DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1983

CONTENTS

	PAGE NO.
HK'S RAILWAY COMPARES WITH BEST - SIR EDWARD	1
NEARLY 5 000 FLATS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE	2
TRADE LINKS WITH CANADA STRONGER	3
OVER 20 REFLECTIVE PLATE SUPPLIERS APPROVED	4
NEW BAPTIST COLLEGE BILL DRAFTED	4
BILL SEEKS TIGHTER CONTROL ON MASSAGE PARLOURS	5
EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO PRISON SENTENCES	7
SUPREME COURT BUSINESS CLARIFIED	8
BILL SEEKS TO REDUCE DELAY IN JUDICIAL PROCESS	8
MORE FLEXIBILITY SOUGHT FOR HEUNG YEE KUK	9
BILL ON ATTEMPTED OFFENCES	10
DISTRICT JUDGE PROMOTED	11
BERTHING FEES PROVIDED IN REGULATIONS	11
PLEASURE CRAFT OWNERS REMINDED ABOUT LAW	12
NEW LINK ROAD FOR SHA TAU KOK PLANNED	13
FILM WARNS YOUNGSTERS ABOUT CRIME	14
SUMMER EVENTS BEING HELD FOR YOUTHS	15
SAFETY AWARD SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS	16
TAPS OFF FOR MAINS WORK	17

HK'S RAILWAY COMPARES WITH BEST - SIR EDWARD

* * *

HONG KONG'S MODERN SUBURBAN RAILWAY STANDS COMPARISON WITH ANY OTHER IN THE WORLD, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING JUST BEFORE UNVEILING A PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THE COMPLETION OF THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, IT PROVIDES A HIGH-QUALITY AND HIGH SPEED LINK BETWEEN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREA.

+OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE IS THE ROLE OF THE NEW RAILWAY IN IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA BY MAKING POSSIBLE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE THROUGH MOVEMENT OF BOTH PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAFFIC,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID:

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO OFFICIATE TODAY AT THE OPENING OF THE FINAL STAGE OF THE REBUILT AND ELECTRIFIED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

+THE NEW RAILWAY HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPEED, EASE AND QUALITY OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE NORTH-EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREAS. COMMISSIONING OF THE SECTION FROM TAI PO MARKET TO LO WU MARKS THE COMPLETION OF THE GREATER PART OF THE MODERNISATION PROGRAMME. FROM TOMORROW, THE ELECTRIFIED SERVICE WILL OPERATE ALONG ITS FULL LENGTH.

+THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN VERY MUCH A CORPORATE EFFORT INVOLVING THE RAILWAY ITSELF, A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS; CONSULTANTS; AND MANY CONTRACTORS. I WHOLLY ENDORSE YOUR REMARKS, MR CHAIRMAN, THAT GREAT CREDIT IS DUE TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS COMPLEX AND DEMANDING TASK, A TASK MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY THE NEED TO KEEP RAIL SERVICES IN OPERATION THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF RECONSTRUCTION. THEY MUST ALL FEEL TODAY A DEEP SENSE OF PRIDE IN THE PRODUCT OF THEIR EFFORTS.

+THE NEW CORPORATION WHICH CAME INTO BEING IN FEBRUARY IS TAKING OVER A MODERN SUBURBAN RAILWAY WHICH STANDS COMPARISON WITH ANY IN THE WORLD. WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, IT PROVIDES A HIGH QUALITY AND HIGH SPEED LINK BETWEEN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREA. OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE IS THE ROLE OF THE NEW RAILWAY IN IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA BY MAKING POSSIBLE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE THROUGH MOVEMENT OF BOTH PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

+MR CHAIRMAN, THIS IS INDEED A MEMORABLE DAY FOR THE CORPORATION AND FOR ITS STAFF. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED : AND I WISH YOU ALL EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

+I NOW HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN UNVEILING THIS PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THE COMPLETION OF THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU.+

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2 .....

NEARLY 5 000 FLATS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE

* * *

APPLICATIONS FOR 4 925 HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS, THE FOURTH LOT TO BE SOLD UNDER THE LAND-VALUE-FREE POLICY, WILL BE INVITED FROM TUESDAY (JULY 19).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID THE TWO-BEDROOM FLATS WERE LOCATED AT SIU SHAN COURT IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, KING TIN COURT IN SHA TIN NEW NEW TOWN., LOK NGA COURT IN NGAU TAU KOK AND YEE KOK COURT IN SHAM SHUI PO.

HE SAID THE 1 872 FLATS, EACH WITH A GROSS AREA OF 62.2 SQUARE METRES IN TWELVE 20-STOREY BLOCKS AT SIU SHAN COURT, WERE PRICED FROM $147 700 TO $180 900.

+PRICES FOR THE 1 424 FLATS IN SIX 31-STOREY BLOCKS AT KING TIN COURT RANGE FROM $171 800 FOR A UNIT WITH A GROSS AREA OF 48.3 SQUARE METRES TO $231 000 FOR A UNIT OF 54.3 SQUARE METRES WHILE PRICES FOR THE 1 331 FLATS IN SIX 28/29-STOREY BLOCKS AT LOK NGA COURT RANGE FROM $191 500 TO $254 200 WITH GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 48.6 SQUARE METRES AND 54.6 SQUARE METRES.

