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Chief Minister Announces

NEW CABINET

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWISLI, HAS ANNOUNCED THE NAMES OF FIVE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET, AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS - THE PORTFOLIOS ARE ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1966 AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SARAWAK AFFAIRS, TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF H.E. THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG.

The new Ministers and their portfolios are:-

- * Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud - Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry;
- * Penghulu Francis Umpau - Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources;
- * Abang Haji Abdulrahim bin Abang Haji Moasili - Ministry of Local Government;
- * Awang Hipni bin Pengiran Annu - Ministry of Welfare, Youth and Culture;
- * Mr. Tajang Laing - Ministry of Works and Communications.



MIS picture shows the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli (centre, garlanded) with the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Jugah (left) and the Federal Minister of Lands and Mines, Inche Abdul Rahman Yakub (right) on arrival from Kuala Lumpur at the Kuching airport.

Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud and Awang Hipni are members of the Barisan Ra'ayat Jati Sarawak (Barjasa); Penghulu Francis Umpau and Mr. Tajang Laing belong to Party Pesaka and Abang Haji Abdulrahim was a former member of Party Negara Sarawak (Panas) who now wishes to be regarded simply as a member of the Alliance.

All the five ministers were sworn in by the Governor on Wednesday (June 22) afternoon at a simple ceremony at the Astana as members of the Supreme Council.

After the swearing-in ceremony, the Chief Minister said in a brief statement that three more seats would be filled in as soon as possible by the nine-man Special Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Jonathan Banggau, M.P.

Present at the swearing-in ceremony were: the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah; the Federal Minister for Lands and Mines, Inche Abdul Rahman Yakub; the Federal Secretary, Inche Abu Hassan bin Abdullah; the State Secretary, Dato G.A.T. Shaw; the State Attorney General, Mr. Tan Chiaw Thong, and the Acting State Financial Secretary, Mr. Ten Kuen Foh. Also present were leading members of Party Pesaka and Baijasa.

On Friday (June 23) morning the new cabinet ministers held discussions in the Chief Minister's Office on a number of matters that needed most urgent attention.

A statement issued by the Chief Minister later said that among matters discussed at the meeting were tentative steps to be taken by the new Government in order "to give a new deal for the rural people."

The problem of shortage of land for effective cultivation was also looked into.

In the afternoon, the President of Sarawak, Government Asian Officers Union (SGAOU), Inche Dawi Abdul Rahman, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Thomas Ng, paid a courtesy call on the Chief Minister.

These leaders of SGAOU pledged to the Chief Minister and his cabinet their co-operation and their willingness to do everything possible to make the administration of the Alliance Government under the new Chief Minister as smooth as possible.

Both parties realised the importance of the Civil Service in the Government's efforts to make our development plan successful.

The statement added that during an informal discussion which followed three matters came up.

The two SGAOU representatives requested the Government to pursue inquiries into the possibility of taking back the three civil servants who were kidnapped across the border more than one year ago.

Tan Sri Jugah, who was also present at the afternoon's discussions, was requested by the Chief Minister to take the matter up with the Central Government. Tan Sri Jugah agreed to take immediate steps.

Interim Allowance for Div. IV Officers

In connection with the question of the granting of interim allowance for Division IV officers in Sarawak, the Chief Minister directed Inche Abdul Taib to look into the matter so that the Cabinet can give an early decision within the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, Tan Sri Jugah has promised to take up the question of giving the same interim allowance to the employees in the Federal Departments, added the statement.

The President of SGAOU also brought up the request of withdrawing the half-an-hour extra working time which was introduced by the State Government during the height of the confrontation. The Chief Minister promised to consider the matter at the next Cabinet meeting.

Earlier on, the Chief Minister said to the representatives of SGAOU: "I wish to show you, as representatives of Government servants that I would like to work with the full support of the members of the Civil Service, that is why I welcome your visit here this afternoon.

C.M. MEETS SGAOU REPRESENTATIVES

"I wish also to let you know that having been in the Civil Service myself I know your problems. Let us work together for this country of ours. We can build it with determination to put our whole energy in our development programmes."

C.M. WARMLY WELCOMED AT AIRPORT

THE CHIEF MINISTER OF SARAWAK, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME FROM HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AT THE KUCHING AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM KUALA LUMPUR ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

SNAP STILL SUPPORTS ALLIANCE' - ENDAWIE

THE following statement was issued on Monday from the office of the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah:

The Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, who is also the Chairman of the Sarawak Alliance, this morning received a telegram from Dato Dunstan Endawie saying that his party (SNAP) is still supporting the Sarawak Alliance Party.

Tan Sri Jugah has cabled the contents of Dato Endawie's telegram to the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, in Kuala Lumpur.

Members of Kaum Ibu of Barjasa and representatives of Party Pesaka who had earlier arrived in force then greeted the Chief Minister and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs as they emerged from the Airport building. Some of them carried banners proclaiming support for the new Government.

As he alighted from the aircraft he was greeted by the Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, and other leaders of Party Pesaka and Barjasa.

Two pretty girls garlanded the Chief Minister on behalf of Party Barjasa and Party Pesaka. They were Che Nellie Mohamad, 19, for Barjasa and Che Zahrah Haji Pitani, 13, for Party Pesaka.

Among senior Government officials present at the airport to welcome the Chief Minister were: the Federal Secretary, Inche Abu Hassan Abdullah, the State Secretary, Dato G.A.T. Shaw; and the Commissioner of Police, Dato R.T.M. Henry.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by the Federal Minister for Lands and Mines, Inche Abdul Rahman Yakub. Returning with him on the same plane were: Mr. Thomas Kana, MP, Secretary General of Party Pesaka; Dato Pengarah Banyang, MP; Penghulu Jinggut anak Attan, MP; Mr. Sandom anak Nyuak, MP; Mr. Dagok anak Randan, MP; and Abang Ikhwan Zaini, MP.

The Chief Minister was then introduced to his supporters by the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs. The party then left the airport.

Earlier, the Chief Minister issued the following Press statement:

It is wonderful to be back in Sarawak.

I have been away in Malaya to think about the composition of the new Supreme Council and other important policy matters that need urgent attention. I was able to do this in completely free atmosphere, away from any form of political pressure. I went to Malacca and Port Dickson. I do not believe in making hasty decision. The affairs of State require most careful consideration.

If you have been expecting me to announce the names of the members of the Supreme Council now, then I am sorry to disappoint you. Although under the constitution I have the power to select my cabinet colleagues, I am a strict believer in genuine collective responsibility. I will only announce the names of the members of the Supreme Council after I have consulted Tan Sri Temenggong and others, and also after H.E. the Governor has signified his approval.

I would like to assure all of you that my colleagues and I will be very fair. You cannot, of course, expect me to have in the new Supreme Council any person who does not fully support me. This is a fundamental principle of collective responsibility that cannot be sacrificed.

In carrying out my duties, I shall be guided by majority opinion of my colleagues. The dictatorial method of the former regime is gone from Sarawak.

My colleagues and I will ensure the maintenance of racial harmony in Malaysia. "Fairness and Justice" will always be our guiding principles.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has given me his support.

I am confident that once the people realise that what my colleagues and I have done during the past several days is for the good of Sarawak, more support will be forthcoming.

P.M. SAYS 'Ningkan never Toed Party Line'

THE Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, issued the following statement in Kuala Lumpur on Monday, June 20;-

'Our experience is that Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan has never done anything good for the party. His conduct has never been to the credit of the party, and he has never toed the party line.

"It is better that he should be outside the party than with it. This way, he cannot lower the good name of the party."

The Prime Minister was commenting on reports that Dato Ningkan had joined the Opposition in Sarawak.

C.M. EXPLAINS POLICIES TO SENIOR GOVT. OFFICIALS

ON FRIDAY morning (June 24), the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi sli, had a meeting with the State Secretary, Deputy State Secretary, Acting State Financial Secretary, Acting State Attorney General, the Permanent Secretaries and Principal Assistant Secretaries from each Ministry.

In a short talk the Chief Minister emphasised to the Heads of Ministries that they should put their whole heart into the job of implementing the Government's policy.

"I know that we have been fortunate to have an efficient administration. Because of the new emphasis on development in the Government Service, changes throughout the civil service is inevitable.

"It is my policy that when changes are necessary it will be carried out gradually but smoothly. Once the civil servants put their hearts into the jobs of implementing policies framed by the Government, I am sure we will have, not only an efficient civil service, but a dynamic and democratic administration.

"Members of the civil service are the servants of the people. We, the politicians are the Institution through which the wishes of the people are to be implemented. It is therefore most important that in the daily administration of our civil service we must always remember that whatever we do we must do it together for the benefit of the people."

NEW ALLIANCE GOVT. WILL WELCOME SCA', SAYS MINISTER

THE new Alliance Government will welcome the Sarawak Chinese Association into its fold, and the reason why there is yet no member of the Chinese community in the Cabinet is because we are still waiting for them to think and send in their nominations to the Chief Minister.

"If the SCA refuses to submit nominations, we have no other choice but to bring in other Chinese representatives. Let me emphasise here that we do not discriminate against the Chinese or any other race."

This was stated by the Minister for Communications and Works, Mr. Tajang Laing, on Friday, June 24, when he spoke to Chinese, Land Dayak and Malay community leaders at the 17th Mile settlement in the Controlled Area, Serian Road.

The Minister said: "I am asked by our Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, to convey his greetings and to express his gratitude to you all on his behalf.

"I wish to tell you that the Alliance Government, under the leadership of Penghulu Tawi Sli, will be different from that of Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan. The policies which will be implemented by Penghulu Tawi Sli are not his own individual policies but those of the Alliance Party.

"The Alliance Party will always welcome co-operation from Chinese, Malay, Dayak and other races.

"The new Alliance Government will, of course, welcome the SCA into its fold, and the reason why there is yet no member of the Chinese community in the Cabinet is because we are still waiting for them to think and sent in their nominations to the Chief Minister.

C.M. REPLIES TO DATO N'S ALLEGATIONS

THE Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, issued the following the statement on Friday in reply to Dato Ningkan's allegations in the Sarawak Vanguard on Thursday:

Dato Ningkan had gone bankrupt of political ideas. I can only conclude that his shameful, bitter and highly personal attack on the Tunku, Tan Sri Jugah, myself and members of my Cabinet was done in a disturbed and confused mind and arrogance that was partly responsible for his downfall and inevitably into political obscurity. That goes to show what type of man Dato Ningkan is. The public are the judges of this quarrel.

"If the SCA refuses to submit nominations, we have no other choice but to bring in other Chinese representatives. Let me emphasise here that we do not discriminate against the Chinese or any other race.

"The Alliance Government knows the problems of the people, because we who rule the country now share the same problems as you. Therefore, we do not follow the policies of Dato Ningkan. He had only cared for himself and his own friends and had neglected his duties towards the country as a whole.

"I assure you that the new Alliance Government will look after the interests of all the people of Sarawak irrespective of race or creed. We know you have the problems of acquiring sufficient but all other races too. The new government will put these things right as soon as possible. We have already begun planning but we cannot accomplish things overnight.

'Support New Govt.'

"I would now like to urge you all to live harmoniously with one another remembering always that Sarawak is your country you were born and where you will die.

"Support the new government and its new Chief Minister. You should not worry about Malay being made the official language of this country. This is all laid down in the provisions written in the Sarawak Constitution and the IGC.

"If Council Negri does not approve that Malay is made the official language in Sarawak then it will not become the official language. Then it would be as before and English will continue to be used as well as Chinese, Dayak, Malay and other languages which will be taught in all schools

and not discriminated against.

"Send your children therefore to school to learn to read and write. They could also learn not only their own language but Malay and English. The more languages your children learn the better it would be for them."

Finally, Mr. Tajang Laing urged everyone to live as brothers and continue to improve their own living standards.

"Let us all support the government because it supports you, especially the poor people," he concluded.

MORE SUPPORT FOR C.M.

THE Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli this week received more telegrams congratulating him on his appointment as Chief Minister, and expressing support for his leadership.

Among them were those from the Melanau Association, Miri; the Malay Association Miri; members of Panas, Miri Branch; all in the Fourth Division; the Serakup Indu Dayak, Kapit, Third Division, and the Malay National Union of Sarawak, Kuching.

Telegrams expressing support were also received from Barjasa branches at Bau and Matang, in the first Division; Sibul, Matu, Dato, Mukah (Third Division) and Bintulu, Sibuti, Miri and Lutong in the Fourth Division.

From Melanau Assn. Sibul

The Chairman of the Melanau Association of Sibul, Abang Louis Baring, On Wednesday sent the following message of congratulation to the Chief Minister:

"On behalf of the Committee and members of the Melanau Association, Sibul it gives me great pleasure to extend to you our hearty congratulations on your well-deserved election as Chief Minister and assurance of our loyal support at all times."

Sibul Businessman Declare Support.

More messages of support from people of all walks of life were received by the Chief Minister on Friday, June 24.

One telegram was from a group of Chinese businessmen. Their message said: "We fully support you. We have confidence you will lead Sarawak to prosperity. Long live the new Alliance Government."

Other telegrams were received from members of SheU Dayak Club, Seria and the Dayak Association of Seria, Brunei.

C.M. RECEIVES MORE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, CONTINUED TO RECEIVE MORE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES IN JUNE, 1966.

The messages also express support for the new Government under his leadership.

Among them is one from the Councillors and staff of the Batang Lupar District Council of which the Chief Minister himself was Chairman until recently.

Included in the other messages are those from the Panas Branch of Simunjan, First Division; Tuai Rumahs under Penghulu Tawi Sli's jurisdiction; Party Baijasa branch of Kabong, Second Division; the Sarikei District Council, Third Division; the Conservative Party members of the Skrang Land Development Scheme, Second Division; Baijasa branches of Limbang and Sundar, Fifth Division; the people of Niah District, Fourth Division; and the Sarawak Native Chamber of Commerce.

The Party Barjasa branches at Sarikei, Third Division, and Trusan and Lawas in the Fifth Division, have also sent congratulatory messages to the Chief Minister.

The Sarikei branch pledges its "full support and co-operation" to the new Government.

Messages of support have also been received from the people of Balingian in the Third Division and the Kaum Ibu of Kampongs Dagang, Narum and Benawak, Marudi, Fourth Division.

Some of the messages of support received by the Chief Minister came from Sarawakians living outside the State.

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Among others who sent messages of support were members of Shell Dayak Club, Seria, and the Dayak Association of Seria, Brunei.

C.M. VISITS MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

ON Saturday morning, June 25, 1966 the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, accompanied by four Ministers paid a visit to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

He was welcomed by the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib Mahmud; the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Caesar Wilson, and the Director of Agriculture, Mr. Williams. During his visit of 1 ½ hours, the Chief Minister was given a briefing by the Director of Agriculture.

After the briefing, the Chief Minister expressed his satisfaction with the department.

"I realize very well," he said, "that agriculture forms the back-bone of our economy, and that the vast majority of the people depend on agriculture for their livelihood.

"The Government of Sarawak has placed great emphasis on the need to put more and more resources and efforts into the development of our agriculture potential. There are now, besides our major rubber schemes, many schemes aimed at giving help to better farming.

"I am, however, conscious that there are many problems we have to face in agricultural development, as our country is not blessed with large areas of rich soil, and as we are still short of skilled personnel. But with team work and determination, I am confident that we will progress in spite of all those difficulties. We are trying our best to raise a generation of well-informed and skilled farmers.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVT. DECLARES OPEN VARIETY SHOW

THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ABANG HAJI ABDUL RAHIM, ON TUESDAY DECLARED OPEN A VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY KAMPONG ASTANA SPORTS CLUB, ACROSS RIVER, KUCHING.

In declaring it open, the Minister said that he was very grateful to have the opportunity of meeting the members. He said that as Minister he would not only work for the well-being of the people in that kampong but also for the country as a whole.

The Minister added that with the full support and co-operation of the people he was confident they could overcome all difficulties in order to build up a strong and united nation.

For this reason the Minister appealed to all people to work together for the sake of the country.

The Minister reiterated that the new government would abide by the principles of democracy and serve the people and country.

Finally, he congratulated the committee members of the club for having successfully organised the show.

KING APPRECIATES SARAWAK GREETINGS

THE Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, has received the following reply from the Private Secretary to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in reply to the recent Birthday greeting sent on behalf of the people of Sarawak:-

"I convey the appreciation of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for the greetings and sincere prayer from your Excellency and the people of Sarawak on the occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong."

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE PHILIPPINES HERE

THE Malaysia Ambassador-Designate to the Philippine, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat, arrived in Kuching on Monday, June 27, for a two-day visit. He was met on arrival at the Kuching Airport by the Federal Secretary, Inche Abu Hassan bin Abdullah.

While in Kuching the Ambassador-designate paid courtesy calls on the Governor and the Chief Minister. He also met representatives of political parties before leaving for Jesselton on Tuesday.

SARIBAS D.C. NEW VALUATION OF PROPERTIES OPEN FOR INSPECTION

2/7 GR BEAT RETREAT ON KUCHING PADANG

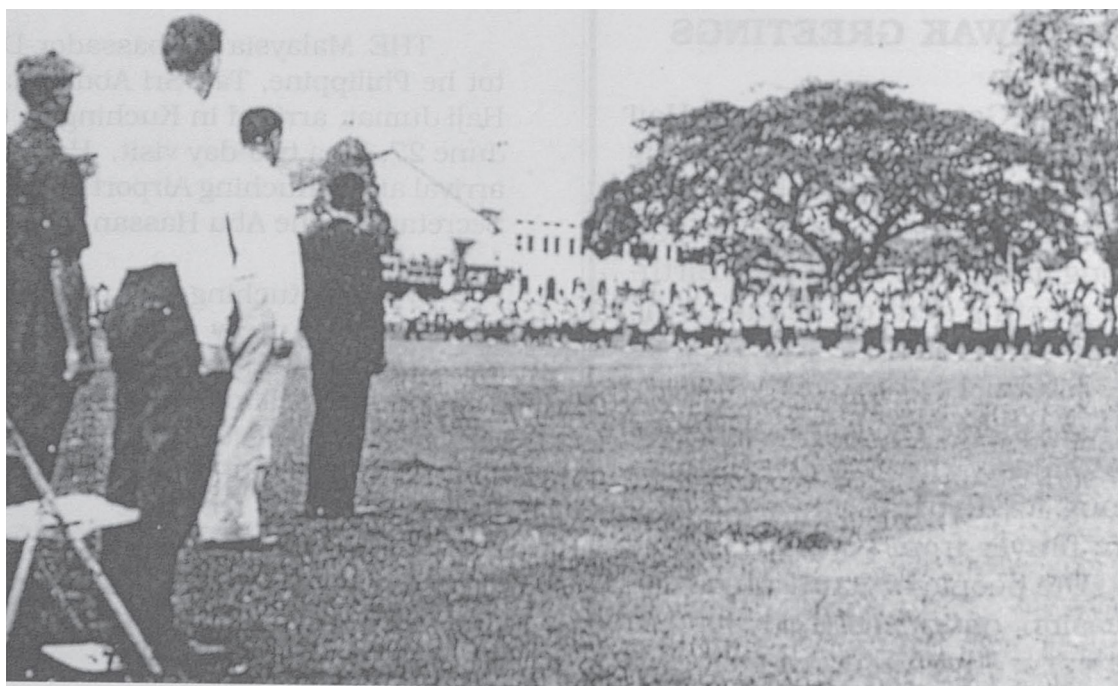
THE Pipes and Drums of the Second Battalion 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles Beat the Retreat on Kuching's Central Padang on Wednesday afternoon before hundreds of interested spectators of all races.

Among the distinguished guests attending the ceremony were the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Penghulu Tawi Sli, who took the salute; Lieut-Col B.F.L. Rooney, Commanding Officer of 2/7 Gurkha Rifles; Brigadier W.W. Cheyne and Major M.J. Smith.

THE Saribas District Council announced this week that the Council's new valuation of all rateable properties in the District is open for public inspection in the Council Office up to 15th July, 1966.

Objection to the new valuation could be lodged on prescribed form obtainable from the Council Office and to be submitted together with cash \$10 to the Secretary of the Council not later than 15th July, 1966.

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Picture shows the Chief Minister in front (with back to the camera) taking the salute. Immediately behind him is Lieut-Col Rooney. Brigadier Cheyne is seen in uniform and standing on his right is Major Smith.

N.Z GOV-GENERAL VISITS KUCHING

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND, SIR BERNARD FERGUSON, PAID A TWO-DAY VISIT TO KUCHING.

He flew in at noon on Tuesday by special aircraft and was met on arrival by the A.D.C. to the Governor, Mr. John Nichol, who introduced him to the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E.R. Harley, and the Speaker of the Council Negri, Dato Dr. M. Sockalingam.

He was then introduced to members of the Supreme Council by the Chief Minister.

Also at the Airport to welcome the Governor-General were the Deputy Federal Secretary, Inche Harun Din, members of the Diplomatic Corps, the President of the Kuching Municipal Council, Mr. SongThian Cheok, the Commissioner of Police, Sarawak, Dato R.T.M. Henry and Service Chiefs.

Accompanied by the New Zealand High Commissioner to Malaysia, Mr. R.H. Wade, the Governor-General then proceeded to the Astana where he was guest of the Governor, TunAbang Haji Openg and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, at luncheon.

In the afternoon, Sir Bernard visited a New Zealand unit in the West Brigade.

On Wednesday, Sir Bernard attended a joint briefing by Brigadier, West Brigade, which was attended by the Commissioner of Police and Senior Military Officer. He left Kuching for Jesselton on Wednesday afternoon.

The Chief Minister, who was accompanied by the Minister for Local Government, Abang Haji Abdulrahim bin Abang Haji Moasili, was given a rousing welcome on arrival at the Sibul airport.

More than 300 people of all races, including the Kaum Ibu members of Party Pesaka; the SCA and Panas members of the Sibul Branches were among the welcoming party.

The first to greet the Chief Minister as he alighted from the aircraft was the President, Third Division, Mr. A.R. Meikle. He was then greeted by Senator Datu Tuanku Bujang, and the Chairman of the SCA, Dato Ling Beng Siew.

Others who welcomed the Chief Minister at the airport were Mr. Chia Chin Shin MP (miri); Mr. Ling Beng Siong, Member of Council Negri; Mr. Thomas Kana; MP (Secretary-General), Party Pesaka; Mr. Jonathan Banggau MP and political and community leaders.

The Chief Minister and the Minister for Local Government were then garlanded by two pretty girls and also received a traditional Iban ceremonial welcome from a massed band of Iban gongs.

C.M. REPLIES TO MR. STEPHEN YONG'S PRESS STATEMENT

THE Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, this week issued the following statement reply to Mr. Stephen Yong's statement appearing in the Vanguard dated 29th June, 1966:

"I question the accuracy of Mr. Stephen Yong's statement appearing in the Vanguard on 29th June, 1966. The matter raised by Mr. Stephen Yong has not in fact been submitted for consideration of the new Government.

"The latest correspondence from the Director of Lands and Surveys to the K.M.C. was on 30th May, 1966 - that is, during the time of the previous Government. That letter never mentioned of rejection by Government of the K.M.C. proposal nor was indication given that the land in question would be used 'for other purposes'.

To quote the relevant part of the letter the Government 'is unable to consider, for the time being, vesting the old reservoir' in the K.M.C. It is therefore not true that the present Government has reversed the decision of the previous Government.

"I regret very much that Mr. Stephen Yong saw it fit to make the hasty statement in the Vanguard. He should have studied his facts properly and have those facts verified before he embarked on a lengthy criticism of the new Government, and only to find out that the criticism was unwarranted after all."

SUPPORT FOR C.M. FROM TUAI2 RUMAH AND PEOPLE

MORE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND LOYALTY TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI WERE RECEIVED THIS WEEK FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DIVISIONS.

From the First Division (Lower Sadong District) were T.R. Jampong of Kasindu, T.R. Tenong of Ruan Changkol, T.R. Iroh of Ruan Atas, T.R. Melit of Gawang and T.R. Krang of Ruan Atas.

In the Second Division, six Tuai Rumahs from Undup in Simanggang have sent messages. They are: T.R. Agas of Temesu, T.R. Riman of Undup, T.R. Tugun of Tekalong, T.R. Rejie of Sungai Pingai, T.R. Ajie of Bayai, and T.R. Bayang of Ibol.

From Julau in the Third Division messages were received from T.R. Tila, T.R. Buda, T.R. Kiai, T.R. Ausa, T.R. Changu, T.R. Lambok, T.R. Rabong, T.R. Gelayan and T.R. Rendah; and seven Tuai Rumahs from Sungai Duri - T.R. Budong, T.R. Gurem, T.R. Ajak, T.R. Lujem, T.R. Gani, T.R. Anting and T.R. Ungkan, Penghulu Usup from Sarikei.

Nine longhouses from Balingian, also in the Third Division have sent messages of support and loyalty to the Chief Minister. They are: Rh. Sampai, Rh. Antas, Rh. Mering, Rh. Tanggai, Rh. Nyaring, Rh. Sawing, Rh. Ayun, Rh. Dunggat and Rh. Manggie, Ulu Sg. Arip.

Six longhouses, also in Balingian have sent messages of support.

1ST DIV. HOCKEY TEAM CALLS ON C.M.

THE FIRST DIVISION HOCKEY TEAM, LED BY MR. CHEAH SAY ON (MANAGER), PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE CHIEF MINISTER AT HIS OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 BEFORE LEAVING FOR MIRI TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTER-DIVISIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

The tournament which began on Thursday, August 25, will end on Sunday, August 28.

Only three divisions - the First, Third and Fourth - are participating in the tournament.

The First Division team are the present holders of the Inter-Divisional championship.

The Chief Minister in his address to the players said:

"I am privileged and honoured to have this opportunity to meet you personally this morning on the eve of your departure to Miri for the annual inter-divisional hockey tournament.

"I understand that you won the last tournament and that the Challenge Cup is with you now; and on this occasion you are defending the championship title. I wish you all the best of luck.

"I have often stated the importance of unity and understanding in any joint undertaking. This is an opportunity for you to practise and promote the true spirit of unity, and judging from the composition of your team, I have no doubt whatsoever that you have succeeded in this respect.

"There are Chinese, Indians, Sikhs and Malays among you. This reflects the healthy inter-racial relationship among the people of Malaysia as a whole and Sarawak in particular. Through sports and competitions such as these you will further promote this healthy state of relationship.

"I do not wish to address you at great length but play hard and in the true spirit of sportsmanship. I wish you all success."

GOVT. STATEMENT ON COUNCIL NEGRI MEETING

THE State Government this week issued the following statement:

It is regretted that a release in the local press has caused confusion in the minds of the Members of Council Negri. Many Members have in fact left their homes and some have arrived in Kuching to attend the meeting of Council Negri on August 26, 1966.

It is hereby notified that the Notice of Cancellation which appeared in today's paper (Wednesday, August 24) is invalid, and issued without authority. The Government was not consulted in advance before notice and letters of cancellation were sent out.

This is the first time that the authority of the Supreme Council to call Council Negri is questioned. The Government must uphold the dignity of the Supreme Council and safeguard the practice under our Parliamentary Democracy that it must have access to the legislative any time it has business to put up for the legislative consideration.

Therefore, in the case, the Supreme Council has to advise the Governor to summon Council Negri under Clause I of Article 21 of the State Constitution to meet on August 26, 1966 as scheduled.

Members of Council Negri are hereby notified that the meeting of Council Negri will be held at the High Court Building, Kuching, on August 26, 1966.

SARAWAK'S CELEBRATES PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY

STATE WIDE CELEBRATIONS IN HONOUR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF PROPHET MOHAMMAD WERE HELD YESTERDAY (FRIDAY, JULY 1 1966). THE CELEBRATIONS VARIED IN EACH DIVISION; THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CELEBRATIONS IN KUCHING WAS A MASS RALLY ON THE CENTRAL PADANG WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG AND HIS WIFE, TOH PUAN HAJJAH MASNIAH.

Also attending the Mass Rally were State dignitaries, including Cabinet Ministers, community leaders and Heads of various Government departments.

The programme began with a speech by the Chairman of the Birthday celebrations committee, Inche Abdul Latif Zaini; this was followed by a talk in Islam in Bahasa Kebangsaan by the President, Majlis Islam Sarawak, Ustaz Mortadza Haji Daud.

Other speeches were delivered by Tuan Haji Su'ut Tahir M.P. (Iban); Inche Fuad (Chinese); and Inche B.A. Hamid (Tamil).

Before the start of the procession, at 9.30, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah presented prizes to the winners of the Poster Competition.

The procession was led by the Band of the Sarawak Constabulary; there were contingents representing the Malaysian Armed Forces; Police; Civil Defence Corps; the Fire Brigade; schools; Government Departments; clubs and kampongs. The procession ended at the Maderasah Melayu.

Similar celebrations were held throughout Malaysia from Sabah to Perlis. All that celebrations, highlighted by Mass Rallies, are usually held on the 12th Rabi-ul-awal of the Muslim Calendar.

In Sarawak, Muslim in the various divisions and districts form their own Birthday Committees, and organise their own celebrations.

The popular activities in the celebrations, prior to the Birthday Mass Rally, include Quran Reading and the Religious Oratorical Competitions.

Berzanji Competition

The most recent popular activity in the Phophets' Birthday celebrations is the "Berzanji Competition" (reading the history of the Phophet). This was first introduces as a nationwide competition in August last year, in conjunction with the opening of the National Mosque in Kuala Lumpur.

In Kuching, Sarawak's capital, the celebrations began on the eve of Thursday, June 23, with the Quran Reading and the Berzanji competitions which lasted for three nights.

This was followed by the Religious Oratorical Competitions which ended on Tuesday, June 28, 1966 evening.

THOUSANDS ATTEND PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY RALLY

THOUSANDS OF MUSLIMS INCLUDING H.E. THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG, AND HIS WIFE, TOH PUAN HAJJAH MASNIAH, ATTENDED THE PROPHET MOHAMMAD BIRTHDAY MASS RALLY HELD ON THE CENTRAL PADANG, KUCHING ON FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1966.

Also attending the Mass Rally were State dignitaries, including Ministers, community leaders and Heads of various Government Departments.

The Central Padang was filled with colourful throngs of people, representing the Malaysian Armed Forces, Police, civil Defence Corps, the Fire Brigade, schools, Government Departments, Clubs and Kampongs, all carrying well executed posters.

The programme began with a speech by the Chairman of the Birthday Celebration Committee, Inche Abdul Latif Zaini. This was followed by a talk on Islam in Bahasa Kebangsaan by the President, Majlis Islam Sarawak, Al-Uztaz Mohd. Mortadza Haji Daud.

The Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, delivered a speech in English, while speeches were also made by Tuan Haji Su'ut Tahir MP (Iban), Inche Puad (Chinese) and Inche B.A. Hamid (Tamil).

The prizes were then presented by Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah to the winners of the Poster Competition.

