

ANOTHER DAP MP IS AXED

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PETALING JAYA, Mon.— The DAP Central Working Committee expelled its political bureau director Mr Chan Teck Chan today for "gross breach of party discipline and interests."

His expulsion takes effect immediately, but he has 14 days to appeal.

With Mr Chan's expulsion, the DAP now has only 14 seats in the Dewan Rakyat.

It lost another seat on Feb. 25 when it expelled Mr Seow Hun Khim, the MP for Bukit Mertajam.

DAP chairman Dr Chen Man Hin told a Press conference at the party headquarters here this evening that the decision to expel Mr Chan was

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taken at a CWC meeting in Kuala Lumpur this morning.

He said Mr Chan had committed "a gross breach of party discipline and interests with his open association with the Gang of Three of Penang."

The Gang of Three are Mr Seow, who is also the State Assemblyman for Bandar Bukit Mertajam, Mr Chin Nyok Soo, the State Assemblyman for Pangs Terubong, and Mr Goh Lim Eam.

Mr Seow was the Penang DAP's deputy chairman, Mr Chin its publicity chief, and Mr Goh its secretary.

Dr Chen said that with Mr Chan's expulsion, the process of restoring party discipline, unity, cohesion and sense of purpose could now proceed "without obstruction or hindrance since the full Gang of Four has been expelled from the party."

He said that in the last four to five months, Mr Chan had "actively en-

couraged and sustained the Gang of Three of Penang to carry out a malicious campaign against the party leadership, especially secretary-general Mr Lim Kit Siang."

He added that Mr Chan himself had engaged in anti-DAP activities like taking down party signboards, endorsing accusations by the Gang of Three that Mr Lim was Special Branch agent and against the Chinese-educated, and attacking other DAP leaders.

"It is clear that Mr Chan Teck Chan had daily, since his return from Taiwan (late last month), tried to provoke the party leadership to expel him from the party with his statements and accusations," Dr Chen said.

"The DAP being a democratic party allows room for dissent. But if the dissent is to destroy the party and leadership, then disciplinary action has to be taken.

"The DAP cannot allow elements like Chan Teck Chan to try to make use of the excuse of 'rescuing the

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DR CHEN LAST NIGHT
'no obstruction now'

GANG OF FOUR TO FORM NEW PARTY IT WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER: CHAN

PENANG, Mon. — The DAP "Gang of Four" are to form another Opposition party — the *Barisan Rakyat Malaysia*.

"Our Malaysian People's Front will be a bigger and more constructive Opposition party," Mr Chan Teck Chan said today.

Mr Chan, the DAP's political bureau director, was expelled from the party today.

The other members of the "Gang" are the "Gang of Three" of Penang — Mr Seow Eam Khim, Mr Chin Nyak Sio and Mr Goh Lim Eam.

In a statement tonight, Mr Chan said:

"In the interest of the political stability and harmony of Malaysia, I and all the other DAP leaders who are not happy with the dictatorial leadership of Mr Lim Kit Siang will form a new opposition party which is bigger and more constructive."

"This party will also be able to have frequent dialogue sessions with the Government and with all the communities to discuss national issues before any issue is brought up in the Dewan Rakyat or State Assembly.

"We will not follow what Lim Kit Siang has done all this while, like bringing up issues blindly and whenever he likes during these Parliamentary and State Assembly sittings."

MULTI-RACIAL

Mr Chan said he would apply to register the new party next week, and it will be "multi-racial and based on the interests of the people and country and on the Rukunegara".

He said he was not surprised with the Central Working Committee's decision to expel him from the party for "gross breach of

party discipline and interests".

"I am not surprised to see Lim Kit Siang acting in such a manner, which is against the aspirations of the people the country and the DAP.

"This is because he is forced to act by a certain, faction in the party. And these people have already drawn up a masterplan for a long time to change the policy and objectives of the DAP struggle," he said.

Mr Chan said Mr Lim should answer to the people and to DAP members themselves for his (Mr Lim's) motives "behind the oppression and expulsion of certain DAP leaders who have the interests of the nation at heart and who are brave enough to fight against his dictatorial leadership."

He hit out at Mr Lim for always acting on his own without consultation of the Central Executive Committee", as in the choice of



Solemn faces at the DAP Press conference yesterday. .. from left: DAP secretary-general Mr Lim Kit Siang, chairman Dr Chen Man Hin, Penang DAP chairman Mr Karpal Singh, deputy secretary-general Mr Lee Lam Thye and organising chairman Mr P. Patto.

the candidate for the Pengkalan Kota by elections, the Esso case, the Merdeka University issue and the Chinese education issue.

He said Mr Lim and some other party members were hiding behind masks and pretending in fight for the interests of the people.

"They are all pretending to fight for the people's interests in matters of education and social economy, but why don't they send their children to the local schools and why should

they transfer most of their properties and in some cases their families to other countries?" Mr Chan said.

