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# GOVERNOR IS BACK

**THE GOVERNOR OF SARAWAK, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, TOH PUAN HAJJAH MASNIAH, RETURNED TO KUCHING ON DECEMBER 25, 1966 AFTER UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN KUALA LUMPUR.**

**THE GOVERNOR WHO LOOKED EXTREMELY FIT AND WELL, WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, DATO ABANG OTHMAN BIN ABANG HAJI MOASILI (IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER FROM KUCHING), THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL NEGRI, DATO DR. M. SOCKALINGAM, AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.**

The following statement was issued by the Governor on arrival:-

"I am very happy to be home again and to be with my people and friends, after a few weeks in Kuala Lumpur convalescing. I know that my friends in Sarawak are anxious to see me and to know that I am really alright. Well, here I am - as happy and glad as all of you on the success of my treatment.

"I must thank God Almighty for his blessing and I sincerely thank all my friends for their good wishes and prayers for my quick recovery. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, for his advice and personal assistance in arranging for my treatment in Kuala Lumpur which contributed very much to its success. I am grateful also to our Ministers and friends who visited me at the General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur and for their beautiful bouquets which helped to brighten the atmosphere in my ward.

"I was highly honoured and very happy by the kind and gracious visit to my ward by Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong.

"My special thanks must go to the Specialists and Doctors and staff of the General Hospitals in Kuala Lumpur and in Kuching for the devotion and care they gave me during my stay at both places; their understanding and encouragement helped me a lot during my treatment and in my recovery.

# **New Years Messages**

## **FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG - TO THE PRESS IN SARAWAK**

I AM very glad to be back in Sarawak again and to be able to welcome the New Year In company with all the other people of our State.

At the start of a New Year we must do two things. Firstly, we must look back at the year that has gone and think realistically about our successes and our failures, about what went well and what may have gone not so well.

And I think that we can justifiably look back at 1965 with satisfaction. We came through it well. Sarawak is a stronger part of Malaysia than it was at the beginning of the year. Economic and social development has gone forward at an ever increasing pace. There has been plenty of work for our people. They have been able to obtain a larger share of the good things in life.

Our security forces and the vast majority of loyal and patriotic Sarawakians elided by our good friends in the British and Commonwealth forces have kept our enemies at bay and in most places on the run. External events have left us unshaken in our belief in the future and greatness of Malaysia. We have had some setbacks such as the secession of Singapore and the terrorism at the 17th Mile but we have overcome them and emerged stronger than ever.

Now that of 1966? We must continue the good work of 1965. We have a long road ahead for we are a very young nation. We must work hard and work together in harmony and unity.

Above all we must maintain and strengthen our national unity. We are a country of many peoples. We have different racial origins and religions and customs.

## **Eliminate Differences To Race**

But first and foremost we are all Malaysians. We must understand each other and think of ourselves as brothers. There must be no room for narrow parochialism. The Iban of the Rejang must think of himself as the brother of the Chinese fisherman of Pangkor Island; the Malay of Kuching as the brother of the Kadazan of Sabah. We must all think of ourselves as one.

And In this vital process the press can and must play a most important part. I would ask the press always to look at problems from the national aspect. I would ask you always to play down any story which has a racial aspect to it. Let us eliminate references to race wherever possible. This is particularly important in news stories. Do not let us refer to Bong Chung Nam as a Hakka Chinese of Bau but simply as Bong Chung Nam of Bau; not to Liman anak Linggir, an Iban of the Ulu Kanowit but just to Liman anak Linggir of Kanowit.

Not until we have eliminated *every* trace or sign of racialism can we regard the unity of Malaysia as finally assured. The press has a great part to play in achieving this.

I wish the press of Sarawak and all their readers all good fortune in 1966 and a very prosperous and successful New Year.

# **PRIME MINISTER'S NEW YEAR'S EVE BROADCAST**

THE following New Year Eve message was broadcast by the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, over Radio Malaysia in English on December 31, 1965;

Fellow Malaysians,

I come before you tonight because I want to give my warmest greetings and good wishes to each and all of you for a very happy and successful New Year.

Last year on New Year's Eve I expressed the hope that 1965 would be better, or at least as good as 1964. Now that we are saying goodbye to 1965 we realise that we have some through what turned out to be in many ways a most eventful year - a year that will long remain in our memory as one fraught with danger and excitement, yet we have seen it through with good cheer and satisfaction.

Indeed, we have much to be grateful for, so I hope that as you enjoy yourselves tonight to bid a hearty welcome to the New year, you will have a prayer in your hearts to Almighty God, that we will continue to be worthy of His blessings. May we dwell always in the favour of His protection, so that we may go on living in peace, security and happiness!

