



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**GOVERNMENT OPENS THREE MORE METHADONE MAINTENANCE CENTRES
RESPONSE TO HEROIN FAMINE AS THOUSANDS UNABLE TO OBTAIN SUPPLIES

THREE NEW METHADONE MAINTENANCE CENTRES ARE TO BE OPENED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 16) IN ADDITION TO THE CENTRE ALREADY IN OPERATION AT HIGH STREET.

THE NEW CENTRES ARE LOCATED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HO MAN TIN HEALTH CENTRE IN PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD= THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE IN SAN PO KONG= AND THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN TSUEN WAN.

THEY WILL FUNCTION AS OUT-PATIENT METHADONE MAINTENANCE CLINICS, AND WILL HAVE NO PROVISION FOR IN-PATIENTS, UNLIKE THE TRIAL SCHEME AT THE HIGH STREET CENTRE, WHERE PATIENTS ARE KEPT UNDER OBSERVATION FOR A PERIOD LASTING A FEW DAYS.

HOURS WILL BE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9.30 PM DAILY. NO NEW PATIENTS WILL BE SEEN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, SUNDAYS, AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, BUT THE CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR MINISTRATION OF THE DAILY DOSAGE IN ORAL FORM AT A COST OF \$1 A VISIT.

NEW PATIENTS SHOULD ATTEND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM, EXCEPT ON HOLIDAYS. THEY ARE ASKED TO BRING ALONG WITH THEM IDENTITY CARDS AND THREE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS. AS WITH HIGH STREET, THE CENTRES WILL TREAT ONLY MALE ADDICTS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT WHEN THEIR OPENING BECOMES WIDELY KNOWN -- EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IS ENVISAGED -- EACH WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE A MAXIMUM OF 1,000 OUT-PATIENTS A DAY.

+THIS IS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE, TAKEN ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS,+ DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, SAID TODAY.

+THE REASON IS THAT RECENT SUCCESSFUL POLICE ACTION RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF ALLEGED PRINCIPALS IN THE ILLICIT DRUG TRADE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE DESTROYED THE MANAGEMENT AND SOURCE OF FINANCIAL BACKING OF THE SYNDICATES ENGAGED IN THE SMUGGLING OF OPIUM AND CRUDE MORPHINE INTO HONG KONG IN VAST QUANTITIES.

+THE FACT IS THAT THERE IS NOW A HEROIN FAMINE, AND THOUSANDS OF ADDICTS ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THEIR USUAL SUPPLIES, IF INDEED ANY SUPPLIES AT ALL.+

THIS, DR. CHOA EXPLAINED, HAD PRODUCED A "FAVOURABLE" SITUATION IN WHICH ADDICTS WERE LIKELY TO "SEEK TREATMENT TO ALLEVIATE THE SEVERE PAINS AND STRESS OF THE WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME."

IF TREATMENT WERE NOT AVAILABLE, NUMBERS OF ADDICTS COULD TURN TO CRIME TO GET MONEY TO BUY SUCH HIGHLY-PRICED HEROIN AS COULD BE FOUND -- WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD AGGRAVATE AN ALREADY "ACUTE OVERCROWDING SITUATION IN THE PRISONS.+"

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DR. CHOA SAID THAT THE THREE-YEAR HIGH STREET TRIAL SCHEME CENTRE WAS OPENED IN 1972 WITH THE OBJECT OF TREATING 1,550 ADDICTS, AND IT WAS INTENDED THAT OTHER METHADONE MAINTENANCE CENTRES WOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY HAD BEEN ASSESSED.

+EVENTS HAVE OVERTAKEN PREVIOUS POLICY,+ HE COMMENTED, +AND IT IS NOW A MATTER OF URGENCY TO OPEN ADDITIONAL CENTRES WITHOUT WAITING FOR A FULL EVALUATION OF THE PILOT STUDY.

+IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HIGH STREET WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT IN-PATIENT VOLUNTEERS FREE UNTIL THE TARGET FIGURE OF 1,550 PATIENTS IS REACHED. HIGH STREET WILL THEN DISCONTINUE THE IN-PATIENT TREATMENT TO ACCORD WITH THE OUT-PATIENT-ONLY POLICY OF THE THREE NEW CENTRES OPENING ON MONDAY, CHARGING ALSO \$1 A VISIT.