+THE 298 FLATS, EACH WITH A GROSS AREA OF 61.7 SQUARE METRES IN THREE 13-STOREY BLOCKS BEING BUILT UNDER THE SECOND PHASE OF YEE KOK COURT, ARE PRICED FROM $279 900 TO $318 800.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID LAND VALUES WERE AGAIN EXCLUDED FROM THE FLAT PRICES IN THIS PHASE, PHASE VA, AS IN THE PREVIOUS PHASES, PHASES IIIB, IVA AND IVB.

+ALL ELIGIBILITY RULES, INCLUDING THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY INCOME LIMIT OF $6 500 FOR FAMILIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS FOR PREVIOUS PHASES.

+HOUSING SOCIETY TENANTS CAN APPLY FOR HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS BY USING GREEN FORMS PROVIDED THEY AGREE TO SURRENDER THEIR EXISTING TENANCIES ON ACQUIRING A FLAT,+ HE SAID.

AN EXHIBITION SHOWING DETAILS OF THE FOUR PROJECTS TO BE ON SALE WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, HO MAN TIN.

COPIES OF A SALES BROCHURE, APPLICATION FORMS AND A GUIDE TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE THERE.

OTHER OUTLETS FOR THE APPLICATION FORMS AND THE GUIDE WILL BE AT THE APPLICATIONS SECTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS, ALL HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF APPLICATION FORMS: GREEN FOR TENANTS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY, AND WHITE FOR ALL OTHER APPLICANTS.

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 1 AND A PUBLIC BALLOT TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE HELD LATER.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3 .....

TRADE LINKS WITH CANADA STRONGER

* * *

THERE ARE 45 CANADIAN CORPORATIONS IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING SEVEN BANKS, ESTIMATED TO BE THE LARGEST NUMBER OUTSIDE CANADA EXCEPT FOR THE UNITED STATES AND POSSIBLY LONDON, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AND THERE IS ALSO A SUBSTANTIAL FLOW OF INVESTMENT FROM HONG KONG TO CANADA AS WELL AS IN THE REVERSE DIRECTION, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING TO THE CANADIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, SIR JOHN SAID: +WHILST THE QUESTION OF THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF HONG KONG IS NATURALLY OF INTEREST TO OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN, THERE IS NO SIGN THAT THIS IS HAVING ANY EFFECT ON OUR TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH CANADA.+

IN THIS CONTEXT, HE QUOTED FROM THE RECENT 'HONG KONG REPORT' BY THE STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WHICH SAID THE PRAGMATISM AND COMMON SENSE EVIDENCED ON THE PART OF BOTH BRITAIN AND CHINA PROVIDED THE BEST ASSURANCES THAT HONG KONG'S PAST SUCCESS WAS ONLY THE PRELUDE TO THE STILL MORE IMPORTANT ROLE ANTICIPATED FOR IT IN EAST ASIA'S FUTURE.

SIR JOHN POINTED OUT THAT THE TREND IN THE TRADE WITH CANADA WAS STRONGLY UPWARDS - CANADA RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT IN HER EXPORTS TO HONG KONG IN 1982, DESPITE THE GENERAL WORLD-WIDE RECESSION IN THAT YEAR.

+THUS WHILE THE BALANCE OF TRADE IS STILL IN HONG KONG'S FAVOUR - WE EXPORTED HK$2.6 BILLION TO CANADA LAST YEAR AS AGAINST IMPORTS OF HK$1.1 BILLION - THE PROSPECTS FOR EXPANSION OF CANADIAN EXPORTS HERE ARE BRIGHT.

+AND LET IT NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT WE IMPOSE NO RESTRICTIONS ON CANADIAN EXPORTS - OR INDEED ON EXPORTS TO HONG KONG BY ANY COUNTRY. UNFORTUNATELY THIS OPEN MARKET FOR VARIOUS REASONS IS NOT ALWAYS RECIPROCATED: IN PARTICULAR PROGRESSIVELY MORE RESTRICTIVE LIMITS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND GARMENTS TO CANADA,+ HE SAID.

SIR JOHN ALSO MENTIONED CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG IN OTHER FIELDS, PARTICULARLY HER CONSIDERABLE INTAKE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, THE PROVISION OF PLACES FOR MANY THOUSANDS OF HONG KONG STUDENTS AND THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE CANADIAN BATTALIONS IN HONG KONG IN 1941.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4 .....

OVER 20 REFLECTIVE PLATE SUPPLIERS APPROVED

* * * * *

THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 20 SUPPLIERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FOR THE REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES THEY DISTRIBUTE.