As I have said many times, the happiness we enjoy in Malaysia comes from our awareness that true nationhood depends on unity, goodwill and harmony among the people. They must understand that stability and good order are essential for our happiness. The year that has gone by has shown once again that Malaysians have the capacity to adjust themselves to circumstances and events, whether they are anticipated or unexpected.

I am referring in particular to two constitutional developments that have occurred - the election of a new Head of State and the separation of Singapore, which were the highlights of our past year.

## **Proud of Our Heritage**

His Highness the Raja of Perlis serve a full term of office over five years as His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, winning merit and acclaim both at home and abroad for distinguished and devoted service to our nation and people.

Now, in the spirit of orderly transition that our Constitution provides, we have welcomed the accession of His Highness the Sultans of Trengganu as our Head of State. The nation is looking forward eagerly to celebrating the occasion of his formal installation as His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in a few month's time.

Known and loved in his own State as an enlightened Ruler with deep and abiding interests in the well-being of the people, His Majesty is already very active in the exercise of his Royal duties. So as Malaysians, you can confidently expect another distinguished reign, and you will no doubt respond to his leadership of the nation with loyalty and devotion.

Some politicians however have tried to find fault with the institution of a King and Sultans but we Malaysians are proud of our heritage and our possessions, no less so than the British people are of their Queen or their Throne. Royal rule has remained with us for so long, and now the institution of Kingship has come to stay - may God bless it!

The year 1965 will be recorded in our history for the emergence of Singapore as a separate

sovereign State. It is fair to say that this development caused great astonishment, unexpected shock and anxiety at the time it occurred four months ago. Now that the excitement has died down and the process of adjustment made, the people of Malaysia are able to continue their own way of life in peace and harmony, and understand that the course of events in the last few months before the separation made it necessary and inevitable.

As Prime Minister of Malaysia, it is my paramount duty to ensure at all times the harmony and happiness of the country and of all the communities which help to make this a peaceful nation. Over a period of time I reviewed in my own mind all the factors and circumstances, all the actions and attitudes of Ministers in Singapore and reactions and effects these were having on the rest of Malaysia. I reached the sad conclusion that the only possible solution for internal peace was to allow the Prime Minister of Singapore and his colleagues to take full responsibilities and control and assume absolute powers to complete sovereignty over Singapore. It was a painful decision to make, nevertheless it had to be done.

I recall in particular the fact that before the formation of Malaysia, when Singapore was still a colony, Malaya and Singapore got along very well together. Now that Malaysia and Singapore separated there seems to me no reason why we should not return to the same position in a spirit of co-operation and friendship. It is my hope that Singapore will chart her course in such a way that our two countries can work closely together for the well-being of both our States and peoples.

As I have said before the economic progress of Singapore is important to Malaysia, and by the same token the peace and prosperity of Malaysia are of vital interest to Singapore. Singapore alone cannot have the best of both worlds. In my view they should be prepared to move closer to Malaysia, so that the two countries, economically inter-dependent as they are, by working intimately can together share the best of both worlds.

## **Closer Solidarity and Rapport**

History will also record of 1965 the closer solidarity and rapport of Sabah and Sarawak as member States of Malaysia. They have already shown themselves to be very useful members, evincing both pride in nationhood and determination to go forward, float or sink with the other States of Malaysia. They have staunchly defended our country against attacks made by Indonesia along their borders. Their political strength and unity grow steadily. Never at any moment have they shown a loss of faith in the new nation.

Except for a few poisonous elements in their midst, the peoples of Sabah and Sarawak stand united in their purpose to defend Malaysia against any comers. They have a high regard for the Constitution and all its privileges and protection. There is no distinction, no recrimination; they are bumiputra in the same way as the people in the States of Malaya. Together with us they will enhance the reputation and the honour of Malaysia.

Much has to be done for Sabah and Sarawak by way of development over the next few years, and the First Malaysian Five-Year Plan provides handsomely for their requirements. They realise, as we do in the rest of Malaysia that with hard work and effort their standards of living will improve, and we must do everything we possibly can to ensure that their well-being is our concern.

Unfortunately, there are a small number of foreign elements who do not understand what is needed, and are rightly criticised. It must be said with justice that many expatriate officers act fairly and with genuine interest, but there are some in Sabah and Sarawak who have not yet got acclimatised to the changing times. To those of this ilk whom the cap fits I say that they must either adopt a helpful, constructive and national attitude, or go away. Dual loyalty or self-

interest cannot be allowed to impede or obstruct wither national unity or progress.

