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## PREFACE

WITH the exception of slight modifications this book is based upon the research undertaken in the preparation of a thesis presented for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy to the University of Oxford in 1965.

It is concerned with the reasons for the introduction of the federal solution into Malaya and Malaysia, the working of the federal experiment up to 1963, and the problems posed by the plurality of Malaya's and Malaysia's society in the implementation of the federal idea. Politics in Malaya and Malaysia, as in other newly emerging countries, has been characterized by fluidity and rapid change. Therefore, in order to avoid continuous rewriting to include references to the latest developments, it seemed advisable to choose an arbitrary date, i.e. the establishment of Malaysia in 1963, to end both narrative and discussion.

I began to write in 1962, but even before half the work was completed 'confrontation' made it impossible to visit Malaya and Malaysia. As a result I had to rely upon Oxford University's immense collection of books, periodicals, and government papers for my source material, which fortunately contained nearly all the source material I needed.

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