

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**Meeting of 18th November 1964****PRESENT:**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)
SIR DAVID CLIVE CROSBIE TRENCH, KCMG, MC
HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR DENIS STUART SCOTT O'CONNOR,
KBE, CB
COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES
THE HONOURABLE EDMUND BRINSLEY TEESDALE, CMG, MC
COLONIAL SECRETARY
THE HONOURABLE MAURICE HEENAN, QC
ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE HONOURABLE JOHN CRICHTON McDOUALL
SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS
THE HONOURABLE JOHN JAMES COWPERTHWAITTE, CMG, OBE
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
THE HONOURABLE KENNETH STRATHMORE KINGHORN
DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES
THE HONOURABLE ALEC MICHAEL JOHN WRIGHT
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM DAVID GREGG
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
THE HONOURABLE PATRICK CARDINALL MASON SEDGWICK
COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR
THE HONOURABLE DAVID RONALD HOLMES, CBE, MC, ED
DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
THE HONOURABLE JAMES TINKER WAKEFIELD
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES
THE HONOURABLE DHUN JEHANGIR RUTTONJEE, CBE
THE HONOURABLE RICHARD CHARLES LEE, CBE
THE HONOURABLE KWAN CHO-YIU, OBE
THE HONOURABLE KAN YUET-KEUNG, OBE
THE HONOURABLE SIDNEY SAMUEL GORDON
THE HONOURABLE LI FOOK-SHU, OBE
THE HONOURABLE FUNG HON-CHU
THE HONOURABLE TSE YU-CHUEN, OBE
THE HONOURABLE KENNETH ALBERT WATSON, OBE
THE HONOURABLE WOO PAK-CHUEN, OBE
THE HONOURABLE GEORGE RONALD ROSS
THE HONOURABLE SZETO WAI
MR ANDREW McDONALD CHAPMAN (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*)

ABSENT:

DR THE HONOURABLE TENG PIN-HUI, OBE
DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
THE HONOURABLE FUNG PING-FAN, OBE

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th November 1964, were confirmed.

PAPERS

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers: —

<i>Subject</i>	<i>LN No</i>
Sessional Paper, 1964: —	
No 43—Annual Report by the District Commissioner, New Territories for the year 1963-64.	
No 44—Annual Report by the Director of Broadcasting for the year 1963-64.	
Report of the Working Committee on Productivity.	
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He said: Sir, included in these papers is a Report of the Working Committee on Productivity. I will ask my honourable Friend the Commissioner of Labour who was Chairman of this Committee to make a statement on this Report.

MR P. C. M. SEDGWICK: —Sir, the Working Committee on Productivity was appointed by His Excellency Sir Robert BLACK on the 4th March 1963, to examine industrial productivity in Hong Kong and to advise on the measures which might be necessary to assist industry to attain greater productivity. It consisted of representatives of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Management Association and the University of Hong Kong as well as officers

of a number of Government departments concerned with productivity problems.

The Committee, after long deliberation and wide consultation, was convinced that an ambitious and continuing programme of productivity promotion was needed in Hong Kong if Hong Kong's industry on which the economic future of the Colony depends so heavily was to remain competitive in the international field. Whilst paying tribute to the work of a number of existing institutions in Hong Kong which are at present engaged in many aspects of productivity activity, the Committee came to the firm conclusion that the magnitude of the task which confronted the Colony if industrial productivity is to be increased required a new organization, which would supplement and co-ordinate the work which is at present being carried out. The Report therefore recommends the establishment of a Productivity Council and a Productivity Centre in Hong Kong as a means to this end.

The Productivity Council recommended by the Committee is eventually to be a statutory body with equal representation of official and unofficial members under an official chairman. On the unofficial side the interests of management and labour are to be closely balanced and the Council is to include representatives of academic and professional interests. It is to be a general advisory and policy making body overseeing by means of an executive committee the operation of an autonomous Productivity Centre. The centre itself is to be headed by an executive director whose recruitment and appointment will be the responsibility of the Productivity Council.

The Centre when fully developed will include a training section to deal both with the direct training of individuals and with the training of trainers, consultants and specialists. Its functional section will engage in management consultation and technical assistance to industry generally and will also run a small industries service. On the administrative side the centre will maintain contact with international organizations, will provide liaison between local organizations engaged in productivity promotion and will publicize the need for increased productivity. A research section will deal with statistics, technical information and translation work and will also supply a specialist library service.