During 1965 we in Malaysia suffered less than previously as a result of Indonesia is now thoroughly taken us with solving its own internal difficulties. Officially confrontation still goes on, but without the Communists to keep alive the fires of hatred and without the intensity of their wild charges, confrontation seems to have eased a lot. While this is undoubtedly a relief to us we must not allow ourselves to lapse into complacency or to relax our vigilance in national defence.

My prayers is that with the changes taking place In Indonesia, confrontation will undergo a gradual eclipse. When it does, then we will have the right to live side by side as peaceful neighbours once again. Let us pray to God that this happy event will come about. The people of Indonesia certainly deserve a better life, and we can only hope that developments in Indonesia will relieve their privation and suffering and reward their endurance with brighter prospects for the future.

The year 1965 also saw a break in the diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Malaysia. It is hoped that she may one day realise the folly of it all. As far as Pakistani and Malaysian peoples are concerned, goodwill and friendship still exist between them.

Another matter of great significance to us, as it is to the whole world, is the question of Rhodesia. I have explained our stand already. I hope that the Commonwealth countries will work together to help solve this complex problem, and not just react, as some of them have done, by leaving the Commonwealth. A minority Government in Rhodesia with complete disregard for the rights of the majority on the ground of race and colour must inevitably fall. The non-whites may well combine to overthrow the illegal Government which stubbornly and blindly persists in ignoring the possibility of racial explosion. Such an eventuality would bring unheavy toll in human suffering. If the meeting that is proposed to be held at Lagos comes about, then I hope I may be able to contribute my part in calm assessment and a solution of this lamentable crisis that exists in Rhodesia.

## **ASA On The Move Again**

Coming nearer home to the problems of South-East Asia I think the time is now necessary to get the ASA on the move again, because I am convinced that it is the only practical that can benefit all its members in the wide spheres of co-operation and closer relations.

The Maphilindo concept cannot work. It failed from the start, still-born because it was a concept based on a racial idea, and on supremacy of the larger elements dominating smaller ones. As such, it was both unsuitable and too narrow a concept which should, of course, be based on national equality.

ASA, however, has already proved itself a constructive ideal. It springs from the initiative and effort of Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia and is readily adaptable or acceptable to the economic and cultural development of the whole region of South-East Asia. Therefore, it is my hope that in this New Year ASA will be regenerated so that its member countries can work together and show through example what mutual accord can do for the practical benefit of the whole of South-East Asia.

We in Malaysia have already seen just recently a remarkable demonstration of the genuine amity that exists between the peoples of our neighbour nations, the highly successful South-East Asia Peninsula Games. In these Games, with friendliness flowering everywhere, sportsmen and women showed the world a true picture of the human unity, accord and understanding that link the peoples of South-East Asia in common fraternity.

I felt proud indeed to witness the splendid spirit of sportsmanship and friendly rivalry these Games evoked. I would like to pay my warmest personal tribute to Tun Abdul Razak and every single person who helped to make these Games such an outstanding success. They carried out their jobs with enthusiasm and efficiency like true Malaysians. They well deserve the compliments and congratulations they have received, for the whole country owes them a real debt of gratitude.

The Games are over and so are the tasks, but let us not forget at this time of New Year the many Malaysians in the Armed Forces and Police, as well as our Commonwealth allies, whose duties unfortunately are not ended, and whose devotion and constant vigilance have protected the peace and security and happiness of all the people of Malaysia during this past eventful year, and upon whose valuable services we know we can confidently rely in the year that dawns tomorrow.

The New Year, I pray to God, will be full of hope and promise for both prosperity and peace for all Malaysians. Big challenges lie ahead of the whole nation, for we must tackle and accomplish with even greater zest the demands and sacrifices we will be called upon to make in our vast programme of national development.

## **'Keep Wheels of Democracy Turning'**

This will apply especially in the public sector to all government servants. We have been fortunate in Malaysia to be able to depend on our officers in the public service whose job it is to keep the wheels of democracy turning and the machinery of administration running smoothly. I am confident that they will carry out the increased demands and responsibilities with the same effectiveness they have shown in past years.

The long Budget Session of Parliament has concluded. Many things were said against the Government, yet in the process of all this debate the Government has emerged victorious. I extend my warmest personal thanks to my colleagues for the good work they have done for this nation in the past eight years. Malaysians realise the value of wise government and will, I am sure, continue to give the aims and efforts of the Alliance Government their full support.

I am also sure that the New Year, whatever unforeseeable difficulties it may present, will find its measure of ready response from each and every Malaysia. With that hope in mind I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. May God bless you all!

"During my short absence my thoughts have always been with you and I am glad that we can face the new year together with renewed confidence and vigour. Thank you."

