



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVT MAY BE AUTHORISED TO INTERVENE  
IN LABOUR DISPUTES  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY ANNOUNCED PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR DEALING WITH SERIOUS LABOUR DISPUTES IN HONG KONG.

THIS WILL GIVE THE GOVERNMENT POWER TO INTERVENE IN AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE -- BUT NOT TO IMPOSE A COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT.

THE LABOUR RELATIONS BILL, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, PROVIDES FOR THE :

- \* APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLICLY-NAMED +SPECIAL CONCILIATOR+ TO TRY TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE WHEN ORDINARY CONCILIATION HAS FAILED.
- \* REFERENCE OF A DISPUTE TO VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION IF SPECIAL CONCILIATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL, OR, AS AN ALTERNATIVE=
- \* SETTING UP OF A BOARD OF INQUIRY, WITH JUDICIAL POWERS, TO EXAMINE AND REPORT ON THE DISPUTE.
- \* IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND PARALLEL WITH OTHER PROCEDURES TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE, A SPECIFIED COOLING-OFF PERIOD COULD BE ORDERED DURING WHICH ANY PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE -- INCLUDING A TRADE UNION -- MUST CEASE OR DEFER INDUSTRIAL ACTION OR RESUME NORMAL WORK IF A STOPPAGE HAS OCCURRED.

MR. PRICE SAID THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL COULD ORDER AN INITIAL COOLING-OFF PERIOD OF 30 DAYS, WHICH COULD BE EXTENDED BY ANOTHER 30 DAYS TO A MAXIMUM OF 60 DAYS, IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

HE SAID THAT SUCH AN ORDER COULD BE MADE ONLY WHEN THE SITUATION ARISING OUT OF A DISPUTE WAS LIKELY TO CAUSE AN INTERRUPTION IN THE SUPPLY OF GOODS OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES WHICH MAY :-

- \* BE GRAVELY INJURIOUS TO THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG, OR SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE LIVELIHOOD OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PERSONS= OR
- \* CREATE A SERIOUS RISK OF PUBLIC DISORDER OR SERIOUSLY JEOPARDISE THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF HONG KONG= OR
- \* ENDANGER THE LIVES OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PERSONS OR EXPOSE THEM TO SERIOUS RISK OF DISEASE OR PERSONAL INJURY.

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MR. PRICE SAID THAT IN THE CASE OF A COOLING-OFF PERIOD ORDER, ANY PERSON WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WOULD BE GUILTY OF CONTEMPT AND MAY BE DEALT WITH AS BEING GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF THE SUPREME COURT.

✦THE BILL HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING WITH LABOUR DISPUTES INVOLVING TRADE UNIONS OR REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS OF WORKERS,✦ HE SAID.

✦THE ILLEGAL STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS ORDINANCE AND THE TRADE DISPUTES ORDINANCE WILL BE REPEALED ON THE LABOUR RELATIONS BILL BECOMING LAW.

✦HOWEVER, CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE REPEALED ORDINANCES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE CRIME ORDINANCE AND THE TRADE UNIONS ORDINANCE.✦

MR. PRICE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DELIBERATELY AVOIDED THE IMPOSITION OF COMPULSORY SETTLEMENTS.

✦OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL,✦ HE SAID.

✦SETTLEMENTS HAVE OFTEN BEEN MADE WITHOUT ANY REGARD TO THEIR OVERALL EFFECTS ON THE ECONOMY.

THE PROPOSED BILL HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE IT IS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, PROBABLY IN EARLY MAY.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A GUIDE TO THE BILL, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

IT IS AVAILABLE AT ALL LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR REDUNDANT TEACHERS  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS SETTING UP A PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR ABOUT 260 REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHERE CLASSES WILL BE REDUCED NEXT SEPTEMBER.

THE SERVICE, HEADED BY A SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS IN JUNE.

THESE TEACHERS WILL BECOME REDUNDANT FOLLOWING THE PHASING OUT OF NEARLY 240 UNDER-UTILISED CLASSES IN URBAN AREAS.

SINCE A SIMILAR NUMBER OF NEW CLASSES WILL BE OPENED IN NEW AND DEVELOPING AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONGKONG IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, THE SERVICE WILL ASSIST THEM TO FIND ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT IN THESE SCHOOLS.

