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Act please on wages insurance scheme

MR BARRY Lovegrove (SCM Post, June 23) is right.

Something has to be done *now* to help workers left unpaid on account of their employers going broke. The Law of Bankruptcy, in the context of Hongkong, is of no use. Insurance is needed.

Hongkong survives because businessmen take risks. Yet, that is no reason why, if they fail, their employees should be pulled down with them. 'The Labourer is worthy of his hire.' (St Luke.x.7).

Who is to pay for the Insurance Scheme? The taxpayer? The employer? The employee through the establishment of trade unions?

It is not important. The details can be worked out later. What is important now is for the mandarins of Albert Road to give the green light, and recognise the need for such social insurance. Of course, we need a *Wages Reserve Fund!*

Can we have an assurance, therefore, please, from the Attorney-General this week, that he will give his immediate attention to this problem?

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