# **TUN ABDUL RAZAK'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE**

THE Deputy Prime Minister, Tim Abdul Razak bin Hussein, said in a New Year message:

"Today Malaysia enters its third year of existence - 1966. The year that has just passed saw the separation of Singapore from the rest of Malaysia on 9th August, 1965. As we all know, the decision to separate Singapore from the rest of Malaysia was made for the sake of peace and security of the people of the two territories. The differences between the Governments of Malaysia and Singapore have gone to such an extent that it would engulf the country into serious racial trouble unless action was taken to reduce tension. It was hoped that with separation Malaysia and Singapore which have many inseparable ties of history, geography and economy would move forward as two independent territories in co-operation and in friendship.

"Throughout 1965, I am very proud of the way in which our people of all races in all parts of the country have manifested their loyalty and have stood solidly behind the Government in facing the threat to the country, both from aggression from without and subversion from within. Our youths have responded magnificently to the National Service call-up and have joined the various voluntary services in the defence of our country. There is still a small section of our people who are indulging in anti-Malaysia and anti-Malaysia and anti-National activities and their presence in our midst constituted a threat to our Society.

"I call upon all true Malaysians of all races to be on guard and to be in a state of preparedness against the threat to our security and to devote all their energies and efforts towards the development and progress of our people and our country.

## **Unity in Diversity**

"As has been stated many a time, it is the cardinal principal of the Alliance Government to weld together our people unity. It is our determination to eliminate imbalances in our society so that we will have a just society with a more equitable distribution of wealth, bridging the gap between the haves and the have-nots of all races closer. We want to provide plenty for all Malaysians, irrespective of race, colour and creed. It is our aim and prayer to provide a better and happier life to all our people."

"As an earnest example of the Government's intention, the Government has just introduced in Parliament a bold and imaginative Economic Development Plan for the next five years. Despite mounting expenditure in defence and security the Government has decided to allot a large sum of money for development. The Government is sincerely determined to maintain the tempo of development both in Malaya and in Sabah and Sarawak so that our people, particularly the have-nots and those who live in the rural areas will be able to obtain better amenities of life and to have a standard of living compatible with a decent civilised society.

The implementation of this Development Plan calls for hard work and sacrifices of our people from Malaysians of all races. Success of a Development Plan must not depend only on investment of Government funds but also on the investment of human efforts. I would therefore like to call upon all our people to work harder and to devote all their energies and efforts in whatever work they are doing as their contribution towards the implementation of our Development Programme and towards the progress and happiness of our country. The successful implementation of this First Malaysian Development Plan will carry our people further forward towards the goal of progress and prosperity. We in Government will do all we can to see that this Plan is successfully implemented.

The Alliance Government has been in power for ten years and during this decade it has

not only maintained but greatly strengthened harmony and goodwill and friendship among the different races. It has also brought Malaysia greater prosperity for all our people. The aim of the Alliance Government is to build a strong united Malaysian nation and of a just and satisfying society for its multi-racial and multi-cultural population. Therefore let all resolve to work harder towards the achievement of this aim of a united and happier Malaysia.

"As you know I have just paid an official visit to Burma. The goodwill visit was very successful and fruitful, in that, it has further strengthened the ties of friendship between our two countries.

"In the course of this visit I called on His Excellency General Ne Win, Chairman of the Revolutionary Council and of the Council of Ministers. I feel greatly honoured that His Excellency General Ne Win showed me so much warmth, cordiality and friendship. We played golf together on two afternoons, and this gave us many opportunities to discuss matters of common interest in an atmosphere of cordiality and understanding. In our discussions which ranged over a wide field, we touched on economic and political developments in South East Asia. We agreed that such an exchange of views on vital matters of mutual interest is beneficial to both countries.

## **Same Views Shared**

"The Goodwill visit has provided us with the opportunity to learn more about each other's efforts to improve the standard of living of our respective peoples. Burma and Malaysia being developing countries are anxious to devote their entire resources to economic development and national consolidation. In this respect there is a strong conviction in both countries that all nations should have the right to choose freely their own economic and political systems in keeping with their national interests and aspirations.

"I was happy to have explained to me certain aspects of Burma's foreign policy. On the solution to international issues, Malaysia shares the same view with Burma that such issues of respect for independence and territorial integrity of each country.

"I delivered an invitation from the Prime Minister of Malaysia to His Excellency General Ne Win to visit Malaysia. I am happy that His Excellency has accepted the invitation, and I hope that he would be able to visit Malaysia soon.

