVEMBER.

CONTRACTORS INTERESTED IN TENDERING FOR THE WORK ARE INVITED TO NOTIFY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THEIR INTEREST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ESTATE WOULD BE A SCENIC ONE WITH A LOT OF OPEN SPACE AND GREENERY. THE THREE-STORY SHOPPING CENTRE WHICH WILL BE BUILT ON A PODIUM BETWEEN THE TWO TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS WILL COMMAND A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE VALLEY BELOW, HE ADDED.

APART FROM THE SHOPPING CENTRE, WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE A RESTAURANT, THE ESTATE WILL HAVE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. A SECOND THREE-STORY BUILDING SITED UNDER THE PODIUM WILL HOUSE A MARKET, WORKSHOPS AND A GARAGE WITH 230 PARKING SPACES.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN EARLY 1976 AND THE FIRST TENANTS ARE LIKELY TO MOVE IN DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1978.

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HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA IN TEXTILE TALKS

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MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (COMMERCIAL RELATIONS), WILL LEAVE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR VIENNA FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE ARTICLES FROM HONG KONG TO AUSTRIA.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MISS SUSAN PONS, ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER.

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**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR 1975 URBCO ELECTIONS**  
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POTENTIAL VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED FOR NEXT YEAR'S URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH TO DO SO.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTORS REGISTERED ON THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER SO FAR IS 34,031. THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE INSPECTION FROM AUGUST 16 TO 31 AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE AT KA CHEONG BUILDING, 4 SUNNING ROAD, 7TH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

DURING THIS PERIOD ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED MAY APPLY IN PERSON TO HAVE THEIR NAMES INCLUDED IN THE FINAL REGISTER.

ALSO DURING THIS PERIOD, ANYONE MAY OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF ANOTHER PERSON'S NAME ON THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER IF HE CONSIDERS THAT THAT PERSON IS NOT ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ELECTOR. OBJECTIONS MAY ALSO BE LODGED AGAINST ANYONE WHO HAS GIVEN NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REGISTER.

THE APPROPRIATE FORMS FOR OBJECTIONS IN RELATION TO NAMES APPEARING ON THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER'S OFFICE BEFORE AUGUST 31. IN THE CASE OF OBJECTIONS RELATING TO THE FINAL REGISTER, FORMS SHOULD BE LODGED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10.

NOTICES OF APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS AND NOTICES OF OBJECTION TO THE INCLUSION OF ANY NAME IN THE FINAL REGISTER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE REGISTRATION OFFICER'S OFFICE UP TO SEPTEMBER 10.

FOR NEXT YEAR'S URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, HONG KONG HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO 13 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, EACH WITH A DESIGNATED POLLING STATION. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THREE NEW POLLING STATIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED -- IN TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG, AND TAI PO.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THERE WILL BE FOUR ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND SIX ON THE KOWLOON PENINSULA.

ON THE ISLAND, POLLING STATIONS WILL BE AT KING'S COLLEGE, THE CITY HALL, THE HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND THE NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.

IN KOWLOON, THEY WILL BE LOCATED AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL, PERTH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.

THE THREE POLLING STATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE SET UP AT THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND AT WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN TAI PO.

ANYONE WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS SPECIAL GROUNDS FOR VOTING AT A POLLING STATION OTHER THAN THE ONE HE IS REGISTERED TO VOTE MAY APPLY BY PRE-PAID ORDINARY POST TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

LARGE SCALE MAPS OF EACH ELECTORAL DISTRICT AND A LIST OF POLLING STATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE REGISTRATION OFFICER'S OFFICE.

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GOVERNMENT ALIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DAVID T.K. WONG, SAID THIS EVENING THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS MORE RESPONSIVE AND MORE CONCERNED WITH WHAT THE MAN IN THE STREET THINKS THAN MOST ELECTED GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORLD.

ADDRESSING A DINNER MEETING OF THE PENINSULA LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS A CURIOUS MISCONCEPTION ABROAD THAT BECAUSE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS NOT AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT THERE IS NO NEED FOR IT TO PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO PUBLIC OPINION. +NOTHING IS FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH,+ HE SAID.

MR. WONG FELT THAT EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION INVOLVED A TWO-WAY FLOW OF INFORMATION AND SENTIMENT AND GOVERNMENTS WERE INCLINED TO GOVERN BEST WHEN THEY COULD TAKE THE WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR PEOPLE INTO ACCOUNT WHEN FORMULATING POLICIES OR DECISIONS.

+THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER/SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED PRECISELY TO ENABLE THE COMMON MAN TO COMMUNICATE EASILY WITH GOVERNMENT. ONE PRACTICAL TEST OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS IS THE FACT THAT WELL OVER A MILLION PEOPLE APPROACH CITY DISTRICT OFFICES EACH YEAR FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE,+ HE SAID.

MR. WONG CITED THE SYSTEM OF PUBLISHING GREEN PAPERS AND THE EXISTENCE OF MORE THAN 70 ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AS OTHER EXAMPLES OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HEEDING PUBLIC OPINION.

HE ADDED: +A GLANCE AT THE CORRESPONDENCE COLUMNS OF THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS WILL SHOW HOW MUCH EFFORT IS BEING PUT IN BY SENIOR OFFICERS TO ANSWER QUERIES OR COMPLAINTS. THEN THERE ARE ALSO RADIO PROGRAMMES LIKE LATE CALL.+

EMPHASISING THAT GOVERNMENTS DO NOT TEND TO BE INTERESTED ONLY IN ONE-WAY COMMUNICATION, MR. WONG CONCLUDED THAT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR PEOPLES IS + AN ENDLESS UNDERTAKING REQUIRING TRUST, PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.+

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MR. WONG'S SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES.

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MEDICAL SERVICE NOT AS BAD AS MADE OUT TO BE  
SAYS URBAN COUNCILLOR

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URBAN COUNCILLOR PETER C.K. CHAN SAID TODAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NOTHING BUT THE +KINDEST AND MOST CONSIDERATE SERVICE+ WHILE A PATIENT RECENTLY IN THE GENERAL WARD OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S SEVENTH SEMINAR ON PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND THE THIRD FOR THE NURSING GRADES, AT THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

AN AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 140 NURSES, MOSTLY PSYCHIATRIC NURSES, HEARD HIM SAY THAT +ANY INSTITUTION WITH STAFF HAVING CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC WILL FOREVER BE IN A POSITION TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS, BUT THE POSITION IS NORMAL.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE HE COULD HAVE GONE TO A PRIVATE WARD, HE DELIBERATELY CHOSE THE GENERAL WARD, +NOT ONLY TO BE CURED, BUT ALSO TO LEARN.+

HIS EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT WHILE THERE WERE FAILINGS IN THE SERVICE, THE WHOLE WAS INFINITELY BETTER THAN ITS PARTS, AND NO RATIONAL PERSON COULD DENY THE TRIBUTE DUE TO THE STAFF OF HOSPITALS NOW FAR MORE OVERCROWDED THAN THEY HAD EVER INTENDED TO BE.

MR. CHAN URGED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO RECONSIDER REVISING THE EARLY DINNER HOUR FOR PATIENTS IN THE GENERAL WARDS, BECAUSE THE EVENING MEAL AT 4 P.M. WAS TOO EARLY, AND EXTENDING THE VISITING PERIOD BECAUSE ONE HOUR IN THE AFTERNOON WAS NOT ENOUGH.

+BUT I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY THROUGH THE MILL,+ HE TOLD THE AUDIENCE, +AND I KNOW THAT THE COMPLAINTS WHICH MADE THE HEADLINES ARE FREQUENTLY TRIVIAL, AND UNDESERVING OF THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THEM.+

HE GAVE THE NURSES THIS ADVICE: +DON'T SHRUG YOUR SHOULDERS WHEN PEOPLE COMPLAIN OF BEING PLACED IN CAMP BEDS IN CORRIDORS BY SAYING 'THIS IS INEVITABLE'. EXPLAIN THE INEVITABILITY. PROMISE THEM A TRANSFER IN A FEW HOURS. DO ANY THING, SAY ANYTHING, BUT END THIS KIND OF CONFRONTATION ON A KINDER NOTE. THE RESULTS WILL BE WORTH EVERY EFFORT YOU CAN MAKE.+

A SECOND GUEST SPEAKER WAS MR. AUGUSTINE KAM CHUI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS (SPECIAL DUTIES), WHO DEFINED THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SPHERE OF ADMINISTRATION.

MR. CHUI SAID NO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN THE WORLD COULD THINK OF MANAGEMENT EXCEPT IN TERMS OF THE BEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER. THIS IMPLIED THE ANTAGONISM OF CERTAIN MINORITY GROUPS, BUT NO GOVERNMENT ANYWHERE COULD HOPE TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL POPULARITY, AND THEN MAINTAIN IT, FOR ANY STRETCH OF TIME.

/HE ASSURED .....

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HE ASSURED HIS LISTENERS THAT THEY COULD HELP THE CORPORATE GOVERNMENT IMAGE IF THEY RECOGNISED THE NEED THAT THEY SHOULD IMPART GOODWILL TO THEIR JOB, AND SOUGHT, EVEN IF THIS RAN COUNTER TO THEIR PERSONALITIES, TO REPAY ANTAGONISM WITH KINDNESS.

