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HIGHER STANDARDS OF FIRE PREVENTION NEEDED IN INDUSTRY

Much of the losses caused by fire in 1971-72 could have been avoided if management had adopted higher standards of fire prevention.

This is the view of the Labour Department's Industrial Safety Training Officer, Mr. A.H. Carter, who said that during the year direct fire losses exceeded \$72 million and "indirect losses accounted for probably an equal amount or even more".

He said suitably trained personnel could always make immediate attack on an outbreak, thus preventing a major fire from developing.

For this reason, the training centre in conjunction with the Fire Services Department recently organised a series of 40 one-day fire prevention training courses for personnel in industry.

Mr. Carter said the purpose of the course was to give these people a basic elementary knowledge of fire prevention and fire fighting.

Emphasis is put on industrial housekeeping, safe storage and handling of inflammable liquid and practical demonstrations of various fire extinguishers.

The courses are expected to finish some time this month, but Mr. Carter said it was the intention of the Labour Department to organise another series next year.

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ILLEGAL RADIO OPERATORS SILENCED

The possession of citizen band transceivers (commonly called 'walkie talkies') without an appropriate radio dealers licence is an offence against the Telecommunications Ordinance and the use of these sets is strictly prohibited in Hong Kong.

This was stated today by a spokesman for the Post Office when commenting on a recent seizure of a quantity of radio devices operating on the citizen band frequencies.

The spokesman said: "Possession of these transceivers with an appropriate Radio Dealers licence is only allowed for export purposes and the citizen band frequencies are exclusively allocated to the Hong Kong Government."

He said that as a result of a series of lightning raids carried out recently by inspectors of the department's Telecommunications Division six people were arrested and charged with contravening the Telecommunications Ordinance.

Five of the accused were found guilty and each was fined \$400 while the remaining one pleaded not guilty.

The raids were conducted on various premises in the Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Yau Ma Tei and North Point areas after a prolonged surveillance on illegal radio stations operating on the citizen band frequencies.

The illegal radio devices were all confiscated.

Note to Editors: Photographs showing some of the confiscated equipment are distributed separately in the GIS press boxes this afternoon.

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MORE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS FOR HONG KONG

Plans for a 28-storey hostel in Waterloo Road for the Chinese YMCA were among a total of 79 building plans approved during October by the Building Authority.

Among the others approved were two 24-storey apartment/commercial and commercial buildings in Tin Hau Temple Road and Hysan Avenue in Causeway Bay; three 23-storey apartment/commercial buildings in Tsat Tse Mui Road, North Point, D'Aguilar Street in Central and Tsuen Wan; a 23-storey hotel in Waterloo Road and a 22-storey commercial/apartment building in Shau Kei Wan.

Altogether 31 of the planned buildings are on Hong Kong Island, 26 in Kowloon, 12 in New Kowloon and 10 in the New Territories.

During October, 53 buildings were also certified for occupation. The declared total cost of these buildings is about \$78.2 million.

In addition, the Building Authority approved the demolition of 69 buildings -- 39 on the Island, 22 in Kowloon, six in New Kowloon and two in the New Territories.

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AID FOR TENANTS INVOLVED IN REHOUSING SCHEME

Cash grants ranging from \$150 to \$400 have been approved for seven families who are encountering financial difficulties involved in moving from Shek Kip Mei to the new estate at Pak Tin as part of the rehousing scheme there.

This follows the completion of investigations by the Shek Kip Mei field unit of the Social Welfare Department. The unit has been looking into cases where tenants receiving public assistance claimed to have difficulties in moving to the new address.

Another 13 applications for grants are being considered.

The Social Welfare Officer, specially seconded to the rehousing unit, has also finished his round of home visits to about 140 families who applied for assistance of one form or another.

He has referred more than 40 tenants to the Labour Employment Service for jobs, three disabled people to the Family Services Division of the Social Welfare Department for vocational training and eight families for public assistance.

Counselling service was also offered to several tenants.

The current phase of the Shek Kip Mei rehousing scheme involves the transfer of some 1,860 families from the old estate to Pak Tin.

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CIVIL AID SERVICES PARADE AND OPEN DAY

Members of the Civil Aid Services will have a busy day to-morrow (Sunday, December 3).

They will be holding their Annual Field Day Parade at the Government Stadium in the morning starting at 9 o'clock to be followed by the open day of all unit/zone headquarters and training centres in the afternoon.

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, will begin the day's programme by inspecting some 3,000 officers, members and cadets drawn from various C.A.S. units.

This will be followed by a demonstration of rescue techniques, including a simulated mountain rescue operation when four C.A.S. mountain rescue members will descend from a rope from a helicopter hovering 100 feet above the stadium.

In the afternoon, all unit/zone headquarters and training centres will hold their open day and members of the public will have a chance to see for themselves the various activities, equipment and facilities of their local C.A.S. unit.

In addition, the Yuen Long Warden Zone will be conducting a new member recruitment campaign which will be held at the Yuen Long Town Hall. To attract more young people to join the unit, C.A.S. wardens and rescuers will put on a first aid and rescue demonstration at 3.15 p.m. C.A.S. cadets will also perform an Indian Dance to entertain the guests.

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The Yuen Long Warden Zone, established about one year ago, now has about 40 members.

Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover these functions.

The Annual Field Day will take place at the Government Stadium, So Kon Po.

To facilitate press coverage, a temporary position has been reserved for photographers and cameramen to the right of the dais to photograph the arrival of the Governor.

Photographers and cameramen should, after the first six bars of the National Anthem are played, withdraw to the front row of Stand No. 27, from where they can move to a vantage position under the Stadium clock if they want to obtain a general view of the parade and the demonstration.

Reporters and radio commentators are accommodated in the back of Stand No. 23.

Press representatives are requested to be at the Government Stadium at 9 a.m. sharp. Officers from the C.A.S. and the Information Services Department will be present to assist the press.

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COMMUNITY CHEST VISIT TO HOME FOR AGED

Lady MacLehose, President of the Community Chest of Hong Kong, will be visiting the Buddhist Po Ching Home for Aged Women in Fanling on Monday morning (December 4).

The home is one of the member agencies of the Community Chest, and provides free accommodation for women of 60 years and over who have no means of support.

Lady MacLehose will tour the home and meet the residents.

She will be accompanied on the visit by Sir Douglas Clague, Chairman of the Chest's Executive Committee; Mrs. David T.C. Ho, Member of the Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee; and Mr. Colin Morrision, Executive Director.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and a photographer to have the visit covered. Transport will be provided. Two nine-seater vans will be at the carpark behind the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office at 8.30 a.m. on Monday to take the press to Fanling. Mr. Thomas Ng, Administrative Assistant of the Community Chest will be on hand to assist them. Background information on the home will be provided.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY RETURNING TOMORROW

Note to Editors: The Financial Secretary, Mr. C.P. Haddon-Cave will return to Hong Kong tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon following discussions in Tokyo on the proposed mass transit railway. He left for Tokyo on November 29.

Mr. Haddon-Cave is returning by Flight CX/501, E.T.A. 2.40 p.m.

The Financial Secretary will meet the press at the airport V.I.P. room shortly after his arrival.

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Release time: 2.30 p.m.

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