THE NEW CLASSES WILL BE IN SCHOOLS IN NEW TOWNS, NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN OTHER DEVELOPING AREAS, AND IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE SHORTAGES. MOST OF THESE CLASSES ARE NECESSARY TO MATCH THE SHIFT IN POPULATION.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, IS MOST CONCERNED WITH THE PRECARIOUS POSITION OF SUCH TEACHERS. HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT ANY VACANT TEACHING POSTS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARISING FROM NEW CLASSES, RETIREMENT AND WASTAGE, SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THESE TEACHERS.

IN A CIRCULAR TO ALL AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY), MR. LAM TAT-LAU, ADVISED SUPERVISORS AND HEADS TO ENSURE THAT IN FILLING VACANT TEACHING POSTS FOR SEPTEMBER THEY SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO THESE TEACHERS.

MR. LAM ASKED THEM TO NOTE THAT IN DETERMINING REDUNDANT TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF IN THEIR SCHOOLS AS A RESULT OF REDUCTION OF CLASSES, THEY SHOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE +LAST IN, FIRST OUT+ RULE.

IF THE REDUNDANT TEACHER SELECTED WAS NOT THE +LAST IN+ PERSON, FULL REASONS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REMINDED THEM THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR INFORMATION ON VACANT POSTS TO BE REPORTED TO THE RELEVANT AREA SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICERS.

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## TENDERS CALLED FOR NEW FERRY SERVICE

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GOVERNMENT TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO OPERATE A SCHEDULED PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS STARTING ON AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR OR LATER.

DETAILS OF CONDITIONS FOR TENDERS ARE SET OUT IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WOULD BE GRANTED A LICENCE TO RUN AND MAINTAIN A FERRY SERVICE ON AN APPROVED SCHEDULE TO CARRY PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU WITHIN ABERDEEN HARBOUR.

HE SAID THE FARES CHARGED FOR EACH TRIP SHALL NOT EXCEED 20 CENTS FOR ADULTS, 10 CENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12, AND 50 CENTS FOR EACH PIECE OR FOUR CUBIC FEET OF GENERAL CARGO.

THE SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED AT A FIVE-MINUTE FREQUENCY IN EACH DIRECTION BETWEEN 6 AM AND MIDNIGHT, HE SAID.

THERE ARE SPECIFIED MARINE FRONTAGES FOR THE PROVISION OF FERRY LANDING POINTS BY THE LICENCEE, AND THESE ARE, IN ABERDEEN, THE SEAWALL BETWEEN THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE GOVERNMENT PIER, AND AT AP LEI CHAU, THE SHORE BETWEEN THE NORTH-EAST POINT OF THE ISLAND AND THE HUNG SHING TEMPLE.

EACH TENDERER SHALL STATE IN HIS TENDER THE AMOUNT OF MONTHLY RENT HE OFFERS GOVERNMENT, AS THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT A FIXED MONTHLY RENT. IN ADDITION, RATES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION WILL BE PAYABLE ON THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF ANY PIER OR PONTOON.

EACH TENDERER MUST ALSO ATTACH A DEPOSIT RECEIPT SHOWING HE HAS DEPOSITED A SUM OF \$1,000 WITH THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL AT THE TREASURY AS A PLEDGE OF THE BONA FIDES OF HIS TENDER.

THE DEPOSIT WILL BE RETURNED TO UNSUCCESSFUL TENDERERS, AND TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER AS WELL WHEN HE HAS FURNISHED, AS SECURITY, A SUM IN CASH OF THREE TIMES THE MONTHLY RENT AND A BOND TO THE VALUE OF AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT.

TENDERS MUST BE SEALED AND IN DUPLICATE. ENVELOPES CONTAINING TENDERS SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED +TENDER FOR PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU+ AND ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD. THEY SHOULD BE PLACED BEFORE 12 NOON ON APRIL 18 THIS YEAR, IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

NO LATE TENDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BIND ITSELF TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST OR ANY TENDER.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 2 MURRAY ROAD, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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ADULTERATED LIQUOR SEIZED BY PREVENTIVE SERVICE

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OFFICERS OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE THIS WEEK HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING LARGE SEIZURES OF ADULTERATED LIQUOR AND SMASHING TWO SYNDICATES ENGAGED IN THE BOTTLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIQUOR TO OUTLETS IN HONG KONG.

INVESTIGATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK, A COMPLAINT WAS RECEIVED THAT A MAN HAD SUFFERED FROM A STOMACH DISORDER AFTER DRINKING SOME CHINESE TYPE SPIRIT PURCHASED FROM A STORE IN SAN PO KONG. THE PREMISES WERE IMMEDIATELY SEARCHED AND 259 BOTTLES OF VARIOUS BRANDS OF CHINESE TYPE SPIRIT WERE SEIZED AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND TO BE ADULTERATED.

