



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1977

## GOVERNOR TO OPEN EXHIBITION ON TUEN MUN

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DETAILS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR THE \$3,500 MILLION TUEN MUN NEW TOWN SCHEME WILL GO ON PUBLIC SHOW FOR THE FIRST TIME NEXT MONTH AT A MAJOR EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE EXHIBITION AT THE HOH FUK TONG SECONDARY SCHOOL IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN ON APRIL 6.

IT WILL THEN BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M. EACH DAY FROM APRIL 7 TO 16.

THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER ALL FACETS OF THE NEW TOWN PROJECT FROM THE PLANNING STAGE TO WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN COMPLETED.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE MODELS, MAPS, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, FILMS AND COMPREHENSIVE LAYOUT PLANS DETAILING HOW THE ONCE QUIET FISHING PORT WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO A THRIVING MODERN METROPOLIS OF SOME 500,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-'EIGHTIES.

THE EXHIBITION IS THE SECOND TO BE STAGED BY THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (N.T.D.D.) WHICH WAS SPECIALLY SET UP IN 1973 TO BUILD HONG KONG'S THREE NEW TOWNS AT TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

THE FIRST EXHIBITION, HELD IN MARCH LAST YEAR, FOCUSED ON SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND ATTRACTED MORE THAN 70,000 VISITORS.

THE P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR. J.R. WHITAKER, SAID TODAY THE FIRST EXHIBITION NOT ONLY ATTRACTED WIDE INTEREST BUT ALSO LED TO MANY REQUESTS FOR SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS ON THE OTHER NEW TOWNS.

+TO MEET THIS GROWING INTEREST WE ARE NOW GOING TO SHOW WHAT IS BEING PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN AND HOW THESE PLANS ARE TO BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY,+ HE SAID.

MR. WHITAKER SAID THAT TUEN MUN WAS BEING DEVELOPED IN A SERIES OF BALANCED PACKAGES DESIGNED TO BE SELF-CONTAINED, WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, CLINICS, OPEN SPACES AND PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES TO CATER FOR ITS POPULATION AT EACH STAGE OF ITS GROWTH.

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+WORK IS NOW PROGRESSING ON A WIDE FRONT,+ HE SAID, +AND WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE WHERE MANY OF THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE.

+PROMINENT AMONG THESE ARE THE FIRST STAGE OF TAI HING ESTATE, THE RECLAMATION PROGRAMME AND THE \$300 MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD PROJECT -- WHICH EARLY NEXT YEAR WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT, 15-MINUTE LINK BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN.+

MR. WHITAKER SAID PHASE I OF THE TAI HING ESTATE, NOW NEARING COMPLETION BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, WAS THE FIRST OF SEVEN +NEW GENERATION+ ESTATES TO BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN. THE FIRST OF ITS 24,000 RESIDENTS WERE EXPECTED TO MOVE IN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

+SOME 344,000 PEOPLE -- ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE TOWN'S EVENTUAL POPULATION -- WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES,+ HE SAID, +WHILE ANOTHER 132,000 WILL LIVE IN PRIVATE HOUSING RANGING FROM HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENTS TO VILLAS SURROUNDED BY OPEN GROUNDS.

+THE PLAN IS TO MAKE EACH OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY WITH SHOPS, SCHOOLS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND A FULL RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR. WHITAKER SAID ABOUT HALF OF THE NEW TOWN WOULD BE BUILT ON LAND RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA.

+ALTOGETHER SOME 240 HECTARES OF NEW LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED TO PROVIDE SITES FOR HOUSING, INDUSTRY AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES.

+ALREADY ALMOST 93 HECTARES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND SERVICED AND WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL ON RECLAIMING ANOTHER 72 HECTARES,+ HE SAID.

+IN ADDITION, MANY FACTORIES ARE MOVING INTO THE NEW TOWN. AT PRESENT, 12 FACTORIES HAVE SET UP OPERATIONS IN TUEN MUN AND 21 MORE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.+

MR. WHITAKER SAID THAT AS TUEN MUN'S GROWTH WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT, PLANNERS WERE AIMING AT PROVIDING THE FACILITIES TO ATTRACT A FULL RANGE OF INDUSTRIES.

+WE ENVISAGE THAT SOME 125,000 PEOPLE WILL BE EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES IN THE NEW TOWN BY THE MID-'EIGHTIES,+ HE SAID.

SOME 126 HECTARES OF LAND HAD BEEN **EARMARKED** FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY AND OTHER LAND HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY.

+DETAILS OF ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WILL BE FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION TO GIVE BOTH THE PRESENT POPULATION OF TUEN MUN -- AND PEOPLE WHO MAY EVENTUALLY LIVE THERE -- A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT IS PLANNED FOR THE TUEN MUN OF TOMORROW,+ SAID MR. WHITAKER.