"I wish to thank the Burmese Government for affording me and my delegation the opportunity to visit several places of interest such as Taunggyi, Inle Lake, Defence Services Command and General Staff College at Kalaw, Mandalay and the Air Force Training School at Meiktila. Wherever I went I was welcome and goodwill. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the Burmese leaders, Military Officers and other Government officials who have made this visit such a fruitful, enjoyable and memorable one.

"On this New Year Day I would like to thank every Malaysian everywhere for his support and loyalty to the country. Together with hard work and in unity we can make Malaysia happier and a prosperous country in which we and our children will be proud to live. I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

"May God Bless Us Call."

## **H.E.'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE**

ANOTHER year has passed during which period we in Sarawak have tasted the fruits of independence. The outgoing year has brought us many new experiences both sweet and bitter. The separation of Singapore was one event which has made a new chapter in our History. It brought some uneasiness to us however, it did not bring any major changes in our relation with that island state.

We in Sarawak however hope that the time will not be far distant when Singapore would come back when the atmosphere of understanding and co-operation has improved.

The year 1965 has been the year of trial when the courage and determination of our people were tested to repel the foolish confrontation and communist subversion. The Indonesians were trying, and are still trying their best in their evil design to undermine our people so as to make Malaysia an unstable nation.

The harder they tried to frighten us with their show of strength, power and the many shootings in the border, the stronger our determination remained in preserving our independence and integrity. I have no doubt that this spirit will remain firm in the soul of every loyal Malaysian.

I remember once I spoke to you about my prediction on the political developments in Indonesia. The 30th September movement has proved beyond doubt that what I had predicted had come true. I do not try to claim myself a prophet, but what I try to point out is that the communists must not be left free to increase their strength, and the people especially those who are sympathetic towards them in Sarawak must realise that sufferings and hardships instead.

### **Repent and co-operate**

Let those of you who are doggedly trying to pursue your desire by unconstitutional means judge for yourself what good the evil consequences of your struggle would bring.

There is time for you to repent and to co-operate with the Government by revealing the organisations which have misled you. There is time for you to give a helping hand in our efforts to uplift the living standard of our people.

As a result of the 30th September movement, the Indonesian people should know by now that their real enemies are the communists and their peace-loving neighbour is but their friend. The communists and those who are power-hungry is but their friend. The communists and those who are power-hungry have caused the Indonesian people great hardships and sufferings.

The continued confrontation and the shouts of "Crush Malaysia" do not help to eliminate the state of corruption prevailing in Indonesia. The Indonesian people must admit the fact that making friends with their neighbours is a blessing rather than a threat to them.

The repeated failures of our enemy in their activities against us were due to the bravery and the efficiency of our Security Forces, the vigilance of our Police Force, and the high morale of our people who co-operated fully with the Security Forces and the Government.

Our people have made sacrifices of every kind in the last few years. For example, the border people were restricted in their movements in getting their own living due to security measures imposed in the area. Thus, as an independent people we have to make sacrifices and suffer hardship for the sake of our country. However, you should not be despondent, because the

sacrifices you made and the hardships you experienced did not go unrewarded.

Both the Central and the State Governments have made great efforts to see that your hardships are reduced to the minimum and your standard of living significant contribution in setting aside \$400 million for our development in the first Malaysia Development Plan.

This large sum of money is devoted to developments in the economic and social fields. With the implementation of this Plan, I have no doubt that the benefits derived would be great. But the Plan can only succeed if everyone of us gives it his full support.

## **Beginnings of the Fulfilment**

The past few years of Sarawak's independence have many achievements in many fields of development. Many roads have been constructed, more schools and more clinics have been built. These are the beginnings of the fulfilment of what Malaysia has promise us. But let us not be complacent over the achievements we have had in the past but instead let them serve as inspirations for us to work harder and be more vigorous in the years ahead.

I will not be able to fulfil my promise to visit you in the next few months as I have been advised by my doctors not to do any hard work for some time. However, I am looking forward to meeting you as soon as I can.

Before I close, let us pray to God Almighty to pour upon us His continued blessings, and protect and guide us in future in our honest and sincere efforts to attain peace and prosperity. Thank you.

# **FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN TO THE PRESS IN SARAWAK**

I AM very happy once again to be able to send the press in Sarawak a New Year Message for 1966. We have come through the past year with encouraging success. It must be our firm determination to do still better in 1966. It is the duty of the press to help to keep the public informed, to provide stimulating criticism and to help to form people's view intelligently.

My Government recognises the importance of the press and the valuable role which it has to play. We do not resent criticism provided it is fair and objective. It can help us to try and take a hilly objective and balanced view of what is going on in Malaysia.

