



SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1974.

DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

THE HIGH PRICE OF SCOOPING LAP SAP FROM THE HARBOUR

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DO YOU KNOW THAT EVERY TON OF LAP SAP SCOOPED OUT FROM THE HARBOUR COSTS TAXPAYERS ABOUT \$300?

THE AVERAGE WEIGHT OF REFUSE REMOVED BY THE SCAVENGING FLEET OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT EACH DAY IS AROUND 14 TONS. THIS MEANS THAT THE DAILY EXPENSE FOR COLLECTING FLOATING RUBBISH FROM OUR WATERS IS OVER \$4,000. SO, NEXT TIME YOU THROW LITTER INTO THE HARBOUR THINK HOW MUCH IT IS COSTING YOU.

TO THE MEN IN THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, KEEPING THE HARBOUR CLEAN FROM REFUSE IS AS DIFFICULT, IF NOT MORE SO, THAN SWEEPING LAP SAP CHUNG OFF OUR STREETS. ONE DISADVANTAGE IS THAT ONE MINUTE YOU SEE LAP SAP FLOATING IN A CERTAIN AREA OF THE HARBOUR AND THE NEXT YOU MIGHT FIND IT CARRIED AWAY TO ANOTHER AREA BY WIND AND TIDE.

DURING THE 168 WORKING DAYS BETWEEN JANUARY AND JULY THIS YEAR, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF REFUSE COLLECTED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S SCAVENGING FLEET WAS 2,325. FLOATING LAP SAP GENERALLY CONSISTS OF STRAW, MATTING, DOMESTIC REFUSE, FRUIT PEELS AND FRAGMENTS OF TIMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT SEA REFUSE IS NOT ONLY UNSIGHTLY, BUT IS ALSO A HEALTH HAZARD. +IT MAY EVEN CAUSE DAMAGE TO PROPELLORS AND ENGINE INTAKES OF SMALL CRAFT+, HE ADDED.

RUBBISH FLOATING IN THE HARBOUR EMANATES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES SOME OF WHICH, IN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE, ARE: DRAINAGE FROM NULLAHS, ESPECIALLY AFTER HEAVY RAINS= TIMBER AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS BREAKING AWAY FROM RECLAMATIONS= REFUSE DUMPED OVER SEA WALLS, AND FROM OTHER AREAS OF LAND= TIMBER FROM BOAT YARDS AND SAW MILLS= REFUSE DUMPED BY BOAT PEOPLE= AND REFUSE DUMPING FROM OCEAN-GOING SHIPS.

AT PRESENT, THE SCAVENGING FLEET OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT CONSISTS OF 24 SAMPANS AND EIGHT MECHANISED CARCO BOATS, HIRED ON A CONTRACT BASIS. THESE VESSELS WORK EVERYDAY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MARINE OFFICERS AND ARTISANS.

THREE LIGHTERS ARE ALSO HIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ARE STATIONED AT TAI KOK TSUI, CAUSEWAY BAY AND TO KWA WAN AS REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS FOR THE SCAVENGING FLEET. WHEN FULL, THESE LIGHTERS ARE TOWED TO GIN DRINKERS' BAY WHERE THEY DISPOSE OF THE REFUSE.

THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT PROVIDES A GENERAL SCAVENGING SERVICE WITHIN THE YAU MA TEI, CAUSEWAY BAY, THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTERS AS WELL AS A ROVING SCAVENGING SERVICE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING DRIFTING TIMBER AND REFUSE FLOATING IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA.

/+IN ADDITION

+IN ADDITION, THE UNIT IS ALSO OPERATING A FREE SHIP-TO-SHIP REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS CALLING AT PORT, BUT THIS IS LIMITED TO DOMESTIC REFUSE ONLY+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THREE MECHANISED CARGO BOATS ARE ENGAGED ON A CONTRACT BASIS TO PROVIDE THIS FREE SERVICE FOR SHIPS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE HARBOUR FOR 48 HOURS.

+TO OBTAIN THIS SERVICE, MASTERS OF SHIPS CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THEIR AGENTS OR BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR, SCAVENGING WORKERS HAVE BOARDED 1,652 VESSELS AND REMOVED OVER 360 TONS OF DOMESTIC REFUSE FROM 1,595 SHIPS.

APART FROM CARRYING OUT CLEANSING OPERATION IN HONG KONG WATERS, THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT IS ALSO CONTINUOUSLY MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE BOAT PEOPLE AND SHIP MASTERS AS WELL AS THOSE INVOLVED IN TRADE ACTIVITIES NEAR THE WATERFRONT ABOUT POLLUTION PREVENTION.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DEPOSIT REFUSE IN THE HARBOUR AND ON CONVICTION, A PERSON MAY BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PICTURE SHOWING CARGO BOATS COLLECTING REFUSE FROM OCEAN-GOING SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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TICKETS FOR 8TH LOTTERY NOW ON SALE
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TICKETS FOR THE EIGHTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB BRANCH OFFICES, VARIOUS FERRY PIERS, BANKS AND TWO KOWLOON HOTELS.

THE DRAW FOR THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 7.

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 159 PRIZES COMPRISING A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE, 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AND 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZES WILL TAKE UP 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS WITH THE REST GOING TO THE LOTTERIES FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY WELFARE PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL RESTUARANT ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 27) AT 1 P.M. TO ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR PROMOTING THE EIGHTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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**GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT NEEDED
TO HELP YOUNG OFFENDERS**

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IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY CITIZEN IN HONG KONG TO HELP SOLVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO YOUTH WITH EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES.

THIS WAS THE OPINION EXPRESSED BY MR. LUI SIU-HOI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, TODAY (SUNDAY) WHEN HE SPOKE ON THE OCCASION OF A LAUNCH PICNIC ORGANIZED FOR A GROUP OF 50 PROBATIONERS UNDER THE CARE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE LAUNCH PICNIC, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD FOR BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER PROBATIONAL CARE, IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION, THE HONG KONG RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE KOULOON ROTARY CLUB.

IN HIS SPEECH, MR. LUI SAID MORE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY SHOULD BE MOTIVATED INTO WORKING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS AND MORE YOUTH PROGRAMMES WERE NEEDED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO BREAK AWAY FROM UNDERSIRABLE INFLUENCES AND REGAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE TO BECOME USEFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AGAIN.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS, TOO, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST EMPLOYING PROBATIONERS.

MR. LUI SAID HAVING PREVIOUSLY VISITED SEVERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS, HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WORK OF PROBATION SERVICE AND THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO HELP +PROBLEM YOUTHS+ TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THEIR PROBLEMS.

HE ALSO CALLED FOR GREATER SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PROBATION OFFICERS IN THEIR WORK.

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