

July start for two NUS faculties at Bukit Timah?

FIRMS PUT MASS HYSTERIA UNDER SCRUTINY

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OUTBREAKS of mass hysteria in labour-intensive industries was discussed by senior executives of various companies and the Labour Ministry last Friday morning.

The meeting was arranged by the ministry's Industrial Health Division. When contacted, the ministry spokesman would only say, "The meeting is closed-door." But it is believed that the meeting emphasised the physical aspects of the problem and how to cope with them, rather than the purely medical or psychical.

Companies

Most of the companies at the meeting are in electronics and textiles. Sources said industrial nurses of the companies and union representatives also attended. The problem is not unique to Singapore. Researchers at the American National Institute of Occupational Safety have also conducted studies of the phenomenon there.

2 shoplifters fined \$750

KHOO SIEW LIANG, 25, a woman sales assistant, was yesterday jailed one day and fined \$50 for stealing two hair clips worth \$16 from Metro Grand in Orchard Road on Sunday at 6.30 p.m. In another case, a printer, Ang Lai Hui, 19, was also sentenced to a day's jail and fined \$400 for stealing a belt from John Little's on Sunday at 7.45 p.m. Both pleaded guilty.

TWO faculties of the National University of Singapore are likely to function at Bukit Timah campus when term starts in July and the Institute of Education is likely to shift to Bukit Timah next year.

The Faculty of Arts/Social Sciences and the Science Faculty are expected to remain at Bukit Timah where they are now under the Joint Campus scheme.

Sources said that though plans have yet to be finalised, it is almost certain these two faculties will stay put.

The Arts/Social Sciences block at Kent Ridge cannot cater to a combined staff strength of University of Singapore and Nanyang University lecturers.

It was originally built to accommodate staff from the University of Singapore. Another block is expected to be built to cope with the increased NUS staff.

Reasons

The hostel at Kent Ridge, KE Hall, has been discouraging arts and science students from living there as these students will probably study at Bukit Timah.

Next year, the Institute of Education is expected to move to Bukit Timah campus.

Lack of space at its Paterson Road premises and an increasing intake are two main reasons for the shift.

Adding to the space problem will be the formation of the Curriculum Development Institute of Singapore, which will be located alongside the IE.

At last year's convocation ceremony, IE director Miss Lim Hsiu Mei announced that with growing enrolment and the full-time lecture system, four options were open:

To develop its present Paterson Road campus, develop a second campus, move completely to a new site and build upon it, or take over the Joint Campus at Bukit Timah or even the Nanyang University campus at Jurong.



Air talks with President of Nauru

THE president of the Nauru Islands, Mr Hammer de Robert (above), arrived here yesterday for air talks between Air Nauru and Singapore.

Mr Robert, also the Director of Civil Aviation in the South Pacific country, told The Straits Times on arrival that his country would like to have landing rights here.

Robert said Air Nauru would like to start with one weekly flight to Singapore as its final stopover on its Mandala-Hongkong-Nauru route.

"Our request will be negotiated on the basis of full reciprocity," he said. He suggested that Singapore Airlines might want to have stopover rights in Nauru in its expansion plans.

The president and his five-member delegation were hosted to dinner by Mr Ong last night. The talks will continue today and tomorrow. Mr Robert will leave Singapore today.

Man on rape charges acquitted

FOUR rape charges against temple medium, Ke Hon San, 39, were withdrawn by the Public Prosecutor at the High Court yesterday.

Deputy Public Prosecutor, Mr Lawrence Ang, gave no reason for the withdrawal.

Ke, who was originally charged with raping a 26-year-old housewife at her Bedok North Street flat between February and April 1979, was acquitted and discharged.

Coin auction

THE Singapore Numismatic Association will hold a coin auction at the National Library lecture hall on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Harvard school base: It's either S'pore or HK

THE Harvard Business School is keen on developing a field executive development programme in Asia and may choose Singapore or Hongkong as its base.

A source said: "If Singapore wants it, Singapore will have to vie for it very strongly."

He said the school finds the Asian-Pacific region appealing in terms of natural resources and the transfer of technology.

In computer technology, especially, this region is expected to see remarkable growth in this decade.

The Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration is also interested in setting up an extension school in Singapore.

Seminar

Advanced management courses for senior company executives in the Asian-Pacific region would be conducted by the school.

This was disclosed by a faculty member of the Harvard Business School, Prof Daryl Wyckoff, while here in January to address the Young Presidents' Organisation.

He will be here again for a one-day seminar, International Business and Financial Challenges in the 1980s, on July 22.

The seminar, organised by the Harvard Club of Singapore and a faculty from the Harvard Business and Law Schools, will be held at the Shangri-La.

It will enable top executives in Asia to come to grips with the 1980s, with special reference to a new market — China.

Man fined \$4,000 for living on callgirl's earnings

A LORRY driver lured his 17-year-old girlfriend into prostitution by suggesting that it was the easiest way to earn money.

He took her to brothels in Haig Road and Geylang where she started her life as a callgirl, and he began to live wholly on her earnings.

But the girl's father learned of this, detained the lorry driver and handed him over to the police.

Yesterday, Chen Shay Shin, 23, the lorry driver, was jailed for a day and fined \$4,000 by a district judge for living on the earnings of a prostitute between last Aug 15 and Sept 10.

The court heard that Chen and the girl, formerly a machine operator, met in March last year and subsequently became intimate.

Chen later started taking money from her saying that he needed it to do business.

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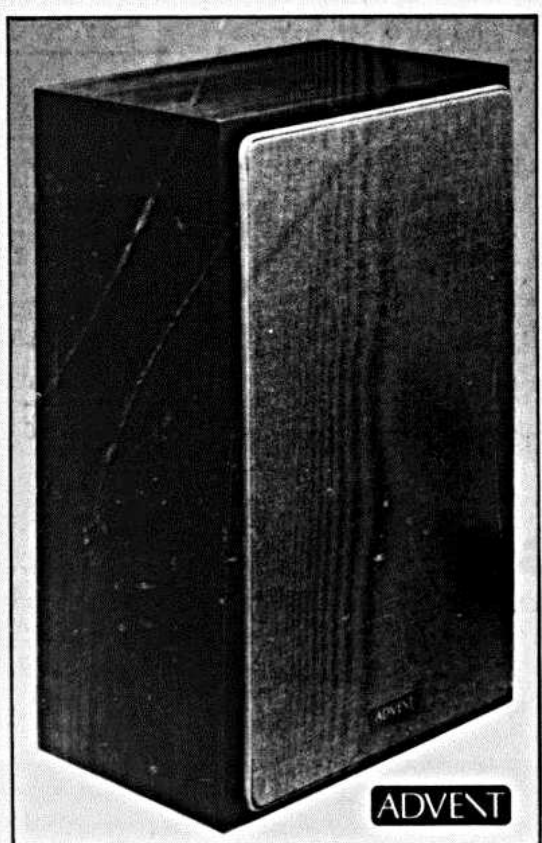
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