+THE CHARGE RELATES TO THE NORMAL FEE FOR SERVICE IN ALL GOVERNMENT CLINICS, AND CAN ALSO BE WAIVED IN CASE OF NEED.+

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DC AND I DIRECTOR TO TOUR TEXTILE FACTORIES

NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, WILL BE VISITING TWO TEXTILES FACTORIES IN KOWLOON TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE VISITS ARE PART OF A CONTINUING SERIES MR. JORDAN HAS BEEN MAKING IN ORDER TO KEEP HIMSELF BETTER INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES AND OF THE STATE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, EXPORTS AND EMPLOYMENT.

TOMORROW'S THREE-HOUR VISIT WILL TAKE HIM FIRST TO CHUNG NAM TEXTILES LIMITED AT NO. 777 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, ARRIVING AT 2 P.M. FROM THERE MR. JORDAN WILL GO TO THE CROCODILE GARMENTS LIMITED AT NO. 79 HOI YUEN ROAD IN KWUN TONG, ARRIVING AT 3.30 P.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. THE D.C. AND I.'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

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NO LET UP IN 'WAR' AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS

DRUG RUNNERS WERE DEALT A FURTHER BIG BLOW LAST MONTH AS THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE KEPT UP ITS PRESSURE AGAINST THE ILLICIT TRADE.

DURING THE MONTH, PREVENTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS SEIZED MORE THAN 29 KILOGRAMS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, INCLUDING HEROIN, MORPHINE, OPIUM, BARBITONE, HASHISH AND MARIJUANA WITH AN ESTIMATED RETAIL VALUE OF OVER \$250,000.

A TOTAL OF 349 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH VARIOUS NARCOTICS OFFENCES. ALTOGETHER 139 RAIDS WERE MADE ON SUSPECT PREMISES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH 128 OF THEM SUCCESSFUL. PARAPHERNALIA SEIZED INCLUDED 116 OPIUM AND FOUR HEROIN SMOKING PIPES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH INCLUDED THE ARREST OF TWO DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND THE SEIZURE OF 1-1/2 KGS. OF HEROIN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, A RAID IN THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY BY 170 OFFICERS RESULTING IN 71 ARRESTS FOR NARCOTICS OFFENCES AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF HEROIN AND OPIUM SEIZED- THE ARREST OF A THAI WOMAN AT HONG KONG AIRPORT FOLLOWING HER ARRIVAL FROM BANGKOK WHEN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN HER SUITCASE WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN 28 SMALL PIECES OF MORPHINE AND FOUR PACKETS OF MORPHINE POWDER- AND THE ARREST OF TWO MEN CAUGHT IN KOWLOON IN THE PROCESS OF TRAFFICKING IN TWO KGS. OF HASHISH.

MR. R.V.L. HATTON, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE, SAID TODAY THESE CONTINUING SUCCESSES BY THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE AND THE POLICE HAD NOT ONLY LED TO AN UNPRECEDENTED SHORTAGE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS BUT HAD ALSO MADE IT VERY HARD FOR +PUSHERS+ TO SUPPLY THEIR CUSTOMERS.

DRUG TRAFFICKERS, HE SAID, WERE TAKING ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS TO ESCAPE DETECTION. SOME OF THE METHODS USED INCLUDE POSTING NUMEROUS GUARDS AND WATCHMEN AROUND THE RETAILING CENTRES- THE USE OF CODE WORDS BEFORE A SALE OF HEROIN IS MADE- THE MAINTENANCE OF REGISTERS OF REGULAR CUSTOMERS AND EXTENSIVE PRECAUTIONS TO IDENTIFY AND BRING ADDICTS TO RETAIL CENTRES WHICH ARE CONSTANTLY MOVED TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

BUT DESPITE ALL THESE PRECAUTIONS, PREVENTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS CONTINUE TO INFILTRATE, HARASS AND BREAK UP THE TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS, AND HAVE ALSO ACHIEVED SUCCESSES IN APPREHENDING DRUG CARRIERS ATTEMPTING TO BRING DRUGS SUPPLIES INTO HONG KONG, HE SAID. +WHILST SYMPATHY MAY BE FELT FOR THE ADDICT,+ MR. HATTON ADDED, +NO MERCY WHATSOEVER WILL BE SHOWN TO TRAFFICKERS.+