UNDER REGULATIONS INTRODUCED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, ALL VEHICLES REGISTERED ON OR AFTER JUNE 1 MUST CARRY REFLEX-REFLECTING NUMBER PLATES. OWNERS OF VEHICLES REGISTERED BEFORE THAT DATE HAVE TWO YEARS TO SWITCH TO REFLECTING PLATES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE EASIEST WAY FOR VEHICLE OWNERS TO IDENTIFY PLATES APPROVED FOR USE IN HONG KONG WAS TO LOOK FOR THE BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTE SPECIFICATION NUMBER BS AU 145A WHICH MUST BE CARRIED ON EVERY PLATE TOGETHER WITH THE MANUFACTURERS NAME OR TRADEMARK.

IF A PURCHASER HAS ANY QUERIES ABOUT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF A PLATE HE IS CONSIDERING BUYING, HE CAN ASK FOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE BY CALLING ANY OF THE LICENSING OFFICES.

THE MAGAZINE OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, 'CHOICE', WILL SOON CARRY A FEATURE ARTICLE ON REFLECTING NUMBER PLATES WITH A LIST OF APPROVED SUPPLIERS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NEW BAPTIST COLLEGE BILL DRAFTED

* * *

AS A MAJOR PART OF THE PROCESS OF BRINGING THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE WITHIN THE TERTIARY SECTOR, NEW LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IS PUBLISHED IN A BILL IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AS WITH MANY TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, THE EXECUTIVE BODY OF THE COLLEGE WILL BE A COUNCIL, TO BE SET UP UNDER THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE BILL 1983.

THE COUNCIL, WITH 27 MEMBERS, WOULD HAVE A PREDOMINANCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY FIGURES IN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

+IT IS REGARDED AS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE THAT STUDENTS SHOULD RECEIVE AN ACADEMIC AWARD THAT HAS A SOUND REPUTATION AND THAT HIGH QUALITY TEACHING STAFF AND OTHER STAFF SHOULD BE ATTRACTED BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS, AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED AND RECOGNISED FORM OF GOVERNANCE WITH COMMUNITY INTERESTS PREDOMINATING IS ESSENTIAL, HENCE THE PROVISION TO VEST THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGE IN THE COLLEGE COUNCIL COMPOSED MAINLY OF INDEPENDENTLY APPOINTED MEMBERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/HE ADDED .....

HE ADDED THAT THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND AN ACADEMIC BOARD.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS GIVEN POWER TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE COLLEGE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL.

THE ACADEMIC BOARD WILL REGULATE ALL MATTERS RELATING TO EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGE. IT WILL REVIEW AND DEVELOP ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND SUPERVISE TEACHING, RESEARCH, ADMISSIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE BILL WAS DRAWN UP IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UPGC AND THE COLLEGE. IT STATES THAT THE OBJECTS OF THE COLLEGE WILL BE TO PROVIDE FOR STUDIES, TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN SCIENCE, COMMERCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, ARTS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF LEARNING.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 27 AND IS EXPECTED TO PASS ITS THIRD READING ON AUGUST 3.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, AT PRINCE'S BUILDING, ROOMS 1320 - 1323A, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG.

----0----

BILL SEEKS TIGHTER CONTROL ON MASSAGE PARLOURS

*****

THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING MORE POWERS TO REGULATE THE BUSINESS OF MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND WILL GRANT NO NEW LICENCES FOR THEIR OPERATION IN DOMESTIC PREMISES BECAUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE THEY CAUSE.

UNDER A MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS BILL 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WILL BE ABLE TO SET CONDITIONS FOR ANY LICENCE HE ISSUES. THIS WILL GIVE THE LICENSING AUTHORITY GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN VARYING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS DEPENDING ON THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH AS THEIR LOCATION AND TYPE OF SERVICE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE LICENSEE WILL BE MADE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY BREACH OF THE LICENCE CONDITIONS AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLEAD, AS IN THE PAST, THAT HE WAS NOT ON THE PREMISES WHEN THE OFFENCE OCCURRED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BEFORE THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WOULD GRANT ANY APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE, HE WOULD CONSULT THE DISTRICT OFFICER ON WHAT CONDITIONS TO IMPOSE, AND ONE CONDITION THAT IS CERTAIN TO BE IMPOSED IN FUTURE ON NEW LICENCES WILL BE THE REQUIREMENT TO LOCATE THE ESTABLISHMENT IN A NON-DOMESTIC BUILDING.

/FURTHERMORE, ALL .....

FURTHERMORE, ALL MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENCES ALREADY ISSUED UNDER THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES ORDINANCE AT PRESENT WILL BE REGARDED AS HAVING BEEN ISSUED UNDER THIS NEW LAW ON THE DAY THE BILL COMES INTO EFFECT, AND THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WILL BE ABLE TO VARY THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THESE LICENCES.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH PROVIDE GENUINE SERVICE BUT WHICH MAY CHOOSE TO OPERATE WITHOUT A LICENCE WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW.

THE EXISTING REQUIREMENT FOR ALL MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS TO CONFINE THEIR BUSINESS HOURS TO BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM WILL BE REPLACED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF OPERATION FOR DIFFERENT ESTABLISHMENTS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER, AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY A PERSON OF THE SAME SEX WILL NO LONGER BE A CONDITION. HOWEVER, THESE MEASURES WILL ONLY APPLY TO NEW ESTABLISHMENTS AND EXISTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES.

