

ble event in the Commission's history. On June 22nd, a demolition order was issued. The search was begun for an alternate Official Residence. Several comfortable villas were inspected, but the home of the Canadian Commissioner in Hong Kong would become a modest two storey house in Jardines Lookout. Gone was the magnificent harbour view, but so too, the threat of landslides.

As recommended by the inspection team, the Commission finally moved offices,

from the P & O and International Buildings, in September, 1972, to Asian House on Hennessy Road, in Wanchai. At the edge of the red light district, "The Wanch" was then in its heyday as an R & R zone for American servicemen from Vietnam, and about the most unlikely place to project a positive Canadian image overseas. The Commission offices did become the setting for a Robert Ludlum novel, and the huge neon "Kent" cigarette sign down the side of the building gave Asian House a raffish charm.