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SCHOOLS, PARENTS URGED TO SUPPORT
SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPANSION

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THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM OF PROVIDING THREE YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD IN HONG KONG WILL DEPEND ON THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL MANAGERMENTS, PARENTS AND THE TAXPAYER, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

+WE CAN ONLY REACH IT THROUGH MUCH EFFORT AND SOME PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE. BUT THIS APPLIES TO EVERYTHING OF REAL VALUE,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE GOLDEN JUBILEE SPEECH DAY OF WAH YAN COLLEGE, DESCRIBED THE THREE YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AS A +FINE GOAL AND ONE WHICH COMMANDS GENERAL SUPPORT.+

HE SAID IT HAD BEEN DEFINED ONLY AFTER LONG ANXIOUS THOUGHT AND CONSULTATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

+I AM MOST HONOURED TO BE INVITED TO THIS SPEECH DAY, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS ALSO YOUR GOLDEN JUBILEE.

+IT IS A GREAT OCCASION FOR THIS SCHOOL WHICH HAS COMPLETED FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE AND A GREAT OCCASION FOR THE BOYS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SCHOOLING AND GRADUATED. THIS IS AN OCCASION ON WHICH SCHOOL AND PUPILS ALIKE MAY BOTH LOOK BACK WITH GRATITUDE AND FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE.

+FATHER REID HAS DESCRIBED THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL. IT IS A PROUD AND SUCCESSFUL STORY. I AM GLAD THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLAYED A HELPFUL PART IN IT.

+NOW WE HAVE TO THINK OF THE FUTURE. THE SCHOOL MUST THINK OF THE PART IT WILL PLAY IN THE YEARS TO COME AND THE PUPILS AND GRADUATES OF THE SORT OF LIFE THEY WISH TO LEAD. YOUR GOVERNMENT TOO IS FACING THE FUTURE, AND IN PARTICULAR WHAT MUST BE DONE TO GIVE EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN HONG KONG THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION. AND TO DO IT AS QUICKLY AS ITS RESERVES ALLOW.

+THE GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY ACHIEVE THIS WITH THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF SCHOOL MANAGERMENTS AND PARENTS, AND, OF COURSE, OF THE TAXPAYER. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME A FINE GOAL AND ONE WHICH COMMANDS GENERAL SUPPORT- DEFINED ONLY AFTER LONG ANXIOUS THOUGHT AND CONSULTATION. WE CAN ONLY REACH IT THROUGH MUCH EFFORT AND SOME PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE. BUT THIS APPLIES TO EVERYTHING OF REAL VALUE. WE ALL OF US, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, CANNOT ACCEPT THAT SOME YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE NO SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND WE MUST ALL OF US WORK TO PUT THIS RIGHT. I AM SURE YOUR GOVERNMENT CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT.

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+PERHAPS SOME OF TODAY'S GRADUATES WILL BECOME TEACHERS OR ADMINISTRATORS AND PLAY THEIR PART IN THIS GREAT ENTERPRISE. BUT ALL OF THEM MUST BE WONDERING A LITTLE WHAT THEY WILL DO NEXT, AND WHAT LIFE HAS IN STORE FOR THEM. I AM SURE THAT WITH THE EDUCATION YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOU ARE WELL EQUIPPED TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT. BUT I DO ASK YOU NEVER TO UNDER-ESTIMATE YOUR IMPORTANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. REMEMBER THAT HOW OUR CITY OF HONG KONG DEVELOPS DEPENDS ON YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO ITS LIFE. YOUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN AND IS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO PREPARE YOU TO MAKE THIS CONTRIBUTION. YOU NEED ONLY LOOK AT THE MANY EX-WAH YAN BOYS WHO ARE NOW LEADING PERSONALITIES TO REALISE THAT THIS IS SO.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU, THE PUPILS AND RECENT GRADUATES PRESENT THIS EVENING, WILL CARRY ON THIS TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THAT YOUR PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS WILL HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE PROUD OF YOU.+

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YOUTH FORUM ON "DRUG TIDE"
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ABOUT 100 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE TAKING PART IN AN OPEN FORUM ON 'YOUTH AND THE DRUG TIDE' THIS SATURDAY (DECEMBER 14) IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE FORUM, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM, IS BEING ORGANISED AS A COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME TO THE 'KEEP HONG KONG DRUG FREE CAMPAIGN' OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

A SOCIAL WORKER FROM SARDA AND AN EX-DRUG ADDICT WILL PRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES TALKING ABOUT DRUG ADDICTION AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY, WHICH WILL BE FURTHER ILLUSTRATED BY A FILM SHOW ENTITLED "SUICIDE ON HIRE PURCHASE", FOLLOWED BY AN DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR.