THE PURPOSE IS TO PERMIT A GREATER DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATE IN VERY DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

FOR EXAMPLE, AN ESTABLISHMENT IN AN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL CATERING FOR BUSINESSMEN AND TOURISTS CLEARLY REQUIRES TO BE OPEN FOR LONGER HOURS THAN AT PRESENT PERMITTED.

IT HAS NOW ALSO BECOME MORE SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR MASSAGE TO BE GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, CLIENTS WILL STILL BE FREE TO CHOOSE TO BE MASSAGED BY A MEMBER OF THE SAME SEX IF THEY SO WISH.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THESE MEASURES ARE INTENDED TO HELP LEGITIMISE BONA FIDE ESTABLISHMENTS AND EMPHASISED THAT THERE WILL BE NO RELAXATION OF POLICE ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE ONLY COVERS FOR VICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND ARE OPEN TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE CRIMES ORDINANCE.

IN FACT, UNDER THE BILL, THE PENALTY FOR OPERATING ILLEGAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE A FINE OF $50 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON FIRST CONVICTION. ON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, THE PENALTY WILL BE MUCH TOUGHER AND WILL BE INCREASED TO A FINE OF $100 000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT, HE SAID.

THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 27. ITS SECOND READING IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND ITS THIRD READING TAKEN AT THE SITTING ON AUGUST 3.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7 .....

EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO PRISON SENTENCES

* * * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED A MORE EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO THE SENTENCING OF PRISONERS UNDER A CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY.

UNDER THIS BILL, IT WILL BE MADE CLEAR THAT IN ALL CASES THE PERIOD A PRISONER SPENT IN CUSTODY AS A RESULT OF A COURT ORDER PRIOR TO BEING SENTENCED WILL BE COMPUTED AS PART OF HIS TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT LAW DOES NOT WITHOUT A SPECIAL ORDER TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TIME A PRISONER SPENT IN CUSTODY BEFORE HIS COMMITTAL FOR TRIAL. THIS LEADS TO DISPARITY OF TREATMENT BETWEEN OFFENDERS AND A FEELING OF INJUSTICE CAN BE THE RESULT.

NOW THE RULE WILL BE CHANGED AND THERE WILL BE A CLEAR RULE THAT ALL PRE-TRIAL CUSTODY ORDERED BY A COURT WILL COUNT TOWARDS A SENTENCE.

AS A RESULT OF THIS PROPOSED CHANGE, THE PRISON RULES WOULD ALSO BE AMENDED TO ADJUST THE CALCULATION OF REMISSION PERIODS, HE ADDED.

ANOTHER REFORM IN THE BILL IS THAT THE COURT IN PASSING SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT ON A PERSON FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFENCE WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER THAT THE SENTENCES SHOULD OVERLAP PARTLY.

AT PRESENT SUCH SENTENCES RUN EITHER CONCURRENTLY OR CONSECUTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT IN PASSING SENTENCES FOR SEVERAL OFFENCES, THE COURT WILL SCALE DOWN WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE APPROPRIATE SEPARATE SENTENCES SO THAT THE TOTAL IMPRISONMENT WILL BE THE APPROPRIATE PERIOD FOR THE PARTICULAR OFFENDER ON ALL THE OFFENCES FOR WHICH HE IS BEFORE THE COURT.

+ONE RESULT OF THIS IS THAT IF A CONVICTION IS UPSET ON APPEAL, THE CALCULATION IS UPSET AND A PERSON MAY SERVE A SHORTER PERIOD OF IMPRISONMENT THAN IS APPROPRIATE,+ HE SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE, A COURT MAY IMPOSE SENTENCES OF FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT EACH FOR A RAPE AND A ROBBERY BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH SEVEN YEARS FOR EACH OFFENCE MAY BE OTHERWISE APPROPRIATE, TEN YEARS IS A PROPER TOTAL PERIOD OF IMPRISONMENT. IF ONE CONVICTION IS UPSET ON APPEAL, THE OFFENDER SERVES ONLY FIVE YEARS INSTEAD OF SEVEN YEARS.

IF THE SENTENCE CAN BE ORDERED TO RUN PARTLY CONCURRENTLY AND PARTLY CONSECUTIVELY, AS IS PROPOSED BY THE BILL, THIS SITUATION WOULD NOT HAVE ARISEN, AND THE COURT WOULD HAVE GOT THE TOTAL SENTENCE RIGHT AS WELL THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL OFFENCE.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 27.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/8

SUPREME COURT BUSINESS CLARIFIED

* * * *

A BILL TO CLARIFY WHAT BUSINESS MAY BE CONDUCTED IN THE SUPREME COURT DURING ITS VACATIONS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT SOME CONFUSION HAD ARISEN AS TO THE BUSINESS THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED IN THE SUPREME COURT DURING ITS VACATIONS. THIS WAS BECAUSE THERE ARE CONFLICTING DEFINITIONS OF THE TERM +PLEADING+ IN THE SUPREME COURT ORDINANCE AND THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

THE AMENDMENT BILL PUBLISHED TODAY REMOVES THIS CONFLICT AND PROVIDES THAT APART FROM THE HOLDING OF CRIMINAL TRIALS AND DETERMINING CRIMINAL APPEALS AND INCIDENTAL BUSINESS, WHAT MAY BE CONDUCTED DURING VACATIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT WILL BE PRESCRIBED BY RULES OF COURT.

THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF +COMMISSIONER OF THE HIGH COURT+ TO +DEPUTY JUDGE+, IN LINE WITH UK PRACTICE AND A SIMILAR CHANGE ALREADY MADE TO THE TITLE OF TEMPORARY JUDGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

THE FIRST READING OF THE BILL AND COMMENCEMENT OF ITS SECOND READING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 27. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON AUGUST 3.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE ADDRESSED TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

- - - - o - - - -

BILL SEEKS TO REDUCE DELAY IN JUDICIAL PROCESS

* * * *

THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO REDUCE DELAY IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS BY PROPOSING AUTOMATIC COMMITTAL OF DEFENDANTS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE UNLESS THEY ELECT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AS THE LAW STANDS, COMMITTAL TO THE HIGH COURT FOR TRIAL MUST BE ORDERED BY A MAGISTRATE IF, AFTER HEARING EVIDENCE, HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PUT THE DEFENDANT ON TRIAL IN THE HIGH COURT.

AT THE HEARING, EVIDENCE IS ADDUCED EITHER BY WAY OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS, WHICH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CERTIFIED TRANSLATIONS, OR BY CALLING SOME OR ALL OF THE WITNESSES TO GIVE ORAL TESTIMONY. DEFENDANTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE WITNESSES CALLED OR TO CALL WITNESSES THEMSELVES AND TO CROSS-EXAMINE ANY CROWN WITNESSES, A RIGHT VERY RARELY EXERCISED AT PRESENT.

/FURTHERMORE, THE.....

FURTHERMORE, THE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL WITNESS STATEMENTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY CERTIFIED TRANSLATIONS, REGULATED BY COMPLEX RULES IN THE PRESENT LEGISLATION, IS CAUSING SERIOUS DELAYS.

+THE COMMITTAL PROCEDURE THEREFORE HAS BECOME IN NEARLY EVERY CASE A WASTEFUL EMPLOYMENT OF COURT TIME, AND SERVES TO LENGTHEN THE PERIOD BETWEEN ARREST AND TRIAL IN THE HIGH COURT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL, UNDER A CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS ON AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY, IS FOR AUTOMATIC COMMITTAL OF THE DEFENDANT TO THE HIGH COURT, AFTER HE HAS BEEN SERVED THE STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES AND COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE UNLESS HE ELECTS FOR A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY. IN THE LATTER CASE, THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WILL BE THE SAME AS AT PRESENT, ALTHOUGH THE NEED FOR CERTIFICATION OF TRANSLATIONS OF WITNESS STATEMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED.

TO HELP THE ACCUSED, LEGAL AID WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE DEFENDANTS AT THIS IMPORTANT STAGE OF ELECTING WHETHER OR NOT TO AGREE TO AN AUTOMATIC COMMITTAL.

+THE BILL WILL THUS RETAIN THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO DEMAND SOME FORM OF JUDICIAL SCREENING OF THE CROWN'S CASE AGAINST HIM, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, A DEFENDANT ELIGIBLE FOR LEGAL AID MAY HAVE THE BENEFIT OF ADVICE PRIOR TO COMMITTAL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 27 AND IS EXPECTED TO PASS ITS COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING ON AUGUST 3.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBER, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MORE FLEXIBILITY SOUGHT FOR HEUNG YEE KUK

* * * *

A BILL TO PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK IN MANAGING ITS PROPERTY WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 27.

AT PRESENT, THE HEUNG YEE KUK IS ONLY AUTHORISED TO ACQUIRE AND HOLD PROPERTY IN TRUST AND IS CONSTRAINED WHEN IT WISHES TO DISPOSE OF ITS PROPERTY.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) SEEK TO ENABLE THE KUK TO SELL, LET OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ITS PROPERTY AND TO MORTGAGE IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING ITS OBJECTIVES ONLY.

/THE COMMITTEE .....

THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING OF THE BILL WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 3.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BILL ON ATTEMPTED OFFENCES

* * * * *

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THOSE WHO ATTEMPT, CONSPIRE WITH OTHERS, OR INCITE OTHERS, TO COMMIT AN OFFENCE MAY IN FUTURE BE SIMILAR TO THAT FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE OFFENDERS, IF AN INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY IS PASSED INTO LAW.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT PRESENT, ATTEMPTS, CONSPIRACIES AND INCITEMENTS TO COMMIT OFFENCES WHICH ARE MISDEMEANORS BY COMMON LAW ARE PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS AND A FINE OF $50 000.