The procession, led by the Sarawak Constabulary Band, then started. It passed through India Street, Mosque road, Datus Road, Jalan Muda Hashim, Satok Road, and ended at Maderasah where free milo drinks were served.

The Hadrah Competition (Malay Traditional Band) was held at Sekolah Ra'ayat Jalan Haji Bolhassan on Saturday, June 25.

The results of the various competitions are:

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| * Quran Reading: (Female) | 1. Jimah bt. Lampam |
| | 2. Meriam Mustafa |
| | 3. Fatimah Ismail |
| * Quran Reading: (Male) | 1. Kadri Wash |
| | 2. Ismawi Duet |
| | 3. Rahmat Bakar |
| * Berzanji: | 1. Jamel Haji Suut |
| | 2. Sahmat Ibrahim |
| | 3. Osman Dawi |
| * Hadrah: | 1. Sinjan-Tanjong Team |
| | 2. Kampong No. 5 |
| | 3. Kampong Sungai Bedil Besar |
| * Religious Oratorical (Male): | 1. M. Ibrahim Hj. Hasli |
| | 2. Jonny Haji Omar |
| | 3. Helpi bin Sulaiman |
| * Religious Oratorical (Female) | 1. Dayang Maimunah bt. Abang Sulaiman |
| | 2. Sharifah Alauyah bt. Tuanku Sharbini |
| | 3. Hasnah bt. Mohammad |

Prizes were presented at the Maulud Feast on the night of Thursday, June 30, 1966 at the Masjid Besar, Kuching.

In Serian District

In Serian District, First Division, the Executive Committee of the Prophet Birthday Celebration held a procession which included Hadrah and Quran Reading Competitions.

The procession started from the Serian Football field, reached the Police Station and then returned back to the field.

In Bintulu, Fourth Division, the Berzanji and religious competitions began on June 26 at the Masjid Besar, Bintulu.

There was a rally on July 1 at the Padang Sekolah Orang Kaya Mohammad, Bintulu, where the posters and arches were judged.

In Simanggang and Limbang

In Simanggang, Second Division, Quran and Berzanji Competitions were held at the Simanggang Mosque.

In Limbang, Fifth Division, the Muslim Community organised a week's programme of religious competitions as part of the Birthday celebrations.

The participants in the competitions represented the various communities in the District, and the first competition of the Berzanji was held on Saturday, June 18.

Religious competitions were also held in Miri, Fourth Division, and in all Third Division towns and villages.

Also speaking at the function, the Chief Minister appealed to the students to study hard and equip themselves well, because on their good behaviour and attainments the country's future rested.

CENTRAL GOVT. WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'

WITH peace in Indonesia Sarawak can hope for the implementation of more projects in the development of rural areas.

This was stated by the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, this week in an interview broadcast over Radio Malaysia, Sarawak.

The Tunku said that the Central Government would now concentrate on national development. A great reduction in defence spending meant that more financial resources could be readily applied providing means for the upliftment of the standard of living of all the rural people, he said.

The Tunku added: The amount of money spent on development in Sarawak in 1962 was 33 million dollars. This was the largest amount ever spent in this State before it became part of Malaysia.

"In 1965 after having been in Malaysia for a little over 16 months, Sarawak's development expenditure totalled over \$50 million, an increase of several millions. Now under the First Malaysia Plan, Sarawak will be spending an average from the accelerated development of the State through the Malaysia Plan."

Asked if he expected the communists to surrender, and what would be the terms of surrender, the Tunku replied: "I cannot tell you about the terms as yet until I've had an opportunity to discuss this matter with the State Security Executive Committee, because they being people on the spot, will know how to advise the Government of Malaysia on terms best suited to the type of communists that you have in Sarawak.

These people are different from the hard-core communists that we had to face in the Malayan emergency. These are the Malayan Communist Party. But in Sarawak I have been told that most of these communists are misguided young people who have been led astray by promises and various other things.

"And they have, as a result of all these, been persuaded to leave the State and went across to Indonesia and made it a common cause with Indonesia to fight Malaysia. Now that the war or confrontation is over I don't suppose they will have any place in Indonesia as we all understand Indonesia itself into the jungle or somewhere else. And I prefer to give these people a chance to re-live their lives in our society, free from prosecution.

The surrender would mean that they will be able to join their families and their friends and will be able to reshape their lives and perhaps find themselves a career more useful to the society in which we live."

Asked about the dismissal of the former Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, the Tunku said: "According to those members of the Council Negri who came to see me, he has ceased to enjoy their confidence through his behaviour which, according to them, is unbecoming

of a Chief Minister - a very high post in the State from which it is expected that he would be able to show the best example to the people here.

"Unfortunately, he had not done this, and the responsible members of the Council Negri felt it would discredit the party, and it would discredit themselves if he were allowed to continue. And he had not carried out, according to them, his authority in accordance with the policy of the Alliance, through whose strength he became Chief Minister.

"According to their reports, he only desired that degree of independence that would make him Chief Minister. And so Sarawak under him would never have the chance to be independent in the proper sense of the word.

"And this is absolutely against the principle by which we have pledged to work for independence and freedom. And he had made no contribution in that direction."

Majority Decision

"Did you influence the course of events that led to his dismissal?" the Tunku was asked.

He replied: "I did not. That's the fact. The majority of the people of Council Negri decided that he must resign. And they naturally sought my authority as the leader of the Alliance, because after all he was made Chief Minister through the Alliance machinery. And his party is a member of the Alliance. If the members of the Alliance show that they have no confidence in their leader anywhere, and wished to get rid of him, they would have come and sought the permission of the Alliance leader, that is myself, and I in turn had to obtain the permission of the Alliance National Council.

"Dato Ningkan himself had been asked to attend the meeting of the council which he refused. And that is all that had been done - approving the steps that had been decided by the Council Negri members here. I think they had taken the right course. With him as Chief Minister I don't know what would happen to the State of Sarawak."

Asked to comment on rumours that with the end of confrontation and resumption of friendship with Indonesia, the Chinese and others would be victimised, the Tunku said: "With the end of confrontation there are many people who are not happy. These people should be classified as enemies of the State. These are the communists and their sympathisers. These people know when confrontation came to an end they would have no more chance to make trouble here.

"So, instead of welcoming peace with Indonesia, which would enable us to live in lasting peace and harmony, and which will enable us to devote a large amount in our expenditure to useful, peaceful development, they have made all this campaign and brought out all this talk to the effect that the Chinese would be victimised.

"The Chinese themselves must know that before confrontation started and before we had trouble with Indonesia they had never been victimised. They were free to carry on with their trade, with their business, with their way of life.

"Nobody ever interfered or ever thought of victimising anybody, because the independence of Malaya had been won through the combined efforts of all the people in this country. And who after all would do anything that is likely to harm any section of the community of this country because we all know that through the hard work of the Chinese, through their business acumen, this country had achieved a great measure of richness - richness in our way of life, richness in the matter of our revenue?"

K.L. Not Outside Power

"It would be sheer foolishness to disrupt our economy by trying to victimise the Chinese. With the disruption of our economy, there would be a drop in revenue and we would not be able to carry out any development which we have in mind. Therefore, to talk about victimisation of the Chinese people through whom this country had gained so much prosperity, would be tantamount to cutting out the means of our livelihood. That is the last thing which we would do. And so this talk of victimisation comes not from the friends of Malaysia, but from its enemies. Whoever believes in it is just as much to be blamed."

The Tunku was then told that some Sarawak people still considered themselves as British subjects, and that when they talked of Kuala Lumpur they regarded it as an outside power. "What steps would you recommend should be taken to correct this mental attitude?" he was asked.

Replied the Tunku: "This comes from ignorance and also from the propaganda which find place in this State. All this propaganda was started really by the enemies of Malaysia. It will be appreciated that when Sarawak decided to join Malaysia there were then very many people who were against it. These people had to give in to the wishes of the majority of the people of this country. And so when they gave in they did not intend to sit back and do nothing.

"They, therefore, started all this vicious propaganda against Malaya. They have even suggested that Malaya was ruling Sarawak as a colony, and everything that was done or not done here they put the blame at the door of Kuala Lumpur. They do not appreciate, but many people here do, that they are part of Malaysia.

"Sarawak is part of Malaysia and as such they enjoy the same rights, and privileges as any other state in Malaysia. Malaysia after all is formed through the get-together of all the 13 states, otherwise there would be no government of Malaysia. Sarawak is one of the 13 state members of Malaysia.

"It is through this assembly of States that the Malaysian Government is formed. In fact the Federal Government did not have one foot of land. Every piece of land we require we had to buy. Every power that we have was given to us by the member states of the Federation. We don't exist except through the common desire of all the states that form the Malaysian federation.

"And so to consider the Federation government as a foreign government is an unwise thing. It's just a propaganda of the enemies of the state which unfortunately some of the people accept. One of the people to be blamed is Dato Ningkan himself who always talked about Kuala Lumpur trying to enslave or trying to impose its will on the people here.

"It's all nonsense, absolute nonsense. They have the right to carry out the government, the administration, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution of Sarawak. And so, as I've said, the people of the 11 states of Malaya have no more right than the people of Sarawak or Sabah. It has been proved time and time again that we do not have any kind of different ranking in the status or citizenship of this country.

'Think as Malaysians'

"I would like the people of Sarawak to appreciate once and for all that they are members of this one nation - Malaysia, and they enjoy no less prestige than any other people in Malaysia. As I've said in Sibul, you may find somebody from here will be Prime Minister of Malaysia one day. They don't have to wait for that time before they talk of themselves as Malaysians. They have to start doing it now and all the leaders of this country, from whatever community they come from, should help them to think as Malaysians and as such they should be proud of that fact and keep their heads high."

Asked to elaborate on his statement that the former Chief Minister, Dato Ningkan, had wanted the expatriates to remain here, the Tunku replied: "I don't think there's any need for me to elaborate on this. He himself (Dato Ningkan) had said that one of the troubles he found with me was that I wanted Sarawakians to take the places of the expatriate officers. After all you've got to give meaning to independence."

"If you have what you call an independent state and at the same time you are being administered by British officers, it is obvious that the people will say that you are in fact a colony, that you are assuming only a cloak of independence, whereas in fact you are not independent."

"After the terms of agreement had expired, you've got to try and fill the posts with Sarawak people. You've got to try and train them for important appointments. Unless you do so now, when the time comes they will not be able to do their job."

"That's why I kept on saying to him (Dato Ningkan) You've got to give the Sarawak people a chance to administer their own state, and if you can't find among Sarawak people the right people, we in Malaysia would be able to help you because after all we are fellow Malaysians."

"And it's not easy for us to help you because we are ourselves short of officers. In the civil service alone we are short of 50 or 100, and in the technical and medical services we are short of many hundreds and so we have got to recruit these people from friendly countries and obtain help from the Colombo Plan."

"Nevertheless, if our fellow Malaysians want help we must give whether we can afford it or not. And these people do not get any extra advantage by coming here. If they come at all they're coming to help their own fellow Malaysians to get on to the top posts."

"And when they get to the top posts these fellow Malaysians will be happy to get back to the mainland, because after all their homes are there. That's why I feel that when he (Dato Ningkan) talks of British officers remaining here he is robbing his own people of a chance to administer their own country and robbing his own State of a chance to show that it can be independent and be on a level with any other independent state."

'Speak the language which comes easiest'

"How would the national language be of advantage to the Bumiputras here?" the Tunku was asked. He replied: "As far as we know, as far as we understand it, the Bumiputras - the Ibans or the Malays - understand one another much easier than they understand English."

"From my own understanding of the language, many Ibans understand you when you talk to them in Malay, but very few of them would understand English. Therefore it is of advantage to them to speak the language which comes easiest to them outside their own language."

Their own language is Iban, but Iban has the same roots almost as the Malay language. In fact I feel that I could easily understand Iban - much easier than I could understand the Javanese talking or the people of the Celebes. And I think that with all the foundation there it would be much easier for the Iban to pick up Malay than English.

"At the same time, there's no hurry to introducing Malay as the national language because all we agreed to in the Constitution as regards the national language will be implemented within a certain time. I'm not hurrying them at all. I'm just giving advice that it's easier for an Iban to speak Malay. There are about 90 per cent, who understand it.

"Ningkan, probably for his purpose, would want the leadership of the country to be in the hands of a few English-speaking people, because he would have a chance to stay on as Chief Minister for a long time and at the same time give no chance to those who can't speak English to take over the leadership. That's what I could see, because if I was placed in the same situation, I would naturally pick what comes easiest to me.

"So, if I were asked for instance that if I did not know the English language would I learn Iban or English, I would jump at Iban very quickly because it is almost very close to the Malay language."

Finally, asked what he thought of Dato Ningkan's decision to leave the Alliance, the Tunku replied: "I think it's very good for all because as I said if he were to obtain the absolute majority to stay on in power, he would have to run the government under a different party. He cannot run it under the name of the Alliance because we don't want any discredit for the Alliance which has been the ruling party in Malaya for many years, and now in Malaysia.

"We don't want any particular person to do things which are likely to bring discredit to the Alliance. Because the enemies of the Alliance would like him to stay on and mess up the State so that when elections come they could go to the public and ask: What have the Alliance done, hasn't the Alliance brought ruination to the country, and hasn't there been corruption in the State and so forth?"

"All this would help the enemy, and therefore if he had an absolute majority to run the government I would determine that he should not run it in the name of the Alliance. Once he had decided to leave, I say it is a good thing."

TUNKU VISITS MALAYSIA RANGERS AT LUNDU

ON Tuesday, July 5, 1966, the Tunku paid a brief visit to Lundu where the 1st Battalion, Malaysia Rangers are stationed. He was accompanied by the Federal Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Inche Senu bin Abdul Rahman; the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah and the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli.

At Lundu, the Tunku was met by Brigadier W.W. Cheyne, Commander, West Brigade; the Commanding Officer of the Malaysia Rangers, Lieut-Col Yusoff; military and police chiefs; the Acting District Officer and other dignitaries.

Hundreds of school children lining the road from the airstrip to the District Officer, greeted the Tunku waving Federal and State flags.

At the Joint Operation Room, the Prime Minister was briefed by Brigadier Cheyne and Lieut-Col Yusoff on the situation in Lundu District.

TUNKU RETURNS TO K.L. SAYS HE HAD INTERESTING VISIT

THE Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, flew back to Kuala Lumpur on the afternoon of July 5, 1966, ending his five-day visit to Sarawak.

Speaking to newsmen at the RMAF Base, Kuala Lumpur, he said he had a very interesting visit.

"I was given a very warm welcome everywhere I went. This I did not expect because I thought that perhaps with the dismissal of the Chief Minister, the people there might have taken things amiss. Fortunately, they seem to understand and have taken things in good heart," said the Tunku, adding:

"There was a bit of misunderstanding but after an explanation the people seem to understand. The new Chief Minister accompanied me on all my tours and they gave him a very good reception. I think he will make a good Chief Minister; he is a simple man, honest and loyal."

On the question of surrender terms, the Prime Minister stated that he had a discussion with the security authorities in Kuching on Tuesday morning. According to them, most of the hard-core communists were across the Indonesian side of the border. Those who were not considered dangerous.

Any surrender terms offered to them, the Tunku added, would obviously have to be discussed with the Indonesians because those terms would have to be made to the communists on the other side of the border. He would raise this matter with the Cabinet and after that he would get the security authorities here to work out the terms which would have to be different from those offered to the hard-core communists in Malaya.

The Prime Minister declared that one project which he would like to carry out in Sarawak as soon as possible was the setting up of a television station with a circuit of within 10 or 15 miles range.

"Whatever it may cost it is absolutely necessary that the people of Sarawak and Sabah should be given the same amenities to see what goes on in Malaysia. I have asked Inche Senu to look into this."

'Things Will Be Much Better'

Another matter to which he would give his full attention was housing. In the past it had not been possible to get co-operation from the Chief Minister. With the new regime things were going to be much better. The Minister of Local Government and Housing, Inche Khaw Kai Boh, had an opportunity to study the situation and within a very short time the Tunku hoped that low-cost housing would come up in Sarawak.

The Prime Minister concluded by saying that the situation was "calm and quiet" but that he realised that "we have a lot of work to do."

A Cabinet Committee, under the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak bin Hussein, has been formed to draw up surrender terms for communist terrorists in Sarawak. The committee held its first session on July 6.

TUNKU EXPLAINS NINGKAN'S DISMISSAL

On the night of Saturday, July 2, 1966, at Sibul, the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, and party were guests of honour at a reception organised jointly by Party Pesaka, Berjasa, SCA and Panas. The function was held at the residence of Senator Dato Tuanku Bujang in Sibul, Third Division.

AFTER THE RECEPTION, THE PRIME MINISTER AND PARTY DROVE THROUGH THE TOWN TO ATTEND ANOTHER FUNCTION AT KAMPONG HILIR. THIS FUNCTION, HELD AT A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE.

On arrival, the Tunku and party were given the Malay traditional welcome when the Tunku was showered with the 'beras kuning' by community leaders. He and his party, including the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Penghulu tawi Sli, were then introduced to community and political leaders after which

they were invited to address the gathering.

In welcoming them, Inche Nor Tahir of Sibul expressed the peoples' support for the Government under their leadership.

The Chief Minister in his brief address thanked the people for having invited him to address them. He said that it was his first visit to Sibul after he had become the Chief Minister.

Penghulu Tawi Sli also thanked them for their pledges of support and hoped that the people would continue to give their co-operation and support to the Alliance Government.

The Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, in his address, told the people that he had brought with him four members of his Cabinet who would find out ways and means of developing the country.

He also introduced the American and South Vietnamese Ambassadors to Malaysia who accompanied him on his trip to Sarawak.

Referring to the American Peace Corps Volunteers serving here, the Prime Minister said that he was very grateful to them because in their efforts to help us they had sacrificed their personal comforts.

The True Reasons ...

The Prime Minister continued: "In my visit today I would like to explain many matters to the people of Sarawak.

"The first point concerns an event which must have been uppermost in your mind - that is a matter which happened very recently, concerning the dismissal of Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, as Chief Minister of Sarawak.

"In connection with this event, all sorts of propaganda and stories have been spread. Perhaps all of you, ladies and gentlemen, would like to hear from me personally the true reasons for what had happened, and satisfy yourselves.

First of all, I would like to say this without any intention to hurt anybody's feelings.

"Sarawak is a State which has just joined Malaya and Sabah. And by doing so, Sarawak has achieved independence and sovereignty. So it is of utmost importance, and essential that whoever assumed leadership of the State should show the best example which will bring the highest praise, and be in accordance with the Alliance manifesto. The Alliance Party which rules any specific state must carry out its functions to bring happiness to all the people, and take cognisance and carry out projects which will bring happiness to everyone.

"Therefore, this is the most important thing in the manifesto. With development schemes and with the fulfilment of this manifesto, the Alliance Party has achieved success which can be described as extraordinary and which has been admitted by visitors from all parts of the world as bringing about great progress to the country and great happiness to all the people.

"The Alliance members who administer any state in Malaysia have pledged to make sacrifices and to serve for the advancement of the State and its people.

"Abiding by its manifesto, the Alliance Party has been holding the reins of Government in Malaya since the achievement of independence and in every election the Alliance Party was successful because all the people have confidence in this Party.

"Therefore, it is my duty as the leader of the Alliance, to maintain the code of conduct and behaviour of all Alliance leaders whoever they may be.

"In Sarawak, the people and the Alliance Party were desirous to appoint Kalong Ningkan as Chief Minister of Sarawak but his bad behaviour, ill conduct and bad temper has tarnished the name of the Alliance.

"Nevertheless, my colleagues and I in Kuala Lumpur were powerless to take any action but, fortunately the Alliance members of the Council Negri themselves have noted that his deeds were undermining the reputation of our Party and of our nation, as well as demeaning the position of a Chief Minister.

"Hence, the Alliance Council Negri members themselves passed a vote of no-confidence on him. When this no-confidence vote was made known to me in Kuala Lumpur as the Alliance leader, I advised them on the proper course of action to take.

Must Preserve Good Name

"I advised them that there were two courses of action: First, the Alliance Party could not retain him any longer as Chief Minister.

"Second, if he wished to remain as Chief Minister of Sarawak, he could do so under the name of another Party must preserve its good name and because the Alliance believes that the security and integrity of Malaysia depends on sound Alliance administration.

"Whoever fails to carry out his responsibilities and preserve the good name of the Alliance, we are compelled to expel him from the Alliance.

"Therefore, I was of the opinion that he could only administer as long as all the people here respected him, but then it would not be in the name of the Alliance (assuming that he had the support of the people to head the administration in Sarawak).

"If he had no support to administer the State, i.e. the support of the Alliance members in the Council Negri, he is, therefore, compelled under the Sarawak Constitution to resign. If he refuses to resign, it becomes the duty of the Governor to ask him to step down.

"That was what actually happened, and the Governor has accordingly asked him to resign and appointed another person who has the full confidence of the Alliance members in the Council Negri to replace him - Penghulu Tawi Sli.

"Penghulu Tawi Sli is a former Government official who has a long and distinguished record of service. I was not surprised when the Alliance members of Council Negri chose him to be Chief Minister.

"At the time when Sarawak was about to gain independence within Malaysia, Tawi Sli was nominated as one of the candidates to the post of Chief Minister of Sarawak, but due to unavoidable circumstances Kalong Ningkan was accepted.

"I and the members here have confidence in Tawi Sli and his ability to redress all the abuses of the previous administration.

"His accusation that the dismissal of Kalong Ningkan was not made in accordance with the wishes of the people here are false.

"On his part, Kalong Ningkan alleged that I did not want him because firstly, he did not wish to terminate the services of British offices in the State administration and, secondly, that I wished to make Malay the official language of this State in the shortest possible time, which he opposed and thereby caused me to topple him from his appointment of Chief Minister. But the true reasons were those that I have already stated.

"As regards the allegation about British officials whom he strongly wished to retain in the service of the State administration, this is also incorrect.

Administer Own Affairs

"In any independent country, the people themselves should administer their own affairs. British officials have all been rendering good services for which we are grateful. But this does not mean that they should stay here indefinitely.

"If the British continue to run the administration of the country, when can the people of Sarawak claim to be independent? Although the British flag is no longer flown in the country many British officers are still administering and holding key appointments in the Government.

"I, therefore, asked that Sarawakians should replace them; if there is none available, then we in Malaya could come to assist. It is not an easy decision for Malaya to send its officers to come over to help out, for that country too is short of officers in the civil service.

"Hundreds of doctors and technicians are still required to serve in Malaya itself, but in order to discharge our duty to help our brothers we have to send some of them here. These officers who come over for service in Sarawak are here for a short period. Their stay is of a temporary nature. If their help is no longer required, they will return to the mainland. This is how it should be, but Ningkan does not agree to it.

"He prefers instead to retain the British overlords and the same applies to the National Language issue. It has been agreed that Malay would become the National Language in Malaya. The time when the National Language would become an official language in Sarawak has also

TUNKU ANNOUNCES

Housing Scheme For Govt. Servants

A PILOT HOUSING SCHEME TO PROVIDE HOUSES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS WOULD BE LAUNCHED IN SARAWAK DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, IN KUCHING ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE KUCHING AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO KUALA LUMPUR AFTER A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO SARAWAK.

The Tunku said that he had previously brought with him an expert on low cost housing to deal with the proposed housing scheme for civil servants, but they were unable to get any help from the previous Government which had refused to give any land for the project.

The Tunku also announced proposals for the setting up of "closed circuit" television stations in Sarawak.

That meant people living within 10 to 15 miles' radius in Kuching and Sibul would be able to have television soon, said the Tunku, adding that he would get people from Kuala Lumpur to look into it.



The Prime Minister called on the new Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli at his office in the Secretariat on Monday, July 4. MIS picture shows the Prime Minister seated second from left. On his right is the Federal Minister of Posts, Works and Telecommunications, Tan Sri Sambathan. On his left are the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli and the Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Inche Senu bin Abdul Rahman.

The Tunku went to say that the provision of television to people in Sarawak would enable them to feel that they had not been left out of the progress and development of independent Malaysia.

He added that there were many people in Sarawak who considered it as a separate State, whereas Sarawak itself was one of the 13 states of Malaysia.

There was, therefore, no better way of instilling a Malaysian consciousness than to provide television facilities which would enable the people to believe that they were indeed part and parcel of the whole nation.

Talking about the new Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, the Prime Minister described him as "an honest, simple, straight forward man" who would be able to carry out the programme of making the people of Sarawak conscious that they were members of the Malaysia society and that they were people of the Malaysian nation.

"What we need is an honest man to do an honest job of work, and I think in Penghulu Tawi Sli we have found that man," said the Tunku.

Touching on the ending of confrontation the Tunku said that Malaysia would now be able to devote more money for development in Sarawak. He said his purpose in bringing him four of his Ministers was to look into the possibility of launching new projects such as low cost housing schemes.

(Accompanying the Tunku were: the Minister of Post, Telecommunications and Works, Tan Sri Sambanthan; the Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Inche Senu bin Abdul Rahman; the Minister for Local Government and Housing, Mr. Khaw Kai Boh; and the Minister for Lands and Mines, Inche Abdul Rahman Yakub).

Sarawak Security Guaranteed

Answering question, the Tunku said that Malaysia would be able to guarantee the security of Sarawak after the withdrawal of Commonwealth troops.

"We have guaranteed security for our land, where there are nine million people. I do not think there is difficulty in guaranteeing security to Sarawak which has about one million people," said the Tunku.

The Tunku added that Malaysia appreciated the services that the Commonwealth troops had given; he did not think there would be any difficulty in looking after the security of the area after the Commonwealth troops had withdrawn.

Asked whether the Security Executive Committee had considered offering surrender terms to members of TNKU when terms were offered to the communists, the Tunku replied that terms when announced would apply to all whether they were simple communists or hard-core communists.

Asked how soon he would be able to invite members of the Security Executive Committee for further consultations, the Tunku replied that he would call them as soon as he got back had hoped to announce the terms within a day or two.

Asked whether the helicopters now being used by the Commonwealth Forces for several useful purposes would be replaced in Sarawak, the Tunku replied that Malaysia was expecting

Malaysia' Tunku Abdul Rahman, will speak to us.

"They have come to visit us in Sarawak in order to give us many benefits. I say many benefits, because through their help we in Sarawak have progressed very much.

More Development Planned

"Through our past achievements, we are now planning for some more developments and they are ready to help us with more money.

"I will tell you what we have decided and agreed upon today, that is, we have agreed to drop an additional half an hour's time from the working hours of government employees, which was imposed by the previous government.

This will take effect as from the 15th of this month. The reason to drop this additional half an hour is to give more time for the younger ones to play, and the second reason is that the SGAOU have asked the present government to discontinue this additional time.

"With regard to another request made by SGAOU for the Division IV officers - we have also decided upon the matter, but because we are short of money and this matter is connected with the Central Government in Malaya - it will be considered for the Division IV by the Central Government.

Thirdly, as I have said previously we must improve the country for the benefit of all the people, and towards this end we have decided to put up a Television Station in Sarawak, and from this development and others we know that we are making great progress.

"In conclusion, I have to thank the Tunku and this party, and my thanks also go to all of you who are gathered here tonight. I know that from the great number of people coming to attend this is a good sign that you all support the Alliance Government. This support from you should not end here only because I want you to support Sarawak always in order that we can co-operate with each other and live harmoniously in the future.

LOOK BEYOND YOUR HORIZON' - JUGAH

THE Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, then spoke, also in Iban. The following is a translation of Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah's speech:-

"First of all let me reiterate tonight how much the people of Kanowit appreciated the Prime Minister's visit there during the regatta. The people there were very happy to see and listen to him when he spoke to them.

"We have benefited from joining Malaysia. We are also happy to be part of it living side by side with the other races in Malaysia.

"Without Sukarno's confrontation, we in Sarawak would have been like water in a platter, always stagnant and complacent. We would not have seen so many helicopters or the British soldiers. The traders would not have made a lot of money through various contracts. Clever people benefited a lot. In a way Sukarno's confrontation was a blessing in disguise.

"It is gratifying to note that the two-year-old confrontation was almost settled after a couple

of days meeting. For this we must thank Tun Razak, the Deputy Prime Minister, for his excellent handling of Malaysia's case in Bangkok recently.

"The present political problem in the State no doubt exists, but Sarawak is no exception in this respect. Political crises occur all over the world.

"Now let me make this appeal to you. Let Chinese join SCA, let Dayaks join Pesaka or Snap, let Malays join Party Negara or Berjasa. Then all will remain in the Alliance so that we will have the benefit of the guidance of Grand Alliance. Then we will continue to be stronger. If Chinese join Snap, Berjasa, Negara or Pesaka, there will be trouble. This is how I look at it.

"We must look beyond our horizon. Let us think deeply. We must make a choice between the government of our own choosing and the communists.

Welcoming the Chief Minister and his party on behalf of the Malaysian Engineers, Major Lopez said that the road which was originally planned for operational use by the army would eventually contribute to the development and economy of Sarawak.

He said: "The road is about 14 miles and was constructed by Military Engineers. It has taken 2* years to construct this road. In this time, troops from four squadrons of Malaysian Engineers; a troop of Royal Engineers and a troop of Royal Australian Engineers were rotated through this road project."

Major Lopez added that also engaged for this road project were about 70 soldiers, and civilians from the kampong.

He said the local people in Bau have been very co-operative, helpful and have always shown goodwill and understanding towards them and they would bring back with them fond memories which they would cherish.

The Chief Minister and party were met on arrival by Major Lopez, Officer Commanding, First Squadron Malaysian Engineers; the District Officer, Bau, Abang Zainorin bin Abang Haji Morshidi; Commander West Brigade, Brigadier W.W. Cheyne; the Commissioner of Police, Dato R.T.M. Henry; the Chairman of the Bau District Council, Mr. Ong Guan Cheng; Lieut-Col G.S. Harris, Commander, Malaysian Engineers (Field) and local dignitaries and service chiefs.

Security Forces' Good Work Praised

Declaring the road open, the Chief Minister said: "I am indeed happy to be here to meet the officers and men of the Malaysian Engineers. On behalf of the Government and people of Sarawak, I wish to put on record our appreciation of the good work done by the officers and men of our Malaysian Engineers and other military engineers of the Commonwealth troops.

The Stass Road which is 14 miles long will serve the people living in the rural areas along the road. It will also serve the needs of the Government to help the local population in terms of giving them amenities which the Government is committed in its development programme.

The work and achievement of the Engineers is definitely an indication of the goodwill from the mainland Malaysia towards the people of Sarawak. This road will always be a monument of the reeling of friendship and appreciation of the people of this area towards the officers and men of your unit which had worked so hard in developing this area.

"I am not exaggerating when I say that the people living along this road owe you all lasting gratitude. And more important still, you have cultivated, by our service and friendliness, a spirit of Malaysian consciousness among the local people and a feeling of pride of being a Malaysian. This will help to unify our people and thereby achieve a true Malaysian unity."

The Chief Minister also took the opportunity to thank the 4 Royal Australian Regiment and the previous Commonwealth troops stationed in Bau and other areas in the First Division for the good work done in the defence of the area.