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ONE SECTION WOULD EXPLAIN TO VISITORS THE BACKGROUND OF PROBLEMS ARISING FROM HONG KONG'S MASSIVE POPULATION GROWTH SINCE THE WAR, AND THE ROLE OF THE NEW TOWNS IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS.

A SELECTION OF MAPS WOULD OUTLINE THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS, GENERAL LAND USE, PROPOSED LEISURE AREAS AND ROAD NETWORKS AND THE SETTING OF THE TOWN CENTRE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE FOCUS OF THE TOWN'S SOCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

+WE'LL ALSO SHOW THE PROVISIONS BEING MADE FOR CONSERVATION AND RECREATION, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT WITHIN THE NEW TOWN AND ROAD AND FERRY LINKS WITH THE REST OF HONG KONG, AND ALL THE MODERN SERVICES WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED -- IN SHORT EVERYTHING THAT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WITH A COMPLETE AND **HAPPY** LIVING ENVIRONMENT.+

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DIA SCHEME UNDER REVIEW

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THE GOVERNMENT IS AT PRESENT REVIEWING THE DISABILITY AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCES SCHEME WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN INSTITUTIONS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OLD PEOPLE SERVICES PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

MR. SWEETMAN SAID THAT TO ENSURE THAT OLD PEOPLE COULD LEAD A HAPPIER LIFE, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO PREPARING A COSTED PROGRAMME PLAN FOR THE ELDERLY AND PROMOTING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COUNSELLING SERVICES OF ALL KINDS FOR OLD PEOPLE.

HE NOTED: +AS HONG KONG IS NOW DEVELOPING INTO A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALISED CITY WITH A SWIFT TEMPO OF LIFE, THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS TEND TO OVERLOOK THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY. AS A RESULT, THE SENIOR CITIZENS MIGHT FEEL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN.+

SENIOR CITIZENS, HE CONTINUED, HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

+THEY DESERVE OUR RESPECT, CARE AND ATTENTION,+ HE ADDED.

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OPENING OF COMMUNITY HALL IN LEK YUEN ESTATE  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL FORMALLY OPEN ITS COMMUNITY HALL IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, NEXT MONTH.

THE HALL IS ONE OF FIVE COMPLETED RECENTLY UNDER A NEW PROJECT AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. THE OTHER FOUR ARE IN LEI MUK SHUE, LAI KING, HING WAH AND KWAI SHING ESTATES.

THREE OF THE HALLS ARE ALREADY IN OPERATION WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE EXPECTED TO BE OPENED AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY STAFF ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (OPERATION) OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION, SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF SETTING UP COMMUNITY HALLS WAS TO PROVIDE A PLACE IN AN ESTATE WHERE RESIDENTS COULD COME TOGETHER AND PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES,+ MR. LAM SAID, +WE HOPE THAT RESIDENTS WILL LEARN TO UNDERSTAND AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND ALSO TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE COMMUNITY THEY LIVE IN.+

ULTIMATELY, RESIDENTS MIGHT BE MOTIVATED TO TRY TO SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS PREVALENT IN THEIR COMMUNITY, HE ADDED.

MR. LAM POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD CREATE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND, IN TURN, IT WOULD HELP BUILD A MORE COHESIVE AND STABLE SOCIETY WHICH WAS WHAT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WAS ABOUT.

THE PRESENT POLICY IS TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY HALL FOR EACH HOUSING ESTATE WITH A POPULATION OF 20,000 TO 50,000.

IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE WHICH WERE COMPLETED RECENTLY, TWO ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN YUE WAN AND TAI HING. SITES HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED IN SHEK YAM, KWAI FONG, PAK TIN, LAI YIU AND WO CHE ESTATES AND WORK WILL START SHORTLY.

MR. LAM SAID THAT MANY OF THESE COMMUNITY HALLS WERE EXPECTED TO BE READY IN 1977-78.

EACH OF THEM CONSISTS OF A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL WITH FACILITIES SUCH AS A STAGE, CHANGING ROOMS AND A CONFERENCE ROOM, TOTALLING ABOUT 4,000 TO 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA.

YOUTH GROUPS, RELIGIOUS BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS CAN MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES IN THEIR ESTATES, FREE OF CHARGE, TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS, THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES AND PARTIES.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE COMMUNITY HALLS ARE FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M., MONDAY TO FRIDAY. FOR SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THE HOURS WILL BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT REQUIREMENTS.

MR. LAM EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO SET UP FOR EACH HALL AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISING AS ITS MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESIDENTS, THE HOUSING MANAGER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE HALL CAN BE UTILISED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

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TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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SIR SHIU-KIN TANG IS CELEBRATING HIS 76TH BIRTHDAY TOMORROW (MONDAY) WITH A GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF BUILDING A GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT MORRISON HILL.

HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE REALISATION OF THIS PROJECT IS \$4 MILLION.