+IN OTHER WORDS, A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED ROBBERY IS LIABLE TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS ALTHOUGH, IF HE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HIS ATTEMPT, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN LIABLE TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A PERSON WHO ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT AN OFFENCE BUT FAILED DESPITE HIS EFFORTS WAS AS BLAMEWORTHY MORALLY AS IF HE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AND THOSE WHO CONSPIRED TO COMMIT OFFENCES, OR INCITED OTHERS TO DO SO SHOULD NOT BE TREATED MORE LENIENTLY THAN THOSE WHO SUCCEEDED IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR PLANS.

+THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD ONLY GIVE WAY WHERE THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE OFFENCE IS DEATH,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR ATTEMPTS, CONSPIRACIES AND INCITEMENTS, IN THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC PENALTY, SHALL BE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE OFFENCE EXCEPT WHERE THE PENALTY IS DEATH, IN WHICH CASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY SHALL BE IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 27 AND WILL BE MOVED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING ON AUGUST 3.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/11 .....

DISTRICT JUDGE PROMOTED

* * *

THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT JUDGE PHILIP GERARD CLOUGH AS A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT.

THE APPOINTMENT, GAZETTED TODAY, WAS EFFECTIVE FROM MAY 9.

MR CLOUGH HAD BEEN SERVING AS A DISTRICT JUDGE IN HONG KONG SINCE AUGUST 1981.

BORN IN 1924, MR CLOUGH STUDIED LAW AT KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE AFTER COMPLETING WAR SERVICE IN 1946. HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN 1949.

HE TOOK UP THE POST OF FEDERAL COUNSEL IN MALAYA IN 1951 AND WAS ADDITIONALLY THE LEGAL ADVISER OF SELANGOR FROM 1956 TO 1958.

FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS, HE PRACTISED AT THE CHANCERY BAR AND SAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AS DEPUTY CIRCUIT JUDGE.

BEFORE JOINING THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY, HE WAS THE LEGAL AFFAIRS ADVISER IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS IN BRUNEI.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BERTHING FEES PROVIDED IN REGULATIONS

* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AMENDED EXISTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CHARGING OF BERTHING AND EMBARKATION FEES AT THE SHAM SHUI PO - MACAU FERRY TERMINAL FOR VESSELS AND PASSENGERS LEAVING FOR MACAU.

THE AMENDMENT IS CONTAINED IN THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (HONG KONG - CHINA AND MACAU FERRY TERMINALS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT WAS MADE FOLLOWING PASSENGER THROUGHPUT PROJECTIONS THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A SECOND TERMINAL FOR MACAU FERRY SERVICES, EITHER IN KOWLOON OR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

PASSENGER THROUGHPUT AT THE CURRENT TEMPORARY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL REACHED EIGHT MILLION IN 1982, ONE MILLION MORE THAN IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT FOR.

THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS, MADE UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 313), PROVIDED FOR BERTHING AND EMBARKATION FEES TO BE CHARGED AT THE HONG KONG - MACAU FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL.

THE PRESENT AMENDMENT EXTENDS THESE REGULATIONS TO COVER ALSO THE SHAM SHUI PO - MACAU FERRY TERMINAL.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MACAU PASSENGER THROUGHPUT FOR 1983-84 WILL BE 6.63 MILLION AT THE CENTRAL TERMINAL AND 2.63 MILLION AT THE SHAM SHUI PO TERMINAL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/12 .....

PLEASURE CRAFT OWNERS REMINDED ABOUT LAW

* * * * * *

A MARINE POLICE SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED OWNERS OF PLEASURE CRAFT THAT THEY MUST COMPLY WITH THE VARIOUS REGULATIONS ON SAFETY AT SEA AND SPEED LIMITS.

UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (SPEED RESTRICTED ZONES FOR PLEASURE VESSELS) REGULATIONS 1981, A SPEED LIMIT OF FIVE KNOTS IS IMPOSED IN A NUMBER OF AREAS IN HONG KONG WATERS.

THESE INCLUDE AREAS NEAR ALL GAZETTED BEACHES WHERE SPEEDING BOATS MAY ENDANGER THE LIVES OF SWIMMERS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PLEASURE VESSELS) REGULATIONS WHICH STIPULATE THAT , WHILE SAILING, ALL PLEASURE CRAFT MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATED MASTER AND AN ENGINEER ON BOARD. THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES THAT PLEASURE VESSELS MUST BE INSURED AGAINST THIRD PARTY RISKS.

''TO ENFORCE THESE REGULATIONS, WE CARRY OUT DAILY SPOT CHECKS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO SEE IF THE CRAFT ARE FITTED WITH ADEQUATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND IF THEY SATISFY LICENSING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS,'' THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON SPEEDING, HE NOTED THAT THE MARINE POLICE AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WERE WORKING CLOSELY ON THE USE OF RADAR TO DETECT SUCH OFFENCES AND TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, SUSTAINED POLICE EFFORT IN ENFORCING THE LAW HAS RESULTED IN SUMMONS ACTION BEING TAKEN IN 59 CASES AGAINST PLEASURE CRAFT WHICH HAD NO MASTER OR ENGINEER ON BOARD. FIVE OWNERS WERE SUMMONSED FOR NOT HAVING ADEQUATE LIFE-SAVING OR FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

THE MASTER OF A ''KAI TO'' WHICH COLLIDED WITH A CANOE IN HALF MOON BAY IN SAI KUNG LAST SUNDAY WAS CHARGED WITH ENDANGERING LIFE AT SEA.