IN ORGANISING THIS KIND OF EDUCATIONAL YOUTH FORUM, THE WESTERN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER EXPECTS YOUTH WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE GROWING PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (WESTERN) AT 21 HOSPITAL ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-481044). PARTICIPATION FROM INTERESTED YOUTH IS WELCOME.

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HONG KONG BUYS MORE WATER FROM CHINA

HONG KONG IS TO BUY AN EXTRA 2,500 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER FROM CHINA DURING THE CURRENT 1974-75 SUPPLY YEAR.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT. HE SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT ON THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY HAD BEEN REACHED AS A RESULT OF LONG-STANDING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE WATERWORKS OFFICE AND THE WATER CONSERVANCY BUREAU OF KWANGTUNG PROVINCE.

THE EXISTING AGREEMENT, NEGOTIATED DURING THE VISIT OF SENIOR HONG KONG WATER ENGINEERS TO KWANGTUNG PROVINCE IN NOVEMBER 1972, IS FOR 18,500 MILLION GALLONS TO BE PURCHASED DURING A SUPPLY YEAR RUNNING FROM OCTOBER 1 TO AUGUST 10.

THE ADDITIONAL 2,500 MILLION GALLONS WILL RAISE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WATER TO BE SUPPLIED FROM CHINA IN 1974-75 TO 21,000 MILLION GALLONS.

THE INCREASE WILL BE MADE POSSIBLE, IN PART, BY AN EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 10. THIS MEANS THAT THE GAP BETWEEN THE END OF THIS SUPPLY YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT ONE WILL BE CUT FROM 51 DAYS TO 20 DAYS.

MR. KNIGHT COMMENTED THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON THIS INITIAL LIMITED INCREASE, WHICH WOULD TAKE DELIVERIES UP TO THE MAXIMUM LEVEL ALLOWED BY THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

+AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE+, HE ADDED, +WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE WHICH COULD BE ACHIEVED BY EXTENDING THE SYSTEMS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER.

+WE HAVE BEEN, AND ARE, IN TOUCH WITH THE KWANGTUNG WATER AUTHORITY ABOUT THIS.+

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REASSURANCE ON PROPOSED
PROVISIONAL PROFITS TAX SYSTEM

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY ALLAYED FEARS EXPRESSED BY SOME PEOPLE THAT THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED PROVISIONAL PROFITS TAX SYSTEM WAS IN ANY WAY +UNTIMELY OR BURDENSOME TO INDUSTRY.+

+ON THE CONTRARY,+ HE SAID, +NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME. IF PROFITS ARE LOWER THIS YEAR, AS HAS BEEN IMPLIED, THERE WILL BE NO TRANSITIONAL ADJUSTMENT FOR MANY BUSINESSES IN THE CHANGEOVER TO THE PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM.+

THIS IS BECAUSE, IN THE CHANGEOVER, BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO DROP OUT THE SMALLER OF THE PROFITS FOR 1973-74 OR 1974-75. AS 1973-74 WAS GENERALLY A MORE PROFITABLE YEAR IT WILL BE THE PROFITS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WHICH WILL TEND NOT TO BE USED FOR ASSESSMENT.

REFERRING TO A STATEMENT REPORTEDLY MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COTTON SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM IS IMPLEMENTED AS FROM APRIL 1, 1975, THE TAX WHICH BUSINESSES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN RESPECT OF THIS YEAR (1974-75) WOULD STILL BE CALCULATED BY REFERENCE TO THE PROFITS MADE IN 1973-74.

