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"MALAYSIA'S proud experiment in constructing a multiracial society exploded in the streets of Kuala Lumpur last week. Malay mobs, wearing white headbands signifying an alliance with death, and brandishing swords and daggers, surged into Chinese areas in the capital, burning, looting and killing. In retaliation, Chinese, sometimes aided by Indians, armed themselves with pistols and shotguns and struck at Malay kampongs (villages)."

— TIME magazine, 23 May 1969

In his refreshingly insightful and sensitive account of the events and influences which culminated in the breakdown of Sino-Malay relations, and erupted into the violent racial riots of 13 May 1969, Leon Comber has produced a work that will interest and benefit not only the scholars but the general public and in particular, the 'children of 13 May'.



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