A NUMBER OF OTHERS HAD BEEN WARNED FOR SPEEDING AND OTHER MINOR OFFENCES.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED OWNERS OF LARGER TYPE PLEASURE CRAFT THAT THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT CREW MEMBERS WERE PROPERLY LICENSED FOR THE VARIOUS TYPES OF VESSELS.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO ALL PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS TO OBSERVE THE SAFETY CODE EVEN WHEN THEY ARE SAILING OUTSIDE RESTRICTED ZONES.

/'IT IS .....

'IT IS GOOD SEAMANSHIP FOR OPERATORS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SAFETY OF OTHERS AT ALL TIMES,' HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION TO ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT ROLE, THE MARINE POLICE RESCUED 42 PEOPLE SO FAR THIS YEAR, INCLUDING SWIMMERS, CANOERS, AND WIND SURFERS. THEY ALSO WENT TO THE ASSISTANCE OF SOME 20 PLEASURE VESSELS WHICH HAD RUN OUT OF FUEL, BROKEN DOWN, OR OBSCURED BY FOG.

AT THE END OF 1982, THERE WERE 4 005 LICENSED PLEASURE CRAFT, 1 500 TO 2 000 OF WHICH ARE SPEED BOATS FITTED WITH OUT-BOARD ENGINES. HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE LAW, ALL VESSELS WITH AN ENGINE MUST BE LICENSED. THESE INCLUDE WATER SCOOTERS AND WIND SURFERS WITH ENGINES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NEW LINK ROAD FOR SHA TAU KOK PLANNED

* * * *

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ROAD TO LINK UP SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO THE NEW SHA TAU KOK BRIDGE.

THE PROPOSED NEW ROAD, WITH TWO-METRE WIDE FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES, WILL BE ABOUT 800 METRES LONG. ABOUT 400 METRES OF THE ROAD WILL BE 7.3 METRES WIDE, AND THE REMAINING SECTION WILL WIDEN TO 70.0 METRES TO CATER FOR THE ASSOCIATED CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION FACILITIES.

IT WILL BE ENCLOSED BY A SECURITY FENCE ABOUT 3.5 METRES HIGH.

INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO VEHICLE HOLDING AREAS AND A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY.

THE NEW ROAD, UPON COMPLETION, WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER BORDER CROSSING FACILITY IN ADDITION TO THE MAN KAM TO CROSSING.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH, AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 13.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/14 .....

FILM WARNS YOUNGSTERS ABOUT CRIME

* * * * * *

HONG KONG YOUTH WILL BE WARNED IN A DRAMATISED DOCUMENTARY FILM OF THE HIGH PRICE ONE HAS TO PAY FOR CRIME.

CO-ORDINATEDBY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, THE FILM ENTITLED +THERE IS NO GLAMOUR IN CRIME+ IS AIMED AT DISSUADING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN CRIME.

A PRE-VIEW OF THE FILM WAS HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GIS THEATRE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING THE PRE-VIEW INCLUDED THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR MIKE HAMMETT, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, MRS SOPHIA HO, AND MR CHARLES YEUNG.

DURING THE FILM SHOW, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS, MR ANDREW RENNIE SAID THE STORIES IN THE FILM WERE BASED ON ACTUAL CRIME CASES PROVIDED BY THE POLICE.

THE FILM TELLS IN 25 MINUTES THE TRAGIC STORIES OF FOUR YOUNGSTERS. COMING FROM THE LOWER STRATUM OF SOCIETY AND WITHOUT PROPER GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE FROM THE FAMILY, THE YOUNGSTERS LACKED INTEREST IN THEIR STUDIES, BECAME INVOLVED IN CRIME, AND INVARIABLY FACED SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

LAM TIN LEUNG, AGED 16, WAS SENTENCED TO A DETENTION CENTRE FOR THEFT. LUCKILY HE DECIDED TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF. ON LEAVING THE CENTRE, HE FOUND A JOB AND RESUMED HIS STUDIES IN A NIGHT SCHOOL. LAM'S FRIENDS, LEE KA WAI, AGED 14, WHO HAD EXTORTED PROTECTION MONEY FROM HIS SCHOOLMATES, AND CHEUNG YAT BOR, AGED NINE, WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM A BOYS' HOME, WERE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE. LAM'S SISTER, AGED 14, WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE DURING A POLICE RAID ON A VICE ESTABLISHMENT.

THE DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES OF THE FOUR YOUNGSTERS CONVEY ONE COMMON MESSAGE - THAT THEY ALL HAD TO PAY DEARLY FOR THEIR FOOLISH DEEDS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE TARGET GROUP OF OUR CAMPAIGN - THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG - WILL GET THE MESSAGE+, SAID MR RENNIE.