"On behalf of the Sarawak Government, I accept the Stass Road from the Malaysian Engineers and thereby declare it open," he concluded.

The Chief Minister and his party then drove over part of the road to inspect it, and then attended a reception given by the Malaysian Engineers at the Bau District Council hall.

The Chief Minister then attended a briefing given by the Commanding Officer of 4th R.A.R. at Camp Cambrai, Lieut. Col; D.S. Thomson.

MALAYSIAN CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES PRESENTED



One of the recipients of the Malaysian Citizenship Certificates receiving hers from the Chief Minister.

AT the District Office, the Chief Minister presented Malaysian Citizenship Certificates to 10 Chinese from the Bau District. In presenting the certificates, the Chief Minister said that Bau area had been in the news since the inception of Malaysia. The people had seen the Clandestine Communist Organisation activities in Bau District, and other activities as well.

"This should be a lesson to us all that a foreign ideology such as communism which owes an allegiance to a foreign power has no place in Malaysia. It will not be allowed to take root here. It will be eradicated and eliminated from our soil. This is a fact which we all must accept," he declared.

The Chief Minister added: "Today many of you here will be receiving the Malaysian Citizenship Certificates, which you all, I am sure will cherish. By acquiring the Malaysian Citizenship you have cut off your allegiance and loyalty to any other Government or power outside this country; by acquiring this citizenship you pledge your sole loyalty to the Malaysian Nation; by acquiring this citizenship you identify yourselves henceforth as proud Malaysian

whose fundamental liberties are guaranteed by the Constitution.

"The Malaysian Constitution under Article 8(1) provides that all persons are equal before the law and entitled to equal protection of the law. This is the cardinal principle upon which Malaysia is governed. The same law applies to everybody, in the Government or just an ordinary citizen. We do not distinguish between one citizen and the other. No person shall be deprived of anything save in accordance with law.

"You have perhaps read in the papers or have heard over the radio about the treatment meted out to Chinese in some countries. But such thing will not happen in Malaysia because our Constitution, as I have explained above, guarantees the fundamental freedoms to everyone regardless of racial origin or religion."

The Chief Minister then referred to "vicious rumours" that the Chinese in Malaysia would be discriminated upon as a result of the ending of confrontation.

"This is untrue," he said, and added: "The rumour-mongers are the enemies of our Nation. Those who believe in such rumours are equally to be blamed."

However, he advised the recipients: "Once you have accepted the Citizenship of Malaysia you must discard any patriotic link with another country. You must always feel as a Malaysian, act as a Malaysian and think as a Malaysian. One cannot be having one foot at one place and another foot at another place.

"The corner stone of our nation is the racial harmony which we have been able to maintain all these years. We must maintain and preserve it always. The survival of our nation depends on this factor.

"In spite of improvement in the security field in the district we still have some subversive elements in certain areas. I hope these misguided people will realise their mistakes and take the opportunity of the coming offers by the Federal Government and to accept the terms so that they can take their place again in our society. Otherwise they will suffer the fate of those traitors before them."

POLITICAL SITUATION HAS IMPROVED SINCE TUNKU S VISIT, SAYS C.M.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR KUALA LUMPUR FOR THE CHIEF MINISTERS' AND MENTRI BESARS' CONFERENCE THIS WEEK, THE CHIEF MINISTER SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE PRESS THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SARAWAK WAS IMPROVING A GREAT DEAL, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE RECENT VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

He added: "During my last talk over Radio Malaysia (Sarawak), I mentioned that there were 41 Federal Officers serving in the State. I wish to be very precise here - there are exactly 162 expatriate officers in the State departments and 125 in the Federal departments in Sarawak.

"I must state here again that except for one Federal Malaysian Officer, who is on contract, all (40 of them) are on secondment here and none of them will be here for more than two years. This means that at the end of their service, these officers will leave, if we have trained enough officers of our own to take over. In brief they will be going away for good if we have our own people who can take over.

"Of the 41 Malaysian Federal Officers here, 17 are with the Police, and 24 in various administrative branches. Of the 24, 3 are in the Federal Secretary's office; 3 in the Federal Establishment office; 3 in the State Security Executive Committee; 2 in the State Development Office; 1 in the Federal Land Development Agency; 2 in the Public Service Commission; 1 in the Information Department; 1 in MARA (Majlis Amanah Ra'ayat); 1 in the Education Department; 1 in the Detention Camp; 4 in the Public Workers Department; 1 in the Statistics Department, and 1 in the Labour Department.

The Chief Minister concluded; "Again I wish to add here that most of the posts these officers are holding were only created after the formation of Malaysia, and their salaries are being paid by the Federal Government. So we are not spending any money by their presence here. In fact they are here to help us; in other words we are getting their service free."

SCA Nominee Accepted For Cabinet Post

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Chief Minister said he had decided to accept one of Sarawak Chinese Association's nominees for cabinet post. He is Dato Teo Kui Seng, who was Minister for Agriculture and Forestry in the previous cabinet.

Referring to Panas support, the Chief Minister said: "I welcome it. I have received a letter expressing support and pledging loyalty to the Government under my leadership.

"The letter was signed by the Chairman of Panas, Dato Abang Othman, Vice-Chairman, Abang Ikhwan Zaini and the Acting Secretary-General, Enche Mohammed Musa."

DARO CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONGRATULATES C.M.

THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DARO, THIRD DIVISION, HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO PENGHULU TAWI SLI ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF MINISTER.

The message which was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, including the Kapitan China of Daro, Mr. Sim Kim Seng, reaffirmed their faith in the Chief Minister for his fair treatment of the Chinese.

Other messages came from Senator Awg. Daud Matusin, Lawas (Fifth Division); Tua Kampong Assim anak Ellin and his 'anak-biaks' of Kampong Tabuan Dayak, Kuching; Councillor Matin Lutta, Penghulu Mulok and Tuai Rumahs and his 'anak-biaks' at Pelagus, Ulu Simunjan; Orang Kaya Pemancha Bijod of Jagoi Area; Party Berjasa branch at Kpg. Bako; PANAS branch at kampong Rambugan, Limdu, and people of Kampong Pinang and Kampong Meranek, Samarahan (all from First Division); and Penghulu Grinsa, Tuai Rumah Enchan and Tuai Rumah Bukoi Nanga Kua, Ulu Oya (Third Division).

TEMENGGONG SALAU EXPRESSES SUPPORT TO C.M.

TEMENGGONG Salau Pa Nya' On has expressed support to the Alliance Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli. In a letter to the Chief Minister, the Temenggong said:

"On behalf of all the Bidayuh in Bau District, I wish to thank you for your visit here and I wish to express my full support to the Alliance Government and your Cabinet under your leadership as Chief Minister.

"Since false rumours are being spread saying that the Bidayuh community do not support the Alliance Government, I wish to make it clear to you that these are not sure.

PANAS SARIKEI BRANCH DECLARES SUPPORT FOR C.M. AND ALLIANCE

THE Party Negara Sarawak, Sarikei Branch, have sent a congratulatory message to Penghulu Tawi Sli on his appointment as Chief Minister and have pledged their full support and loyalty to Government under his leadership.

The statement which was signed by Inche Nordin bin Yasin also congratulated Inche Abang Haji Abdulrahim on his appointment as Minister for Local Government and pointed out that the Party Negara Sarawak was strongly supporting the Alliance.

A similar message was received from Penghulu Gani anak Sat of Sungei Jiwah, Nyelong, Sankei, Third Division, and his anak-biaks form 36 longhouses under his jurisdiction.

AUSTRALIA HAS CONTINUING INTEREST IN MALAYSIA, SAY PARLIAMENTARIANS

Australians are proud that they had been able to play some part construction of sound defence lines in Sarawak, but also in education, and in the development of more stabled bases on which a modern society could be built.

THIS WAS STATED THIS WEEK BY THE LEADER OF THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION, MR. IAN SINCLAIR, KUCHING AIRPORT JUST BEFORE THE DELEGATION RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA AFTER A TWO-DAY VISIT.

The delegation which was on a three-week goodwill tour of a number of South East Asian countries arrived in Kuching from Sabah on Thursday, July 4, 1966.

The parliamentarians visited the 4th Royal Australian Regiment at Bau, and met political and community leaders including the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg and the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, during their stay in Kuching.

Speaking of their visit, Mr. Sinclair said that they were sorry they were unable to visit particularly the schools and hospitals where Australian civilians were working.

Touching on future relations between Malaysia and Australia, he said that Australia had a continuing and permanent interest in this part of the world.

Mr. Sinclair added: "While perhaps there are some other countries who have played a role here in the past, they might not necessarily remain here forever, but Australia is here to stay. We are geographically part of South East Asia, and we have a stake in South East Asia. Consequently we look forward to being able to maintain constant and continuing contact with the Government and the people of Sarawak and Malaysia."

Maintain Friendly Ties

Mr. Sinclair hoped that the Governments of Australia and Malaysia would jointly be able to resist aggression of all forms through the maintenance of the existing close and friendly ties between the two countries.

Another member of Parliament, Mr. T.E.F. Hughes (Lib.) agreed with what Mr. Sinclair had said. He added that they had been encouraged and impressed by the progress which Sarawak had made since independence.

He said: "We Australians, irrespective of party have a genuine, warm and continuing interest in the welfare of the people of Sarawak. We live in the same part of the world, and we will continue to live in the same part of the world. Therefore, we must get to know each other better. This visit by the members of Parliament had been of great help in this direction, and we look forward to more such visits in the future."

Mr. **L.J.** Reynolds (Labour) said that they appreciated the great efforts which were now being made by the Government of Malaysia to establish a harmonious, multi-racial society in Sarawak.

He said: "Your problems are greater than we had to face in the Federation of Australia. We have had about 65 years, and we are still having problems in establishing federal relationships. We wish you well in this endeavour. There does seem to be a tremendous amount of goodwill among the various racial segments of the community, and it is tremendously important that they continue to develop a toleration of each other."

Finally, Mr. Reynolds said that he had gathered from talks with senior officials here that there still much remained to be done in the field of education, and Australia hoped to give even more aid in this respect.

Our Place In Malaysia

by Chief Minister Penghulu Tawi Sli

SARAWAK CANNOT EXPECT TO SURVIVE IN THE WORLD TODAY AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE.

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, SAID THAT IN A BROADCAST TALK ENTITLED "OUR PLACE IN MALAYSIA", OVER RADIO MALAYSIA (SARAWAK) ON SATURDAY, JULY 9.

The Chief Minister said: "We have not enough wealth. We have not enough people to remain independent in South East Asia where political pressures are so great.

"In a State with 48, 342 square miles we have only a population of over 800,000 people and who are concentrated in certain areas only.

"We are not an island far out in the calm sea but part of an area which the communists are struggling brutally and hard to dominate. We must join with our friends to increase our mutual strength in order to fight internal subversion and external danger."

The following is the full text of the Chief Minister's speech:

Tonight I wish to talk to you about Malaysia and the place which Sarawak plays in our Nation.

Malaysia is less than three years old. We are still suffering from the birth pang which is faced by any new Nation. Three years is not very old in the affairs of men. But these are the most crucial years in our history. How we shall fare in the years to come, depends very much on what we do today. In brief, the destiny of the Malaysian Nation lies in our hands.

The fate of our generation and posterity depend on how we face and solve our present problems. But I have a great faith in our Malaysian people. Ours is a multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious society, and we have proved to the world since our birth that we can be an example as regards the spirit of tolerance, goodwill and understanding.

In diversity we find a unity which makes our country a happy one indeed, free from hatred, suspicions and fear of each other. This we must maintain for all times. In order to preserve our Nation we must always unite as one people, regardless of our origins. If we were to quarrel among ourselves or fight each other then we will destroy our young Nation. Destruction will bring disintegration and followed by domination of a foreign power.

We can see how many countries succumbed to International Communism after facing a period of instability and disunity. This is what we all must prevent. We must put the interests



C.M. DECLARES OPEN GOVT. OFFICERS INDUCTION COURSE SAYS 'DON'T ASSUME PASSIVE ATTITUDE'

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI. HAS REMINDED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS THAT IT IS WRONG TO ASSUME A PASSIVE ATTITUDE IN AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY, BECAUSE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HAVE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN ITS AFFAIRS, AND CARRY HEAVIER RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH CALL FOR INITIATIVE, RESOURCEFULNESS AND DILIGENCE.

The Chief Minister was addressing 41 officials including clerks and Sarawak Administrative Officers at the opening ceremony of a month-long induction course at the Sarawak Civil Service Training Centre on Wednesday, July 6.

The officers who come from various stations in Sarawak will undergo courses of training on various aspects of office administration.

Speaking on the objects of the course, Penghulu Tawi Sli said:

"I am aware that the object of this Clerical and Sarawak Administrative Officers' Induction Course is not within the short space of time available to transform you from being inexperienced members of the Civil Service into fully trained officers. It is more to inspire and guide than to teach in the narrower sense of the word. This training is essential if we are to keep a high standard of public administration.

"In the colonial days, some officers tended to assume a passive attitude. Unfortunately, this kind of attitude is still to be found in some officers. This is wrong, because in an independent country, Government officers have a more active role to play in the affairs of the country and have to carry heavier responsibilities. It calls for initiative, resourcefulness and diligence. The passive attitude must be changed to a new national outlook if everyone is to play his or her part in nation building.

"I would like to remind you that as Civil Servants, you should not take part in party politics. You are expected to serve the Government of the day impartially and you cannot do so if you take sides with political parties. Your job is to carry out the policies laid down by the party in power and to serve the public to the best of your ability within the limits of these policies.

"Our Civil Service has a good reputation for its behaviour and integrity, and you must uphold this. Remember the misconduct of even one of you will do great damage to the reputation of the Service.

"Quick and courteous service to the public is necessary. The public has a right to be treated fairly and courteously and you have a duty to do so. The new Government will not tolerate rudeness and corrupt practices on the part of public servants.

"I would, therefore, urge all of you to display a high standard of conduct and integrity, not only in your official capacity during office hours, but also in your private lives.

"We are faced with communist subversion, and it is the duty of every citizen particularly, the Civil Servants, to help the Government in every way possible to eradicate this evil and so pave the way to peace and prosperity for the people."

Finally, the Chief Minister thanked all Heads of Departments "who have kindly agreed to assist with the conduct of this course by making themselves or their staff available to help as lecturers on the subjects connected with their Departments."

He also hoped that the course would prove to be both instructive and interesting, and that the officers would make the most of the opportunity in the class and outside.

KANOWIT DISTRICT COUNCIL PLEDGES SUPPORT TO C.M.

THE KANOWIT DISTRICT COUNCIL HAS PLEDGED ITS FULL SUPPORT AND LOYALTY TO THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, AND HIS CABINET.

This was embodied in a resolution passed during the recent meeting of the Council.

C.M. REFUTES RUMOURS

THE Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, this week issued the following statement:

"The Sarawak Tribune dated 14th July, 1966, carried a news item which mischievously suggested that I am waiting for a directive from the Hon'ble Prime Minister whether to include two SCA members of Council Negri in my Cabinet. Such vicious rumour tends to give the impression that I am being instructed from Kuala Lumpur which is unfounded.

"I hope, in future, before such news is printed, they should verify their facts first in order to avoid any misunderstanding."

Support from Political Parties and Individuals

Six more branches of the Party Negara (PANAS) have sent their congratulations and support to Penghulu Tawi Sli on his appointment as new Chief Minister. They are those at Kampong Kudai, Kampong Astana, Siol Kandis/Astana Lot, and Kampong Salak, and Gedong, First Division. Two more branches at Sebauh and Kampong Dagang (Bintulu) Fourth Division have also declared their support.

Other messages of support came from Tuai Rumah Empeni, Selantik, Pantu, First Division; the Party Berjasa branch kampong Mesjid, Sesang, Kabong (Second Division); Abang Annuar Matrang (Sibu), Third Division; Penghulu Imban anak Medan; Councilor Yum anak Medan; T.R. Blanja anak Bilong (Sungai Oya, Sibu); Tuai Rumah Bruang anak Penguang, R.R Graman anak Jiwang, Penghulu Gimman anak Juan (Sarikei), Third Division; Penghulu Kabu (Niah, Fourth Division); and Mr. Bukong anak Ading (Sebuah, Fourth Division).

C.M. Congratulated by Malaysian Alliance

The Executive Secretary of the Malaysian Alliance, Inche Robert T.H. Goh, has sent a message of congratulation to the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Penghulu Tawi Sli, on behalf of the Alliance Headquarters.

Full Support From Penglina Seman Panas Branch

The Kampong Penglina Seman Branch of the Party Negara Sarawak, Kuching, has expressed its full support to the State Government under the leadership of the new Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli.

The Chairman of the Branch, Tuanku Haji Annuar, said this week that his Branch also fully supported the Central Government under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Tunku

Abdul Rahman, and opposed any move to bring Party Negara Sarawak out of the Sarawak Alliance which is a member of the Malaysian Grand Alliance.

From Orang Kaya Pemancha Durin and Anakbiaks

C.M. BLESSED WITH A SON

The wife of the Chief Minister, Madam Inti Sli, gave birth to a baby boy on Wednesday evening at the Kuching General Hospital.

The news was conveyed to the Chief Minister, while he was having a drink with Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah at his residence.

On hearing the good news, the Chief Minister and Tan Sri Jugah Minister and Tan Sri Jugah promptly drank to the health of the mother and the child.

Penghulu Tawi Sli, last Saturday evening at his official residence.

The party was led by Tua Kampong Belaun. They congratulated the Penghulu on his appointment as Chief Minister and expressed full support to the Government under his leadership.

The Chief Minister in thanking them for their support took the opportunity to emphasise the importance of racial harmony in this State. He also advised them not to listen to rumours spread by people who said that Party Pesaka and Beijasa were anti-Chinese.

He also touched on the question of National Language and official language and assured them that Government would adhere strictly to the I.G.C. Report as well as the State Constitution.

Regarding the use of English in the State, he said: "I have explained the position in the clearest terms. It is up to the people really to decide whether or not to use English as official language after 1973."

The Chief Minister also indicated that as from next year 1st and 2nd June would be declared public holidays in connection with Dayak Festival Day.

The Chief Minister of Sarawak, Penghulu Tawi Sli, received three more messages from people supporting his appointment as new Chief Minister.

The messages were from Orang Kaya Pemancha R. Durin on behalf of the people of Kampong Singghi, Bau, First Division, and Councillor Haji Amir on behalf of members of Party Beijasa at Kampong Binatang, Kampong Serdeng and Kampong T. Batu, Third Division.

Another message was received from Councillor Antas, Binatang, Ward 6, Third Division, declaring his support to the Cabinet.

From Siol Kandis Villagers

Forty villagers from Siol Kandis, Kuching, most of whom are members of the Sarawak Dayak National Union (Siol Kandis Branch) paid a courtesy call on the Chief Minister,

TAN SRI JUGAH FETED AT KAPIT

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE, INCLUDING COMMUNITY LEADERS RECENTLY ATTENDED A CIVIC RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, KAPIT, THIRD DIVISION, ON HIS RETURN FROM THE BANGKOK PEACE TALKS WHICH HE ATTENDED IN THE COMPANY OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, TUN ABDUL RAZAK.

Among the senior government officials present was the Deputy State Secretary, Mr. Gerusin Lemat, who paid his first visit to Kapit after assuming his present appointment.

Tan Sri Jugah in his talk stressed that the success of the Bangkok talks was a great tribute to the leaders of both countries. Tan Sri Jugah added that problems in Asia should be settled by Asians themselves.

He pointed out that though confrontation was over, the people must not sit down and take things easy, because they still had enemies in their midst, especially the communist and subversive elements who were trying to disrupt peace and racial harmony. Tan Sri Jugah stressed that all patriotic Malaysians must march forward in the spirit of oneness and goodwill.

On the question of National Language, Tan Sri Jugah said any change brought about would be decided by the Council Negri.

Finally, he thanked the Commonwealth Forces for assisting Malaysia to defend her integrity and sovereignty. He also thanked the young men who have enlisted themselves in voluntary organisations.

Our immediate response to the Nation's call in time of need has helped Malaysia to carry out its development projects smoothly and efficiently. But our duty now is to see to it that the smooth implementation of Development Plan will continue," said Tan Sri Jugah.

The Deputy State Secretary, Mr. Gerusin Lemat, in his speech emphasised the many notable changes in Kapit since he was there ten years ago. The object of his visit, he said, was to stress to the civil servants that Civil Service was above politics, and that as civil servants they should keep out of politics.

Community leaders of various communities including some members of Parliament present expressed their fervent support for the steering the nation toward peace.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISITS KUCHING

A SEVEN-MAN AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WHICH IS NOW VISITING EAST MALAYSIA, ARRIVED IN KUCHING ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON FROM JESSELTON, AFTER THEIR VISIT TO SABAH.

The delegation which consisted of members of various political parties, was led by Mr. I.A. Sinclair, Minister for Social Services.

Accompanying the delegation was Mr. A.J. Eastman, Australian High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, and Mr. C.R. Jones from the Australian Department of External Affairs.

They were met on arrival by the President of the Sarawak Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Dato (Dr.) M. Sockalingam, and members of the C.P.A.

From the airport, the visiting Parliamentarians drove to the Astana to pay a courtesy call on H.E. the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg.

Later they met Australian Colombo Plan officers at the State Development Operations Room at the Secretariat. In the evening, Mr. Sinclair and his party were entertained by the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli and Madam Tawi Sli at a reception at the Residency.

On Friday, the Parliamentarians attended a briefing at West Brigade Headquarters and later visited the 4th Royal Australian Regiment at Bau.

In the afternoon, they called on the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud and the Speaker of Council Negri, Dato (Dr.) M. Sockalingam. The Parliamentarians also called on the President of the Kuching Municipal Council, Mr. Song Thian Cheok, and met some Opposition leaders of the Council Negri. Later they toured the Kuching town.

On Friday evening, the visiting Parliamentarians attended a cocktail party given in their honour by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Sarawak Branch at the Aurora Hotel.

On Saturday morning, the Parliamentarians called on the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli and later departed for Australia via Singapore by air.

ENTERTAINED AT CHIEF MINISTER S RESIDENCE

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, ON THURSDAY NIGHT THANKED THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ALL THE ASSISTANCE WHICH IT HAD RENDERED TO SARAWAK IN THE PAST AND HOPED THAT THE LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND MALAYSIA WOULD CONTINUE FOREVER.

He was speaking at a reception held in his residence in honour of seven Australian Parliamentarians who arrived in Kuching on Thursday afternoon for a two-day visit.

The Chief Minister hoped that during their stay the Parliamentarians would be able to study the situation in the country and appreciate its problems.

Replying, the leader of the delegation, Mr. Ian Sinclair, said that his Government would always continue to view the problems in Malaysia sympathetically. He added that Australia had helped Sarawak already through such agencies as the Colombo Plan, and would continue its help so that eventually the people here would be able to help themselves.

Mr. Sinclair said that a great deal had been achieved since Malaysia became a Federation and though confrontation brought its peculiar problems, it had also assisted in some ways.

He also expressed the hope that the future friendship between Malaysia and Australia would continue to grow and would eventually prove a stabilising factor in the future affairs of South East Asia.

FRIENDLY TIES WITH SARAWAK IMPORTANT, SAYS SINCLAIR

EARLIER, in a statement issued to the Press at the Kuching airport, Mr. Ian Sinclair, said that friendly ties with Sarawak were important to Australia in her desire to build a new relationship with the less developed countries of South East Asia.

These ties are already firm and I feel certain they will prove enduring," he said.

Other members of the delegation are: Senators R.C. Cotton, J.F. Fitzgerald, Messrs. A.A. Armstrong, M.D. Cross, T.E.F. Hughes, and L.J. Reynolds.

Mr. Sinclair said Australia was confronted with the joint task of developing its own natural resources, while establishing new and constructive relations with its near neighbours to the north.

Close ties of friendship and non-competitive trade links, such as those which existed between Australia and Sarawak, were essential in meeting this challenge.

He said Australia's exports to Sarawak were mainly temperate zone foodstuffs such as flour, dairy products, canned meats and fruits, which did not compete with local produce.

Sarawak, in turn, mainly exported to Australia timber and petroleum products.

Because of her rapid national growth and strong economic position Australia was in a position to offer economic aid through such schemes as the Colombo Plan to Sarawak. This had already provided assistance for the training of Sarawak students in Australia and the provision of irrigation and drainage equipment for public works.

1st Div. Secondary Inter-School Sports

MINISTER ADVISE: PLAY HARD, STUDY HARD

Play hard at play time and study hard at study time, said the Minister for Local Government, Abang Haji Abdulrahim bin Abang Haji Moasili, last week, at the First Division Secondary School annual sports meeting held on the Jubilee Ground, Kuching.

THE MINISTER SAID THAT HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL LESSONS WHICH WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY HEAVY NOWADAYS, BUT HE FELT THAT THIS SHOULD NOT DETER YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ATTAINING PHYSICAL FITNESS, "WHICH IS ALSO VERY ESSENTIAL IF YOU ARE TO PURSUE YOUR STUDIES DILIGENTLY".

He added: "My advice to you is to accept sports as providing an opportunity to discipline yourself by working out a stringent schedule for the day to enable you to play hard at play time and to study hard at study time. Sports and study have time and again, been proved to go well together."

Earlier, the Minister apologised on behalf of the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Awang Hipni, who was scheduled to declare the meeting open, as he was unable to officiate at the function.

He said that it was a very important gathering because it provided healthy sporting rivalry and an excellent opportunity to know and understand one another in an atmosphere of friendship and goodwill.

Physical Fitness

The Minister added that competing against each other in sports would help them to know what each could achieve when they set out to accomplish a task.

He said: "In identifying yourself with your achievement you will be identifying your school with success. Should your achievements be outstanding, you will be doing a greater service in identifying your State and perhaps Nation - Malaysia."

Stressing that young people should not be deterred from attaining physical fitness though school lessons were now being increasingly heavy, the Minister gave as examples the achievements Malaysia's No. 1 Sprinter, Jega and Tan Aik Huang, the un-official world champion in badminton. He remarked that both of them had not only done well in their studies, but contributed much towards the establishment of National identity. "If they can do it, I don't see why you can't" he added.

The Minister also urged the school teaching staff to help stimulate vigorous interest in sports by organising more friendly matches and competitions.

He suggested the holding of relay races and other friendly competitions between schools to cultivate communal understanding.

Finally, the Minister reminded the participants that winning itself was not all important

but it was the sporting spirit that mattered most.

The following are the results of the three-day Inter-Secondary Schools's Sport Meet held at the Jubilee Ground, Kuching:

- Overall Champion for Boys**
- 1st. St. Joseph's School with 174 points;
 - 2nd St. Thomas's School with 129 points; and
 - 3rd Deshon School with 116 points.

- Overall Champion for Girls**
- 1st. Litah High School with 86 points;
 - 2nd Chung Hua Middle School No. 4, 61 points, and
 - 3rd Chung Hua Middle School No. 1 with 57 points.

Finally, the D.O. reminded the pupils: "The world we live in is a competitive one; there is competition in commerce and industry; in agriculture products and practically in every field of activities - but I hope that you will face the challenges with the same determined spirit that you compete with today."

TUNKU ANNOUNCES REDS' SURRENDER TERMS

COMMUNISTS IN EASTERN MALAYSIA WHO HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT, AND WHO WISH TO SURRENDER, HAVE BEEN OFFERED TERMS BY THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE SURRENDER OFFER WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ, YESTERDAY, FRIDAY, JULY 22, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUALA LUMPUR.

Today (Saturday, July 23) more than two million surrender leaflets printed in five languages - Chinese, Malay, Iban, English and Kadazan - were being airdropped and distributed by hand throughout the length and breadth of Sarawak in an operation, code named "Operation Harapan".

These leaflets are of two kinds. One is a safe conduct pass which those who may wish to surrender can bring with them when reporting to the authorities. On the back of the safe conduct pass is a message from the Prime Minister which reads as follows:-

- * Those of you who genuinely desire to give up the struggle against the Government, will be helped to regain your freedom and rejoin your families.
- * You should report yourself to any member of the Security Forces, Government officials, village headmen or the public.

If you possess firearms, you should, before reporting, hide them carefully so that they can be recovered later. You will be rewarded for helping the Government to recover your firearms.

- * If you and your family wish to leave Malaysia, your request will be considered.

Members of the public who help you to give up the struggle and report to the authorities, will be rewarded.

In addition there is another leaflet giving the scale of rewards payable to those who help to induce the surrender of persons who have taken up arms against the Malaysia Government or who have become members of an illegal subversive organisation or for information which leads to the surrender of such persons.

Other rewards are payable for information leading to the recovery of arms, ammunition and



Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj

explosives.

The scales are as follows:

- * For inducing the surrender of, or for information leading to the surrender of:-
 - (a) each person who has taken up arms against the Government \$500
 - (b) each person who has become a member of an illegal subversive organisation \$200

- * For providing information leading to the recovery of arms, ammunition and explosives:-

Each serviceable Machine gun or Automatic Rifle	\$500
Each serviceable Rifle, Pistol or Revolver	\$500
Each serviceable Smooth Bore Gun	\$200
Each serviceable Grenade, mortar bomb, shell, land-mine or aerial bomb	\$100
Each serviceable live round of Ammunition (excluding shot gun ammunition)	\$ 1
Each stick or 1 lb. slab of gelignite, dynamite, gun cotton or similar explosives	\$100

Leaflets have been prepared in Malay, Chinese, Iban and English. They are being distributed in the proportion of ten safe conduct passes to one reward notice.

Supplies of leaflets have already been dispatched to all districts. Distribution will be undertaken in two ways, by hand distribution to villages, longhouses and farming huts and by air-dropping in selected areas.

700 Hard Core Communists

Announcing the terms, the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, described them as much milder than those offered to the communist terrorists during the emergency in Malaya.

The Tunku disclosed that there were approximately 700 hard-core communists on the other side of the border, and about 2,000 communist sympathisers.

These hard-core communists, he said, were those who had crossed the border in Eastern Malaysia to join the enemy to crush Malaysia. Several of them had also taken part in the landings in Malaya.

The Tunku said: "I hope they will take advantage of the surrender terms to give themselves up because it is futile for them to continue their attempt to overthrow the Government by armed struggle."

The Tunku added that these people were free to carry out their struggle to overthrow the Government by constitutional means, but the Government would fight them by all means within its power if they took up arms against it.

The Prime Minister said that most of the 700 hard-core communists were young men, who had no opportunities to think for themselves and who had been led astray by those converted to communism.

He added that the Government was now providing them the opportunity to give themselves up, become good citizens and return to society.

The Tunku explained that those who had no safe conduct passes could also surrender if they wished to do so. All Penghulus had also been empowered to accept surrenders.

Rewards would be paid to those bringing about the surrender of people who had taken up arms against the Government and for recovery of arms, ammunition and explosives.

