



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1976

CHING MING A STATUTORY HOLIDAY FOR WORKERS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT APRIL 4, 1976, THE DAY OF THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THIS YEAR THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SUNDAY WHICH IS LIKELY ALSO TO BE A REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,+ SAID MR. PRICE, +AN EMPLOYER MUST GRANT HIS EMPLOYEES ANOTHER REST DAY BECAUSE THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT A REST DAY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY.+

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH AND ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION AND INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

+AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED ON A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT -- FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WHO WORKS FOR LESS THAN SIX HOURS A DAY OR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS -- IS STILL ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY, BUT HAS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT TO BE PAID,+ MR. PRICE SAID.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIS EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THAT ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= YUEN LONG 12-760261 EXT. 82= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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ELECTRICITY FOR SQUATTER AREAS

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MRS. ELAINE CHIA, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND CHAIRMAN OF A WORKING PARTY ON ELECTRIFICATION OF SQUATTER AREAS, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY (MARCH 30) IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE.

SHE WILL BE INTRODUCING A PILOT SCHEME TO EXTEND ELECTRIFICATION TO A NUMBER OF SQUATTER AREAS ON THE SLOPE OF LION ROCK HILL.

ALSO AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. LAU CHAU-WA, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN) AND MR. R.A. PEDDER, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER AND MR. C. STEELE, COMMERCIAL ENGINEER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED.

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WATER STOPPAGE

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 31) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY PO ON ROAD, CHEUNG FAT STREET, KWONG LEE ROAD AND PRATAS STREET. THE AFFECTED PREMISES INCLUDE BLOCKS 3 TO 8 AND 16 TO 19, LI CHENG UK ESTATE.

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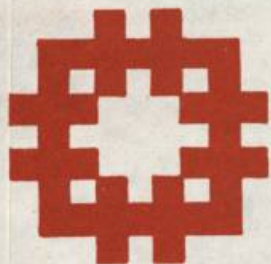
CHINA TRAVELLERS ADVISED TO GET RE-ENTRY PERMITS EARLY

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IN ORDER TO AVOID A LAST-MINUTE RUSH, LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO NEED RE-ENTRY PERMITS TO TRAVEL TO CHINA AND MACAO DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL AND THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS NOW.

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION, HOLDERS OF RE-ENTRY PERMITS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY CARRY THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS WITH THEM WHEN THEY TRAVEL.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

PRESS
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Sunday, March 28, 1976

NEW RENTS FOR GROUP "B" ESTATE SHOPS

To Be Effected From April 1

The Housing Department stated today (Sunday) that it will accept only the new rents from Group B tenants as from April 1.

A very small rent increase on all shops and restaurants in Group B public housing estates that are let on month-to-month tenancies was announced by the Housing Authority in early February.

A spokesman for the department advised that tenants should pay the rent in person to the Housing Department staff or by post to their respective estate offices.

Notices to tenants reminding them of the procedure for rent payments will be delivered tomorrow (Monday).

It will point out to tenants that in their own interest, they should pay their rents at the new rate on due date as failure would constitute a breach of their tenancy conditions which could place their tenancy and its attendant privileges at risk.

Commenting on newspaper reports that certain persons have been persuading shop tenants not to pay their rents direct to the Housing Department but through an agent, the spokesman warned:

"The department has never authorised any agent, other than its own staff, to collect rents, and payments through unauthorised persons or organisations will not be accepted."

Turning to the new rents, the spokesman said they only represented 1/8 to 1/4 of the normal commercial rents.

/"Over 6,000

"Over 6,000 shop premises have a monthly rent of \$100 or less and the rent increase for over 92 per cent of the 11,000-odd shop premises is only between \$9.50 and \$31.50 a month, or an increase of 30¢ to \$1 a day," he said.

The spokesman went on: "Most of the Group B shop premises were let on month-to-month terms at very low rents many years ago to former squatters whose illegal temporary structures were demolished to make way for development to help them to continue to make a living.

"There is no justification for asking the tax-payers to continue indefinitely the substantial subsidy that is now necessary, and it is essential that the tenants themselves should now make a greater contribution towards the running costs of these estates where they are in such a privileged position."

The following is the full text of the Housing Department notice:

"There have been reports that a few persons on some estates have been trying to collect rents from shop tenants, with the alleged purpose of paying them to the Housing Department on tenants' behalf.

"For the benefit of estate shop tenants, the Department wishes to explain the correct procedures for paying rents in order to prevent tenants from being misled in this matter.

"As you know, the rent for your shop will be slightly increased as from April 1, 1976, and you have been notified, by a formal notice dated February 18, 1976, of the amount payable.

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"You are strongly advised to pay the new rent in full either by cash or by cheque on the rent day. Payment must be made in the usual manner, i.e., in person to the Housing Department staff or by post to your estate office where an official receipt will be issued immediately. Under no circumstances should rents be paid through unauthorised persons.

"The Housing Department will not accept rents at the old level, and will not accept rent payments through other organisations, nor be responsible for payments made to unauthorized agents.

"In your own interest, you should pay your rents at the new rate in full to the Housing Department staff on the day due. Failure to do so would constitute a breach of your tenancy conditions which could place your tenancy, and all the privileges that go with it, at risk."