

# Aims of the new councillors

Three of the eight new Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council yesterday expressed strong personal views of how they would represent the public on a wide range of subjects.

The three, a trade unionist, Mr Leung Tak-shing; an engineer, Mr S.L. Chen, and a community leader, Mr Wong Lam, made frank remarks to reporters barely an hour after the official announcement of the expanded Legislative Council appointments was released.

Their comments covered workers' welfare, youth problems and public expenditure.

Taking the lead in the joint interview, Mr Leung firmly disagreed there would be difficulties in his work as a Legislative Councillor because of his past ties with the right-wing Trades Union Congress.

Mr Leung said he was never politically-inclined in his TUC relationship. All he was interested in was the welfare of workers and the work toward achieving this aim.

The councillor said as a matter of interest he was no longer holding office in the TUC. Formerly, he was an overseas relations man for the organisation.

Back to his favourite topic on workers' welfare, Mr Leung pointedly stated that a lot could still be done for workers in Hongkong particularly in getting more fringe benefits for them.

His colleague, Mr S.L. Chen, said he saw his appointments as the Government's recognition of the contribution that technocrats can make to Hongkong.

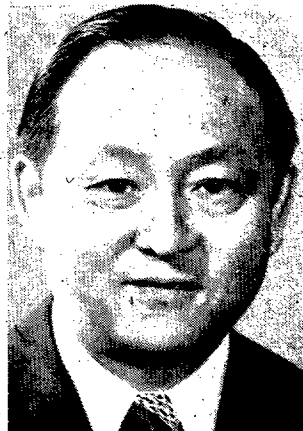
Mr Chen pledged he would use his expertise to help evaluate the many projects proposed for the development of Hongkong.

Mr Chen, as the general manager of a public utility company, was asked whether public utilities should be managed by the Government instead of leaving it in the hands of private enterprise, and also his views of private enterprise's share of the profits.

In reply, Mr Chen said he felt public utilities, as in Hongkong today, should definitely have a



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share of "reasonable profits." Reasonable, he explained, would be gauged in terms of what normally commercially-oriented private enterprises expect of its investment in the country concerned.

Mr Wong Lam pointed out that he was but a "salaried worker" and linked with work in the field of public transport.

His interest, said Mr Wong, would definitely be directed on transport in Hongkong and also on youth activities.

The following are brief biographies of the eight new Unofficial Members:

### The Rev Joyce M. Bennett

Miss Bennett, who came to Hongkong in 1949, is a priest of the Anglican Church and Principal of St Catharine's School for Girls, Kun Tong.

A respected educationist and devoted social worker, Miss Bennett is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Christian Family Centre, Kun

Tong; the Curriculum Development Committee, Education Department; the District Committee, Kun Tong; and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations and the Public Education Sub-Committee, both of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Her work has been among people in the lower income bracket in Kun Tong. She has vigorously encouraged young people and students to participate in community activities.

### Mr S. L. Chen

Mr Chen, an engineer by profession, is the General Manager of the Hongkong Electric Company. He has been a member of the Hongkong Training Council and the Board of Governors of Polytechnic since 1973.

Mr Chen is well known among the present generation



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of managers as one who has risen through his professional and managerial ability.

#### Miss Lydia Dunn

Miss Dunn is Managing Director of Swire and Maclaine (FE) Ltd. She is a member of the Textiles Advisory Board, the Export Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory Board and the Council of the Hongkong Management Association.

She was a member of the Lotteries Fund Management Committee from 1971 to last year. She was a member of the Ready-to-Wear Organising Committee from 1968 to this year and was Chairman of the Committee for the 1976 Festival. Miss Dunn was a member of the Commission of Inquiry into the Telephone Company.

She is typical of the younger generation of highly qualified managers emerging in Hongkong.

#### Mr Henry Hu Hung-lick

Mr Hu, an elected Urban Councillor, is a Barrister-at-Law by profession.

He is Vice-Chairman of the Urban Council and Chairman of its Hawkers Select Committee. He is also a member of the Hongkong Playground Association, the Hongkong Council of Social Services, the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Board, and is Vice-President of the Neighbourhood Advisory and Action Council.

#### Mr Leung Tat-shing

Mr Leung, who retired as a Chief Health Inspector of the Urban Services Department in 1971, is a well-known trade unionist.

He was President of the Hongkong Public Health Inspectors' Association from 1969 to 1971. An elected member of the Labour Advisory Board since 1971, Mr Leung was Chairman of the Urban Services Department Kowloon Workers General Union from 1965 to 1971 and since then its President. He was a member of the Industrial Training Advisory Committee

and the Hongkong Productivity Council.

He is the secretary of the Yan Chai Hospital in Tsun Wan.

#### The Rev Father

#### Patrick Terence McGovern, SJ

Fr McGovern, who arrived in Hongkong in 1955, was educated by the Society of Jesus with special training in sociology and social work. He taught in the Wah Yan College for many years and worked as the Director of Caritas Centre, Kennedy Town from 1955 to 1958.

Very active among industrial workers, Fr McGovern is the founder, past chairman and currently is advisor to the Industrial Relations Institute.

He is Warden of Ricci Hall at the Hongkong University and is a member of the ICAC's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Community Relations.

#### Mr Wong Lam

Mr Wong, formerly a bus conductor, now works as an operations officer for the Kowloon Motor Bus Company. He is Chairman of the Wing Ying Mutual Aid Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Kun Tong Industrial Area Committee and a member of the Mongkok East Area Committee since 1973. He is a member of the Central Fight Violent Crime Committee.

Mr Wong is the founder-director of the Kun Tong Sports Association (founded in 1970) and has been Chairman of the Kun Tong Scouts Association since 1972. He was Chairman of the Kun Tong District Youth Recreation Co-ordination Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Kun Tong Road Safety Campaign in 1974.

#### Mr Peter C. Wong

Mr Wong, a solicitor and notary public by profession, has participated in a wide field of public service, including membership of the following boards: the Inland Revenue Review, Lands Tribunal, Criminal Injuries Compensation, Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation, and Liquor and Licensing. He is a past chairman of the Law Society.