ENQUIRIES LED TO A FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE PREMISES OF A LIQUOR DEALER IN YUEN LONG WHERE ANOTHER 89 GALLONS AND 628 BOTTLES OF ADULTERATED CHINESE TYPE SPIRIT WERE SEIZED. ONE FEMALE HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND A MAN IS ASSISTING ENQUIRIES.

IT WAS LATER ESTABLISHED THAT THE ADULTERATED SPIRIT SEIZED WAS IN FACT RECTIFIED ALCOHOL, CONTAINING TRACES OF PYRIDINE WHICH CAN BE INJURIOUS TO HEALTH.

MORE RECENTLY, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC COMPLAINED THAT A BOTTLE OF PORT WINE PURCHASED FROM A STORE IN SHAMSHUIPO DID NOT APPEAR TO BE GENUINE. INVESTIGATION ON THIS RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 1,029 QUART BOTTLES OF PORT WINE, ALL BELIEVED TO BE ADULTERATED.

THE CONTENTS OF THE SUSPECT BOTTLE, LABELLED AS AUSTRALIAN PORT WINE, WERE CERTIFIED ON ANALYSIS BY THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST TO CONTAIN A SUFFICIENT PERCENTAGE OF METHYL ALCOHOL WHICH IS INJURIOUS TO HEALTH.

FOLLOWING THIS, AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT THE PREMISES OF THE WINE RETAILER FROM WHOM THE BOTTLE OF WINE WAS PURCHASED AND ALSO AT THE PREMISES OF HIS SUPPLIER IN SHAMSHUIPO. THESE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 755 QUART BOTTLES OF VARIOUS BRANDS OF PORT WINE, ALL BELIEVED TO BE ADULTERATED.

OFFICERS FROM THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE ALSO VISITED 21 PREMISES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON, SEIZING ANOTHER 274 BOTTLES OF ADULTERATED PORT WINE BEARING VARIOUS BRAND LABELS.

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A MAN IS ASSISTING THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE WITH FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF LIQUOR.

ANY GENUINE SUSPICION THAT LIQUOR MIGHT BE ADULTERATED SHOULD BE REPORTED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE OR ALTERNATIVELY IN WRITING TO THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE POST OFFICE BOX, P.O. BOX 1363, GENERAL POST OFFICE, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SEIZURES MADE BY THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE CAN BE TAKEN BETWEEN 11 AM AND 12 NOON TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE NEW QUEEN'S WAREHOUSE, GROUND FLOOR, RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOUREY CAR PARK, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

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TWO STAMPS TO MARK ROYAL VISIT  
IN CONVENIENT DENOMINATIONS OF \$1.30 AND \$2  
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THE HISTORIC VISIT OF THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO HONG KONG IN MAY IS TO BE MARKED BY A SPECIAL ISSUE OF TWO COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS.

THE VALUES OF THE STAMPS ARE \$1.30 AND \$2. THEY ARE SUITABLE FOR MINIMUM AIR-MAIL CHARGES TO MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

BOTH STAMPS WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.

THE MAIN FEATURE IS A JOINT PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE. THIS PARTICULAR PORTRAIT HAS NOT BEEN USED BEFORE IN A STAMP DESIGN.

APPEARING ON THE LEFT OF THE DESIGN IS THE HONG KONG COAT OF ARMS. THE STAMPS, IN FIVE COLOURS, HAVE BEEN PRINTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY THE LITHOGRAPHIC PROCESS.

A SPECIAL FIRST-DAY COVER HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ISSUE BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE COVERS WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT 20 CENTS EACH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE DESIGN OF THE STAMP ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE GIS PRESS ROOM.

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MCGREGOR WOOS AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS  
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JAMES MCGREGOR, RETURNS TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE END OF TWO WEEKS OF TALKS WITH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP AUSTRALIAN BRANCH FACTORIES IN HONG KONG.

THE TRIP WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS PLANNED FOR 1975/76 BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

THE TWO ORGANISATIONS WORK IN CLOSE LIAISON TO PROMOTE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO HONG KONG.

THIS IS DONE THROUGH SEMINARS, MISSIONS, AND DIRECT APPROACHES TO INDIVIDUALS IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE TWO ORGANISATIONS SHOULD CARRY OUT A NUMBER OF PROMOTIONS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES DURING THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, AIMED AT ATTRACTING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES TO HONG KONG.