+WE HAVE TO LIVE IN A WORLD OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, CONFLICTING VIEWS, AND OUR CONTRIBUTION IS MEASURED BY THE SKILL WITH WHICH WE OVERCOME PROBLEMS. IT IS FATAL TO RECIPROCATE RUDENESS WITH RUDENESS. THIS IS VERY WRONG,+ HE SAID.

+THE REASON IS THAT WE ARE PAID BY THE TAXPAYER. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THE GOVERNMENT'S MONEY. THE MONEY BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE. WE ARE PAID BY THE PEOPLE. THEY DESERVE THE BEST WE CAN GIVE FOR THE MONEY THEY PAY.+

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDED DR. K.F. CHAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (MEDICAL)= MISS K.J. VEEVERS, PRINCIPAL NURSING OFFICER= AND MR. ARTHUR STARLING, CHIEF HOSPITAL SECRETARY.

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ADB TO CONSIDER LOANS FOR H.K.  
ECONOMIC MISSION RETURNS TO MANILA TOMORROW  
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THE ECONOMIC MISSION FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WHICH HAS BEEN HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG'S NEED FOR LOAN FINANCE, WILL BE RETURNING TO MANILA TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE MISSION COMPRISES MR. DAVID FISHER, THE A.D.B.'S DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, MR. PATRICK KNAPP, MANAGER OF THE PHILIPPINES/HONG KONG/KOREA/TAIWAN OPERATIONS, MR. BRIEN PARKINSON AND MR. DIETRICH BERGMEIER.

FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF THE MISSION TO MANILA, THE BANK WILL CONSIDER THE ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG TO CONFIRM WHETHER THERE IS A CASE FOR LOAN FINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY EMPHASISED THAT THE VISIT WAS PART OF A +CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON THE QUESTION OF LOAN FINANCE BY THE BANK FOR A NUMBER OF HIGH PRIORITY PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.+

+THE MISSION HAS EXAMINED THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG FOR LOAN FINANCE, AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND MR. FISHER HAVE DISCUSSED PARTICULAR PROJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE FINANCED FROM A LOAN PROGRAMME. BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN FINALISED AT THIS STAGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

SUBJECT TO THE OUTCOME OF THE BANK'S EXAMINATION, THE NEXT STAGE IN THE CONTINUING DIALOGUE WOULD BE FOR THE BANK TO SEND TECHNICAL TEAMS TO HONG KONG TO EXAMINE IN DEPTH THE PARTICULAR PROJECTS FOR WHICH HONG KONG IS SEEKING LOANS. LATER THESE WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

+HOPEFULLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +A LOAN PROGRAMME WILL BE AGREED IN DUE COURSE WITH THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, INITIALLY COVERING THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD 1975-76 TO 1977-78.+

LEGCO TO GO INTO RECESS FROM WEDNESDAY  
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL WIND UP ITS CURRENT SESSION AFTER ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 14).

THE COUNCIL WILL THEN GO INTO RECESS UNTIL OCTOBER 2 THIS YEAR WHEN THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OPEN THE NEW 1974/75 SESSION.

THE CURRENT SESSION HAS BEEN A BUSY ONE FOR THE COUNCIL WITH 85 BILLS SO FAR PASSED INTO LAW, INCLUDING SUCH SIGNIFICANT ONES AS THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ORDINANCE, THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ORDINANCE, THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE AND THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS ORDINANCE. FIFTEEN OTHER BILLS ARE DUE TO HAVE THEIR THIRD AND FINAL READING AT THE LAST MEETING ON WEDNESDAY AND, IF PASSED, WILL BRING THE TOTAL TO EXACTLY 100. DURING THE 1972/73 SESSION 85 BILLS WERE PASSED.

SO FAR DURING THE CURRENT SESSION UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE RAISED 159 QUESTIONS, COMPARED WITH 174 DURING THE PREVIOUS SESSION. THEY WILL ASK ANOTHER 13 QUESTIONS ON WEDNESDAY.

TWO WHITE PAPERS, ONE ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND THE OTHER ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES, WERE ALSO TABLED.

FIVE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS RETIRED FROM THE COUNCIL THIS YEAR. THEY ARE MR. WOO PAK-CHUEN, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, MR. WILFRED WONG, MR. SZETO WAI, MR. GUY SAYER AND MR. ANN TSE-KAI.

APPOINTED TO REPLACE THEM ARE DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG, THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN, THE HON. J.H.BREMIDGE, THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH, AND THE HON. LO TAK-SHING.