Although no time limit had been set, the Government might decide on this later on, concluded the Tunku.

Also present at the conference were the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak bin Hussein; the Minister of Home Affairs, Tun (Dr.) Ismail bin Dato Abdul Rahman; Service Chiefs and senior Government officials.

MORE SUPPORT FOR NEW C.M.

THE Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, has received more messages of support from people of all walks of life throughout the country congratulating him on his appointment as Chief Minister, and expressing undivided loyalty to the new Government.

Two of the messages were received from branches of Party Negara Sarawak at Debak and Spaoh, Second Division.

Others are from branches of Barisan Ra'ayat Jati Sarawak at Igan, Third Division, and Sundar, Fifth Division; Serakup Indu Dayak, Kanowit; Mukah District Council; members of Sarawak Government Asian Officers' Union, Second Division; Melanau Jati Oya Dalat; Mr. Untong anak Sigan, Sebauh, Bintulu; Mr. Lau Chok Tai, Simanggang, and Councillor Abang Haji Hamid Haji Salam, Simanggang.

MINISTER PRESENTS STATE PLAQUES TO GURKHA BATTALIONS

THE Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud presented a Sarawak Plaque to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles, Lieut-Col R.W.L. McAlister, at the office of the Chief Minister on Monday, July 18.

Presenting the Plaque on behalf of the Government and people of Sarawak, Inche Abdul Taib paid tribute to the Battalion for their courageous actions in defending Sarawak.

The Minister said: "You and your famous Battalion have served valiantly in Simanggang and in Kalabakan, where you and your men have broken the back of the enemy.

"It seemed that it is your fate to make record when you were called to the mainland to counter-act the incursions of enemy at Labis.

"We can only thank you for all the services in the military fields which include your Battalion's services in the Bau and Serian Districts.

"Our thanks to not go only to your services in the military fields but in the medical and sporting fields as well. You seem to cope with the demand for the medical attention in the areas where you were stationed," concluded the Minister.

Handing over his regimental plaque to the Minister, Lieut-Col McAlister said that he and his men had been on four operational tours in Borneo and had played an important part in the elimination of Malaysia's enemies in Labis.

He said: "We are professional soldiers whose duty it is to remain fit and ready at all times to defend the Commonwealth and the free world against aggressors.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to serve Sarawak and if you still need us in the future, we will be glad to come back to help you.

"But it is our sincere hope that peace should come to Sarawak, and with peace, her people will live in prosperity and harmony," he said.

The Battalion which came to Sarawak for the third time in February this year will be leaving the State for Hong Kong soon.

2/7 DEO Gurkhas Thanked

At another ceremony this week, Inche Abdul Taib presented another State Plaque to 2nd battalion 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles. The ceremony was held at the Tanah Puteh Wharf, Kuching, on Tuesday afternoon just before the Battalion sailed off on the "Auby".

Thanking the Battalion for their services, Inche Taib said: "I know that you have served in Malaya, Sabah and Brunei as well, with good records and that you have seen a great deal of action from the time when you first came to South East Asia.

"You have helped the Malayan Government since 1948 during the time of the Emergency, before you came over to Sarawak at the end of 1962 when the Brunei Rebellion broke out.

"Lately you met with success at Tebedu and Bau in resisting incursion into Sarawak. You must be well remembered by many kampongs and longhouses in the remote part of Sarawak by the splendid entertainment you gave them with your Pipes and Drums, and, at the time when confrontation could have cast a gloomy atmosphere over the people of the border areas, you have been successful in inspiring confidence and in making life cheerful.

"These and other assistance you gave in the form of medical attention have put you in good stead among the people you have worked."

Inche Taib hoped that just as the Malayan Emergency in which the Battalion had been engaged, had successfully ended, confrontation too would also disappear completely from Sarawak.

He concluded: "In recognition of the services you have rendered to this country, and as a token of our appreciation of your help, I have great pleasure in presenting you this Sarawak State Plaque. I hope you will bring with you the memories of our friendship and goodwill wherever you go in the future."

In return, Lieut-Col B.F.L. Rooney, the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, presented the Regimental Plaque to the Minister.

MILITARY LANDING SHIP, FREDERICK CLOVER, MAKE FINAL JOURNEY

THE BRITISH MILITARY LANDING SHIP, L.S.T. (H) FREDERICK CLOVER, WHICH HAS STEAMED NEARLY 200,000 MILES FERRYING TROOPS AND STORES SINCE (CONFRONTATION WITH INDONESIA STARTED IN 1963, MADE HER FAREWELL JOURNEY ON WEDNESDAY.

The 21-year-old ship left Tanah Puteh docks on her final journey before going to a "breakers' yard" in Singapore.

To wish her farewell, other vessels in the port sounded their sirens as the Frederick Clover, dressed over-all, set sail.

On board were lorries, land rovers and guns of 2nd Battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, who left Sarawak after a tour of duty in the First Division, and lorries and guns of 53 Light Air Defence battery, Royal Artillery, who had also just completed a tour.

After disembarking her cargo, Frederick Clover, which is commanded by Captain J. Garfield, will be taken to the breakers' yard in Singapore on July 30.

Since the beginning of confrontation, she has steamed a total of 186,397 miles in the Far East running from Singapore to all Borneo ports and anchorages, Western Malaysian ports, and to Hong Kong and Bangkok.

She had carried more than 7,000 members of the Security Forces, both Malaysian and Commonwealth, and lifted more than half a million tons of military cargoes.

In addition, she had been regularly used as a helicopter ferry for the Malaysian and British Forces.

At times, Frederick Clover has been something of a floating zoo, carrying a variety of monkeys, dogs and parrots. On her journey she will have a honey bear on board.

Built in 1945 by Vickers Armstrong at Hepburn-on-Tyne, England, Frederick Clover was originally a Royal Navy ship.

She was turned over to the R.A.S.C. for the duration of the Korean War and named Frederick Clover after a General in the R.A.S.C.

After this she came under the control of the Ministry of Defence and was then manned by officers and ratings of the Merchant Navy.

In 1964 she was converted to a helicopter carrier and armed with four Oerlikon guns.

MINISTER AND WIFE PRESENT PRIZES AT INTER-KAMPONG FOOTBALL FINALS

THE people of the coastal village of Kampong Sembilang, in the first Division, gave a rousing welcome to the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib Mahmud, and his wife, Puan Laila, on Sunday, July 17, 1966 when they visited the kampong to present prizes at the Inter-Kampong Football Competition finals.

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS STEPPED ON TO THE JETTY AMIDST ENTHUSIASTIC SHOUTS OF "MERDEKA" AND "BERJAYA". AHADRAH BAND, SPECIALLY INVITED BY KAMPONG SEMBILANG FROM ANOTHER KAMPONG LED THE WELCOMING PARTY.

Cheering kampong folk followed the Minister and party to the Tua Kampong's house where they were entertained to lunch.

Later the Minister and his wife attended the prize giving ceremony which followed the final football matches between Kampong Sebandi and Beradek (adult section) and Beradek and Sambir (school section).

At the field, the school children greeted the Minister by singing the "National anthem" and "Berjaya" songs.

The Minister then declared open the matches in a short speech.

The winners of the finals were: Kampong Sebandi (adult section) and Sambir school (school section). Inche Abdul Taib and Puan Laila then gave away the prizes.

A large crowd gave a big send off to the Minister and party when they departed to return to Kuching.

Visits Village Meeting House

Earlier, the Minister paid a brief visit to Buntal, and the coastal fishing village in the First Division. Here he was welcomed by the Tua Kampong and the people of Buntal who greeted the Minister and his wife with the traditional ceremony of sprinkling yellow rice.

The Minister and party then proceeded to the Tua Kampong's residence where they were given the traditional 'tepong tawar ceremony'.

After the ceremony, the Minister went to the village Meeting House, built by the kampong youth, where he spoke to the people.

Here, on behalf of the Chief Minister, Inche Abdul Taib approved a request for \$500 by the Kampong Youth Club, for the construction of a cement Badminton/Raga/Volleyball Court. A service Order was handed to Wan Abdullah Syed Alwi, Secretary of the Kampong Buntal Youth

Finally, Inche Taib congratulated those who had won the prizes, and other who have worked hard to make the competition a success.

"You have all contributed to a spirit which will become a feature of community work in rural development," concluded the Minister.

BADMINTON: SARAWAK HAS POTENTIAL TALENT, SAYS MINISTER

SARAWAK HAS THE POTENTIAL BADMINTON TALENT AND ITS PLAYERS COULD MAKE THE GRADE IF THEY TRIED HARD ENOUGH, SAID - THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, AWANG HIPNI BIN PENGIRAN ANNU, WHEN HE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTER-STATION AND SARAWAK BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS IN KUCHING ON SATURDAY, JULY 16.

He added that this view was substantiated by the success of Ong Poh Lim from Sarawak in the past Thomas Cup victories of Malaya.

Earlier the Minister said; "Following the press report of the results of your inter-station tournament, I am very pleased to note that the Third Division team nearly managed to end the supremacy of the First Division."

He said that he was pleased not merely because he came from the Third Division, but because it demonstrated that the standard of badminton had probably improved in that Division. "It is always encouraging to have keen rivalry in sports if better and higher standards are to be attained," he added.

The Minister continued: "Whilst I am proud to note that Malaysia will be represented by a badminton team in the forth-coming Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica, with high hope of taking home the Gold Medals, I cannot help wishing that a player from Sarawak State could be included amongst the players.

"Though our brethren across in the mainland and virtually World Champions, I don't see why our players cannot match up to their standards. I am sure we have the potential talent here and that our players can make the grade if they try hard enough. This view, I think, is substantiated by the success of Ong Poh Lim from Sarawak in the past Thomas Cup victories in Malaya.

"Bearing in mind the tremendous amount of work which the officials have put in and the generous support given by the general public, I feel I should congratulate you all for the very fine effort in organising this State-wide competition."

Finally, Awang Hipni congratulated the winners who, he hoped, would work harder to fight for a place in the Malaysian team. He reminded the losers that there was nothing more satisfying to know how and where they had failed and advised competition playing."

In his speech, the Minister explained to the residents, the recent changes in the Government. He told them that the new Government would like to work closely with the people on democratic principles. He said that the Government would always work for the welfare of the people.

The President of the Association of Malay Youth Clubs, Inche Hasbie Sulaiman, who also spoke, congratulated the youth of the kampong for their initiative to seek help from the Government.

He said: Tour success is also the success of the youths in Kuching."

Team Work Praised

Speaking before the commencement of the football finals, Inche Abdul Taib said that he was happy to see that the football competition had brought together teams from many coastal villages.

He said it was important to cultivate a sense of discipline, dedication and unity among youth. The organising of sports and cultural activities provided opportunities for such training.

The Minister added: "I hope, during the process of organising the games and in having brought it to a successful conclusion, you have acquired a taste for team work and a feeling of close fellowship for achieving a common goal.

"You can surely apply the team work that you have splendidly shown in playing your football to the solution of the problems that face your community.

"Just as in football, the victory is not achieved by only the last person to kick the ball into the goal but by the accumulation of efforts ranging from the goalkeeper, the fullback, and the forward, so also in life the achievement of progress is not merely by the leader alone, but by rather the contributory efforts of the normally unnoticed members of the community.

"Our goal is to progress, and therefore our role is to play our small part to achieve that goal.

"Work and work together' should be your motto. Aim for a goal which we can all enjoy together and pass on to our future generations.

"There ought not to be in you any feeling that you are less capable than people in towns. You have proved your ability to work together in organising - a feat that used to be performed only in big towns.

"In fact, I think you have succeeded in spite of difficulties of communications that normally divide the rural communities. You are as good as anybody in Sarawak! You will be better just as those in towns if you continue to progress. If we have achieved genuine unity among us, we can instil in ourselves the habit of working as a team and acquire sufficiently strong determination which results from striving for a fixed, common purpose."

"It is rumoured that this Government under Penghulu Tawi Sli will not last until the end of this year. It is also said that Tawi Sli will become Chief Minister only for six months. Then a Malay will take over. A Malay will become State Secretary. This is a concocted story without foundation whatsoever. Those who say these things are listening to communist propaganda.

"Forgive me for saying this. Some people mischievously spread the rumours that Pesaka and Baijasa are anti-Chinese. This is absurd to say the least. This is communist propaganda.

"I am illiterate. I have long hair and am proud of it. If a Chief Minister misbehaves himself I hold no brief for him. Leaders of the people must behave according to norms expected of the leader's status and role: unselfish, not siding with anyone race or group of people for the benefit

of himself and a few others.

"If people have no confidence in Jugah's leadership, I will resign before they force me to do so. I will bear no malice, no grudge or no rancour against anyone.

"This is how I look at democracy. I have no intention to undermine the unity of the Dayaks, of the Malays, of the Chinese, or any other race. On the contrary, I have been all this time tying my level best to preserve the racial harmony in Sarawak. Let us together eradicate the communists from Sarawak's soil."

TRAITORS WOULD BE DEALT WITH, WARNS P.M.

THE Prime Minister then attended a reception organised by the Malay community at the residence of Inche Mohamed Haji Bakri in Datu's Road. Here he reiterated what he said in Sibu on Saturday night.

He added: "I have heard that there are elements which oppose Malaysia - the elements which do not want to give support to Penghulu Tawi Sli, and have talked about withdrawing Sarawak from Malaysia.

"Whoever states this undesirable thing, and talks treachery, would be dealt with, accordingly, it is definite that we will take action against them. The action which we have taken against the enemies of Malaysia - who are known to be communists and their supporters and other traitors.

"Whoever talks of or takes any step which reveals that they have the subversive and treacherous intention, then we shall take action against them as we did against the communists.

"I like to see if we can make an example of these traitors. If we were to get clear evidence, then we can arrest and detain five or ten of these people; that is the best thing."

DATO Ling Beng Siew, who spoke before the Prime Minister said:

"On behalf of the Sarawak Chinese Association, I would like to associate ourselves with the other member parties of the Sarawak Alliance in welcoming our 'Bapa Malaysia' to Sarawak.

"In spite of his many other heavy duties he had been able to spare his time to come to Sarawak to explore the possibilities of implementing further development in our State. This is proof that the Tunku has the welfare of all States in Malaysia at heart, no matter whether the State is in Malaya or Borneo.

"As you know the Tunku was supposed to have a holiday in May or June but during that period he had very little chance to relax because he was called upon to perform quite a number of official duties, so much so that he ended up by having what is commonly known as a 'bus-man's holiday.'

"I sincerely hope and pray that his trip to Sarawak has given the Tunku a chance to have that much needed rest which he so richly deserved.

The recent political events in Sarawak must have been a matter of great concern to all Alliance leaders. This is most unfortunate but I fear the inevitable. For the sake of national interest, which is above any individual person or party, I would take this opportunity to appeal to every loyal Malaysian not to recriminate but to look to the future.

"Now that confrontation is about to end or almost ended, everyone of us must now concentrate on the development projects we have planned for the next five years. The Alliance Government, no matter who the leader is, has pledged itself to carry out these projects for the common good of all, and it is up to everyone of us to co-operate with the Government so that the implementation of the Five-Year Plan could be carried out successfully.

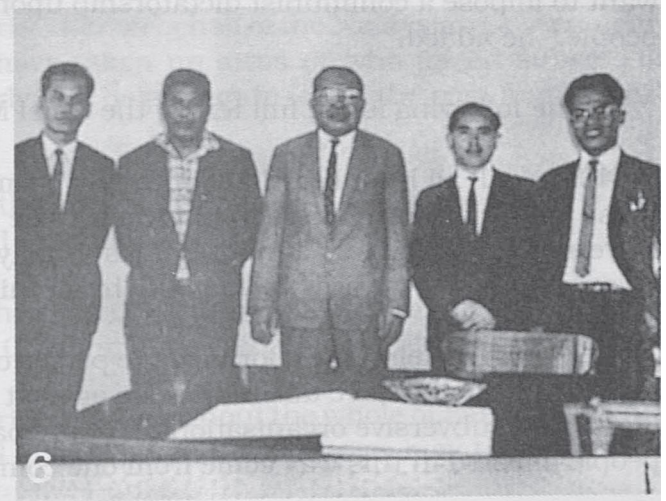
Work Wholeheartedly

"I appeal to one and all not to look back but to work wholeheartedly together for the future, the future of Malaysia, the future of our children and the future of our children's children.

"With confrontation over there will be more funds available for development of our country. But money alone is of no avail if the people do not co-operate with one will, and are not prepared to work hard. I believe we in Sarawak are not afraid of hard work. So with one heart and one will let us all go hand in hand towards a goal which will not only bring prosperity but also happiness to all races in our country.

This is the aim of Malaysia and towards this aim it is the duty of every single loyal Malaysian to do his bit. So I would like to say once again: 'Forget the past and let us all look forward to the future. Sink our personal interests and work for the common good of the nation.'

Pictures Of The Week



1. Chief Minister. Penghulu Tawi Sli (left) chatting with Mr. Ian Sinclair, leader of the Parliamentary Delegation who recently visited Sarawak.
2. C.M. presenting a State Plaque to Commanding Officer of 53 (Louisburg) Light Air Defence Battery RA, Major M.V.A. Westropp.
3. Science Club of the Lutong Secondary School Fourth Division.
4. Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud. Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, presenting a State Plaque to Lieut-Col R.W.L. McAlister of 1/10 Gurkha Rifles.
5. Group of MARA scholarship students before their departure to K.L.
6. The Minister for Local Government, Abang Haji Abdulrahim (centre) with local councillors who returned from U.K. tour. From left are: Mr. Mathew Simon. Inche Mohamed Musa, Mr. Raja Ngatan and Mr. Augustine Mercer.

Surrender Offer Will Not Remain Open Indefinitely - Warns C.M.

THE RECENT OFFER OF SURRENDER BY THE PRIME MINISTER, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN TO THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED ILLEGAL SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATIONS WAS "GENEROUS AND HELPFUL", THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, REITERATED THIS WEEK.

He said this in a broadcast talk over Radio Malaysia (Sarawak) on Thursday, July 28. The Chief Minister warned that the offer would remain open for sometime, "but it will not remain open indefinitely".

He added: "The sooner people come forward and give themselves up the better. Those who fail to take advantage of the offer will only have themselves to blame for what may befall them if they ignore the offer".

The Chief Minister urged all those whom the offer applied to take advantage of it "so that we may bury the past and concentrate on building a bright, happy and united future for our people."

'A Confession of Failure'

The Chief Minister said that the resort to terrorism by a small minority which sought to impose its will by ruthless armed struggle was itself a confession of failure.

"It is a clear sign that these people are not democrats. They do not believe in freedom. They want to impose a communist dictatorship upon us by force although it is not the desire of our people," he added.

The following is the full text of the Chief Minister's talk:

You will all have heard about the government's offer to receive back into the community those who genuinely desire to give up the armed and subversive struggle against the Government, which was announced last Friday by the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman. I want to say a few words to you tonight on this subject as your Chief Minister.

The overwhelming majority of the people of our State are sad and distressed that some of our people should have taken up arms against the Government or should have joined various illegal and subversive organisations. We are particularly sad because the vast majority of the people affected in this way come from one community, the Chinese community.

This is harmful for the good relations which should exist between all sections of the community. The vast majority of our people want to be united, they want to stand together to build a happy future for our children. It is hard to do this if some members of one community resist the good intentions of the rest of us.

We are a democratic people. We do not resent criticism. We do not resent legal opposition. Indeed in a free democracy a loyal and responsible opposition has a very valuable and important part to play in shaping our future and directing constructive criticism at the Government of the day.

We acknowledge the good work of the leaders of our loyal opposition here in Sarawak.

But we cannot agree that any section of our people should become terrorists by taking up arms against our Government and thus seek to impose their minority will on our people by force. We cannot tolerate the various illegal subversive organisations which support those who have taken up arms against our people.

I would like to elaborate on what we mean by terrorists and subversive organisations. The armed terrorists include the armed communists and the so-called "Tentera Nasional Kalimantan Utara" and "Negara Kesatuan Kalimantan".

The subversive organisations include the so-called "Sarawak Advanced Youths Association", "Sarawak Liberation League", "Sarawak Farmers Association", "North Kalimantan National Liberation League", and other such illegal bodies.

It is a confession of failure on the part of these people that they should want to take up arms. When a small minority seeks to impose its will by ruthless armed struggle it is a clear sign that these people are not democrats. They do not believe in freedom.

They want to impose a communist dictatorship upon us by force although that is not the desire of our people. The armed rebels and the organisations which have supported them have completely failed to achieve success. Many of those who joined these organisations must by now have realised this.

We believe and hope that many of them would like to turn over a new leaf, to forget the past and to return and live a life of freedom in our free and democratic country.

Help To Start Life Afresh

That is why our Prime Minister has made the offer on behalf of the Malaysian Government. We do not want to be unjust to those who have taken up arms or who joined subversive organisations. We only want to treat them fairly and help them to forget the past and to start life afresh.

Therefore, I appeal to all those to whom the offer is directed to come forward and report themselves to the Government authorities and to admit what they have done.

Those who help them to do so or help in the recovery of arms will be generously rewarded. Those who do come forward will be helped by Government to rehabilitate themselves.

Safe conduct passes are being widely distributed throughout the whole of Sarawak so that we can be certain that every citizen knows all about the offer and knows how terrorists and subversive persons can be helped to give themselves up.

The treatment given to each person giving up will vary. Those who have only played a small part in the various illegal organisations may simply have their names registered but they will be expected to provide any further information required by the Police.

In other cases persons may be held in custody but they will only be held for the shortest possible period. The aim and intention of the Government is to help them to live a normal life of freedom.

The Government has no wish whatever to keep people unnecessarily in confinement. We

do not like detaining people. It has unfortunately been necessary because of the ruthless nature of the communist movement. But provided individuals want to turn over a new leaf we have no intention of keeping them in detention unnecessarily.

We have had to detain quite a lot of people. We have also released a considerable number from detention. 147 detention orders have been revoked since the 16th September 1963 when our new State was born.

We should be only too happy to release more if Government is satisfied with their assurances of loyalty and having given up the communist policy of achieving power by subversion and force.

Although the offer is mainly directed at the communist movement which is Chinese in nature there are also some Natives of Sarawak who have joined the so-called "Tentera Nasional Kalimantan Utara".

I also appeal to them to rejoin their families. Their movement has also been completely rejected by the people of Sarawak.

That is all I have to say to you tonight. The offer will remain open for sometime but it will not remain open indefinitely.

The sooner people come forward and give themselves up the better. Those who fail to take advantage of the offer will only have themselves to blame for what may befall them if they ignore the offer.

It is a generous and helpful offer. I ask all those to whom the offer applies to take advantage of it so that we may bury the past and concentrate on building a bright and happy and united future for our people.

BRITISH OFFICERS RESPECTED IN SARAWAK, SAYS C.M.

BRITISH OFFICERS IN SARAWAK ARE LOOKED UPON WITH THE SAME RESPECT AND ARE GIVEN THE SAME GOODWILL AS ANY OTHER OFFICERS, SAY FROM INDIA, CEYLON, JAPAN OR THE PHILIPPINES.

This was stated by the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, on Wednesday, July 27, 1966, when he addressed a general meeting of Senior Government Officers Union held in the Kuching Municipal Council Chamber.

The Chief Minister told the British officers: "The loyalty of the great majority of you to the Government is not doubted. My Minister have assured me of this fact, and you on your part can vouch for the hospitality of the people of Sarawak.

The following is the full text of the Chief Minister's speech:

We in this State are fortunate in having successfully established an efficient civil service. Many factors can be attributed towards this efficiency - one of which being the non-partisan nature of the Civil Service.

I think I can rightly assume that your vast experience and wisdom has taught you to leave politics to the politicians. This may be a good idea, as politics has been described by some people as a "dirty business".

On the other hand however I have heard it said that politicians have the cleanest of minds - they change them very often!

I believe that you have some important items on your agenda so I do not propose to address you at great length, neither do I deem it necessary to reassure you of the Government's confidence and trust in you in executing its policies.

As Chief Minister, I have faith in you, and the Government's gratitude in you is indeed great.

Guarding The New Found Freedom

By the end of next month, Sarawak will have been independent for three full years as a component State of a new Nation, Malaysia. Like so many other newly independent countries, Sarawak is also caught up in the upsurge of nationalism; and like them we are guarding our new found freedom and independence jealousy.

No one can blame the people of a newly independent Nation for being determined to see that they are the masters of their own destiny.

In fact it is expected of them - that they should play the leading role in the affairs of their own country. It can be expected that they will naturally resent any foreign interference in their political life. Their resentment may be manifested in many forms.

If, as I said earlier, we are fortunate in having a first-class civil service, inspired and built up with the help of our friends from many Commonwealth countries, I think we are also fortunate

on another score - that the vast majority of these officers have served us loyally regardless of their own political convictions.

And if there should be resentments or criticisms arising from suspected political interference by a few it is not fair that the rest should be blamed.

British Officers, In Sarawak at least, are looked upon with the same respect and are given the same goodwill as any other officers, say from India, Ceylon, Japan or the Philippines.

The loyalty of the great majority of you to the Government is not doubted. My Ministers have assured me of this fact, and you on your part can vouch for the hospitality of the people of Sarawak.

Of course there are misunderstandings on both sides and let us be frank about this. However, I hope that you will not listen to vicious rumours and thus jump to conclusions that you are resented or disliked simply because you are expatriate officers.

I can assure you there is no ill will towards any foreigner to Sarawak. In the case of expatriate officers the Government will try its best to see them happy while they work for us. In pursuing the policy to determine its own future, there is a need for an independent country to be administered by its own local officers.

I am glad to see that this point is clearly appreciated by many expatriate officers. I believe that it is of vital importance that the local offices should run the administration of the Government, and to interpret the Government policies according to their experience of the local situation and people.

However, we still require help from our friends from the Commonwealth in executing our Development Plan. Our resources of skilled manpower are indeed growing but even taking into account of the numbers of returned professional and technical students to Sarawak in the next few years there is still room for help from outside Malaysia.

C.M. VISITS SANTUBONG: AGREES TO REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY HALL

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, SAID THIS WEEK THAT SURRENDER LEAFLETS WHICH WERE BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS ONE OF THE MEANS TO ELIMINATE THE COMMUNISTS FROM THE COUNTRY.

He explained that the surrender terms would give the communists and their sympathisers a chance to forger their past and return to a normal life in the society.

The Chief Minister was speaking at a reception at Santubong on Sunday, July 24.

Accompanying him were the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin

Mahmud, and his wife, Puan Laila.

Penghulu Tawi Sli told the people that should any communists or subversive elements surrender to them, they should immediately take them to the authorities. He urges the people to help the Government to eliminate the communists.

GOVERNOR TO DECLARE OPEN NEW SECRETARIAT

THE Governor of Sarawak, Tun Abang Haji Openg, was scheduled to declare open the new nine-storey Secretariat office building in Kuching this morning (Saturday, July 30) at 10.15.

Construction of the building, under the Development Plan, began about two years ago. The original plans provided for a building of 11 storeys, but it was necessary to economise and the building is now only nine storeys high.

There are eight floors of actual office space for accommodating the Chief Minister's Office, the five Ministries, the Financial and Federal Secretaries, the Attorney-General's Office and the Federal and State Establishment Offices; the ground floor is the entrance hall and also provide certain car parking facilities while on the top floor there is the Conference Room, right at the very top the air-conditioning plant and other service facilities are situated. A ten-passenger high-speed lift has been installed.

The opening ceremony consists of the unveiling of a plaque by the Governor who will later open the main door with a gold key.

This was the Chief Minister's first official visit to Kampong Santubong since he assumed office last month. He said he was much impressed with the reception accorded to him and his party by the villagers, and thanked them personally for their hospitality and pledges of loyalty and support.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Government depended on the people's co-operation in implementing its development schemes. The Government also required their co-operation in countering the activities of subversionists.

Referring to a request for a Community Hall for Santubong, Penghulu Tawi Sli said that because of its locality and accessibility in the area he agreed that Santubong should have a community hall.

The Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib, who also spoke, assured the people that the new Government was determined to bring about great changes in the State and work for the betterment of the people. He added that it was the sincere aim of the Alliance Government to help the people, especially those living in the rural areas.

Inche Taib emphasised that the Alliance Government must work for the people because it was elected by the people.

The Chief Minister and his party were welcomed on their arrival at Santubong by Tua Kampongs, school children and teachers and hundreds of kampong folk from nearby villages. The Chief Minister and Inche Taib were garlanded and sprinkled with yellow rice, and Kampong Santubong was gaily decorated with flags, bunting and arches for the occasion.

C.M. GETS MORE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

MORE congratulatory messages, pledging support and loyalty, have been received by the Chief Minister from community leaders and individuals.

They include those:

* From Mr. Sandom anak Nyuak, M.P.; Sungai Semah, Binatang, Third Division, on behalf of T.R. Abit, T.R. Maleng, T.R. Sawing, T.R. Lanyun, T.R. Untam, T.R. Kebong, Cr. Bon, T.R. Mulong, T.R. Nyebong, T.R. Ngedang, T.R. Bantin, T.R. Jali, T.R. Japang, Cr. Brandah and all Tuai Rumahs under Penghulu Kilat.

* From Mr. Anthony Sekalai, Secretary, Party Pesaka, Sarawak. The message said that at the meeting held on July 23 the Chairman of Sarawak National Party, Sebauh/Bintulu Branch, T.R. Umbau ak. Late Penghulu Renang, Sg. Sebangat, Sebauh and his 29 longhouse members, Rh. Tawi, Rh. Amu, Rh. Galih, Rh. Garak, Rh. Usit, Rh. Remang, Rh. Lanying, Rh. Ruma, Rh. Liban, Rh. Munan, Rh. Saban, Rh. Awang, Rh. Anggot, Rh. Panggau, Rh. Nyanggau, Rh. Luang, Rh. Maringai, Rh. Anggot, Rh. Muli, Rh. Badidi, Rh. Madang, Rh. Bandang, Rh. Ukok, Rh. Lai, Rh. Nyepa, Rh. Muari, Rh. Garingi, Rh. Lepa and Rh. Tela, have decided to assure Penghulu Tawi Sli of their co-operation and support.

* From Tua Kampongs Haji Taha bin Hj. Bujang on behalf of his anak2 Kampong Bandar, Sibul, in the Third Division.

* From Inche Mohd. Uri bin Markom, Secretary, Baijasa, Kampong Stunggang Melayu, Lundu Branch, First Division, and Cr. Hj. Sapawi bin Hj. Adenan on behalf of Barisan Ra'ayat Jati Sarawak, Saratok Branch, Kalaka, Second Division.

* From Councillor Lian anak Maing and his anembiaks of Sibuti, Fourth Division; T.R. Barayun and 12 other Tuai Rumahs in Sg. Santebuk, Sarikei, Third Division; Tuai Rumah Rentap and three other Tuai Rumahs in Sungai Paron, Nyelong, also in Sarikei; Tuai Rumah Lunyong and his anembiaks in Tatau, Fourth Division.