In framing its proposals the Committee has taken special care to avoid financially extravagant proposals and has endeavoured to relate its recommendations to what it considers to be the special needs of Hong Kong. Even so the cost of the centre proposed is estimated to be in the region of twelve and a half million dollars spread over the first five years. Charges will be levied for the Centre's services and although the resultant revenue will increase annually as these services are developed and as they become more widely used, it is unlikely in

the light of experience elsewhere that the centre will ever become fully self-supporting.

The Report is a document of considerable significance to the future economic well-being of Hong Kong. To quote its last paragraph "Only by increasing production and lowering production costs through the effective and scientific-utilization of manpower and material resources will Hong Kong be able to expand its markets, increase employment and raise the standard of living of its people. To do otherwise, to stand still or to progress with insufficient speed will inevitably lead to Hong Kong becoming non-competitive and to the loss of markets now enjoyed by its export trade. While there appears to be no alternative but for Hong Kong to continue to live on its export trade, the raising of productivity is imperative."

Government has accepted the Report in principle and the Finance Committee of this Council has approved the financial commitments arising out of its recommendations. Steps will now be taken in accordance with these recommendations to establish, administratively at first, a provisional Productivity Council which will be superseded by a statutory Council as soon as the necessary enabling ordinance can be drafted and to recruit an Executive Director to head the Productivity Centre.

SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL, 1964

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First Reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance further to amend the Societies Ordinance."

He said: Your Excellency, determined and continuous action by the Police Force during the past 10 years has to a very large extent contained the Triad menace, with the result that many former Triad Societies have dissolved into small individual gangs without central control and owing allegiance only to themselves. Whilst the success of the Police efforts in this field, where the determination of the Police Force has been matched only by the ruthlessness of those against whom its energies have been directed, is a cause for some satisfaction, one of the consequences of the fragmentation of many Triad societies has been the great decrease in regular initiation and promotion ceremonies that form so important a part of organized Triad activity. Thus, the ritual which is the hallmark of the Triad Society has largely disappeared. The main reasons for this are not hard to find—ignorance of the correct ritual due to the loss of experienced leaders and fear of Police action.

The Triad menace is reduced, but the influence of the name Triad, and the fear with which Triad societies have always been regarded by the general public, persist and will continue to persist until the ordinary citizen is fully confident that he can no longer be harmed, in his person

or property or business, by the Triads. There are some signs that this confidence is beginning to grow in the wake of the continued successful Police action, but progress is slow. In the meantime, the many criminal gangs that have emerged following the fragmentation of the Triad Societies are trading on the name Triad and the fear that it instils so that Triad influence still remains strong, though on a reduced scale. By trading on the name Triad I mean that leaders and members of these gangs frequently claim allegiance to a dormant Triad society and in this way keep alive the name and influence of that Society.

The Societies Ordinance defines a Triad Society as a society which uses any Triad ritual and provides for the punishment of members and office-bearers of such societies. This means that, though the activities of these criminal gangs, insofar as they rely on the dread induced by the name Triad, are no less detrimental than the activities of the Triad societies from which they spring, the members of the gangs and the leaders frequently escape prosecution under those provisions of the Ordinance intended to deal with organized and active Triad societies. This is hampering Police action, which is the more serious because many of the juvenile gangs whose criminal activities are causing so much concern just now are of a Triad type.

Sir, if it is enacted, the effect of this Bill will be that the Police Force will be able to proceed against members and leaders of these new Triad type criminal gangs as if they were in fact members or office-bearers of an active Triad society.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

Objects and Reasons.

The "Objects and Reasons" for the Bill were stated as follows: —

Continued police pressure against Triad Societies has greatly reduced the activities of those societies especially in relation to the number of initiation and promotion ceremonies conducted. However there is now indisputable evidence of a growing tendency on the part of members of other kinds of dubious associations, especially juvenile gangs, to hold themselves out as belonging to Triad Societies by adopting triad titles and claiming triad membership. The purpose of this Bill is to seek amendment of the relevant provisions of the Societies Ordinance, namely sections 9, 10 and 11, to prevent this evil.

ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL, 1964

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second Reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance further to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Bill before Council had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

Te Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

ADJOURNMENT

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR: —That concludes the business for today, gentlemen. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —May I suggest this day fortnight, Sir.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR: —Council stands adjourned until this day fortnight.