Some of the opinions voiced during the past year have not been altogether helpful. There is a danger that minor matters primarily of interest to the urban people of Sarawak receive disproportionate attention while the problems of the countryman receive much less attention. We, in Sarawak are basically, and will remain, an agricultural country. The prosperity of our people depends ultimately on what we produce ourselves, assisted by the funds being pumped in by the Federal Government and, to a much lesser extent, by private business.

Unfortunately, our rate of development is rather uneven. In our towns, people are much better off today than they were 10 or 15 years ago. They have better houses, more cars and radios, better clothes and food and many amenities and comforts of life.

But country people have not progressed so rapidly. You will today find many more motor-cars owned by white collar workers in Kuching than was the case 15 years ago but if you go to one of our upriver areas you will not find the same increase in the number of outboard engines owned by farmers. The standard of living of country people has risen but not nearly as quickly as in the towns. I would ask you to look at Sarawak affairs in a balanced way.

## **Ignorance of country Areas**

Those who are ultimately responsible for the welfare of the townsman are the men who produce rubber or pepper or sago or timber in the country areas. We must correct the balance between the town and the country. The newspapers can play an important part in seeing that the balance of public interest and understanding is maintained.

There is appalling ignorance in the towns about the country areas. I wonder how many newspaper readers and how many newspaper employees in Sarawak could pass a simple test on Sarawak general knowledge let alone Malaysian general knowledge. How many would be able to state accurately where is Temudok and where is Krian; describe a Dayak festival or know what the word Likau means. I hope that the press will play its full part in correcting this state of affairs through their own efforts and by improved reporting on country matters and affairs. This should not just be left to the Information Office.

Another point which I would like to make is this. There is quite frequently criticism of Federal decisions and policies. Some of these matters receive disproportionate attention in the press. The massive help which we are getting from the Federal Government receives much less attention. It is simply taken for granted. One of the biggest props of the Sarawak economy today is the very large injection of Federal funds into our economy.

This is coming in a variety of ways, through the salaries of Sarawakians who are Federal

officers and policemen, through the building of Federal works and through the large scale financing of every kind of development. The Federal Government of Malaysia is at present spending in Sarawak something like \$100,000,000 a year more than it receives from Sarawak in Federal Revenue. This is an enormous sum and the effects are felt by the whole economy of the State, by thousands and thousands of people in Sarawak and by businessmen and shopkeepers.

The Federal Government is being infinitely more generous to Sarawak as a State of independent Malaysia than Britain was when we were a colony. It makes me, and it should make all of us, very angry when mischief makers complain about the modest increases to taxation which are taking place. I have even heard that one mischief maker in Miri has said that instead of shouting "Long Live Malaysia" we should shout "10,000 taxes under Malaysia." This is indeed an epitome of ingratitude and foolishness. What we should be crying is "10,000 taxes without Malaysia."

The State Government which I have the honour to lead and the Federal Government are working hard to bring happiness and prosperity to our people and to our people of every race in worked here are "Bumiputras", that is sons of the soil. We must forget about race and think of ourselves simply as Malaysians. But in return for this we must be reasonable and fair, give credit where credit is due and not complain loudly at a modest pin prick while blandly assuming that our compatriots helping us generously but they also expect us to help ourselves. Mischief makers who make a mountain out of a minor tax raise are doing Sarawak a grave ill-service.

## **Criticism Of Tax Changes**

And I am afraid that it is true to say that the recent changes in Federal taxation have been criticised in an almost hysterical manner. They are, in fact, quite modest increases. And they have been used unscrupulously by some business people who take for granted the benefits but object to helping even in the most modest way to finance the Federal effort.

In the same way changes in import duties have received disproportionate attention. These have been widely used, and used most unscrupulously, as a means of increasing prices on goods which are in no way affected by the tax changes. It is not wrong of the press to criticise tax changes or systems as matters of principle but I certainly feel that papers would be of greater service to the people if they were equally critical of the mal-practices of unscrupulous traders who have used changes to further their own ends and to exploit the public.

Do not let us magnify minor grumbles and ignore major benefits.

I am sorry to end on this slightly critical note but I know that at the start of a New Year the press would like something definite to think about and not a mouthful of platitudes.

I ask you all to go into the New Year with the firm intention to help make Malaysia the great and happy nation which it deserves to be and Sarawak the most progressive and the happiest State within Malaysia. We are winning the battle against the forces of communism and against Indonesian hostility. Our greatest task and duty as Malaysians is to stick together, to work together, to recognise mischief makers for what they are and to press on with our great and noble task of nation building in unity and harmony.

I wish all Sarawak newspapers and their readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Beijaya Malaysia.