* From political party leaders and Ketua Kampongs: T.K. Hj. Sulaiman, Chairman, and K.A. Yahya, Secretary, Party Barjasa, Daro Branch; Councillor Mohamad bin Hj. Hassan on behalf of Secretary, Party Barjasa, SAAI Branch; Abang Haji Mohd. Trang, Ketua Kampong Datu and Hilir, Sibul, on behalf of his anak2 kampong; Abang Alhj. Bakar, Chairman of Party Negara Sarawak, Binatang District; Inche Baladi bin Hj. Matudin on behalf of Barjasa members, Kampong Smop, Binatang; T.R. Kanaabu on behalf of Party Pesaka, Sg. Semah and 10 other Headmen.

* From the Fourth Division messages of support were received from Inche Abdul Gaphar bin Awg. Abdul Rahman, Secretary of Party Negara, Marudi Branch, Baram.

* Messages of support have also been received from the following Iban community leaders: Penghulu Balan Lejau and his anembiaks in Tinjar in the Baram District, Fourth Division; ex-Councillor T.R. Gendang and his anembiaks of Selanjan, Sungai Besai, Second Division; six Tuai Rumahs in the Kapit District in the Third Division - T.R. Raweng, T.R. Lutau, T.R. Lunyong, T.R. Rawing Ngabong, T.R. Patan and T.R. Gindal anak Sana; Penghulu Mahidi anak Dagau and his anembiaks at Sampun Grunggang, Simunjan, First Division and T.R. Rentap anak Jilan, Nyelong also in Sarikei.

* From Penghulu Gelau and Tuai Rumah Entell anak P. Gelau and their anakbiaks of Batang Igan, Sibuluan, Third Division. The messages also pledge their loyalty and support to Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs.

*A similar message was also received from the Chairman and members of the Sarawak Dayak National Union, Kapit Branch, Third Division.

* From Enche Abdullah, Chairman of P.W.D. Workers' Union on behalf of its members, Enche Salleh Ahmad, Chairman of Persatuan Melayu Limbang in the Fifth Division on behalf of the members of the Persatuan.

* From Enche Bujang bin Haji Jeman, Councillor Ward No.9, Lower Sadong District Council, Simunjan, in the First Division on behalf of the villagers and Enche Kechut bin Seman, a Divisional Development Committee Member, Terasi, Simunjan, in the First Division on behalf of the villagers mostly of Javanese origin.

* From Party Baijasa branches at Bako and Bau (First Division); Saribas (Second Division), and Tatau (Fourth Division).

* From Party Negara branches at Betong (Second Division) and Julau (Third Division); from Tua Kampong Rambli bin Yusuf, Muara Tebas (First Division); Tuai Rumah Nantut anak Ahsai, Singkalan (First Division); the Sarawak Teachers (Union), Simanggang (Second Division); Penghulu Gimman anak Jawan, Sarikei (Third Division), and Penghulu Jok Nyau, Long Liam, Baram (Fourth Division).

* From Penghulu Lapau anak Entusan and Councillor Entri anak Entusan and their anakbiaks of 12-door longhouse at Sungai Alit, Simunjan, First Division, and Justin Sait of Rumah Jalan Sabu, Simunjan; Inche Abu Bakar bin Ali, Chairman of Party Negara, and its members of Kampong Senari, First Division and Penghulu Biji anak Sentu, of Sungei Bawan, Balingian, Third Division.

MINISTER PRAISES NATIONAL SERVICEMEN: 32 LEAVE FOR TRAINING

NATIONAL Service recruits who volunteer for training are setting a fine example to all young men in this State which they would do well to emulate.

This was stated by the Minister for Local Government, Abang Haji Abdulrahim bin Abang Haji Moasili, when he addressed 32 National Service recruits on Saturday, July 23, immediately before their departure to Malaya for two-month basic military training in the Siginting Camp at Port Dickson.

The Minister said: "I feel very proud - in fact all of us in Sarawak are proud - of each and everyone of you for responding so willingly to the call of the nation and you deserve credit for having demonstrated your sense of patriotism in this way.

"We need have no fears for the future peace and prosperity of Malaysia while young men in the States of our nation are prepared to rise to the challenge of safeguarding its integrity.

"Everybody knows - even our enemies realise - that Malaysia has no hostile designs on others. Our sole intention is to create peaceful and prosperous conditions in each of the States which form our Federation.

"Unfortunately, we cannot be certain that our enemies, whether they be within or without, will permit us to pursue the path of peace and prosperity. We have a duty to ensure that we are not caught unprepared and are able to defend our birth-right should any try to take it from us. In particular, we must ensure that internal elements are not permitted to disturb the communal harmony to which we in Sarawak are used."

Important Role

The Minister stressed in that task the National Servicemen had an important role to play. During their basic training they would be required to attain a high degree of physical fitness and to learn new skills to fit them for their duties on their return.

"At first, you may find the training exacting, but I urge you to approach this experience with enthusiasm and determination so that you benefit to the full from the instruction you are about to receive. I know that we can rely upon you for this and that you and the people of Sarawak will be proud of your achievement," he added.

In conclusion, the Minister said: "As has been said many times, Malaysia is a big family and a multi-racial one. I am sure the secret of our success is going to be harmonious communal relations. Apart from the more serious aspects of your training in the States of Malaya, you will be able to contribute to fostering better understanding and friendship between the people there and your fellow countrymen in the State of Sarawak.

C.M. AND MINISTERS ENTERTAINED BY ACROSS RIVER KAMPONGS

THE Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, was assured of full support and co-operation by people of nine kampongs of the Kampong Seberang Hulu areas, across river, Kuching. The kampongs included those from Kampong Sungai Bedil to Kampong Samariang.

THE ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN ON SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1966 BY HAJI AWANG WAL BIN AWANG ABU, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT RECEPTION COMMITTEE WHICH ENTERTAINED THE CHIEF MINISTER AND THREE OTHER MINISTERS AT A VARIETY SHOW AND BUFFET DINNER HELD IN THEIR HONOUR.

The other three Ministers were: the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah; the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud (who was accompanied by Puan Laila Taib), and the Minister for Communications and Works, Mr. Tajang Laing.

Haji Awang Wal also expressed the kampong people's undivided loyalty to the Alliance Government under the wise guidance of the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Addressing a crowd of about 1,000 people who had gathered to welcome him and his party at Kampong Lintang, the Chief Minister stressed the importance of national unity among the various races in the country.

He also appealed to all Tua Kampongs and Headmen to make determined efforts to unite the people under their leadership and work closely with the Government in its efforts to implement the various development projects.

The Chief Minister said he was happy to learn that members of Panas and Barjasa in the area were working closely together in support of Government policies.

He hoped that other political parties in the State would also join the Alliance, and work for racial unity.

Racial Unity

Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah and Inche Abdul Taib also addressed the gathering. They reiterated the importance of racial unity, and reminded the people that as citizens of a sovereign and independent nation they should work in harmony to help in the important task of nation building.

Earlier, on arrival at the Pangkalan, the Chief Minister was garlanded by a 10-year-old Malay girl, Rosnani binti Dollah.

SIBU KAMPONGS PLEDGE LOYALTY

TUA Kampong Haji Abang Mohd. Trang, on behalf of his people of Kampong Datu Hilir, Sibul, Third Division, has sent a congratulatory message pledging their support and loyalty to Penghulu Tawi Sli on his appointment as Chief Minister, Sarawak, and his new Cabinet Ministers.

SETTLE DIFFERENCES AMICABLY, ADVISES C.M.

IN SIBU ON SUNDAY, JULY 31 1966, THE CHIEF MINISTER SAID THAT IN THE PAST THERE HAD BEEN MUCH SUSPICION AND MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATION.

He was speaking at a Press conference at the Sibul airport. The Chief Minister flew to Sibul, accompanied by the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, to attend to official engagements and a meeting of members of the Party Pesaka.

The Chief Minister said that it was wrong for the people to take small matters directly to the Resident or to Ministers without first consulting their own community leaders, the Sarawak Administrative Officer or the District Officer.

He advised the people to try and settle their differences amicably among themselves by first seeking advice from Penghulus, Kapitan Chinas or the Tuai Rumahs in their respective areas.

"If the decision made by these leaders are not satisfactory, then the people should refer the matter to SAO or the District Officer and the Resident, according to the proper procedure in the Government administration and thrash the matter out," said Penghulu Tawi Sli.

He stressed that every SAO, Headman, Penghulu and Tua Kampong has been empowered with certain authority and each had his own part to play in society. The people should, therefore, seek the advice of their own leaders before taking the matter direct to higher authorities.

Penghulu Tawi Sli emphasised that it was important the people should make every effort to minimise their own difficulties instead of making them seem big and out of proportion.

If the people did this and made an effort to understand Government administration, then the Ministers would have more time to devote to more important matters for the benefit of the people in the State as a whole.

PRESENTS STATE COLOURS

EARLIER, THE CHIEF MINISTER PRESENTED THE STATE COLOURS TO THE LEADER OF THE VOLLEYBALL CONTINGENT (DATO LING BENG SIEW) WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MALAYSIAN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IN PENANG.

Congratulating the players for having been selected to represent Sarawak, Penghulu Tawi Sli hoped that the friendship and goodwill which now existed between the people of the Borneo States and mainland states would be strengthened through such visits by sportsmen.

ADDRESSES COMMUNITY LEADERS

FROM THE AIRPORT, THE CHIEF MINISTER AND PARTY PROCEEDED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE WHERE THE CHIEF MINISTER ADDRESSED 50 COMMUNITY LEADERS INCLUDING PENGHULUS, PENGARAHs, KAPITAN CHINAS, AND TUAI RUMAHS. THE COMMUNITY LEADERS WERE ALSO ADDRESSED BY TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH AND THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, AWANG HIPNI BIN PENGIRAN ANNU.

In their speeches the Chief Minister and other speakers explained Government functions and procedures.

PRESENTS CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

LATER, THE CHIEF MINISTER PRESENTED 25 CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES AT A CEREMONY HELD OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE. PRESENTING THE CERTIFICATES, THE CHIEF MINISTER HOPED THAT ALL THE RECIPIENTS REALISED THAT THIS COUNTRY BELONGED TO THEM, AND THAT THEY WERE ALL CITIZENS OF MALAYSIA.

Penghulu Tawi Sli reminded the recipients that as loyal citizens of Malaysia they had the responsibility to defend the country against any form of aggression or subversion. The Chief Minister then attended a conference of leaders of Party Pesaka at its headquarters in Sibü.

Attend School Sports

In the afternoon, the Chief Minister and party attended the Penasu Primary School landsports, and in the evening they were guests of honour at a reception given by the Sibü Loyalty Club, a multi-racial organisation.

On arrival at the Sibü airport on Sunday, the Chief Minister and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs were garlanded by two pretty Iban maidens. At the airport to meet them were the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Awang Hipni; the Resident Third Division; Dato Ling Beng Siew; Mr. Jonathan Banggau, MP; Dato Pengarah Banyang; Members of Parliament and Members of Council Negri; community leaders including Kaum Ibu and members of Party Pesaka.

GOVT. WILL CAREFULLY STEER BOAT OF STATE', SAYS C.M.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO PLAY TRICKS ON ANYBODY OR ON ANY SECTION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY, BUT WILL CAREFULLY STEER THE BOAT OF STATE ALONG THE RIGHT COURSE.

It will be just in its dealings with all races and project the image of the peoples of Malaysia who are determined to live harmoniously with one another regardless of their racial origins. These assurances were given by the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, at a reception given in his honour by the Sibu Loyalty Recreation Club (a multi-racial club) at the Capitol Hotel Roof Garden on Sunday (July 31) evening.

The Chief Minister said that Sarawak was now confronting a big wave of political "landas" problems which were cropping up again and again. However, he assured them that with the co-operation, support and confidence of the people, the problems could be overcome and thrashed out smoothly.

Penghulu Tawi Sli also pointed out that rumours were spreading to every corner of the State of Sarawak that the new government was anti-Chinese and anti-British.

The Chief Minister strongly rebutted these false rumours and assured the people that the Government was not anti-anybody. He stressed that it was purely a mischievous propaganda by certain disgruntled persons to disrupt racial harmony among the various races.

Referring to the surrender terms, the Chief Minister said the Central Government has laid down most generous terms of surrender to those who had taken up arms against the Government.

He said it was now up to them to repent and accept the generous offer, and return to society. Penghulu Tawi Sli also assured those who had been misled that the new Government would help rehabilitate them to enable them to enjoy their freedom like the other citizens of Malaysia.

He stressed however that a peaceful and harmonious society could not be established unless the Tua Kampongs, Kapitan Chinas, Penghulus and other community and political leaders as well as the people played their own parts sincerely and unreservedly in support of all Government policies.

Touching on politics, Penghulu Tawi Sli said the people of Sarawak were becoming more politically conscious. He told them it was not wrong, but warned them that it was important that the people should choose the right political party which would work for the benefit of all the races in the country.

Penghulu Tawi Sli also said he had confidence that every race in the State would be helpful to him and his ministers in the new Government.

Support and Confidence

He advised the people that if they had problems and complaints they should approach the SAOs, Dos and Residents in their respective area through the proper channels.

Finally, he thanked all the people in the Third Division, especially the Loyalty Club for the overwhelming hospitality accorded to him and his party. He said he was impressed by the loyalty of the people in the Division who have demonstrated the support and confidence they had in him and in his Ministers.

Earlier, the President of the Club, Mr. Jonathan Banggau, on behalf of all its members, welcomed the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jguah to a cocktail party.

In his speech, Mr. Banggau said: "We are fully confident that from now on the various races in the state of Sarawak will be genuinely looked after and their interests safeguarded by the Government under the wise leadership of Penghulu Tawi Sli, the Chief Minister."

He added he was confident that the standard of living would be improved and there were happiness and prosperity in store for the people of Sarawak and Malaysia as a whole.

Mr. Banggau said the Loyalty Club was a multi-racial club. Since its establishment the club had set a good example of living together harmoniously and happily and he was confident that the club would continue to prosper on the principle of mutual understanding and co-operation among all races in Malaysia.

He also praised the Secretary-General of Party Pesaka, Mr. Thomas Kana, for his initiative in launching the Sarawak Foundation which, he said, was a far-sighted plan and would no doubt benefit the needy youth of all races in the country.

Then on behalf of the members, Mr. Banggau expressed full support and pledged the club's loyalty to the Chief Minister and his cabinet.

The Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, who also spoke, referred to the rumours being spread that he was anti-Chinese and would betray Sarawak and sell it to Kuala Lumpur.

He described this as total nonsense and said he would not allow such irresponsible rumours to go unchecked. He assured the people that he was not a racialist; instead he had at heart the welfare of the people of various races in the country.

Tan Sri Jugah also praised the businessmen in Sibü for the important role that they were playing in promoting better business and trade relationship not only locally but also with foreign countries.

He said he was impressed by the fantastic growth of Sibü Town, and hoped that business and trade in Sibü would continue to flourish, so that perhaps one day Sibü would take the pace of Kuching and become the capital of Sarawak.

Tan Sri Jguah said the flourishing business and trade in Sibü have helped to accelerate the economic development in the country and have helped to raise living standards.

The Chief Minister and Awang Hipni returned to Kuching on Monday morning. Tan Sri Jugah, accompanied by the State Development Officer, Inche Harun bin Arrifin, and Mara Officer, Inche Kamaruddin bin Dato Abu Bakar, left Sibü on Monday morning for a five-day visit to Kapit District. The Minister is expected to return to Sibü on August 6.

GOVERNOR EMPHASISES CHARACTER TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

THE Governor of Sarawak, Tun Abang Haji Openg, has emphasised that character training for students was as important as book learning so that they could learn to lead honourable and successful lives.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING AT GREEN ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL, KUCHING, WHEN HE INSPECTED DISPLAYS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING GAMES, EXHIBITIONS CONNECTED WITH ACADEMIC SUBJECTS, GRAFT WORK AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

He told the students: "You are living in a period when Malaysia is being made. You must therefore learn as much as possible about the modern world so that you can eventually take your position as intelligent and useful citizens of our country."

The Governor also paid tribute to the good work of the Headmaster and staff of the school and said: "Theirs is a great responsibility and I know that with their experience and ability they will succeed in their task."

Earlier, the Governor said: "I understand that this secondary school, which has its roots in the Maderasah Melayu, was started soon after Malaysia about 2H years ago. Since then the school has made considerable progress so that now the Junior School has reached full expansion of three streams.

"I am glad to know that the Senior School now has Form V and will enter for the School Certificate examinations for the first time this year. These are commendable achievements in first time this year. These are commendable achievements in so short a time and I would like to congratulate the staff and pupils of the school for their hard work and enthusiasm.

"I see that the programme for this Open Day is a full one showing the many aspects of the work carried on here. It is indeed a pleasure to see all these varied aspects of the present day school life all aimed at improving the standard of instructions to the children."

After seeing the work of the pupils on display and watching exhibitions of games, the Governor said he was much impressed by what he had seen, particularly in the field of science.

PLACE OF CHINESE LANGUAGE IN SARAWAK:

C.M. APPEALS "THINK CAREFULLY"

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, HAS APPEALED TO CHINESE IN SARAWAK "TO THINK VERY CAREFULLY" ABOUT THE AGITATION DEMANDING THAT CHINESE SHOULD BE MADE AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, AND THAT CHINESE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES SHOULD BE EXPANDED.

He said: "The position about languages in our State is perfectly clear. Malay is the national language, and English is an official language until 1973 and thereafter unless Council Negri decides otherwise."

The Chief Minister said this in a broadcast talk over Radio Malaysia (Sarawak) on Sunday, August 7 1966.

The following is the full text of his talk:

I want to talk to you tonight about the place of the Chinese language in Sarawak. Recently there has been a good deal of agitation going on in our State demanding that Chinese should be made an official language and that Chinese educational facilities should be expanded.

This agitation has been going on largely in the Chinese medium so that the rest of our people who do not read the Chinese papers are not fully aware of the position. It is time, therefore, to state clearly what the Governor thinks about this agitation. It can do nobody any good and in fact can do great harm to the good communal relations which we all desire to maintain here.

Common Medium Of Instruction

The position about languages in our State is perfectly clear. Malay is the national language, and English is an official language until 1973 and thereafter unless Council Negri decides otherwise.

As far as schools are concerned, we do not interfere with existing schools, but our aim is to try to bring children of all races together in the schools by the use of a common medium of instruction. This medium has been English and will remain so, until or unless the Government should decide differently. We have no plans to make any changes here.

In the secondary schools all we have sought is that the schools should open their doors to all pupils of all races by establishing a common medium of instruction. This does not prevent pupils acquiring a good knowledge of Chinese.

Those which have established the common medium get full Government support. Those which prefer to remain little islands of Chinese separatism are not supported by Government but they are allowed to operate and if Chinese parents want to send their children to them they may do so. Surely this is a perfectly reasonable policy.

The use of Chinese is widely and freely permitted. There are Chinese newspapers. All Government news releases are issued in Chinese. There are Chinese broadcasts, not only in Mandarin but in several Chinese dialects. The teaching of Chinese is not only permitted but is

encouraged in the schools, though at the same time we want to see a common medium of instruction.

This need in no way interfere with Chinese pupils acquiring a good knowledge of the Chinese language and of Chinese culture. Chinese is widely used by the business community in their business affairs even though this is sometimes not to the advantage of non-Chinese reading customers.

We have achieved a reasonable state of balance. It may not be exactly what everybody wants but your Government considers that Chinese is being given fair treatment. We do not intend to support any moves for the establishment of Chinese as an official language. It is veiy unwise to upset a position of balance.

The danger of over emphasis on the Chinese language is simply this - Chinese living in Sarawak are Malaysians and they must try not to keep themselves apart or divide themselves from the other races. We want to bring people together. If you put too much emphasis on Chinese language it will keep people apart. This would be very harmful to our country and that would be harmful to the Chinese themselves.

The Chinese are a valuable and respected section of the Malaysian nation. They have acquired through their own hard work and ability an enormous stake in the wealth of our country. They constitute a large proportion of our Government service. They hold a large proportion of the most important posts held by Borneans both in commerce and the civil service.

Non-Chinese are not jealous of this and the fact is that Chinese are well-treated. They enjoy the most favourable situation of any overseas Chinese community in the world. This position has been built up gradually over the years.

Liberal Share of Public Funds

Nothing can be more misleading than the suggestion that Chinese schools are discriminated against. On the contrary, they are doing extremely well. The ratio of trained teachers to pupils in Chinese Primary Schools is far higher, thanks to Government's teacher training programme than any other schools so far, and they receive a liberal share of public funds.

Primary school fees have been abolished and parents of Chinese pupils who used to pay the higher rate of \$3 a month are now getting the extra benefit.

I hope what I have said will help the public to understand the situation more clearly. I would beg all Chinese to think very carefully about the agitation which is going on. I can assure them that it is not in their best interests and that the subject is simply being used for political purpose.

Do not let us support foolish moves which will only sow mistrust and bad feeling between our communities. Our Chinese fellow citizens have achieved a fine and respected position in our State. Let us, for heaven's sake, keep it that way.

MINISTER REMINDS TEACHERS, YOU ARE BUILDERS OF MALAYSIA SOCIETY'

THE Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, told 184 teachers who are attending a four-day adult education teachers course that they are the builders of an evolving Malaysian society.

"WE OUGHT TO INSTIL IN THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH US A REALISATION THAT THEY ARE AS MUCH RESPONSIBLE AS THE GOVERNMENT TO SEE THAT THIS COUNTRY PROSPERS, AND THAT THEY OWE TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN A DEDICATION TO THE TASK OF MAKING OUR SOCIETY UNITED AND HARMONIOUSLY WORKING AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE," SAID THE MINISTER.

He was speaking on Tuesday, August 9 1966 at the Sekolah Menengah Ra'ayat Tunku Abdul Rahman when he declared the course open.

The Minister told the teachers: "We must be conscious and make other people conscious of the fact that we belong to one nation - the Malaysian nation.

"By our hard work and dedicated patriotism we can make ourselves, and definitely the younger generation after us, proud that we share this common identity.

"And if we can build on and put new meaning to whatever success we achieve, and by our determination make prosperous Malaysia a living reality, we can rightly call ourselves, in due course dynamic Malaysians."

Third Adult Education Teachers Course

This is the third adult education teachers' course to be held in Sarawak. In the previous two courses 192 teachers have been trained.

The adult education classes in Sarawak began last year with a total enrolment of over 2,000. This year, the number attending the adult education classes has risen to over 9,700.

The following is the full text of the Minister's speech:-

"It is a pleasure indeed for me to be able to address you all and attempt to give you a perspective of your role in the new society which we as citizens of Malaysia are entrusted to build. For the past year since this Kelas Dewasa was established in Sarawak, I have been following with interest your work in the rural areas of Sarawak.

"You have indeed roused the enthusiasm of the rural people to learn. Among the students you have enrolled I know of several instances of people over 50 years of age. This shows definitely that people in the rural areas are now recognising the value of literacy.

"But you must not however confine your efforts to abolishing illiteracy! We must all realise that the Kelas Dewasa is conducted not purely as an education programme, but as part and parcel of our efforts to achieve economic development in the rural areas. That is why the

particular programme that you have been instrumental in carrying out is undertaken by the Ministry of National and Rural Development.

"You must all realise one fundamental fact whenever you set out doing your duties as teachers in the Kelas Dewasa: You are the builders of an evolving Malaysian Society, in the same way as Engineers, Architects and our businessmen are adding new structures to our towns. Your field is of course spiritual rather than material.

"I believe that a society cannot be moved to cope with the stresses of modern economic changes unless serious efforts are undertaken to prepare it to adjust from time to time to the new situations. In other words real progress and dynamism which can accelerate our economic advancement should radiate from the heart of the people.

"It is, therefore, the job of people like you and me to see that the people adopt the right spirit and cultivate the strong determination to face whatever difficulties we have in stimulating progress.

"We ought to instil in the minds of those who come in contact with us, a realisation that they are as much responsible as the Government to see this country prosper, and that they owe to themselves and their children a dedication to task of making our society united and harmoniously working as an integrated whole.

'Build On and Put New Meaning'

"We must, therefore, be conscious and make other people conscious of the fact that we belong to one nation - the Malaysian Nation. By our hard work and dedicated patriotism we can make ourselves; and definitely the younger generation after us, proud that we share this common identity. And if we can build on and put new meaning to whatever success we achieve, and by our determination make prosperous Malaysia a living reality, we can rightly call ourselves, in due course, dynamic Malaysians.

"I know these ideals take time to materialise, but we must start now! If we can import a new spirit into the small daily things we do, I am sure we can become conscious of a sense of purpose in the bigger issues that face us. We must make a farmer feel that his changkol is as valuable to his country as the clerk's pen; the earth he ploughs gives as much value to the country as the Secretariat Building; that the rubber, coconut or padi he plants is a form of wealth, as valuable as the gold at Bau or the oil at Miri; the drain he digs serves as useful a purpose as the best road in town; that the knowledge he gets at the Kelas Dewasa or the Agricultural Training Centre will contribute to the evolution of a progressive attitude as the most up-to-date theory propounded at the highest institute of learning.

"We must impress upon our fellow Malaysians that it is better to think out a lot of ideas and not be able to carry them all out than doing a lot of things and not having a purpose in mind. In other words we must all learn to realise that each man has his role, and to start immediately on a new approach which gives him a sense of purpose no matter how slow it takes to begin.

"I, therefore, invite you all to cultivate a sense of oneness among all the people you teach to make them realise that the fate of the country is in their hands, and that the prosperity of this country is within their grasp if only they are prepared to work together performing their role to the best of their ability.

"In other words we must have as soon as possible a rural community that can gaze beyond the horizon of their own villages, longhouses and local districts and that they can see into the

future more than the difficulties of their present toils and labour."

Earlier, welcoming the Minister, Inche Zainuddin explained the aims of the Adult Education Class run by the Alliance Government.

He said: "Most of the rural people are illiterate, so the primary aim is to abolish illiteracy." He added that a lot of them were ignorant of the meaning of independence and they did not know who their King was.

"Through this project, teachers can tell the people the truth and gradually instil in them a sense of loyalty to the King and the Country," said Inche Zainuddin.

He went on to say that the First Malaysia Plan which is being implemented would serve no purpose if the people were not told of the benefits they would reap through participation in the Development Projects.

C.M. TOURS 2ND DIVISION: PEOPLE PLEDGE LOYALTY

The Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, returned to Kuching on Wednesday, August 10, from a three-day tour of the Second Division. The previous evening he was guest of honour at a reception given by the Chung Hua Association in Simanggang.

THE RECEPTION WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS, MR. TAJANG LAING; THE RESIDENT, SECOND DIVISION, MR. PETER TINGGOM; THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SIMANGGANG, MR. DENIS HON, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

Speaking at the function the Chief Minister said he felt that he was sitting amidst his own people in the longhouse, although the majority of those present at the reception were Chinese.

He noted their support of him on his appointment as Chief Minister, and recalled their co-operation rendered to him while he was chairman of the Batang Lupar District Council.

The Chief Minister also thanked the Federal Government for financing the State's Development projects.

He pointed out that the present Government was the government of the people and that he could not have held his present post without support from them.

The Chief Minister also warned the people of the dangers of communist tactics aimed to mislead them.

Speaking on behalf of his community, the Kapitan China of Simanggang, Mr. Kho Kwang Siak, thanked the Chief Minister for his trust in them and pledged their co-operation and support.

Earlier in the evening, the Chief Minister made an unofficial visit to the Simanggang Hospital and went round the wards and talked to some of the patients.

The Chief Minister arrived in Simanggang on Sunday afternoon for his three-day visit of the Second Division.

He was accompanied by the Minister for Local Government, Abang Haji Abdulrahim; the Minister for Communications and Works, Mr. Tajang Laing and some members of the Dewan Ra'ayat.

A large crowd at the Batang Lupar District Council compound welcomed the Chief Minister and party.

An impressive arch greeted the party as they arrived at the entrance to the Council building. Shophouses flew Federal and State flags to mark the visit which was the first made by the Chief Minister since he took office.

Simanggang is the home town of the Chief Minister.

Among those who welcomed him were the Resident, Mr. PeterTinggom; the District Officer, Mr. Denis Hon; Divisional Heads of Departments, military personnel and community leaders.

Later, they were guest of honour at a luncheon at the residency.

BATANG LUPAR D.C. THANKS CHIEF MINISTER

ON Monday, August 8, the Batang Lupar District Council thanked its Chairman, Penghulu Tawi Sli, the Chief Minister, for his wise leadership and advice which had contributed towards the success of the Council.

Councillor Awang Morni bin Pengiran Jaya, speaking on behalf of the Batang Lupar councillors said that the council was indeed grateful to the Chief Minister because under his chairmanship the council had functioned smoothly and efficiently.

Penghulu Tawi Sli has been chairman of the council since 1963.

In relinquishing his post, he advised the councillors to carry on the good work of the council. "Our council is well-known in Sarawak," he added.

He also advised the councillors to be fair in all their chairman for the council, the councillors must try to elect an honest, sincere, considerate, fair and good tempered person.

Earlier, at a meeting with Penghulus, Tuai Rumahs, Tua Kampongs and Kapitan Chinas, the Chief Minister explained to them policies of the Government of the day. In outlining the various governmental systems of Sarawak since the time of the Rajahs, he said that we should be able to benefit from our past experiences. "We should make use of the good points and discard the bad ones," he said.

He also explained the government policies on Borneanisation and reiterated its stand on the question of the National Language.

The Chief Minister urged them not to listen to rumours that the present government was anti-Chinese. This, he said, was a groundless accusation.

At the conclusion of the meeting, held at the Batang Lupar District Council and attended by the Resident and District Officer, Second Division, the Chief Minister announced that a sum of \$319,325 had been approved for minor rural projects in the Second Division.

Funds for these projects come from the Federal Government. Of this sum, \$143,300 will be used for projects in Simanggang as follows:

Minor Water Supplies	-	\$64,000;
Footpaths	-	\$53,8000;
Bridges	-	\$15,500; and
Community Hall	-	\$10,000.

The Minister for Local Government, Abang Haji Abdulrahim who also attended the meeting was requested by the community leaders to explain large increases in rates after revaluation.

In reply, the Minister assured them that the Government was working hard on this subject. He said that his Ministry now had returns of properties adversely affected and he had seen the graphs which had been prepared in his Ministry showing the old levels of rates and the new levels for those properties.

The Minister said that the graphs are now being analysed to see how much further the Government could bring down the increased payments.

In the afternoon, at a ceremony held at the Simanggang Court Room, the Chief Minister presented citizenship certificates to 60 Chinese residents of Simanggang.

The ceremony was witnessed by the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Awang Hipni bin Pengiran Annu, who arrived in Simanggang from Kuching that morning; the Resident and the District Officer.

In presenting the certificates, the Chief Minister told the recipients that they were now entitled to the same privileges as the other races of the country. He urged them to encourage their friends and relatives to obtain these certificates.

