FOREWORD

Volume 1 in this series was entitled "The Avarice, Bureaucracy and Corruption of Hong Kong."

In the introduction to that little book I mentioned that my critics would say it went too far, but that the majority of the Hong Kong people would say it does not go far enough. This is indeed what did happen. The Government information department frantically tried to prove that I was making unfounded and unproven generalisations. The truth is, as I mentioned in the foreword of that book, I had documents to prove all the cases mentioned. On the other hand, many readers said that I had omitted mentioning many of the corrupt practices that exist.

That was in 1971. By 1973, it was clear to even my most vocal critics that something was rotten somewhere in Hong Kong. The escape of a very senior policeman with over H.K.$4 million to his account, and the investigation that followed his escape, indicated that corruption was not just found in the lower ranks, as Government spokesmen had falsely and knowingly been putting across to deceive the public, especially the British public (since the Chinese know the truth), and that this escape story revealed only the tip of the iceberg.

The revelations of the scoundrel, Hunt, who bought an easy life in prison, a reduced charge, and an amnesty from all future criminal charges relating to his life in Hong Kong by offering to become a witness against the fugitive Godber, indicated that what I had been trying to tell the public was all too true.

The contents of both Volume 1 and Volume 2 in this series were written long before Hunt took the lid off Hong Kong's stench, though some information has been up-dated in the light of recent events. The names of both Godber and Hunt appear in some of the cases mentioned.

I have for many years been offering to expose the activities of Hunt and his accomplices. The Government has known at least since 1966 how these crime organisers behaved in the 1966 riots, but the Government was prepared to send innocent young men to prison, and came near to committing me to prison for "contempt", rather than take action against the gangsters in the police. This attitude persists to this day.

Nor is the British Government without blame. Various Hong Kong citizens as well as myself have tried by
all means in their power to report the gross injustices and rottenness that exist in Hong Kong, without success. The British Government still educates itself by lapping up false propaganda put out by the Hong Kong Colonial Office. As Jean-Paul Sartre says in his preface to "The Wretched of the Earth" by Franz Fanon: "The mother country is satisfied to keep some feudal rulers in her pay; there, dividing and ruling she has created a native bourgeoisie, sham from beginning to end; elsewhere she has played a double game: the colony is planted with settlers and exploited at the same time... Turn and turn about; in these shadows from whence a new dawn will break, it is you who are the zombies."

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