+IN OTHER WORDS TAX BILLS NOW PAYABLE OR DUE TO BE PAID WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, WILL BE ON EXACTLY THE SAME BASIS AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IF 1973-74 WAS GENERALLY A MORE PROFITABLE YEAR THAN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THEN THE SITUATION WILL REMAIN THE SAME AND THERE WILL BE NO TRANSITIONAL ADJUSTMENT OR ADDITIONAL TAX PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF ACTUAL PROFITS FOR 1974-75.

+IT IS ONLY IN THE CASE OF BUSINESSES WHICH HAVE INCREASED THEIR PROFITS IN 1974-75 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR THAT THERE WILL BE A TRANSITIONAL ADJUSTMENT AND AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF TAX PAYABLE.+

HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH ADDITIONAL TAX, IF ANY, WILL ONLY BE CALCULATED WHEN THE ACCOUNTS FOR 1974-75 ARE AVAILABLE, SOME TIME NEXT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ANY ADDITIONAL TAX LIABILITY IN RESPECT OF 1974-75 BEING PAID WITHIN THIS PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

WARNING AGAINST ILLEGAL EXCAVATIONS

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO EXCAVATE ON LEASED CROWN LAND WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION.

UNDER PART 3 SECTION 8 (1) OF THE CROWN LAND ORDINANCE ANY PERSON FOUND GUILTY BY THE COURT OF SUCH AN OFFENCE IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN CITED A RECENT CASE HEARD AT THE KWUN TONG MAGISTRACY IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT WAS FINED \$500. THE DEFENDANT, CHEUNG HAK-KEUNG, WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH THE OFFENCE AFTER HE HAD REPEATEDLY IGNORED VERBAL WARNINGS BY A HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO STOP EXCAVATING A SLOPE AT THE RENNIE'S MILL COTTAGE AREA AS THIS WOULD ENDANGER A CONCRETE PATH IMMEDIATELY ABOVE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO WARNED AGAINST EXCAVATING AT LEASED LAND FOR ERECTING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AS THIS TOO CONSTITUTES AN OFFENCE.

UNDER THE CROWN LAND ORDINANCE ANYONE WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A NOTICE SERVED BY THE RIGHTFUL AUTHORITY TO CEASE OCCUPATION OF AN UNLEASED LAND BEFORE A GIVEN DATE CONSTITUTES AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$10,000 FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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MONG KOK TRAFFIC CHANGE

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 12) TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM SHANGHAI STREET INTO MONG KOK ROAD HEADING WEST.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS AT THIS JUNCTION.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWENTY-THREE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE TO BE HELD AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. DENIS BRAY, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND INSPECT THE PARADE. HE WILL ALSO MAKE AN ADDRESS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 A.M. AT THE REGIMENT'S PARADE GROUND, SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON JUNE 3, 1974 ON LAU MING-CHIU SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LAU WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF YEUNG KAU-MUI.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON :

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	1.94
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.73
PO NGAI	GOOD	--
CHU CHO	GOOD	--
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.73
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.60
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	--
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.35
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.72
<u>U.S. RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.84
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.72
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	--
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	340 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH
(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	4.50	1.70	3.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.00	1.20	2.00
SQUID	LIMITED	5.70	3.20	4.40
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.00	0.30	1.10
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.40	0.70	2.10
CROAKERS	GOOD	2.50	0.90	1.60
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	3.00	1.60	2.50
MELON COAT	NORMAL	2.50	1.40	1.80
BREAMS	LIMITED	4.80	3.80	4.20
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	1.50	0.85	1.20
MACKERELS	GOOD	4.00	2.00	3.10
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	2.80	1.00	1.40
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.20	0.75	1.00
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.80	2.20	4.60
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.50	0.80	2.00
POMFRETS	NORMAL	8.50	3.50	6.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	7.80	5.00	6.50
YELLOW CROAKER	GOOD	6.50	2.00	3.80

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES
(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.50	0.40	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.60	0.10	0.35
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	1.20	0.50	0.80
WATER SPINACH	---	NO SALE		
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	2.00	0.70	1.40
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.20	1.50	1.80
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.50	0.40	1.00
SPINACH	LIMITED	2.20	0.60	1.50
WATER CRESS	NORMAL	1.80	0.50	1.20
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE SPINACH	---	NO SALE		
TOMATO	LIMITED	2.50	1.20	2.00