C.M. WELCOMED AT ENKILILI

ON Tuesday, August 9, the Chief Minister was given a warm welcome when he arrived at Engkilili.

Hundreds of people, including the District Officer, Mr. Michael Pilo; the Chairman of the Lubok Antu District Council, Mr. Buda anak Ulan; members of the Engkilili W.I. and community leaders, lined up the street to welcome their Chief Minister, who was accompanied by the Minister for Communications and Works, Mr. Tajang Laing; the Resident, Second Division, Mr. Peter Tinggom and some members of the Dewan Ra'ayat.

As the Chief Minister alighted from his Land Rover before an arch, constructed in his honour, he was garlanded by Che Nena binti Abang Bruce.

At the Lubok Antu District Council Chamber, the Chief Minister addressed the Councilors, Penghulus and other community leaders of the Lubok Antu District.

In his address, the Chief Minister advised them that in order to allow the administration to function smoothly, they must work through the proper channels.

He thanked the people of Engkilili for their loyalty, support and co-operation to the Government. He said he was impressed by the show of loyalty to the Government as evidenced by the flags, arches and banners which decorated the town, in connection with his visit there.

He on his part would do whatever he could to ensure progress and prosperity of the state, the Chief Minister declared.

Penghulu Tawi Sli also advised those who have relatives or friends involved in subversive activities and those who have been misled, to appeal to them to take advantage of the surrender terms.

C.M. ON END OF CONFRONTATION

THE Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, said on Friday, August 12, that the normalisation of relations between Indonesia and Malaysia would bring more progress and development to 'our' nation and Sarawak in particular.

He pointed out that money which would have been spent for military use, could now be channelled for the development of the country.

The Chief Minister was speaking to newsmen at the Kuching airport before his departure for the Federal capital to attend a reception given in honour of the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Malik.

Describing the visit of Mr. Malik to the national capital, the Chief Minister said that it was a "most welcome event".

He then re-affirmed that the State of Sarawak would always remain in the Federation. "We will never cut off ourselves from Malaysia," he added.

Finally, the Chief Minister announced an approval of a sum of \$1.4 million by the Federal Government for Sarawak's minor rural projects this year.

In his speech, he expressed the hope that the Government under the Chief Minister's leadership would go from strength to strength and become more prosperous.

The Chief Minister reiterated what he had said earlier that day at the meeting with community leaders, and added that the Government had improved the interim allowance for

Stressing the importance of racial unity, the Chief Minister said that there had been rumours spread by the enemies of Malaysia that the Government was anti-Chinese. There was no truth in this, he said, and added that such rumours were being spread to disrupt the unity of the nation.

Finally, the Chief Minister announced that a sum of \$69,825 has been approved by the Federal Government for this year's minor rural projects in the Lubok Antu District.

Of this sum \$52,300 will be spent for footpaths; \$12,525 for bridges; \$5,000 for jetties.

He then presented Malaysian citizenship certificates to four persons, and received a number of requests submitted by community leaders for his consideration.

After the meeting, the Chief Minister was briefed on the development progress in the district, and later attended an all-community luncheon at the bazaar.

The Chief Minister returned to Simanggang on Tuesday afternoon.

Attends All-Community Dinner

The previous night about 200 people attended an all-community buffet dinner given in honour of the Chief Minister and his party at the Batang Lupar District Council Chamber.

On arrival, he was garlanded by charming Miss Gwendeline Joseph.

The protem chairman of the Batang Lupar District Council, Penghulu Charles Intai, welcomed the Chief Minister on behalf of the community and councillors.

Division IV officers and that television would be introduced in Kuching and Sibiu.

Several items of entertainment were presented and the Chief Minister, the Resident and other guests participated in the ngajat.

In the evening, the Chief Minister and party were guests of honour at the dinner given by the Chinese community in Simanggang.

70 ATTEND CIVICS ASSEMBLY AT LAWAS

ABOUT 70 people, including children, recently attended the civics assembly at Kerangan School, Lawas in the Fifth Division.

The Sarawak Administrative Officer, Lawas, who declared the assembly open explained to the people the policies on administration.

He urged them to participate in the various development projects implemented for their benefit by the Government, and work hard so that progress could be achieved smoothly.

The SAO then praised the people to give their 'gotong royong' spirit in making a new road in their area without appealing for assistance from the Government.

Another speaker was a representative from the Sarawak Constabulary. He appealed to the people to give their fullest support and co-operation to the Government in its effort to eliminate the subversive elements in the country.

He also urged them to report any suspicious movements of strangers in their areas. The assembly ended with an address by the Field Officer, Malaysian Information Services, who explained the function of the Information Department.

GOVERNOR VISITS 3RD DIVISION TOWNS GETS ROUSING WELCOME FROM PEOPLE

THE Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, visited the chieftowns of the Third Division and was enthusiastically welcomed by people of all races wherever he went.

HIS EXCELLENCY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, TOH PUAN HAJJAH MASNIAH, THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SARAWAK AFFAIRS, TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH (AS FAR AS SIBU), AND HIS AD.C. MR. JOHN NICHOLL.

Arriving in Sarikei by the Zahora on Tuesday morning, the Governor proceeded to Sibu on the same day after visiting the Chinese rural area of Bukit Lan.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1966 as the Governor and his party went on to Kanowit, the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Jugah, returned to Kuching to proceed to Kuala Lumpur and Djakarta to attend the peace talks with Tun Abdul Razak.

On arrival at Sarikei on Tuesday morning (August 9) the Governor and his party were welcomed ashore with the Tepong Tawar ceremony (sprinkling of yellow rice).

Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah was then presented with a bouquet by Miss Susannah Yii, while the Governor and Tan Sri Jugah were garlanded the Governor by an Iban girl, Miss Sindun anak Dayok, and Tan Sri Jugah by a Malay girl, Che Hasnah binti Ibrahim.

Meanwhile, a cheering crowd of more than 2,000 people of various races including Government officials, Penghulus, Councillors and flag-waving school children had assembled to welcome the Governor and his party, lining the road from the wharf to the town.

Malay traditional music was provided by a Hadzrah Band, and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah received a special welcome from Girl Guides, Brownies and members of the Kaum Ibu, Sarikei.

Sarikei Town itself was gaily decorated for the occasion with arches and buntings, and National and State flags flew from every shophouse and Government office.

Meets Community Leaders

On Tuesday morning, the Governor visited the Sarikei General Hospital and drove through the town on a sight-seeing tour.

Before he departed for Sibu, the Governor had an informal meeting with community leaders at the Sarikei Recreation Club.

At the Sarikei Recreation Club, the District Officer, Sarikei, Inche Bujang bin Nor, welcomed the Governor and party to Sarikei.

The District Officer said: The people of Sarikei are greatly honoured by your visit today. Though your visit is very short, nevertheless the opportunity to welcome you back to Sarikei after your last visit some 15 months ago is highly appreciated.

"The welcome accorded to you, Toh Puan and your party of distinguished visitors is spontaneous and it symbolises, I am pleased to say, the true hospitality of the people of Sarikei.

"We had some anxious moments when we heard of your recent illness but we thank God Almighty for your quick recovery. We can see you now that you are as fit as you were before your illness."

Turning to Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, the D.O. said: "we would like to offer you our congratulations on your role and achievement at the recent Bangkok peace talks and we all pray that peace between Malaysia and Indonesia will be achieved soon.

'To all of you, we wish you a happy trip to the Third Division and will be anxiously expecting your return visit to Sarikei in the near future."

Speaking also was Mr. Chen Ko Ming on behalf of the Chinese community in Sarikei. He said His Excellency the Governor Tun Abang Haji Openg, was a dynamic force in uniting the various races in Sarawak.

He stressed that in a plural society like ours, there was nothing more important than uniting and strengthening the racial harmony in Sarawak.

Mr. Chen added that to achieve this objective all races in the country should be tolerant and respectful towards one another.

He hoped that with the formal ending of confrontation, the Government could concentrate its efforts on the development projects to raise the standard of living of the people in Sarawak, and in Malaysia as a whole.

Tribute to Tun Razak and Tan Sri Jugah

On behalf of the Chinese community in Sarikei, Mr. Chan gave full support to the new Government and also paid tribute to Tun Razak and Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah for their successful talks in Bangkok to end confrontation.

Others who spoke at the function were Tua Kampong Hussain and Penghulu Gimán. Both of them pledged their support to the new Government and thanked the Governor for his visit.

The Governor, in his reply thanked the people of Sarikei for giving him and his party a rousing welcome to Sarikei. The Governor especially thanked those who had sacrificed their work and time to come to Sarikei town from various places in the remote areas to welcome him.

He said 35 years ago when he was working in Sarikei as a Native Officer, the situation in Sarikei was very much different from what it was today.

Tun Abang Haji Openg said since he became Governor, he had visited Sarikei three times and from his visits he could see the many changes that had taken place in the town. These changes, he said, were due to the co-operation of all communities living in Sarikei to work for its progress.

The Governor said he was glad that the people in Sarikei were not only co-operating with the Government but were also co-operating with the government but were also co-operating among themselves, and hoped this good spirit would be fostered and maintained.

Touching on development, the Governor advised the people to participate in every development granted to them by the Government. He warned that if the people did not grasp the opportunities they were now getting to improve their living, they would regret in future.

The Governor said confrontation had almost come to an end and the Government could concentrate on more development projects throughout the country.

Finally, the Governor said he was pleased to note that the people of Sarikei were praying for his health.

The last to speak was the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah. He said that confrontation would end soon, but the people must be always alert against the enemies from within.

Later, Tan Sri Jugah paid a visit to the Field Force camp where he told the members of the Force that he was very proud of their courage and devotion in carrying out their duties to defend their country from the enemies and praised them for their co-operation with members of the public in Sarikei.

The Governor and party later visited the Sarikei Development Operations Room where His Excellency was briefed by the District Officer, Sarikei, on various projects launched by the Government in the Lower Rejang.

WARM WELCOME FOR GOVERNOR AT BUKIT LAN

On Tuesday (August 9) afternoon the Governor visited the Kong Tai Sawmill at Bukit Lan owned by Dato Ling Beng Siew, and brothers.

About 1,000 people of various races including Penghulus, Councillors, Are Headmen and sub-headmen, and school children from five schools in the nearby are assembled at the wharf along the river bank to greet the Governor; Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah and Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah.

A local Chinese band was in attendance and children sang the State Anthem on the arrival of His Excellency the Governor.

Arches decorated with bunting were erected, and National and State flags flew from every house.

On arrival, the Governor, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah and Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah were garlanded. The Governor and his party were then entertained to tea by Dato Long Beng Siew at the house of Mr. Ling Beng Siong.

Speaking at the function, the Governor said he was very much impressed with what he had seen at Bukit Lan and said he was indeed surprised to know that there was such a well trained local band in this settlement area.

He praised the residents for the racial harmony in the area, and hoped they could strengthen the bond of unity among the various races to help in nation building and to implement the various development projects launched by the Government for the better living of all people in the country.

The Governor also said he thanked Almighty God for blessings bestowed on him and the people of Sarawak.

Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah said that the racial harmony in the country should be fostered and maintained for the benefit of all people.

Earlier, in welcoming the Governor and his party, Dato Ling Beng Siew, on behalf of the people in the area, thanked His Excellency for the visit and said it was an auspicious occasion for all the people in the area. They hoped the Governor would visit them frequently so that better understanding among all the peoples could be established. In conclusion Dato Ling wished the Governor the best of health.

Next to speak was the Area sub-headman, Mr. Yew Peng Kuah. He too expressed gratitude to the Governor for visiting them in spite of his many heavy commitments in Kuching.

Anxious To Co-operate With Govt.

Mr. Yew also pledged the loyalty of the people in the area and said they were anxious to co-operate with Government to help in nation building.

Speaking also at the gathering was Penghulu Chat. Thanking the Governor for his visit, he praised Mr. Ling and his brothers for their generosity and assistance to all people in the area regardless of their racial origins.

On arrival at Sibu on Tuesday afternoon, the Governor and his party were met by Mr. Justice Lee Hun Hoe; Mr. Khoo Peng Loong, Chairman of SUDC; Members of Parliament; Members of Council Negri; Government officials; political and community leaders.

Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah was greeted by the Girl Guides and Brownies.

On Tuesday evening, the Governor, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah and Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah were guests of honour at a grand reception given by Native communities in Sibu at the Malay Union Club.

The Governor and his party later attended the Cultural Show held at the Club.

On Wednesday morning, the Governor presented State Honours to those who were honoured on his Birthday in October last year at an impressive ceremony held at the residency.

A reception was later given by the Governor on board the Zahora to all the recipients and other distinguished guests including political and community leaders and government officials. The Governor and party later left Sibu for Kanowit and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, returned to Kuching to proceed to Kuala Lumpur.

The Governor arrived in Kanowit on Wednesday afternoon and was welcomed on arrival by the Sarawak Administrative Officer the O.C.D., community leaders, District Councillors and Penghulus.

The Governor and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah were garlanded as they came ashore. Kanowit Town itself was decorated with bunting and flags and arches adorned the main junctions.

More than 1,500 people assembled along the banks of the river to welcome the Governor and his party.

The same evening, the Governor attended a variety show at the Kanowit Recreation Club. The functions were attended by the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Penghulu Francis Umpau, Senator Dato Tuanku Bujang, the Resident, Third Division, and the District Officer of Kanowit.

GOVERNOR WELCOMED AT KAPIT

THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG, ARRIVED IN KAPIT ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY M.V. ZAHORA FROM KANOWIT. ON HIS ARRIVAL HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. LEO MOGGIE; MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL; COMMUNITY LEADERS; PENGHULU; TUA RUMAHS; TUA KAMPONGS; MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, KAPIT AND SCHOOL CHILDREN.

His Excellency and his wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah were given a traditional welcome - His Excellency was garlanded and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah presented with a bouquet of flowers.

After the ceremony, the Governor and his party visited Christ Hospital and toured Kapit Town. On Thursday evening they attended a dinner given by community leaders at the District Office.

Kapit Town was gaily decorated with arches, flags and bunting while shophouses and other buildings were also gaily decorated.

During the tour, the Governor was accompanied by his wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah; Senator Dato Tuanku Bujang; the Resident of Third Division, Mr. A.R. Meikle, and his ADC, Mr. John Nicholl.

Strengthen Racial Harmony

On Wednesday evening at Kanowit the Governor advised the people there to strengthen racial harmony even though confrontation was almost at an end.

"Even when confrontation is over, we have still an enemy in our midst - the communists - so it is up to the people now to support Operation Harapan so that the enemies of the country could be wiped out and we can concentrate on developing our country," said the Governor.

He urged all youths to make use of the opportunities in life for the betterment of their standard of living so that they would be useful to the country and become future leaders of the nation. The Governor reminded youths that they were "the Pillars of the Nation."

Stressing importance of education, the Governor explained why education was very important in the modern world. "Without education you can go nowhere; you should be well equipped to face the challenge of the modern world," he said.

Finally, the Governor urged all women folk to participate in every aspect of life, for their duties not only concerned looking after their own households, but to prepare themselves as future leaders of the country. The Governor reminded women that "The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world."

C.M. DECLARES OPEN SCHOOL PLAY FIELD: PRAISE MALAYSIAN TROOPS IN SARAWAK

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, SAID ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, THAT THE PRESENCE OF MALAYSIAN TROOPS IN SARAWAK WOULD NOT ONLY HELP IN DEFENDING THE STATE, BUT ALSO IN IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

He said this when he declared open a \$70,000 play field named after General Tunku Osman bin Tunku Mohd. Jewa, Chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces, at the Sekolah Menengah Ra'ayat Tunku Abdul Rahman at Matang Road, Kuching.

The Chief Minister (speaking in Malay) recalled that early this year the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, declared open the school's new science block. This, he added, clearly indicated that the school has reached another step towards progress.

Penghulu Tawi Sli hoped that with the opening of the playfield, the pupils would be more active in the field of sports than in the past.

He said sports activities are part of the physical training of school children to build up healthy minds in healthy bodies. For this reason, he stressed, school children must be able to divide their time between playing and studying. As the English proverb says: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," said the Chief Minister.

He then urged the children to take keen interest in sports so that one day some of them would be able to represent Sarawak and Malaysia in international games.

Finally, the Chief Minister paid tribute to the Malaysian Troops serving in Sarawak for their hard work in providing such facilities to the school.

Apart from the playfield, the school was also presented by the Malaysian Troops with a lawn mower, and two bicycle sheds capable of accommodation about 500 bicycles.

Historic Occasion

Earlier, handing over the playfield to the school, the Commander Malaysian Troops Sarawak, Colonel Ismail Ibrahim said that it was a historic and proud occasion for men and officers of all ranks in the Malaysian Troops, because it was yet another proof of their achievements in helping to provide community development projects.

Colonel Ismail said that the playfield stood as a solid symbol of the amicable and friendly relationship that existed between the Malaysian Troops in Sarawak and the people.

He added that it was a gift which Malaysia Troops were proud to extend to their fellow Malaysians in Sarawak for the kindness, understanding and co-operation they had continuously received.

Colonel Ismail added that the project was undertaken by 1st Squadron Malaysian Engineers, under Major J.B. Lopez, Officer Commanding of the Squadron.

Receiving the gift, the Chairman of the school management committee, Dato Abang Haji Marzuki Nor thanked Colonel Ismail for the gift; and in return presented them with a shield bearing the school emblem.

The school was also presented with a Squadron's shield by Major Lopez.

D.O PRESENTS CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATES of Malaysian citizenship were recently presented to 32 recipients by the District Officer, Limbang, at a simple ceremony held in the Limbang District Court.

Presenting the certificates on behalf of the Resident, Fifth Division, the D.O. said: "You have chosen Malaysia as your home. I like to remind you that when you took the oath of citizenship you have also pledged allegiance to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, to be true, loyal and faithful citizens of Malaysia.

"You have also placed your faith in Malaysia and I hope you will always continued to do so."

MALAYSIA-INDONESIA PEACE TREATY SIGNED

CONFRONTATION ENDS

A PEACE TREATY BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA, ENDING CONFRONTATION, WAS SIGNED IN DJAKARTA AT NOON ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1966.

THE TREATY WAS SIGNED BY MALAYSIA'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, TUN ABDUL RAZAK, AND MR. ADAM MALIK, INDONESIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER.

According to the Treaty, Malaysia agrees to afford the people of Sarawak and Sabah an opportunity to reaffirm as soon as possible, their position in the Malaysia Federation.

Both have agreed to cease hostilities and to restore diplomatic relations.

The following is text of the Agreement:

Recognising the need for close and friendly relations between Indonesia and Malaysia, and to create a climate conducive to co-operation between the two countries in the spirit of the Manila Agreement and of brotherliness between the two peoples bound together by history and culture from time immemorial, the Republic of Indonesia and Malaysia have decided to conclude an Agreement to normalise relations between the two countries and to this end have agreed as follows:

* THE GOVERNMENT of Malaysia, in order to resolve the problems between the two countries arising out of the formation of Malaysia, agrees to afford the people of Sabah and Sarawak who are directly involved, an opportunity to reaffirm as soon as practicable, in a free and democratic manner through general elections, their previous decision about their status in Malaysia.

* THE GOVERNMENT of the Republic of Indonesia in its desire for close co-operation and friendship between Indonesia and Malaysia, agrees, and the Government of Malaysia concurs, that diplomatic relations between the two countries shall be established immediately and that they shall exchange diplomatic representation as soon as possible.

* THE GOVERNMENT of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia agree that in view of the above, hostile acts between the two countries shall cease forthwith.

* THE AGREEMENT shall come into force on the date of signature.

TUN ISMAIL SAYS PEOPLE IN RESETTLEMENT AREAS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH GOVT.

THE people in the resettlement areas along the Serian Road would co-operate with the Government although the communists were trying to continue to subvert them, said the Minister of Home Affairs, Tun (Dr.) Ismail in Kuching on Sunday, August 7, before he left for Sabah, after a three-day visit.

TUN ISMAIL SAID HE WAS GREATLY HEARTENED BY THE PROGRESS MADE AT THE RESETTLEMENT AREAS. "THERE IS NO DOUBT LOOKING AT THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE IN THE RESETTLEMENT AREAS THAT THEY ARE DAILY CONTENTED AND ARE QUITE HAPPY WITH THE RESETTLEMENT," DECLARED TUN ISMAIL

Touching on the meeting with the Security Forces, Tun Ismail said it had given him great pleasure "because it gave me the opportunity to congratulate them on the good work they have done throughout the Emergency."

He added that the meeting also gave him the opportunity of meeting the men personally.

Referring to his visit to the Centre for Protective Custody (until recently known as 'Detention Camp'), Tun Ismail said he was greatly impressed by the general lay out of the Centre, and by the devotion of those working in the Centre.

Speaking of the meeting with 11 of those who were taken into protective custody, and who were released, Tun Ismail said: "Judging from their physical appearance they have not suffered any physical hardship during the period of protective custody. The assured me that on their release they would become loyal citizens of Malaysia."

Finally, Tun Ismail said that while he was busy fulfilling official engagements at different places the officials who accompanied him on this tour had meetings with their counterparts and had resolved whatever administrative difficulties and outstanding administrative matters among themselves.

Tun Ismail concluded: "I and my family have had an enjoyable stay in Sarawak, East Malaysia, and we are looking forward to visiting you all again in the near future."

"CCO STILL POSE A THREAT TO SIMANGGANG"

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST, DURING A VISIT TO SIMANGGANG, SECOND DIVISION, TUN ISMAIL SAID THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST CLANDESTINE ORGANISATION STILL POSED A THREAT TO THE SIMANGGANG REGION OF SARAWAK'S SECOND DIVISION.

He said the threat could be met through proper implementation of the Development Plan. In this way, the Communist influence could be contained and people now under their influence could be drawn away.

Tun Ismail paid high tribute to members of the Security Forces and said they were in good spirits and the Ibans apparently took pride in belonging to the Military forces.

The Minister flew to Simanggang from Kuching, accompanied by the State Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib; the Federal Secretary, Inche Abu Hassan; the Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs, Haji Megat Mahmud and the State Police Commissioner, Dato Henry.

On arrival, they were received by the Resident of the Second Division, Mr. Peter Tinggom; the District Officer, Mr. Denis Hon and others.

The Minister was entertained to lunch by "B" Company of No. 3 Police Field Force at their new \$2 million camp at Temudok.

Tun Ismail also flew by helicopter to Lubok Antu, a short distance from the border.

Later, he told newsmen that the area was quiet.

TUN ISMAIL VISITS REHABILITATION CENTRE: ANNOUNCES CHANGE OF NAME OF DETENTION CAMP

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1966, TUN (DR.) ISMAIL ANNOUNCED THAT HE PROPOSED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF ALL DETENTION CAMPS INTO CENTRES OF PROTECTIVE CUSTODY.

His announcement was made at the end of a conducted tour of the new Rehabilitation and Detention Centre at the 6th Mile Penrissen Road in Kuching, Sarawak.

The Centre, built at a cost of over \$6 million, was completed and occupied in the middle of May this year. It covers an area of over 80 acres of what was formerly Forest Reserve.

It had been established because the old detention camp at Sungei Gersik was too small and proved unsuitable.

The Minister, who was accompanied on his tour by the State Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib Mahmud; the Federal Commissioner of Prisons, Dato Murad bin Ahmad; the Assistant Commissioner of Prisons, Sarawak, Dato Edward Brandah; the Federal Secretary, Inche Abu Hassan; the Commissioner of Police, Sarawak, Dato RT.M. Henry; and Ministry officials, was received on arrival at the Centre by the Officer-in-Charge of the Centre, Mr. Inder Singh.

After a 30-minute briefing by Mr. Inder Singh, the Minister toured the various sections, inspecting the hospital, the library, the living quarters of detainees, the dining hall, the canteen and club and staff and officers' quarters on the outskirts of the centre.

After congratulating 11 detained who were being released later, the Minister explained that he proposed to change the name of all detention camps into centres of protective custody to give a truer picture of such places. The change would be subject to what big-legal advisers would

The Minister said: This new centre costs well over \$6 million which could have been spent on development. But we must have a protective centre like this to isolate those people who had been trying to destroy the democratic way of life in this country."

Tun Ismail added that facilities offered at the new centre to those people taken into protective custody did not give a picture of a detention camp. That was why he proposed to change the name of all detention camps into centres of protective custody.

11 MORE DETAINEES RELEASED

ELEVEN more detainees were released from the Detention and Rehabilitation Centre at the 6th Mile Penrissen Road, Kuching, Sarawak, on August 6, 1966.

Before their release, the Minister of Home Affairs, Tun (Dr.) Ismail bin Dato Abdul Rahman, in congratulating them said he hoped they would now work for the benefit of the people of Malaysia and not for a certain group.

Tun Ismail added that they should give their full support and co-operation to the Government.

The Minister said he was glad that they had of their own free will recognised the wrong ways which they had adopted in the past and were now prepared to go back to the society and become lawful members of democratic Malaysia.

On Wednesday, August 3, five detainees were released from the Camp after rehabilitation.

The Minister explained that those people now under protective custody had not been taken in because of their opposition or criticism of the elected government of the country.

What these people had been trying to do was to resort to subversion to achieve their objective.

"Subversion is a new for of crime," the Minister said, "that cannot be dealt with by with any process of democratic law.

"That is why we have enshrined in our Constitution provisions for the elected government to pass such act as the Internal Security Act, which is designed to safeguard the country from any form of subversion.

"We know that all this subversion can be classified into main hardcores and those who have been, by various means, enticed to join subversive organisations either by indoctrination or by intimidation or a combination of both."

Tun Ismail said the Government's method of isolating or segregating these people was very humane and fair. They were taken into protective custody, their cases were reviewed periodically by the Committee of Review and during their period of protective custody they were given every chance to rehabilitate themselves.

"We never use any torture or any form of oppression to rehabilitate them," Tun Ismail concluded.

TAN SRI JUGAH PRESENTS \$30,000 FROM FEDERAL GOVT. FOR KAPIT COMMUNITY HALL

A \$30,000 Federal Government cheque, for the construction of a Community Hall at Kapit, Third Division, was presented to the Chairman of the Kapit Community Hall, Mr. Bennet Jarrow by the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah at a simple ceremony held recently at the District Office, Kapit.

MAKING THE PRESENTATION, TAN SRI JUGAH, ON BEHALF OF THE SARAWAK PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN KAPIT DISTRICT, THANKED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, THE PRIME MINISTER FOR SO GENEROUSLY IN GIVING THE GRANT TO BUILD A COMMUNITY HALL AT KAPIT.

Tan Sri Jugah said that the grant from the Federal Government was distinct proof of the welfare and interest of the Tunku and the Central Government in the affairs of East Malaysia.

The District Officer, Kapit, thanking the Federal Government on behalf of the people also thanked Tan Sri Jugah for being able to come to present the cheque.

\$5,000 for Religious School

On Saturday, August 6, in Sibu, Tan Sri Jugah presented another Federal Government cheque for \$5,000 to the President of the Sibu Muslim Association, Haji Yusoff bin Haji Taim, to help in the building of a kampong religious school at Kampong Hilir at a ceremony held at the Malay Union Club.

Inche Abang Ahmad, the Secretary of the Malay Association, on behalf of the people, thanked the Federal Government and Tunku Abdul Rahman for the cheque and their interest in the welfare of the people in Sarawak.

Speaking also at the ceremony was Inche Harun bin Ariffin, State Development Officer, who explained to the people that the gift demonstrated the sincere intention of the Government of Malaysia to raise the standards of living both in the towns and the rural areas would enjoy all the facilities which the town dwellers were now enjoying.

He told the people that he had just visited the remote ulu area with Tan Sri Jugah and had seen the conditions of the people living in those areas.

Inche Harun reassured them that though the areas were much neglected in the past, the present government was determined to improve their living conditions, and was giving top priority to all schemes connected with the project.

He also praised Tan Sri Jugah for his thorough grasp of local problems and his vast experience in helping in their solution. "Indeed this is a strong qualification for him to be the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs," he said.

Inche Harun added that Tan Sri Jugah had always at heart the welfare and Interest of the people regardless of their racial origins.

Finally, he hoped that the encouragement government had given would enable the building committee members of the Malay Association to play their parts actively to ensure the smooth construction of the religious school in their kampong.

TAN SRI JUGAH TALKS OF PEACE MISSION - WELCOMED AT KUCHING AIRPORT

THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SARAWAK AFFAIRS, TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH, RETURNED TO KUCHING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1966 AFTER ATTENDING THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT IN JAKARTA ON AUGUST 11.

On his arrival at the airport, he was given a rousing welcome by hundreds of people, including State Cabinet Ministers, Members of Dewan Ra'ayat and Kaum Ibu.

He was garlanded by nine-year-old Inon binte Mohammad Haji Bakeri, daughter of the Vice-Chairman of Party Barjasa.

Immediately on arrival, Tan Sri Jugah proceeded to the airport entrance to be greeted by banner canying political party leaders and others who were waiting to welcome him.

At a press conference held immediately afterwards, Tan Sri Jugah told newsmen that the Malaysian delegation was accorded a warm welcome by thousands of cheering Indonesian people at the Jakarta International Airport.

Expressing the gratitude of the people of Sarawak to Mr. Adam Malik, General Suharto and Tun Razak, our Deputy Prime Minister on the success of the peace move, Tan Sri Jugah said that there should not be any more room for anxiety.

Touching on the surrender terms offered by the Government to the communist terrorists along the 800-mile long Malaysia/Indonesia border, he stressed that they should take the opportunity to give themselves up as the Government had promised to give them fair treatment.

Tan Sri Jugah then said that Indonesia and Malaysia had agreed that the communists in the border areas should be dealt with accordingly. However, he added that details of the operation had not yet been worked out.

In reply to a question, Tan Sri Jugah said that he was to aware of any specific proposals relating to the holding of general elections in Sarawak earlier than 1969.

INCHE TAIB VISITS SEMERA COASTAL VILLAGE

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, INCHE ABDUL TAIB BIN MAHMUD VISITED SEMERA, A COASTAL VILLAGE IN THE FIRST DIVISION, ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 1966.

He was welcomed at Semera by the District Officer, Simunjan; the District Officer, Kuching; and the Divisional Development Officer, First Division (who had arrived earlier) as well as by Tua Kampong Bojeng of Semera and his people.

While at Semera, the Minister was entertained to lunch in the school building and later watched the semi-final of a football competition.

In the evening more than 1,000 people gathered on the football field to hear the Minister speak.

In his speech, he urged them to forget petty squabbles and unite for the good of the nation. He praised them for their initiative in launching their own gotong royong projects to improve living conditions even before receiving aid from the Government.

"Self-help is an important factor for improving your own standards of living, and this spirit should be maintained," the Minister said.

He went on to say that he had acquainted himself of the various problems now being faced by the people of the kampong and hoped that they could be solved as soon as possible.

Inche Taib also encouraged the residents to open up new lands, and urged them to leave the kampong if necessary with a pioneering spirit.