THE ACTING CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS BETTY SHUM, SAID THE FILM WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND LICENSING, WHO REMARKED, +WITH THE RIGHT CAST, THE SHOW STRIKES THE EXPECTED DRAMATIC IMPACT AND DELIVERS A FORCEFUL MESSAGE.+

/MRS SHUM .....

MRS SHUM SAID THE FILM WHICH IS IN CHINESE ONLY, WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB JADE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10.30 PM.

THE FILM WILL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS, YOUTH CLUBS, JPC CLUBHOUSES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

COPIES OF THE FILM WILL BE KEPT IN GIS' FILM LIBRARY FOR LOAN TO INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS WHICH NEED ONLY CONTACT THE FILM LIBRARIAN ON 13/F, UNITED CENTRE, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG OR TELEPHONE HER ON 5-275115 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE FILM WILL ALSO BE SHOWN TO THE 300 YOUTHS WHO WILL BE JOINING THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SEMINAR CAMP TO BE HELD AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN SAI KUNG BETWEEN JULY 26 AND 29.

ANOTHER OUTLET FOR THE FILM IS THE GIS MOBILE FILM VAN WHICH ARRANGES FREQUENT FILM SHOWS AT SQUATTER AREAS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN THE EVENINGS. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CIVILIAN INFORMATION TEAM OF THE CITY AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, THE FILM CAN ALSO BE SHOWN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SUMMER EVENTS BEING HELD FOR YOUTHS

* * * *

A CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY, A KNITTING CONTEST, A CLEAN-UP IN A HOUSING ESTATE, AND A CANOE AND SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN SEVEN DISTRICTS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, BEING HELD IN EACH OF THE 18 DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE AND STUDENTS A WIDE CHOICE OF ACTIVITIES AND ENSURES THAT THERE IS SOMETHING OF INTEREST FOR EVERYONE.

TOMORROW, STUDENTS AT SHA TIN WILL GIVE TWO HOURS OF SINGING, DANCING AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PERFORMANCES AT THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE STARTING AT 10 AM. A TOTAL OF 362 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NEW TOWN THIS SUMMER.

AT 1 PM, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH GAMES AND SINGING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR DISC JOCKEYS. THE CEREMONY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

AN HOUR LATER, A CANOE PERFORMANCE AND A SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL WILL BE THE HIGH-LIGHT OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S OPENING CEREMONY.

/ON SUNDAY .....

ON SUNDAY (JULY 17), ABOUT 200 CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN A SPORTS DAY, AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN SAI KUNG AT 9.30 AM. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY FOLK DANCES AND BALLET PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS FROM SAI KUNG.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM KWUN TONG AND SHAM SHUI PO WILL START AT 2 PM.

TO FULFIL THIS YEAR'S THEME OF +BETTERING ONESELF THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE+, ABOUT 300 YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG WILL HELP CLEAN THE TSUI PING ROAD ESTATE.

AND AT THE ESTATE'S PLAYGROUND, 10 GAME STALLS WILL BE PUT UP AND GIRL GUIDES WILL TAKE PART IN A COMPETITION, TO KNIT WOOLLEN SCARVES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL FEATURE ACROBATICS PERFORMANCES, TAEKWANDO DEMONSTRATION, AND DANCING AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

TO ROUND-OFF THE DAY'S EVENT, A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION WILL BE HELD AT 5.30 PM AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE IN WONG TAI SIN.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SAFETY AWARD SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

* * * *

A SAFETY AWARD SCHEME, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND DESIGNED FOR WORKERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, WILL BE HELD FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE +CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME+ AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), MR CHEUNG LUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY OF THE SCHEME SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE SCHEME WAS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMONG WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

MR CHEUNG, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE, SAID THE SCHEME IS OPEN TO ALL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS IN THE INDUSTRY. IT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES - A SAFETY SLOGAN AWARD, A SAFETY EMPLOYEE AWARD AND A SAFETY CONTRACTOR AWARD.

THERE WILL BE THREE PRIZES EACH FOR THE SAFETY SLOGAN AWARD AND SAFETY EMPLOYEE AWARD AND THE WINNERS WILL BE GIVEN PACKAGE TOURS TO JAPAN, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES.

THE THREE WINNERS OF THE SAFETY CONTRACTOR AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED WITH ROAST PIGS, WHICH TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE A SIGN OF SAFETY. SPECIALLY DESIGNED SOUVENIRS WILL ALSO BE AWARDED.

THE SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY KONO INSURANCE CO. LTD.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES WILL BE AUGUST 31, 1983 AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION AND THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/17 .....

TAPS OFF FOR MAINS WORK

* * * *

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY HEARD STREET, JOHNSTON ROAD, WAN CHAI ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, SUNG TAK STREET, OI KWAN ROAD, TAK YAN STREET, AND WAN CHAI ROAD, INCLUDING TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL, TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC, MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL AND 290-296 HENNESSY ROAD.

- - - - 0 - - - -