**FROM THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION  
AND BROADCASTING,  
INCHE SENU BIN ABDUL RAHMAN**

ONCE AGAIN, the New Year season has begun in Malaysia whose multi-racial society makes it really of foursome fete.

I have great pleasure to greet fellow Malaysians and others in our country on this happy occasion, which reflects in every way our traditions and heritage as a true human brotherhood.

As we ring out the Old Year and ring in the New, it is time again for some stock-taking regarding the past and to make resolutions and plans regarding the future. The pattern is the same whether it concerns individuals, organisations or Nations.

I would hence like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the problems and difficulties we have faced during the past year and to base our expectations and aspirations in the New Year on the experiences gained so far.

At the same time, let us not under-rate our achievements which, from every angle, are indeed significant and spectacular.

While confrontation and the dangers of communist subversion and infiltration continued during the year, we have still managed to hold our heads high and to keep our hearts happy. While our national preparedness against the forces of disunity and disorder has continued unabated, we have also made rapid strides in every direction ranging from National Development and Education to the most fundamental aspects of nation-building through unity and solidarity.

The most outstanding achievement of all has been the successful completion of our Second Five-Year (Malayan) Plan to which, from 1963 onwards, the local development plans of other Malaysian territories were dove-tailed.

We have also made a good beginning with the planning for the future - it was only two weeks ago that the Hon'ble the Deputy Prime Minister himself expounded in Parliament and elsewhere the highlights of our ambitious, yet immensely practical, First Malaysia Five-Year Development Plan.

That the Plan should have been universally commended for its sense of sobriety and realism is no surprise since our polyglot society has certain built-in advantages and merits which help us to complement and supplement each other's efforts and effectiveness in any field. Together, we form a formidable team which may be considered second to none in the world.

This, however, pre-suppose one requirement, i.e. true unity and solidarity among our people and their ability to think and act as one solid body of citizens. The press can play a vital role in keeping this constantly before the people so that they would never forget the basic facts of life while facing moments of trial and tribulations.

In Malaysia, we have upheld the freedom of expression of which the mass media are an

integral part. Nevertheless, such freedom rests upon certain responsibilities and ethics which the press, as a whole, have cherished themselves.

As we enter the New Year, let us join hands in stronger friendship, solidarity and so-operation. Let us not side-track any minor problem or polemic but march together towards the goal of national progress and happiness under the leadership of our beloved Prime Minister, Y.T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra.

Malaysia may be a young and new nation but her traditions are deep-rooted in the womb of time. Malaysians are thus a hardy lot and it is up to us to be worthy of this reputation which, slowly but steadily, is spreading. May the New Year bring us greater unity, solidarity and happiness. SELAMAT TAHUN BAHARU! BERJAYAI.

## **MALAYSIA HAS PASSED SEVERE TESTS, SAYS FINANCE MINISTER**

MALAYSIA has passed severe tests in political and economical fields in the year just ended, said the Finance Minister, Mr. Tan Siew Sin in his New Year message.

He said: "It is fair to claim that we have passed both tests and obtained marks which were well above average."

Mr. Tan Siew Sin added:

"At the same time, it is well also to bear in mind that the year 1966 will put us to an even severer test. A plural society must constantly strive to increase its unity and achieve that integration which would no longer make it plural. This admittedly requires time, patience and understanding, but the process is a continuous one and must go on all the time. Then challenge, therefore, never ceases.

"In the economic field, 1966 will see the beginning of the First Malaysia Development Plan. The targets aimed at are ambitious, but not unrealistic. Their fulfilment will depend on our ability to mobilise financial resources which, at the moment, do not appear available. Yet, although those financial resources will be an essential ingredient of success, equally essential will be the determination of our people to advance, to work, to save, and last but not least, the willingness to make the sacrifices required in order to translate a dream into reality."

Referring to the Press, Mr. Tan said that it could do a great deal to prepare and educate the public and public opinion.

"If public opinion is to be an asset to the Government, it must be an informed public opinion, basing its criticism on adequate knowledge. Uninformed criticism, on the other hand, can do more harm than good," he declared.

Finally, Mr. Tan reminded all Malaysians that as a young nation struggling to better itself by its own efforts, we must never allow ourselves to forget that our nation was far more important than any of us. It was far more important than any section of it.

"We can only be prosperous if our country is prosperous, we can only be safe if our country is safe, and we can only progress if our country itself is also progressing. If all of us believe in this vital maxim fervently, then our nation, though small in numbers and in size of territory, will be great, whatever the trials the future may hold in store for us. If we do not, our country will falter however large our material resources may be. That is the lesson of history which we must always remember," Mr. Tan concluded.