Finally, the Minister approved a request for \$2,000 for Semera Mosque Building Fund.

Earlier, in his welcoming speech, Tua Kampong Bojeng thanked the Minister for his visit on behalf of the kampong people and pledged their support to the new government under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli.

Chat With Farmers

Later, Inche Taib was entertained by the kampong youth at a musical concert of songs and dances.

That morning, the Minister walked about three miles to pay a brief visit to Jemukan, another coastal village.

On the way he met farmers and chatted with them who told him of their needs. He also inspected a smoke house for copra and coconut gardens.

At Jemukan, Inche Abdul Taib was welcomed by the Wakil Tua Kampong, Inche Dollah, and was conducted to the school building where he held a 'meet-the-people' session.

The Minister then toured the kampong and told the people that aid under the Minor Rural Project Scheme for Kampong Jemukan was on the way.

He hoped that the people would seize this opportunity to maintain their spirit of gotong royong for their own good.

TOAST TO PEACE

A TOAST to everlasting peace between Indonesia and Malaysia was drunk by members of the Miri Indonesian Association at a party last week held to celebrate the signing of the peace accord in Jakarta on August 11.

The party was held at the premises of the President of the Association, Mr. M.L.T. Kerian.

Speaking on behalf of the Association, the Secretary, Inche Syed Othman, paid tribute to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, and congratulated Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak and Indonesia's Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Malik.

He hoped that the agreement would lead to everlasting peace, progress and co-operation between Indonesia and Malaysia.

Earlier, welcoming the members and guests, Mr. Kerian said that the signing of the Peace Agreement was a historic event for both countries.

The party ended with a thanksgiving prayer, attended by about 30 people, including Government officials.

Operation Harapan

TNKU Man Surrenders

FIRST TO SURRENDER SINCE THE START OF "OPERATION HARAPAN" IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE TENTERA NATIONAL KALIMANTAN UTARA (TNKU) JALAK ANAK BERENDAM.

JALAK ESCAPED FROM HIS UNIT ON THE 9TH OF AUGUST AND GAVE HIMSELF UP TO SECURITY FORCES IN SARAWAK'S SECOND DIVISION. HE WAS UNCONDITIONAL RELEASED BY GOVERNMENT WITHIN THREE DAYS OF HIS SURRENDER.

Three years of hardship and exile ended for the 23-year-old Iban from Rumah Berendam in the Bangkit valley, Song Sub-district when he sailed from Kuching on the M.V. Rejang to Sibu on Monday en route for home and reunion with his father, who is the Tuai Rumah of his longhouse at Nanga Minu, and with his mother and five brothers and sisters.

In an interview with the Head of the Dayak section of Radio Malaysia (Sarawak), broadcast at midday, August 19, JALAK told how he was apprehended in June 1963 when he crossed the border to buy some tobacco.

The reluctant 'rebel' was then given the "choice" of joining the TNKU or being killed - he chose the TNKU.

After a period of military training JALAK was attached to a company known as the Bruang Puteh, a force about 90-strong including 17 Sarawak Chinese communists.

Message to Former Comrades

In an emphatic message directed at his former comrades in the Bruang Puteh over the border, JALAK told them that as confrontation has ended and Sarawak is at peace with Indonesia they should no longer fight against our Malaysia government.

Asked what his friends in the Bruang Puteh thought about the agreement signed between Indonesia and Malaysia, JALAK said that in his opinion the Bruang Puteh and TNKU would give themselves up provided that the agreement had been signed and that the people of Sarawak were willing to have them back.

JALAK himself decided to escape from the Bruang Puteh and give himself up after friends in Sarawak had assured him of fair treatment if he did this. He also heard a Radio Malaysia (Sarawak) broadcast some time in July saying that the Malaysian government was offering surrender terms to those who genuinely regretted taking up arms against Malaysia and who wanted to start life anew.

In a spirit of co-operation which will benefit all our people because we will be able to devote our joint efforts to economic development.

"Happy as we are to have solved the differences with Indonesia, I think we must remember that there are still forces active in both our countries which would like to disrupt the harmony so recently re-established. I am of course, referring to the communists and other people of ill-will.

"It is, therefore, necessary that we should maintain our vigilance and I am happy to hear that there is a likelihood of Malaysia and Indonesia taking joint action against our common enemy along our borders. It would be just as well for the Sarawak communist and subversive elements to realise what is in store for them.

They would be well advised to take advantage of the Government's offer to them to rejoin their families and lead a new life by giving themselves up under the conditions of Operation Harapan.

"Our security in the past few years has been ably maintained by our Malaysian forces assisted by our friends from Commonwealth countries. This security has not been gained without casualties to Malaysia and Commonwealth forces.

"To the relatives of those who gave their lives we extend our deepest sympathy. Their gallant actions will always be remembered by us. The Commonwealth forces will soon be leaving Sarawak and in fact their departure has already commenced.

"We in Sarawak owe a great debt of gratitude to them and I would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of Government and the people of Sarawak, our appreciation of their Services in assisting us to preserve our territorial integrity."

Arduous Duty

The Chief Minister went on to say that members of the Security Forces have performed an arduous duty "nobly and well."

"Apart from military duties they had given much assistance to people in rural areas and many sick people have had cause to be grateful for the medical air evacuation services provided by the air force," the Chief Minister said.

He continued: To General Lea, his officers and men, we express our thanks and bid you farewell and good fortune in the future. To General Dato Ibrahim, the new Director of Operations East Malaysia, and to the officers and men of our own Malaysian forces now coming to Sarawak in increasing numbers to help deal with the communist menace, we express our sincere welcome and our confidence in our ability to rely on our own resources for the preservation of our security.

"At the same time I would like to congratulate the Police upon whom has fallen and continues to fall much of the burden of maintaining internal security.

"Last but by no means least, we all acknowledge the difficult time which has been experienced by the people of Sarawak especially those who live along the border.

"It is our intention that our efforts should now be devoted to developing the economy of Sarawak so that greater prosperity and social benefits will be brought to all our people and provide them with a secure future in a stable and prosperous society.

"It has been a very great pleasure to me to have the honour and privilege of being associated with all those who have the interests of Sarawak at heart and I would like to assure all concerned that the Sarawak Government gives its full support to the Federal Government to achieve a united and prosperous nation."

Finally, Penghulu Tawi Sli said although he did not wish to make any comment concerning the process of re-affirmation of the desire of the people of Sarawak to be in Malaysia, he should

say "that we are determined, no matter what the future may hold for us, that there shall be no doubt of our desire to remain within our stable and united Malaysian nation."

MANY LESSONS LEARNT' - GENERAL LEA

SPEAKING next, Major General Lea thanked the Chief Minister for his "generous remarks" and said: "You may rest assured that I will pass them on to all ranks of the force which serve under me."

He added: "During the last 20 years there have been a number of occasions when emergencies have welded together into teams, Heads of States, administrators, police and military, and I think we can say with satisfaction, looking back over the last three years, that many lessons have been learnt in the past here in Sarawak.

"And I would like to thank, as a soldier, all my colleagues in the administration and in the police for the forbearance that they have invariably shown to us in the Armed Forces during these difficult years.

"It would be wrong to say that we are pleased to be going, and it is wrong also to say that we are sorry to be going.

"We are sorry to be going for the very obvious reason that who wouldn't be sorry to leave many friends that we in the Armed Forces feel that we have made up and down the country."

General Lea added that the last 18 months had been "the most rewarding of my career." The reason for this "was the co-operation and friendship that has always been shown to me by you gentlemen here and your colleagues up and down the territory."

Finally, on behalf of all officers and other ranks under his command, General Lea wished Sarawak and Malaysia "prosperity and, above all, peace in the months and years to come."

DATO IBRAHIM PAYS TRIBUTE TO COMMONWEALTH FORCES

THE Director of Operations East Malaysia, Major General Dato Ibrahim bin Ismail, said in his reply that he would like to share with the Chief Minister in paying his tribute to members of the British, Australian and New Zealand Forces.

He added: "As has been announced by the Central Government, I have been appointed the Director of Operations, East Malaysia, from 12th August, 1966. The appointment was made in accordance with the Bangkok Talks between the Honourable the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, and the Indonesian Foreign Minister. Mr. Adam Malik, and as a result of the ratification of the Bangkok Talks by the Governments of Malaysia and Indonesia.

"As the Director of Operations East Malaysia, I am responsible to the National Operations Committee Staff in Kuala Lumpur for the defence of East Malaysia.

"You may have heard it announced through the Press and Radio that while it has been agreed that British and other Commonwealth Forces are to be withdrawn from East Malaysia, the actual withdrawal, however, would be phased out, for two main reasons:-

Firstly, that while military confrontation by Indonesia has ended, there remains, nevertheless, an internal threat by subversive elements, including Communist Clandestine Organisations, which demands our continued vigilance.

To ensure this, therefore, and so as not to create any vacuum of lack of preparedness, the withdrawal of the British and other Commonwealth forces would be so phased so as to ensure that adequate military forces are readily maintained to counter any threat that there may be.

Secondly, that the British and other Commonwealth forces have been here since confrontation began some three years ago. The strength of these forces have been built up over these years. Apart from personnel, there are vast quantities of stores, equipment and transport located throughout the theatre.

BUILD UP OF MALAYSIAN FORCES

It follows therefore, that the forces concerned, and the stores and so on could not be withdrawn over a short space of time. Furthermore, there is the problem of the provision of adequate transport to be taken into consideration."

General Ibrahim said that as British and other Commonwealth forces were withdrawn, there would be a build up of Malaysian forces over and above those that were already here. The extent of the build up of the Malaysian Forces and their location, however, would be based according to the threat as currently assessed.

"This may mean re-location of forces to that existed prior to the ending of confrontation. It may also mean that in some areas where there were the physical of military forces this may not hence be the case," said General Ibrahim.

He stressed: "Should this happen, it does not in any way mean that the area concerned

would no longer be defended or abandoned for whatever reasons. It simply means that, in military language, that the boundaries have been re-drawn and that no area would be left undefended."

General Ibrahim then thanked all members of the Security Forces and Police "in Particular, the Commander British Forces Borneo, Major General George Lea and all officers and men of the various British, Australian and New Zealand Forces who have so gallantly and willingly come to help us in our hour of need, in the defence of our country."

He said: They all have had to make a good deal of sacrifices and in so doing, some have laid down their lives. They have all undertaken their tasks with resolution, courage and fortitude. I am sure that you will all join me in extending to them, and those bereaved families, our very sincere gratitude and thanks."

Finally, General Ibrahim said he would like "to extend my grateful appreciation and thanks to the people and Government of Sarawak for your close support, co-operation and help given to the Security Forces in the State. I look forward to your continued support and closer relationship and understanding that prevails."

'WE'VE UNSHAKABLE CONVICTION IN BEING PART OF MALAYSIA', SAYS C.M..

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWISLI, COMMENTED AGAIN ON ARTICLE I OF THE INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA PEACE TREATY.

HE SAID THAT THE MAIN ISSUE DURING OUR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN 1963 WAS WHETHER WE WANTED MALAYSIA. THERE WAS AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE OF SARAWAK OPTED TO JOIN MALAYSIA. LATER THE UNITED NATIONS TEAM VISITED US AND ASCERTAINED OUR FREE WISHES BEYOND ALL DOUBTS.

In a Press statement issued on Wednesday, August 17, the Chief Minister said:

"Now, in the larger interest of peace in the South East Asia region, our Malaysian Government has agreed to let the people of Eastern Malaysia reaffirm their acceptance of Malaysia. As the Head of the Sarawak State Government, I declare here and now, that we have unshakable conviction in being part of Malaysia: I also welcome this opportunity to reaffirm that conviction in Malaysia; in election to be held in a free and democratic manner.

"We agreed about the election: Only the time the time when it should be held has to be worked out with Federal Government. We are going to have the election anyway and this will give us a good opportunity to show the world that Malaysia has the support and allegiance of overwhelming majority of the people of Sarawak. At the same time the people of Sarawak will have the opportunity to elect representatives who can really translate their intention, their feeling and their aspiration into facts and reality.

"With the ending of confrontation, we in Sarawak face only communist chauvinistic elements which must be fought and eliminated, possibly with assistance of Indonesia. It is to the advantage of both countries to isolate, contain and eradicate the influence of communism which serves foreign powers beyond our shores.

"Speaking about foreign powers, we know of foreign powers, especially one Asian foreign power which is not Indonesia, whose citizens are visiting Sarawak and interfering in our Internal affairs. They visit our State under the guise of being traders and professional men. While here as our guests, they take the liberty of getting involved in our politics. We are watching them very closely. A sovereign State like Malaysia cannot allow an external force to meddle in our domestic affairs and undermine the solidarity of our multi-racial society.

I would like also to advise our people of all races, whether Iban, Chinese, Malay and others that they should not believe any unfounded rumours which tend to suggest that a certain section of people will be discriminated upon. Such destructive rumours may be the work of the agents of foreign powers.

"With the ending of confrontation we also moving towards an era of resurgence and vitality; an era which promises us great future, provided we are willing to seize the opportunity consolidate our position and work harder to build our young nation."

This was stated on Friday, August 19, at a Press conference in Kuching by Major General Dato Ibrahim bin Ismail, Director of Operations, East Malaysia.

The 3rd Malaysian Infantry Brigade is under the command of Brigadier Ungku Nasaruddin, and the 5th Brigade is under the command of Brigadier Mazlan Yunus.

Touching on the withdrawal of British Forces from the theatre of operations, General Dato Ibrahim explained that this could not be done within a fixed time as it involved the removal of a tremendous amount of stores and equipment.

He added: "As far as the British are concerned they do not want to be here longer than necessary. It is all tied to the availability of transport."

Asked whether the British Troops came under his operational direction as long as they were here, General Dato Ibrahim replied that if circumstances demanded their help in any internal security operation, then a formal request for help could be made.

Answering questions about the replacement of British Troops by Malaysians in the threatened areas of Sarawak, the General said: "We cannot afford to leave a vacuum in the threatened areas, so in these areas the British Forces are being replaced almost immediately by our Malaysian troops.

Asked whether the British Forces were leaving any equipment behind for use by the Malaysian, the General replied that they would arrange to take over what they required when the requirements had been completely assessed.

Concerning helicopters, the General said that as far as possible the Malaysian troops would use their own. In this respect the General announced that some helicopters had already arrived from West Malaysia.

The General also announced that his headquarters would be initially based in the office now occupied by Colonel Ismail Ibrahim, Commander of Kuching Garrison.

He added that from now onwards Colonel Ismail Ibrahim be responsible only for the Kuching Garrison, while operational matters would be under the direction of Brigadier Ungku Baruddin.

COMMONWEALTH TROOPS IN EAST MALAYSIA: CHANGES IN COMMAND STRUCTURE ANNOUNCED

THE FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT, CONCERNING COMMONWEALTH TROOPS OF FAR EAST COMMAND IN EAST MALAYSIA WAS ISSUED IN KUCHING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 BY THE JOINT SERVICES PUBLIC RELATIONS ORGANISATION:

A spokesman for the British Armed Forces in Singapore said on Monday, August 15 that following the signature in Djakarta on 11th August of the agreement between the Malaysian and Indonesian Governments to cease hostilities, certain changes in the deployment and operational command structure of Commonwealth troops of Far East Command in East Malaysia are now taking place.

Major General, G.H. Lea, hitherto Director of Borneo Operations, now assumes the title of Commander British Forces Borneo and as such commands British, Australian and New Zealand Armed Forces in East Malaysia and in Brunei. These includes the three British Brigades in Borneo, hitherto known as West, Mid-West and Central Brigades, who now assume their national titles.

As previously announced, Major General Dato Ibrahim bin Ismail has been appointed by the Malaysian Government to the newly created post of Director of Operations East Malaysia.

As announced by the British Secretary of State for Defence, British Armed Forces amounting to some 10,000 men will now start withdrawing from East Malaysia, having completed the tasks assigned to them. Plans for this withdrawal are being worked out with the Malaysian Government in order to provide an orderly hand-over of responsibility from British to Malaysian Armed Forces. The first British Unit, 30 Light Air Defence Battery, has already left East Malaysia. Further British, Australian and New Zealand units will be moving during the next few months. There is a considerable logistic task in withdrawing large numbers of men, stores and equipment which will take some time to complete.

Relaxed From Readiness

In West Malaysia the Naval ships, aircraft and air defence of Far East Command have now been relaxed from their high states of readiness. As announced by the Secretary of State for Defence in London on 12th August, a number of aircraft including V Bombers and Canberras are now being withdrawn from Far East Command.

Moves of other Sea, Land and Air Forces will be made during the next few months in accordance with the British Government policy of reducing Far East Command to the levels planned in the defence review.

GOVERNOR RETURNS FROM 5-DAY TOUR OF 3RD DIVISION

THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJIOPENG, WHO WAS ON A FIVE-DAY TOUR OF THE THIRD DIVISION, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, TOH PUAN HAJJAH MASNIAH, AND HIS A.D.C., MR. JOHN NICHOL, RETURNED TO KUCHING ON SATURDAY EVENING (AUGUST 13, 1966) ON THE M.V. ZAHORA.

Leaving Kuching at 10 p.m. on August 8, the Governor and party arrived in Sarikei on Tuesday morning, proceeded to Sibu in the evening and went to Kanowit on Wednesday morning.

They spent the night in Kanowit and reached Kapit on Thursday morning. After spending a night at Kapit, the Governor and party returned to Sibu on Friday, August 12, 1966.

At Sibu the governor and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah visited the Sibu Junior Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair, attended a dinner at the Residency and later a dance organised by the Sibu Girl Guides.

On arrival at the dance, held at the Sibu Recreation Club, the Governor was garlanded by Miss Peggy Ong, nine-year-old daughter of the Chairman of the Sibu Girl Guides Association, Mrs. Ong Yen Jin, while Toh Puan was presented with a bouquet.

Welcomed At Sibu Girl Guides Dance

Welcoming the Governor and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah (who is the patroness of Sarawak Girl Guides) Mrs. Ong (speaking in Mandarin) said that the presence of Toh Puan was an indication of the great interest she was taking in the Guides Movement and other social activities in the State.

Mrs. Ong then announced the following donations to the Sibu Girl Guides Association:-

Mr. Lim Beng Sung, Managing Director of Kong Mile Bank Ltd., (who also the patron of the dance), \$1,000; Dr. Yong Sau Kan, (1,000, and Mrs. Ling Beng Sung, \$1,000.)

Mrs. Ong also took the opportunity to thank firms and individuals who have helped the association in cash and kind.

After the dance at midnight, the Governor and party embarked on the Zahora for their return trip to Kuching; they were seen off at the wharf by Senator Tuanku Dato Haji Bujang; the Resident, Mr. A.R. Meikle, the District Officer and community leaders.

That evening the Governor and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah attended the wedding ceremony of the daughter of Dato Abang Haji Murni, Magistrate, Native Court, Kuching. The wedding was held at Abang haji Murni's residence at Green Road, Kuching.

He particularly mentioned the SFWI members' efforts in bringing comforts to the Security Forces during their arduous duties along the border.

"We owe them a debt of gratitude for safeguarding us during troubled time and I am sure all your members share the general relief and joy that the time of conflict with our neighbour

is over, and that we can look forward to brighter days of peace," said the Minister.

He added: "Although your organisation has a long and honourable tradition in Western Malaysia and in other countries in the Commonwealth, you are a relatively young body in Sarawak. In addition, you have only recently acquired autonomy after a short period of relative shelter within the Agricultural Department.

"In this respect you are like my own Ministry in Sarawak which has not long been established and responsibility for the affairs of your organisation is a fairly recent acquisition to my portfolio.

"For this reasons, we are much aware in the Ministry of the need to offer you more guidance and assistance than perhaps we have done in the past. Your recently acquired autonomy will have brought problems in its train and it must be the task of my Ministry to help you wherever you feel we are able to do so.

"You already receive grant-aid from us on behalf of the State Government; this will continue, of course. But I want to go further than this gain a more intimate knowledge of your organisation and activities. Now that a Welfare Division has been established in my Ministry under a Principal Welfare Officer, I think I can safely say that you will be getting a bigger share of our attention - that is, so long as you want it."

Finally, the Minister said he had no doubt that in a world of rapidly changing social and economic value, the SFWI members were clearly determined to make their proper contribution to the challenge of Nation-building.

C.M. RETURNS FROM K.L. EXPLAINS 'MALIK VISITING SARAWAK'S REPORT

COMMENTING ON THE REPORTED VISIT TO SARAWAK OF INDONESIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. ADAM MALIK, THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, SAID ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1966, THAT IT WAS THE RESULT OF A BRIEF PERSONAL TALK HE HAD WITH MR. ADAM MALIK AT THE PARTY GIVEN IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL, KUALA LUMPUR, IN HONOUR OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION.

The Chief Minister explained: "We met at the party, and being my very first meeting with Mr. Adam Malik I suggested that he should come over to Sarawak one day. He agreed and said that he would like to do so."

The Chief Minister was speaking to newsmen at the Kuching Airport on his return from Kuala Lumpur.

Discussing the matter further, the Chief Minister said that no official invitation could be extended to Mr. Adam Malik without the matter being considered by the Council Negri and the State Cabinet, as such visits usually involved large sums of money.

The Chief Minister then went on to say that he considered himself lucky because confrontation had ended only a short time after he had taken over the reins of government in the State.

Discussing the communist problem in the State and the surrender terms offered by Government, the Chief Minister reiterated what Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah said previously that the terrorists now hiding in the jungles should take advantage of the terms and give themselves up as soon as possible.

To Step Up Development

Penghulu Tawi Sli added: "We do not want to see people perpetually living in fear. We must take precautions to safeguard our country and the lives of our people and eliminate this menace once and for all."

In this connection the Chief Minister went on to say that it was most important at this juncture to step up development in the State. Instead of spending our resources taking precautions against criminal acts by unruly elements, we could like to spend them on developing our own state, said the Chief Minister.

In reply to a question whether a target date had been fixed for the next elections, the Chief Minister repeated what Tan Sri Jugah had said that he was not aware of any specific proposal for Sarawak to hold elections than expected, i.e. 1969.

"This is a record to be proud of, for it is not the result of natural causes or an accident. This good record has been maintained because parents of the district are now taking a greater interest in the school and the welfare of their children, and, what is very important, primary teachers have for many years now over the whole area of Lundu District worked hard, without sparing themselves, to help the children committed to their charge.

Today, I wish to pay a very special and sincere tribute to those primary school headmasters and teachers, who for the whole period of confrontation, nobly carried out their day-to-day duties without flinching and without running away from their responsibilities.

"They lived all the time under dangerous conditions, and one teacher made the supreme sacrifice. All of the teachers who had been working in the border areas set a fine example to us all, and their devotion to duty will for long be remembered by all of us."

The Governor emphasised that without a successful primary system, a good, thorough secondary course could not be followed. Just as a secondary school was the base on which higher studies rested, so was the primary school the foundation on which secondary school was based.

He added: "To the Headmaster and Staff of the secondary school I would like to say this. It is now your turn to take up the torch. It is your privilege to ensure that the boys and girls of this school receive the very best that you can offer them.

"You have already proved that you have the ability to adapt yourselves and to overcome educational problems by already establishing a school in temporary premises under trying conditions and running it successfully.

"You have done this by co-operating well with the people of Lundu and our thanks are due to you for the work that you have done and to those people who co-operated so well with you.

Challenging Times

"Now you have the buildings you have looked forward to for so long. Make good use of them. Yours is a great responsibility and I know you will not fail in your task.

"To the students I would like to give this advice. You are living in very exciting and challenging time. You are living in the period when your nation Malaysia is being made. It is up to all of you to learn as much as possible about this modern world so that you can eventually take your position as intelligent and mature citizens of our country.

"Do not forget that character training is as important as book learning, so that when you leave here you can lead honourable and successful lives. You can only do this if you work hard at his school and are attentive to your teachers."

Finally, the Governor reminded the students that they were receiving an education which it was not possible to give to all. They should, therefore, make the most of it and should set an example to those pupils who came after them, and when they left the school and became mature citizens of the country, they should be "a credit to their school, a credit to their parents and a credit to their country, Malaysia."

C.M ADVISES NATIVE TEACHERS TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWISLI, ADVISED SARAWAK'S NATIVE TEACHERS THIS WEEK TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE PROMOTION OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS, APART FROM THEIR OWN WORK.

The advice was contained in a message in national language read by the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, at the opening ceremony on Wednesday, August 17, of the Sarawak Native Teachers' Union's annual delegates conference.

The conference, held at the Sekolah Ra'ayat Jalan Haji Bolhassan, ended on Friday, August 19, 1966.

Attending the conference was a representative of the Federal Ministry of Education, Tuan Haji Hamdan bin Sheikh Tahir who is the Chief Education Adviser.

The Chief Minister in his message said that the presence of many teachers from remote areas in Sarawak indicated that they were attaching great importance to the education of the children.

The task of imparting knowledge to the children was the sole responsibility of the guru or the teacher. If the teachers did not realise their own responsibilities and continued to work harder, then the pupils under their guidance would not benefit.

On the other hand, the Chief Minister said, if the teachers worked with a spirit of dedication, the pupils too would be inspired to follow their example.

Referring to duties of teachers in rural areas, the Chief Minister said that they should also take an active interest in the promotion of various community projects apart from their own work.

Not Only Instructors, But Advisers and Leaders

He added: "In kampongs and longhouses, the teachers are normally regarded as not only instructors, but advisers and leaders. Their responsibilities are not only confined to teaching children how to read, write and calculate, but also to guide them to become useful and responsible citizens."

Touching on the ending of confrontation, the Chief Minister said that the people were all happy and were now living without fear of intimidation by subversive elements.

He said: "But this does not necessarily mean we must be idle. In fact, in our efforts to ensure peace for the country, we must always be vigilant as there are elements in our midst which are trying to ruin our unity".

The Chief Minister told the teachers: "The Government appreciates your fine efforts to build a happy and prosperous nation. But it is most important for all to remember that they should make full use of the opportunities now being provided by the Government.

"The future of our children depends largely on our efforts to educate them."

Finally, the Chief Minister reminded the teachers that unless the rising generation is instilled with the feeling of love and loyalty to our beloved nation, Malaysia, their efforts would be meaningless.

SNTU Assured of Help to Improve Educational Standards

In his address on Thursday, August 18, the Chief Education Adviser, Malaysia, Tuan Haji Hamdan bin Syeikh Tahir, assured the teachers that he would try his best to help them improve the standards of education in the State.

He said that the Government had already done a lot to help improve educational standards of the Malay in West Malaysia, and it would do the same for those in East Malaysia, if the people were willing to co-operate with the Government in implementing its various educational projects.

Touching on the Sarawak Native Teachers' Union itself, Tuan Haji Hamdan urged the members to play their part with a sense of responsibility so that the progress of the future school children could be maintained with the object of achieving success. He warned, however, that this could not be achieved if the teachers do not work together in harmony among themselves.

The Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, who was deputising for the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, in declaring the conference open, advised the teachers to be patient as both the State and the Federal Government were already having discussions to find ways and means to improve the system of education in the State.

He urged the teachers to be united among themselves so that they could join their efforts to work for the common good of all.

The Minister also urged the teachers to play their part in helping the Government to instil into the minds of children the sense of belonging to the Nation, Malaysia.

Earlier, in his welcoming speech, the President of the Union, Chegu Othman bin Haji Zainuddin, called on the Government to look into working conditions of the teachers in the State. He also said that the Union pledged its full support and loyalty to the State and the Federal Government.

Pictures Of The Week

GOVERNOR TOURS THIRD DIVISION



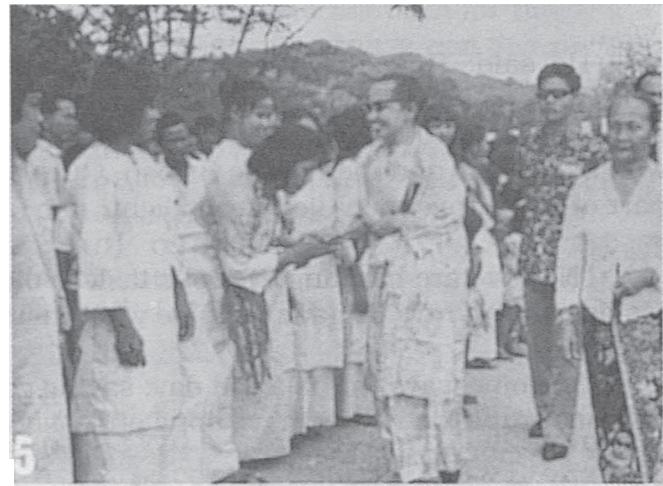
*Left photo:
Dato Pengarah
Banyang being
invested with PNBS.*



*Right photo:
Inche Razali Kifli re-
ceiving the award of
SKN on behalf of his
late father who died
before the ceremony
took place.*



H.E. Welcomed at Kanowit.



Kapit W.I. welcome for Toh Puan Haiiah Masniah.



At all-community dinner at Sarikei



H.E and Toh Puan at Sibu Trade Fair.

FAREWELL PARADE FOR HQ 99

GURKHA BRIGADE

A CEREMONIAL FAREWELL PARADE WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 1966 AT BADRUDIN ROAD POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO MARK THE DEPARTURE OF HQ 99 GURKHA BRIGADE TO THE SEMONGOK CAMP.

At the ceremony, the Brigade Commander, Brigadier W.W. Cheyne, presented the Brigade's Plaque to the Commissioner of Police, Dato R.T.M. Heniy and in return received from the Commissioner, a Sarawak Constabulary Crest.

After the presentation ceremony the Brigadier and the Commissioner of Police jointly took the salute at a drive-past of armoured cars of H Squadron, 5 Royal Tank Regiment, while the 1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment and the Sarawak Constabulary bands played 'Auld Lang Syne'.

The ceremony was attended by Senior Army and Constabulary Officials and members of the public.

Presenting the Brigadier's plaque to the Commissioner of Police, Brigadier Cheyne said that since early 1963 when confrontation began there had been a British Army Headquarters in KUCHING controlling army operations. The first soldiers were from the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, and they set themselves up in Constabulary Headquarters as a joint Police/Army HQ.

He said: Headquarters 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, better known to the people of KUCHING as West Brigade has been here longer than any other Headquarters. At one time or another over 15,000 soldiers have served in West Brigade. Many awards for gallantry have been won by officers and men of the British, Gurkha and Commonwealth units which have formed part of it. Brave men died in the fight.

"Now we are handing over our task to our successors and comrades on arms of the 3rd Malaysian Infantry Brigade, and we wish them good luck.

"In some ways this is a sad day; saying goodbye to friends is always a little sad. It is also an honourable one as we have done our task well.

Many Courtesies Extended

"Our association with the Constabulary in the Joint Headquarters has been a close and friendly one. We have had nothing but the greatest courtesy, kindness, good-will and comradeship from everyone in the Constabulary. This has made our job very easy. There has been no friction. We have always been given all the help that we have asked for and very often more than we dared hope. On behalf of the many officers, and men who have served in West Brigade I would like to stress to you, Sir, our deep respect and affection for the Constabulary.