He urged the people not to be cheated by Mr Lim's "masked struggle" but to realise that their fighting was not for the interests of the nation and the people.

Mr Chan challenged the party leaders to prove how he had gone wrong and committed a breach of party discipline.

"They accuse me of associating with the Gang

of Three but what I did was for the interest of the party.

"I had already promised the three expelled leaders that I would meet them even before I went to Taiwan for my medical check-up last month, to help them solve matters.

"And I was just doing what I had promised. For this I am expelled for a breach of party discipline. I had also tried to meet Mr Lim over this matter but he had refused to meet me.

"The DAP leaders must justify what they have done and show me how I have breached party discipline as this is not written in the constitution," he added.

Earlier this afternoon, in a statement issued before his expression was announced, Mr Chan said Mr Lim should "start acting responsibly."

"He should control his emotions. A leader in his position should realise that emotional attacks on me will only worsen the present crisis," said Mr Chan.

Mr Lim recently said that Mr Chan was acting as though "the party is non-existent". He reportedly said that any problems anybody had should be settled internally and not publicised.

"I fully agree that all problems should be settled internally. That is why I am so amazed that Mr Lim has chosen to launch a malicious attack on me in public," Mr Chan said.

"I recently referred some party leaders to the Central Executive Committee for disciplinary action, but nothing was done about it.

"If the party really had wanted to settle things internally, the present crisis would not have come about."

MORE BLOOD-LETTING TO FOLLOW, SAYS EX-LEADER

PENANG, Mon. — More blood-letting is expected in the wake of the sacking of DAP strongman Chan Teck Chan, expelled DAP leader Goh Lim Eam said today.

Mr Goh, who said the sacking of Mr Chan today came as no surprise, added: "What do you expect of a dictator like (party secretary-general) Lim Kit Siang?"

Mr Chan's days in the DAP were numbered when he refused to be another yes-man of Kit Siang. This is another clear indication that Kit Siang would brook no dissent from anyone. He, is surrounded by yes-men like P. Patto (DAP national organising secretary), Peter Dasim and Karpal Singh (both CEC members)."

Mr Goh said there were,

However, still some Central Executive Council members who were with Mr Chan.

He would not name them.

"But I believe they will come forward let us wait and see," he said.

Mr Goh said everyone deplored the way Mr Lim Kit Siang had been leading the party lately, and no one could stay silent far long.

He saw more upheaval ahead.

He said Mr Chan, who was the MP for Kota Melaka and Malacca State Assemblyman for Tranquerah, had strong grass-root support in Malacca and Johore.

"Mr Chan's supporters will resign en masse. Kit Siang has wrecked the party by refusing to heed

members' views," he said. "This is really a sad day for the DAP."

Mr Goh said Mr Chan had been accused at a CEC meeting or Dec. 4 of not helping out at the Pengkalan Kota by-election, which the DAP's Teoh Teik Huat lost to Barisan Nasional's Lim Kean Siew.

"But in fact, Mr Chan was not even consulted on the selection of the DAP candidates passed over for Mr Teoh.

"No CEC meeting was held to decide the selection of Mr Teoh and this is definitely a contravention of the party's constitution."

Mr Goh said certain CEC members also launched a "vicious and personal" attack on Mr Chan at the Dec. 4 meeting.

Mr Chan submitted his resignation the next day and challenged his accusers to prove their allegations.

"But," Mr Goh said, "Kit Siang then suffered some pangs of conscience and rushed to Malacca to meet Mr Chan and got him to withdraw his resignation."

"Mr Chan, however, has continued to stick to his principles and for this, he has been axed."

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CHEN: WE PLACED SO MUCH TRUST IN CHAN

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party to wreck the party. Mr Chan had acted the way he did since his return from Taiwan because he had been the leader of the Penang Gang of Three."

Dr Chen said it was "regrettable that Mr Chan should join forces with those out to destroy the DAP, despite the trust and responsibilities the party had placed on him.

He also called on Mr Chan to relinquish both his Parliamentary and State Assembly seats since "Mr Chan had many a time said he would do so without hesitation if asked to do so".

Mr Chan is the MP for Kota Melaka and the State Assemblyman for the Tranquerah seat in Malacca.

Asked why the party waited so long before they

decided to expel Mr Chan, Mr Lim said: "A statement will be made at the relevant place and time."

Mr Chan, a member of the party's Central Executive Committee had, on Dec 6 last year, resigned from the party "because of the barrage of criticism" against him at the party's committee meeting the previous day.

(The CWC comprises the principal officials in the CEC.)

But on Dec. 7, Mr Chan withdrew his resignation from the party after meeting Mr Lim in Malacca.

On the same day, Mr Lim issued a directive that all party members and leaders were not to talk to the Press on party matters. A disciplinary committee to act on party dissenters was formed on Dec 6.