THERE ARE ALREADY SOME 240 INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE FULLY OR PARTLY FOREIGN-OWNED AND THESE EMPLOY MORE THAN 65,000 WORKERS. THESE ENTERPRISES REPRESENT HIGH STANDARDS OF MANAGEMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING EXPERTISE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT POINTS OUT THAT MANY AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES HAVE PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO HONG KONG'S PRESENT STATE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID THAT IN ENGINEERING, PARTICULARLY, AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: MR. MCGREGOR WILL TALK ABOUT HIS TRIP TO NEWSMEN IN THE VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT KAITAK. HIS ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL IS 6.30 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY), FLIGHT CX 100. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IS REQUESTED TO BE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM BY 6.30 P.M. THE DEPARTMENT'S PRO, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

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### FOODSTUFFS COST MORE LAST MONTH

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THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF RICE DROPPED LAST MONTH BUT FRESH WATER FISH, PORK, LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH VEGETABLES ALL COST MORE DUE TO REDUCED SUPPLIES AND HEAVY DEMAND DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PERIOD.

AS A RESULT, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS IN THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX COVERING HOUSEHOLDS WITH A MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1,499 ROSE BY THREE POINTS, WHILE THAT IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FAMILIES IN THE \$1,500-\$2,999 EXPENDITURE BRACKET WENT UP BY TWO POINTS.

IN BOTH CASES, THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ROSE BY TWO POINTS EACH, MAINLY BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR HAIR-DRESSING BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.

MOVEMENTS IN THE INDICES FOR OTHER SECTIONS OF COMMODITY WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

OVERALL, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE \$400-\$1,499 GROUP STOOD AT 107, TWO POINTS HIGHER THAN THAT FOR JANUARY. THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE \$1,500-\$2,999 BRACKET WAS ALSO 107, COMPARED WITH 106 IN JANUARY.

THE OLD GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY WAS 188, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF FOUR POINTS OR 2.2 PER CENT OVER JANUARY.

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### EXTRA LAND FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL

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MORE LAND MAY BE GRANTED TO THE DEVELOPERS OF THE FIFTH CONTAINER TERMINAL AT KWAI CHUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF A LOT FOR THE TERMINAL WERE NOW AT AN ADVANCED STAGE, THE MAIN AREA OF FORESHORES AND SEA BED REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPING IT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN NOTIFIED IN THE GAZETTE.

+IT HAS NOW BEEN FOUND NECESSARY TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL SMALL AREA OF SEA BED IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT AN EXTENSION TO THE PROPOSED CONTAINER BERTH,+ HE SAID.

+THIS EXTENSION IS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE DOCKING OF LARGE CONTAINER SHIPS,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXTENT OF THE ADDITIONAL AREA TO BE LEASED IS PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

ANYONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS OR ANY CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

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NEW HOMES FOR DISPLACED VILLAGERS

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SEVENTY-TWO LAN NAI WAN FAMILIES, COMPRISING 380 PEOPLE, WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME, ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES IN THE HEART OF SAI KUNG TOWN SHORTLY.

THE FIRST EIGHT BLOCKS OF THEIR NEW BUILDING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE NOW READY FOR OCCUPATION. THESE FOUR-STORY BLOCKS PROVIDE 288 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS AND 72 SHOP SPACES ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

BALLOTING FOR THE FLATS AND SHOP PREMISES WAS HELD THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING AT THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE. THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, PRESIDED AT THE MEETING WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE BALLOTING IS TO ENSURE A FAIR ALLOCATION OF THE FLATS AND SHOPS TO EVERY VILLAGER CONCERNED,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF COMPENSATION, EACH FAMILY IS ENTITLED TO A 1,000-SQUARE-FOOT GROUND FLOOR PREMISES OR \$190,000 CASH IN LIEU. IN ADDITION, EACH MALE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS GIVEN A FLAT OR \$80,000 AND EACH FEMALE MEMBER HALF A FLAT OR \$40,000. SUBSIDIES ON FLAT DECORATION AND OCCUPATION AND REMOVAL ALLOWANCES WILL ALSO BE GRANTED WHEN THEY BEGIN TO MOVE TO THEIR NEW HOMES.

MEANWHILE, CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE LAST TWO BLOCKS IS WELL UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE FINISHED TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR. WHEN COMPLETED, THE OTHER 38 FAMILIES FROM LAN NAI WAN AND SHA TSUI WHO ARE ALSO AFFECTED BY THE RESERVOIR SCHEME WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE IN.