"For myself, I cannot say how touched I have been by the many courtesies extended to me over the past 21 months. The smiling gate sentry, the Sergeant Major's smart salute, all the help and the friendships at all levels. My deep personal respect and affection for the Commissioner and the Head of the Special Branch is unbounded and on behalf of everyone on parade, I thank them personally for their friendship, cooperation and help towards us all.

Finally, Brigadier Cheyne said they would be remaining in KUCHING until the majority of

British troops had left the first, second and third divisions so it was not yet goodbye but only Au Revoir.

Presenting the Constabulary Crest to Brigadier Cheyne, Dato R.T.M. Henry said he was struck by what was obviously a most fitting climax to the association of 99 Brigade with the Sarawak Constabulary.

"Here is a joint parade of military and Police taking place on the joint football field at the joint Constabulary/Brigade headquarters. Since January, 1964, this joint and brotherly atmosphere has existed in a most healthy and friendly manner and has meant that Security forces operations against the enemies of the State have been conducted in an effective and efficient manner", said Dato Heniy.

He added: "Much of the credit for this success must go to the Brigade and to all members of it from the Commander to the Char-Wallah. When you arrived on the 2nd January, 1964, you did so with smiles on your faces and with hands of friendship extended. This has been your attitude, throughout your stay here and I only trust that we, the Police, have indicated to you - what we have certainly felt - our friendship, respect and gratitude.

"In our common campaign against the forces which threatened the security of this part of Malaysia, I had the opportunity of not only associating closely with the Brigade Commander and his staff, but also of visiting units and formations on the ground. Again, the same atmosphere existed at all levels.

"I know that I speak for all police ranks when I say that if it had not been for timely aid by the British and Commonwealth Army, Navy and Air Force, much carnage and destruction would have taken place and we police would have suffered to the extreme."

Finally, the Commissioner thanked all soldiers, sailors and airmen who came to their aid, and added "I know that your role, magnificently performed, has not been an easy one and has not been without cost and casualty."

Magnificent Contribution

The Commissioner continued: "When I first assumed duty as Commissioner of Police, one of the first things I had to face in October, 1964, was a new Brigade Commander in West Sarawak. Having said farewell to then Brigadier Patterson, I viewed with some alarm the prospect of greeting what was described to me as 'an active, vivacious and progressive Scotsman'. Whilst not denying him these attributes, I think, if I had to describe Brigadier Cheyne to any Commissioner of Police with whom he was to serve in the future, I would add that he was also a sincerely friendly and deeply understanding person. We in the Constabulary were delighted to see a short while ago that both he and the Brigade were honoured by the award to him of the DSO".

He concluded: "And so, 99 Brigade, your task here in Badruddin Barracks is completed. Tomorrow we welcome the 3rd Malaysian Infantry Brigade and to-day we say farewell to you and express our sincere gratitude to you for your magnificent contribution to our joint operations over the past 2¹/₂ years."

SARIKEI BIDS FAREWELL TO DO AND SAO

A JOINT FAREWELL PARTY FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SARIKEI, INCHE BUJANG BIN NOR, AND THE SARAWAK ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, MR. CHUA LEONG BEE, WAS RECENTLY HELD BY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SARIKEI.

Inche Bujang who was until recently the District Officer of Sarikei has been awarded a ten-month course in National Development in Holland, and Mr. Chua Leong Bee, an Administrative Officer in Sarikei, will be transferred to the Method and Organisations Office, Kuching on promotion as Assistant Secretary.

The party was attended by more than 90 people of various races in the District.

Speaking at the function on behalf of the people of Sarikei, Mr. Chen Ko Ming, the Chairman of the Sarikei Chinese Chamber of Commerce said though Inche Bujang had served in Sarikei as DO for only one year and five months, he had run the administration efficiently and capably.

Mr. Chen said Inche Bujang was an officer of great understanding and was friendly with people not only in Sarikei but also from without the District.

He was also a keen sportsman and had greatly encouraged sports activities in Sarikei. Mr. Chen added that the people of Sarikei would miss him greatly, and wished him success in his new appointment.

Mr. Chen also thanked the SAO Mr. Chua for his services to the people of Sarikei and wished him success in his new post. He also took the opportunity to welcome the two new post He also took the opportunity to welcome the two new SAOs who would resume duty in Sarikei and wished them a happy stay in Sarikei.

In replying, the DO thanked the people for their generosity giving them the party and said that he had a most pleasant stay in Sarikei and had gained a lot of local knowledge and experience through the co-operation and support that were given to him by the people.

On development projects, the DO said he was much impressed by the initiative, co-operation and hard work of the people in helping the government to help themselves, and praised them for their spirit of gotong royong.

400 ATTEND CIVICS ASSEMBLY

MORE THAN 400 PEOPLE INCLUDING ONE PENGHULU, TUAI2 RUMAH AND THEIR WIVES ATTENDED A HALF-DAY CIVICS ASSEMBLY HELD RECENTLY AT RUMAH AYUN, SUNGEI ARIP, BALINGIAN, THIRD DIVISION.

In his opening address, the District Officer, Mukah, praised the people for their co-operation and civic consciousness on their effort to attend the assembly by sacrificing a day's work.

Referring to the education of children, the DO stressed that it was not necessary that every educated child should secure a white-collar job, as the primary object of education was to equip the young with adequate knowledge. He also appealed to all parents to send their children to school regularly now that primary school fees had been abolished.

Urging the people to help the government to help themselves, the DO appealed to everyone to work harder to improve their own standards of living.

He also advised the people to submit their requests through the proper official channel so as to avoid any inconvenience and stressed that they should not feel frustrated or discouraged if their request were not given immediate replies.

Speaking next was the Sarawak Administrative Officer, Balingian. He explained to the people the government administration in general and told them not to hesitate in seeking advice from government officers if and when they were faced with problems.

Also speaking at assembly was a representative from the Department of Agriculture. He explained to the people the various agricultural schemes now being provided by the government.

Penghulu Dangat, on behalf of the people, expressed great appreciation to the Malaysian Information Services for organising the assembly and hoped that similar courses would be held in future.

The assembly ended with a film show in the evening.

DATO SHAW FETED AT FAREWELL LUNCH

DATO G A.T SHAW, THE RETIRING STATE SECRETARY, WAS FETED AT A FAREWELL LUNCH GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SARAWAK ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26. AT THE AURORA HOTEL, KUCHING.

The reception was attended by cabinet ministers and senior Government officials. The Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, thanked Dato Shaw "for all the good work which he has done for us here", and wished him and Datin Shaw the best of luck and every happiness in the future.

He said: "I have known Dato Shaw for a long time because one of the first posts he held in Sarawak after his arrival in 1948 was that of District Officer, Simanggang, my home town. Since then he has served in Miri, Sibul, and Betong in the Administration. He has also served for several years in Sibul and Kuching as Resident and in various Branches of the Secretariat where he had much to do with the development of Local Government in Sarawak.

"We, all of us, who have come into contact with him, recognise his high abilities, his tact, his sense of humour and unfailing good temper. He has played an honourable role in our history - a role for which we are all grateful and a role in the best traditions of Civil Service which the White Rajahs originally established.

"Dato Shaw played a particularly important part in the discussions which led to the formation of Malaysia. He took part in all the meetings of Lansdowne Inter-Governmental Committee, the Report on which formed the blue print for Sarawak's entry into the Federation. He worked extremely hard to make Malaysia a success, and his tact and his ability to suggest sensible compromises smoothed over many difficulties.

Shown Sympathy ;and Understanding

"Since Malaysia was established, Dato Shaw has been the State Secretary and has performed the duties of that post with great efficiency and skill during a time when not only was our State establishing itself as part of our new Nation, but also when we were facing the serious threats of confrontation and communist subversion. He has shown great sympathy for the understanding of the national desires of our people to manage their own affairs. He has been a stout champion of Borneanization. He has also done an exceptionally good job in maintaining cordial and smooth relations between the Civil Government and the Security Services. He will be handing over to his Sarawak successor, Mr. Gerunsin Lembat, an efficient and smooth-running Government machine.

"Datin Shaw has also been a great asset to our State. She has supported her husband in difficult times and she has been a gracious and charming hostess to our people.

In reply, Dato Shaw thanked the Chief Minister for his kind remarks and said:

"An officer who left Sarawak not very long ago said, and I think completely rightly, that of all the lands which he had worked, it was to his mind a privilege to have worked in Sarawak. And I can say no more than to endorse that.

"Maybe some people here say that those who come from outside are better than others, but I think all of us expatriates who come here cannot but be influenced very, very deeply by this very remarkable country.

"And if we, in any way or in some small ways exceed, it is only a reflection of your society here in which I myself, and I think a number of others, have the greatest of confidence for the future."

Finally Dato Shaw also thanked the ministers and government "very kind things which you've said this morning.

SPEAKER ADJOURNS COUNCIL NEGRI MEETING

THE COUNCIL NEGRI of Sarawak met on Friday morning (Aug. 26) as scheduled. Twenty-five Council Negri Members who belong to Party Pesaka, Barjasa, Panas and the Sarawak Chinese Association attended the meeting. They all belong to Sarawak Alliance, except one Independent Member.

Two ex-officio Members, the Acting State Attorney General and the Acting State Financial Secretary also attended. They all sat on the Government's benches except the independent member. The third ex-officio Member, the Acting State Secretary, is not sworn in yet as a Member.

Twenty-seven Government members and one Independent member out of a house of 42 attended the meeting and heard the explanation by the Speaker in his communication to the Council Negri.

After the communication, the Speaker adjourned the meeting.

In adjourning the meeting, the Speaker said:-

Hon Members,

Notice calling for today's meeting was first issued on 12th August, 1966. Notice of cancellation was issued on 23rd August, 1966, but the Council is meeting today as the result of a proclamation issued by H.E. the Governor under Article 21 (1) of the Constitution of the State of Sarawak summoning Council Negri to meet today.

I think Hon. Members of this Council are entitled to know the reasons for the interruption. In civic suits No. K.45 and No. K.65. of 1966 proceedings have been taken by the Hon. Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan seeking an order from the High Court to restrain the Hon. Penghulu Tawi Sli, the Hon. Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, the Hon. Francis Umpau anak Empam, the Hon. Awang Hipni bin Pengiran Annu, the Hon. Tajang Laing, and the Hon. Abang Haji Abdulrahim bin Abang Haji Moasili from functioning in Council Negri in their respective capacities as Minister until the trial of civic suit K.45. The injunction however did not seek either to stop these Hon. Members from attending Council Negri as ordinary members or to stop the Council Negri from meeting today. The whole matter of civic suits K.45 and K.65 still remains sub-judice.

I must now tell you about the position of Council Negri as far as sub-judice matters are concerned. Standing Orders No. 21 (g) and 34 (2) prohibit references in debate or otherwise any matter on which a judicial decision is pending in such a way as might in the opinion of the Speaker prejudice the interests of the parties thereto. Further, the 17th Edition of Erskine May's

Parliamentary Practice provides on page 454 that references in debate of sub-judice matters awaiting or under adjudication in a civic court should be banned from the time the case has been set down for trial or otherwise brought before the court, as for example by notice of motion for injunction. The ban further applies when notice of appeal is given until judgement is given in the matter. Standing Order No: 77 for in the Standing Orders of Council Negri shall be decided by the Speaker, whose decision in the matter or on any disputed point of interpretation of any of the Standing Orders shall be final.

I have given very careful consideration to the whole matter and it is my considered opinion that as civic cases K.45 and K.65 of 1966 are still sub-judice, the very act of participation of the Hon. Members in question in their respective capacities as Ministers will be a violation of the Standing Orders and the accepted Parliamentary practice not only in the letter but also in the spirit. It was for this reason that I decided to cancel this meeting of Council Negri. I have powers under Standing Order 7 (1) and (3) to do this.

Servant and Representative

I would now like to make a comment on the statement released by the Government last Wednesday. It is sufficient for me to say that it not only contains some inaccuracies and irregularities but also tends to curb the duties, the dignity, and the authority of the office of the Speaker of this Council. The Speaker is not only the servant and representative of this Council but also the guardian of its privileges. His authority is derived partly from the Standing Orders of the Council which clearly indicate his duties, and partly from custom and precedents. His rulings may not be questioned except upon a substantive motion. An affront to the Speaker is an affront to this Honourable Council as a whole.

I now come to the question of the business of the Council for today. I have already stated that civil suits K.45 and K.65 are still sub-judice. In view of this I am not in a position to know who the rightful Ministers are. The main business of this Council cannot be transacted without participation of Ministers and I therefore adjourn the Council sine die.

SARAWAK HAS PROGRESSED BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS, SAYS CHIEF MINISTER

SARAWAK, since joining Malaysia, has achieved economic progress beyond all expectations, said the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, in a broadcast talk over Radio Malaysia, Sarawak.

THE CHIEF MINISTER SAID: "WE ENTERED MALAYSIA BECAUSE WE WANTED RAPID ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT WHICH BRITISH RAJAHS AND ADMINISTRATORS NEGLECTED ... IN 1962 ONLY \$33 MILLION WAS SPENT BY THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE WHOLE OF SARAWAK: IN 1965 WHEN WE ARE PART OF MALAYSIA \$72 MILLION WAS SPENT, WHICH WAS MORE THAN WHAT THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO SPEND. UNDER THE FIRST MALAYSIA PLAN \$424 MILLION WILL BE SPENT. THIS WILL AVERAGE ABOUT \$85 MILLION A YEAR WHICH IS AN INCREASE OVER 150 PER CENT."

The following is the full text of the Chief Minister's broadcast talk:

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to so many of you who have pledged support to the Alliance Government under my leadership. During the last few weeks I have received many messages of support from political as well as non-political organisations, community leaders including Tuai Rumahs, Penghulus, Tua Kampongs, Kapitan Chinas and individuals - including Malaysians living abroad.

I am not forgetting to thank also those of you who paid me visits to assure me of your support. The office of Chief Minister, as you all know, entails heavy responsibility. But with your support, your co-operation and your loyalty as responsible people in our State of Sarawak, I feel that I can carry this heavy burden successfully.

Significant Events

For the last few weeks we have gone through very significant events in our State. Some of the most offensive adjectives have been flung by certain politicians. This is really unnecessary as one can express better without offending anyone. In any democratic society the will of the people prevails over any individual.

In a country such as ours, the Constitutions of the State of Sarawak as well as Malaysia guarantee the freedom of expression and freedom of choice. Freedom of expression is limited only by the laws of defamation and sedition. Freedom of choice includes the right to choose the leaders to serve the State as well as the Nation.

Our democratic Constitution provides that the Governor of our State shall appoint a member of the Council Negri as Chief Minister of the State of Sarawak, who in his judgment, is likely to command the confidence of the majority of other members. This His Excellency the Governor had done by appointing me on June 17. It is indeed a great honour for me. I shall do my utmost to serve you all - the people of Sarawak, justly, irrespective of race or religion.

We shall not discriminate or deviate from the law of our land. Everyone is equal before the

law. This is my pledge to you that as long as I remain your Chief Minister I shall not abuse the power which you have entrusted upon me through your representatives in the State Legislative Assembly - the Council Negri.

Certain people have been making allegations against our Government. If you were to examine these allegations carefully, I am sure you will agree with me that they are false. We have been accused of being stooges and that there were attempts by the Federal Government to make Sarawak a colony of Malaya. Again this is untrue and very mischievous.

Such loose expressions can only disrupt our unity. Sarawak opted to join Malaysia out of her own free will as expressed by the majority of her people. The report of the Cobbold Commission and subsequently the re-affirmation of the United Nations fact-finding mission substantiated this fact beyond all doubts.

We entered Malaysia in order to gain independence, which we did. We entered because we felt that there are many affinities between the people of what is now widely known as Eastern and Western Malaysia. Those of us from various parts of Sarawak who have been to Western Malaysia have witnessed with our own eyes the similarities of our way of life, our cultures and our problems.

We entered Malaysia because we wanted rapid economic advancement which the British Rajahs and administrators neglected. This economic progress we are attaining beyond all proportions. In 1962 only \$33 million was spent by the Colonial Government was willing to spend.

An increase of Over 150 per cent.

Under the First Malaysia Plan \$424 million will be spent. This will average about \$85 million a year which is an increase of over 150 per cent. I am not exaggerating this fact. Even the former Chief Minister has openly admitted this fact in his Budget speech last year, and more explicitly in his New Year's message, also last year.

In that message, he said, I quote:

Our relations with the Federal Government are cordial. We do not always agree, of course, but we have met with a very great measure of warm and friendly understanding. I think everyone in Sarawak now realises how false were the prophecies of our enemies that Malaysia would mean domination by Malaya. We can see for ourselves that while Malaya must play the part of the senior partner in our kongsi, the main object of our friends in Kuala Lumpur is to build up our capacity to help ourselves. Look at the Development Plan. For 1965 there is the staggering total of \$72 million available for development. Try as we may we shall not be able to spend this total but it is there if we can. Our fellow countrymen are really digging deep into their pockets to help us. Unquote.

Sarawak is a component State of Malaysia and I can assure you, my fellow Sarawakians, that our State of Sarawak will never become a colony of any country. We are part of the Malaysian Nation because we wanted it so. As such we have the fundamental right, and I can assure you again that we will play a significant and important role in building up a truly united and democratic Malaysian Nation.

Right now we have 24 members of Parliament from our State who have a voice in shaping

the destiny of the Malaysian Nation. There are two Ministers from our State in the National Cabinet. One day, just like our Prime Minister said the other Minister of this Nation.

Like other loyal leaders such as Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, I am conscious of the fact that sometime to come we must have safeguards for the people of Sarawak, such as the Immigration Restriction. Under the present arrangement and agreement between the State of Sarawak and the Federal Government, no person may stay in Sarawak without the approval of the Sarawak State Government, whereas any Sarawakian may enter Western Malaysia and stay there as of right.

Today it is nearly three years since we have attained freedom and became part of Malaysia. Today we have only 41 Malaysian Federal Government officers serving in Sarawak but we have about 80 expatriate European officers serving in the Federal Departments, and about 160 expatriate European officers in the State Government. I wish to ask our critics whether it is possible for these officers to dictate to our Government. It is an unfounded accusation.

To the best of my knowledge, there has never been any attempt by the Malaysian Government to do an act which can be construed as an attempt to dictate or to dominate us. The Malaysian Government has been adhering to the Malaysia Agreement very strictly, and to the letter. So this talk about making Sarawak a colony is baseless and was made by the enemies of Malaysia. It is not possible for me to explain everything in one talk. So I hope to speak to you again and explain further problems which confront us today.

C.M PRESENTS STATE PLAQUE TO 53 L.A.D. BATTERY - R.A

THE CHIEF MINISTER, PENGHULU TAWI SLI, THIS WEEK PRESENTED A STATE PLAQUE TO 53 (LOUISBERG) LIGHT AIR DEFENCE BATTERY - ROYAL ARTILLERY - AT AN INFORMAL CEREMONY IN HIS OFFICE.

The Plaque was accepted on behalf of the unit by the Battery Commander, Major M.V.A. Westroop.

In presenting the Plaque, the Chief Minister said:

"IT is my happy privilege and great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Government and people of Sarawak, this shield as our appreciation to the 53 (LOUISBERG) Light Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery, for your service which you, your officers and your men have rendered to our country, Malaysia.

"The 53 (Louisberg) Light Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery, have had significant records over the years. Its last assignment was the air defence of the Kuching airfield. The detachments from the Battery have played useful part in the border areas patrolling as infantry the riverside and kampongs where their presence has always been welcome.

"Apart from its military duties it had also assisted to clear the land for use as playing fields in the Siburan area. The Battery's football players have made many friends among the local population in the Siburan area. The Battery's "Beat Group" had made many more friends through their recordings of jazz music over Radio Malaysia, Sarawak."

Finally, the Chief Minister hoped that the officers and men of the battery would carry back with them happy and pleasant memories of Sarawak and her friendly people.

C.M. GETS MORE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM SARIKEI

More congratulatory messages pledging support to the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli, were received this week from Sarikei, Third Division. They were from Dayang Balleh Haji Hassim, Secretary of Party Barjasa, Sarikei Branch, Women's Section; Mr. Baginda anak Atang and anakbiaks of Sungei Minus and Penghulu Usup and anakbiaks of Sungei Sarek all of Sarikei, Third Division.

IBANS IN BRUNEI CONGRATULATE C.M.

A NUMBER of Sarawak-bom Ibans from Brunei Town, Brunei, this week sent a message of congratulation to Penghulu Tawi Sli on his appointment as the new Chief Minister.

The message which was singed by Minggu anak Chagat said that the Sarawak-born Ibans m Brunei Town wished to express their undivided loyalty to the new Chief Minister and to the Alliance Government.

MINISTER DECLARES OPEN KAMPONG MAANG ROAD

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, INCHE ABDUL TAIB BIN MAHMUD, HAS CALLED ON THE PEOPLE OF KAMPONG MAANG, AT 24TH MILE, KUCHING/SERIAN ROAD, TO BE MORE UNITED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS.

He said that nothing could be accomplished unless the people themselves were willing to demonstrate a spirit of co-operation to raise their own living standards.

The Minister was addressing a crowd of more than 400 Land Dayak residents of Kampong Maang when he declared open the two-mile long Maang Road on Saturday, August 13. The road was constructed by the kampong people on a gotong royong basis.

The State Government granted a sum of \$4,000 for the construction of the road under the minor rural projects of the Development Plan.

Appealing to the people to be progressive, the Minister said that what everyone wanted to see now was a rich and developing nation of which generations to come could well be proud of.

Touching on the customs of the people of Sarawak, Inche Abdul Taib said that they should be carefully preserved. Though each community observed different customs on different occasions, they originated from the same root, he added.

Pointing out that the Central Government had allocated \$400 million for development in Sarawak under the First Malaysia Plan, Inche Taib said: "Nothing would come out of it unless the people are willing to work together to raise their own living standards, and to upkeep the gotong royong spirit."

On arrival at the Kampong, Inche Abdul Taib, and the Acting Resident, First Division, Abang Yusuf Puteh, were both garlanded by two young girls. They were then presented with bracelets made of copper.

Orang Kaya Pemancha Sinyam, Land Dayak Chief of Kampong Maang then welcomed them in a short speech and introduced them to Headmen and other community leaders.

Welcoming the Minister and the Acting Resident, Pemancha Sinyam pledged the full support of the people of his area to the Alliance Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli.

He said that the people of Kampong Maang would stand solidly behind the Government in its efforts to bring peace and prosperity to the people of Sarawak.

A Historic Occasion

Urging the people to make full use of the new road, Pemancha Sinyam expressed the hope that the opening of the road - "a historic occasion which will be long remembered by my people" - would bring increased prosperity to them.

Finally, Pemancha Sinyam touched on education and urged parents to send their children to school. He said that a sound education would always lead the people towards greater

prosperity and happiness.

At the end of the ceremony, Inche Abdul Taib and his party were entertained to luncheon given in their honour at the premises of the kampong Maang Women's Club.

Later, Inche Taib was entertained by the kampong youth at a musical concert of songs and dances.

That morning, the Minister walked about three miles to pay a brief visit to Jemukan, another coastal village.

On the way he met farmers and chatted with them who told him of their needs. He also inspected a smoke house for copra and coconut gardens.

At Jemukan, Inche Abdul Taib was welcomed by the Wakil Tua Kampong, Inche Dollah, and was conducted to the school building where he held a 'meet-the-people' session.

INCHE TAIB VISITS SEMERA COASTAL VILLAGE

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, INCHE ABDUL TAIB BIN MAHMUD VISITED SEMERA, A COASTAL VILLAGE IN THE FIRST DIVISION, ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14.

He was welcomed at Semera by the District Officer, Simunjan; the District Officer, Kuching; and the Divisional Development Officer, First Division (who had arrived earlier) as well as by Tua Kampong Bojeng of Semera and his people.

While at Semera, the Minister was entertained to lunch in the school building and later watched the semi-final of the football competition.

In the evening more than 1,000 people gathered on the football field to hear the Minister speak.

In his speech, he urged them to forget petty squabbles and unite for the good of the nation. He praised them for their initiative in launching their own gotong royong projects to improve living conditions even before receiving aid from the Government.

"Self-help is an important factor for improving your own standards of living, and this spirit should be maintained," the Minister said.

He went on to say that he had acquainted himself of the various problems now being faced by the people of the kampong and hoped that they could be solved as soon as possible.

Inche Taib also encouraged the residents to open up new lands, and urged them to leave the kampong if necessary with a pioneering spirit.

Finally, the Minister approved a request for \$2,000 for Semera Mosque Building Fund.

Earlier, in his welcoming speech, Tua Kampong Bojeng thanked the Minister for his visit on behalf of the kampong people and pledged their support to the new government under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Penghulu Tawi Sli.

Chat With Farmers

The Minister then toured the kampong and told the people that aid under the Minor Rural Project Scheme for Kampong Jemukan was on the way.

He hoped that the people would seize this opportunity to maintain their spirit of gotong royong for their own good.

TOAST TO PEACE

A TOAST to everlasting peace between Indonesia and Malaysia was drunk by members of the Miri Indonesian Association at a party last week held to celebrate the signing of the peace accord in Jakarta on August 11.

The party was held at the premises of the President of the Association, Mr. M.L.T. Kerian.

Speaking on behalf of the Association, the Secretary, Inche Syed Othman, paid tribute to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, and congratulated Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak and Indonesia's Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Malik.

He hoped that the agreement would lead to everlasting peace, progress and co-operation between Indonesia and Malaysia.

Earlier, welcoming the members and guest, Mr. Kerian said that the signing of the Peace Agreement was a historic event for both countries.

The party ended with a thanksgiving prayer, attended by about 30 people, including Government officials.

Miss Sarawak Contest 1966



The M.C. Sidi Manan made the announcement that No 5. Miss Hamsah Hamdan (Winner) No 10. Miss Zaiton Salleh (Second) and No 1. Miss Yap Lee Ngo (3rd).

Miss Zaiton Salleh (the runner up); Miss Hamsah Hamdan (Winner) ; Miss Yap Lee Ngo (3rd place).





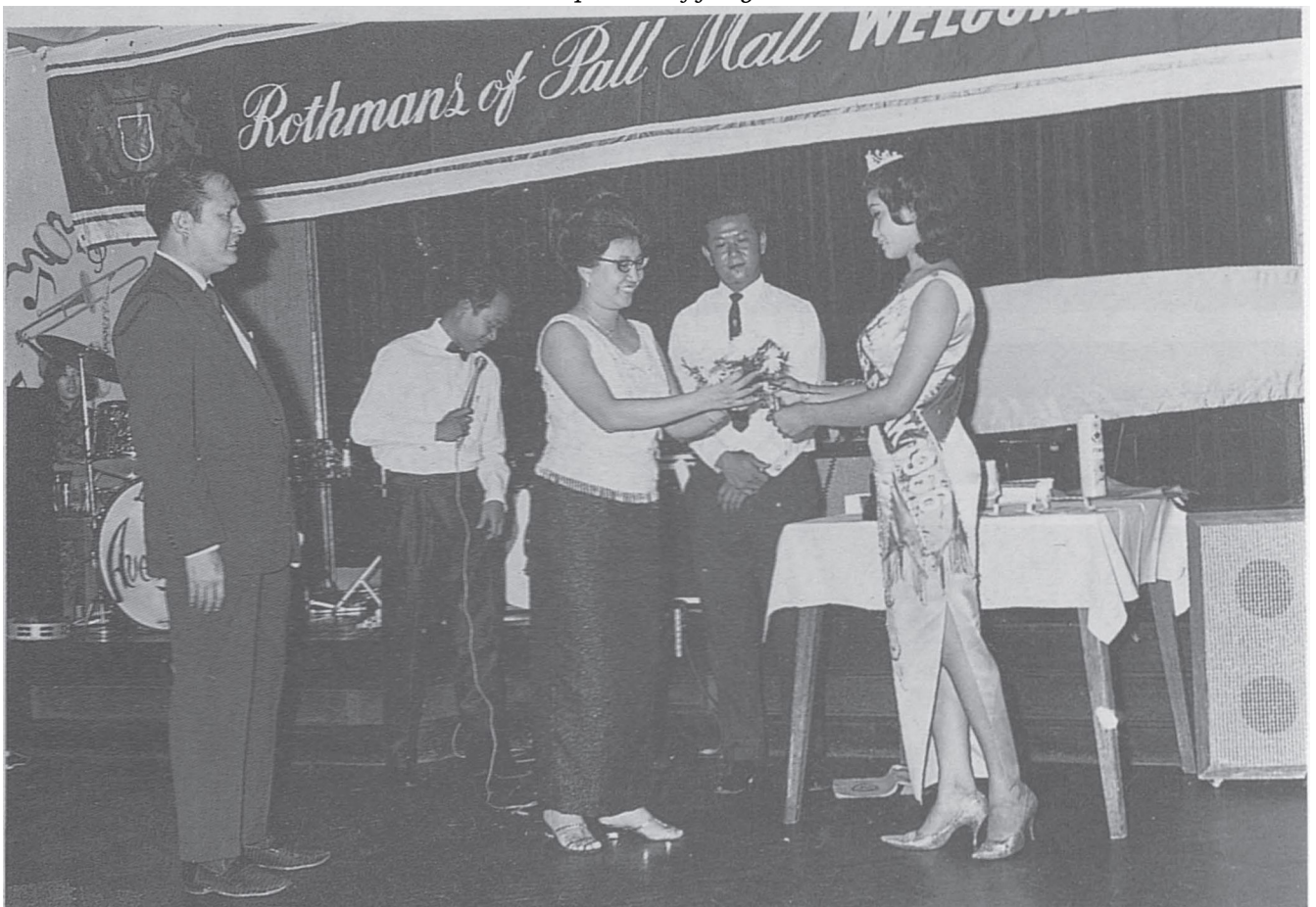
Miss Yap Lee Ngo



L/R. Miss Zaiton Salleh (2nd standing) Miss Hamsah Hamdan (winner seated) Miss Yap Lee Ngo (3rd standing).



The panel of judges.



Datin Wee Hood Teck gave away the prizes to Miss Hamsah Salleh, Mr. Y.Y. Lee the President of Junior Chamber of Commerce looked on.

MISS SARAWAK CONTEST 1966

Miss Hamsah hamdan, age 20, was chosen the Miss Sarawak on the 9th December 1966, after a panel of judges passed a unanimous vote to declare their decision. Her prize included cash and a beautiful cup, both donated by Dato Wee Hood Teck, Patron of the Contest and Dance organised by the Kuching Junior Chamber of Commerce. Miss Hamsah will represent Sarawak in the Miss Malaya International Contest to be held in Penang on Wednesday December the 14th, Miss Zaiton Salleh, runner up will accompany her. The other contestants were Miss Yap Lee Ngo, Lina Voon and Helena Lee.



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