DR. THE HON. CHUNG SZE-YUEN SUCCEEDED MR. WOO AS THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES RETIRING

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THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES, MR. JOHN KNAPP, IS TO RETIRE AFTER 19 YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. HE WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON AUGUST 20.

THE COMMISSIONER OF MINES, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY COMMENDED MR. KNAPP FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAD GROWN FROM A STAFF OF LESS THAN 10 WHEN HE JOINED IT TO TODAY'S STRENGTH OF 300.

MR. PRICE WAS SPEAKING AT A FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR MR. KNAPP, ATTENDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICERS FROM THE LABOUR AND MINES DEPARTMENTS.

HE PRESENTED MR. KNAPP WITH A ROSE-WOOD CHEST AS A RETIREMENT GIFT FROM HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR. KNAPP JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS A MINING ENGINEER IN 1955 AND WAS MADE SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES FOUR YEARS LATER.

HE WAS AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST THIS YEAR IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED AND LOYAL SERVICE.

MR. KNAPP AND HIS WIFE, WHO HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, PLAN TO RETURN TO BRITAIN AFTER A WORLD CRUISE.

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## GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IS DUE BACK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTER A THREE-WEEK STAY IN BRITAIN WITH HIS MOTHER.

SIR MURRAY IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT ABOUT 6.45 P.M. ON FLIGHT BA 880.

HE WILL BE MET BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MR. DENYS ROBERTS, THE AIDE-DE-CAMP, MR. PAUL BARKLEY, AND THE AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, MR. H.M. JOHNSTON.

ALSO ON HAND WILL BE THE COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES, LT. GEN. SIR EDWIN BRAMALL, SIR YUET KEUNG-KAN, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DR. CHUNG SZE-YUEN, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE DOYEN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR. B.D. KEEP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: THERE WILL BE NO PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT. HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PHOTO COVERAGE OF THE GOVERNOR'S RETURN. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TELEVISION CAMERAMEN SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 6.15 P.M. WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY G.I.S. OFFICERS.

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EMERGENCY SUMMER TIME REGULATIONS REVOKED

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EMERGENCY REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH SUMMER TIME WAS INTRODUCED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE OIL CRISIS, HAVE BEEN REVOKED.

SUMMER TIME THIS YEAR WILL END ON OCTOBER 20 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORMAL PRACTICE.

THE DECISION TO REVOKE THE REGULATIONS WAS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL EARLIER THIS WEEK AND A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

UNDER THE EMERGENCY (SUMMER TIME) REGULATIONS 1973, SUMMER TIME WAS INTRODUCED ON DECEMBER 30 AS ONE OF THE MEASURES TO SAVE ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION IN ANTICIPATION OF REDUCED SUPPLIES OF FUEL OIL.

HOWEVER, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT SINCE NORMAL SUMMER TIME HAS BEEN IN FORCE SINCE APRIL 21, THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE CEASED TO HAVE ANY PRACTICAL OR LEGAL EFFECT.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE DECISION WILL ENABLE AIRLINE COMPANIES TO PROPERLY PREPARE AND PUBLISH THEIR FLIGHT SCHEDULES FOR THE COMING AUTUMN.

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PRE-WAR TAI PO BUILDINGS CONDEMNED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 22 AND 24 WAI YAN STREET, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NOS. 18 AND 20 LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THESE TWO-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WERE SURVEYED IN THE COURSE OF ROUTINE INSPECTION WHEN IT WAS FOUND THAT THE STONE LOAD BEARING WALLS WERE BADLY FRACTURED IN SEVERAL PLACES AND THE ROOF AND FLOOR TIMBERS WERE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DECAY.

THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF MOVEMENT OF THE JOINT KITCHEN BLOCK OF NOS. 22 AND 24 WAI YAN STREET AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLOCK IS SUCH THAT ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT OR DETERIORATION COULD LEAD TO A COLLAPSE. THE DEMOLITION OF NOS. 22 AND 24 COULD RESULT IN THE DANGER OF COLLAPSE OF NOS. 18 AND 20.

NO. 18 IS ALREADY VACANT. NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS OF NOS. 20, 22 AND 24 WAI YAN STREET WERE POSTED ON THE BUILDINGS TODAY. THE APPLICATION WILL BE HEARD IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 20.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE  
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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT SALE 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

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
CHINA RICE:		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	--	NO SALE
CHU CHO	--	NO SALE
THAI RICE:		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.77
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.72
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.77
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.87
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.67
PAKISTAN RICE	--	NO SALE
TAIWAN RICE	--	NO SALE

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(CVMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.70
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.80	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	1.00
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.40	0.30	0.80
SPINACH	---			
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	1.50	2.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.50	1.50	2.50

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