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S.W.D. STAFF ANNUAL SPORTS DAY  
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SOME 400 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION WILL BE GATHERING TOGETHER ON SUNDAY (MARCH 23) FOR THEIR ANNUAL SPORTS AND GAMES DAY.

THIS WILL BE HELD AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM IN BOUNDARY STREET, KOWLOON, STARTING AT 9.30 A.M.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY COMPRISES 43 DIFFERENT EVENTS IN FIELD AND TRACK INCLUDING CHILDREN'S GAMES AND A WALKATHON FOR ADULTS. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE TWO INVITATION RELAYS WITH TEAMS FROM VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANISATIONS AND STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OTHER DIVISIONS.

A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE DAY WITH MR. HENRY AU, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, WHO HEADS THE DIVISION, SAYING A FEW WORDS AND MR. LEE THIAM SWEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIVISION, PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS.

THE STAFF MEMBERS ARE FROM THE YOUTH WORK UNIT, LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICE UNIT AND COMMUNITY OR SOCIAL CENTRES IN WESTERN DISTRICT, WONG TAI SIN, TAI HANG TUNG, KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO, TSUEN WAN, SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

IT IS THROUGH THESE CENTRES AND UNITS THAT THE DIVISION PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. EACH CENTRE SERVES AS A CENTRAL MEETING PLACE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND IS BASE ON WHICH TO DEVELOP ACTIVITIES, RELATIONSHIPS, GROUP INTERESTS AND A SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

COMMUNITY CENTRES ALSO PROVIDE UNDER ONE ROOF, NURSERIES, FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES, INTEREST GROUPS AND SOCIAL CLUBS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMMES AND MASS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. SIMILAR SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN WELFARE BUILDINGS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

WHILE COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL CENTRES OPERATE WITHIN THEIR OWN IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD, THE DIVISION'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS PROVIDE THE EXPERTISE IN PROMOTING, DEVELOPING AND CO-ORDINATING COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON A DISTRICT LEVEL. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 12 CYOS, FOUR ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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CHAI WAN COTTAGE AREA RESIDENTS OFFERED HOUSING  
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING TO ONE HUNDRED FAMILIES LIVING IN SECTION 3, EPWORTH VILLAGE, CHAI WAN COTTAGE AREA.

THE OFFER WAS THE RESULT OF A RECENT SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF WHICH FOUND THAT MOST OF THE STRUCTURAL EXTENSIONS WERE PARTIALLY UNSOUND.

LETTERS WERE DELIVERED BY HAND THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TO TENANTS OF COTTAGE NOS. 1 TO 100, EXPLAINING THE POSSIBLE DANGER.

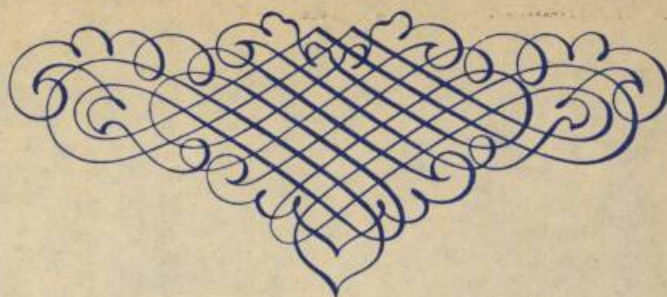
+PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATION WILL BE OFFERED TO TENANTS EITHER IN THE NEARBY CHAI WAN ESTATE IF THERE ARE CASUAL VACANCIES, OR IN ONE OF THE NEWER ESTATES IN KOWLOON,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID.

AFFECTED TENANTS SHOULD APPLY FOR REHOUSING AT THE CHAI WAN COTTAGE AREA OFFICE, BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR OCCUPATION PERMIT, HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND THE BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF THEIR CHILDREN.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 11.

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# ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Friday, March 21, 1975

## TWO STAMPS TO MARK ROYAL VISIT

In Convenient Denominations Of \$1.30 and \$2

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The historic visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Hong Kong in May is to be marked by a special issue of two commemorative stamps.

The values of the stamps are \$1.30 and \$2. They are suitable for minimum air-mail charges to many countries, including the United Kingdom and the United States.

Both stamps will be placed on sale at all post offices on Wednesday, April 30.

The main feature is a joint portrait of the Queen and the Duke. This particular portrait has not been used before in a stamp design.

Appearing on the left of the design is the Hong Kong Coat of Arms. The stamps, in five colours, have been printed in the United Kingdom by the lithographic process.

A special first-day cover has been prepared for this issue by the Information Services Department. The covers will be placed on sale at 20 cents each.

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