SIR SHIU-KIN IS WELL KNOWN FOR THE VERY GENEROUS SUPPORT HE HAS GIVEN IN A WIDE FIELD OF PUBLIC, SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE WORK IN HONG KONG. THE PRESENT DONATION IS A FURTHER ACT OF SUCH GENEROSITY.

THE TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, AS IT IS TO BE KNOWN, WILL BE BUILT ON A 4,300 SQUARE METRE SITE IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE NEW SCHOOL IS BEING BUILT TO REPROVISION VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL WHICH CURRENTLY OCCUPIES PREMISES IN NEARBY WOOD ROAD.

THIS NEW GOVERNMENT SCHOOL WILL BE OF SIMILAR DESIGN TO THAT OF THE HA KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. IT WILL COMPRISE 24 CLASSROOMS, 16 SPECIAL ROOMS AND A HALL.

TENDERS WILL BE CALLED THIS SUMMER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING. WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1978 AND TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1979. AFTER COMPLETION THE PREMISES OF THE TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WILL BE OCCUPIED BY THE PUPILS AND STAFF OF VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL. THE FIRST INTAKE OF GIRLS INTO THE NEW CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN 1979.

THE WOOD ROAD PREMISES TO BE VACATED BY VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN 1979 WERE ORIGINALLY BUILT FOR GOVERNMENT AT COST BY THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION IN 1937. THEY WERE FIRST OCCUPIED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE SCHOOL, WHICH IN 1947 BECAME THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL COLLEGE. WHEN THE COLLEGE (NOW THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC) MOVED TO ITS NEW PREMISES IN HUNG HOM IN 1957 THE WOOD ROAD PREMISES WERE TAKEN OVER BY VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

THE WOOD ROAD PREMISES WILL BE USED EVENTUALLY AS AN ANNEX OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, WHICH ALREADY RUNS EVENING CLASSES IN THE BUILDING. SOME OF THE ACCOMMODATION WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

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MACHINERY GUARDING EXHIBITION, A GREAT SUCCESS  
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HONG KONG'S FIRST FULL-SCALE MACHINERY GUARDING EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS, HAS PROVED A GREAT SUCCESS.

WHEN THE EXHIBITION FINALLY CLOSED ITS DOORS TO VISITORS AFTER A RUN OF 10 DAYS, A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 38,000 PEOPLE HAVE FILED PASSED THE ADMISSION GATE.

JUDGING FROM THE RANGE OF FAVOURABLE COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THE VISITORS INTERVIEWED BY LABOUR DEPARTMENT STAFF MANNING THE EXHIBITION, IT HAS PROVED TO BE A MOST WELCOMED SHOW FOR INDUSTRIALISTS.

ONE FACTORY PROPRIETOR COMMENTED: +THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER STAGING MORE EXHIBITIONS OF THIS NATURE, PERHAPS ON A SMALLER SCALE, WHENEVER A NEW SET OF SAFETY REGULATIONS IS ENACTED.+

ANOTHER FACTORY MANAGER POINTED OUT: +IT IS MUCH EASIER FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THE LAW BY VISITING THE EXHIBITION THAN BY READING THE REGULATIONS.+

AN INDUSTRIAL WORKER SAID THAT HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY AFTER VISITING THE EXHIBITION WHILE A STUDENT FROM A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE COMMENTED THAT HE FOUND THE EXHIBITION HIGHLY EDUCATIONAL AND ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT REALISED PREVIOUSLY THAT THE SAFETY STANDARDS REQUIRED IN LOCAL INDUSTRY WERE SO HIGH.

MR. T.K. CHAN, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SAID: +I THINK WE HAVE HIT THE TARGET AUDIENCE AND BROUGHT THE SAFETY MESSAGE ACROSS TO LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS.

+FOR THOSE INDUSTRIAL PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE MISSED THE CHANCE OF VISITING THE EXHIBITION THEY ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO VISIT OUR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES WHERE WE HAVE A PERMANENT DISPLAY.

+ON THE OTHER HAND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED AT THE CENTRE PERIODICALLY.

+IF THEY ARE TOO BUSY TO TAKE TIME OUT TO VISIT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE WE CAN ALWAYS SEND THEM OUR EXPLANATORY MATERIAL SUCH AS OUR HANDBOOK ON GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY AND OTHER LEAFLETS.

+FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE NEW FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS ON APRIL 1.

+UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, OFFENDERS COULD BE FINED FOR NOT ADEQUATELY GUARDING DANGEROUS PARTS OF THEIR MACHINERY AND FOR NOT USING MACHINE GUARDS PROVIDED.+

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE  
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS IN SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE FOR RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY FOR FOUR DAYS FROM MARCH 28.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS.

THEY SHOULD REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (MARCH 22) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE THOSE ON THE EAST SIDE OF JAFFE ROAD, EAST POINT ROAD, CANNON STREET, WATERFRONT ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET, AND THE NORTH SIDE OF HENNESSY ROAD, INCLUDING KELLETT ISLAND.

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