### **Still Further Improvement**

Let us hope that in 1966 we may see still further improvement in the situation of our nation. We none of us have any aggressive feelings or intentions towards our neighbours in Indonesia. We all of us want to accept all the Chinese of Sarawak as our fellow citizens. And it is sad that the communists should have done so much harm to the position of the great and respected and vitally important Chinese community.

We can but hope that our feelings of friendliness and goodwill may in good time be reciprocated by those who are now our enemies. Our own ambitions are simply to live in peace

and to ensure that the people of Sarawak and of Malaysia can live happy, free and rewarding lives of their own.

We must, of course, be prepared for setbacks. We have to struggle if we are to succeed in life and we must never be deterred by temporary reverses. They are the test of our manhood and of our right to be a nation. Let us, therefore, press firmly on with our task of building up our great new Malaysian nation. Let us pray for an end to difficulties but at the same time let us be prepared to face and overcome any obstacles or setbacks no matters how painful they may be. In this way, we can truly demonstrate our maturity and our inalienable right to nationhood.

## **PLACE NATIONAL INTEREST FIRST, SAYS LABOUR MINISTER**

THE Federal Minister of Labour, Enche V. Manickavasagam, said in his New Year Message that it was essential Malaysians should place the national interests first above all immediate considerations.

Wishing all Malaysians a successful and prosperous New Year, the Minister said:

The dawn of a New Year is a time for looking back on past achievements and for planning for the coming year; it is a time for stock-taking and for resolving to dedicate ourselves anew to the tasks that lie ahead. The year 1965 saw great changes, and with it the birth of new problems. It was a year in which the nation geared itself to meet the threats from Indonesia and to resolve the problems arising from the separation of Singapore. We have resolutely defended our sovereignty as a nation and have won the praise and admiration of freedom-loving peoples of the world. We have proved by deeds that the Malaysian is prepared to make great sacrifices in the defence of his country and his way of life.

"The past year also witnessed substantial achievements by the Government in improving the well-being of the people. The Government is determined to press on with its programme of economic development and the years ahead will see the fruits of this programme.

"The New Year marks the birth of the First Malaysia Plan. It will impose greater burden on the Government and the peoples but I am confident that we will meet them with greater vigour and acquit ourselves with even greater success than we have in the past.

"I wish to add a special word of thanks to all those in the country, employers and workers alike, for their hard work and dedication in making the Second Five-Year Plan the tremendous success that it has been."

# **CHIEF MINISTER'S NEW YEAR EVE BROADCAST**

I HAVE come to the microphone to send New Year greetings to everyone in this our State of Sarawak. We have come successfully through another difficult and challenging year. We have surmounted the difficulties in our path and now we look forward with hope to the year 1966.

We have a great task before us - that of building up Sarawak as a successful and strong part of Malaysia. In this task we are getting a lot of valuable help from our compatriots in the other more highly developed part in helping ourselves and in successfully managing our own affairs.

The most obvious problems which we have to surmount are those of Indonesian aggression and communist subversion. It is very encouraging to see how willingly our young men have volunteered for the security services. More than 5,000 Sarawak men and women are serving as volunteers in the various branches of the Police, in the Border Scouts and in the Sarawak Rangers. Many more have demonstrated their patriotism by joining the Civil Defence Corps.

We have no reason to be ashamed of our own Sarawak contribution to our defence. And this has been matched by the willingness of our fellow citizens from other parts of Malaysia to serve in the security forces. Malaysians have shown that they are willing to take up arms and to die for their country when danger threatens.

Of course, at the same time we recognise and are deeply grateful for the work and the efforts of the British, Commonwealth and Gurkha volunteers who are helping us to combat the dangers which we face. They have been true friends to us. Their work has been highly efficient. What is equally important, they have shown by their exemplary conduct and their friendliness towards us that they are truly our friends as well as our protectors.

We are deeply sorry that in the course of protecting us a number of brave men from these overseas forces have been lost. They have shown that in honouring the pledges of the British and Commonwealth Governments to protect Malaysia they are prepared to make the greatest sacrifice that men can offer - to lay down their lives for their friends. I know I am speaking for all of you when I express our heartfelt thanks for what these overseas forces have done. We feel deeply for the families of those who have been lost and we would like them to know how much we appreciate and honour the sacrifice of their loved ones.

But difficulties have not prevented us from making steady progress in nation building and in every field of development. We have more and better schools than ever before and more and healthier children in them. Our agriculture is being steadily improved and great new land development schemes are rapidly taking shape. New roads to open up the land and improve communications are being pushed ahead all over Sarawak. These and many other developments are moving relentlessly ahead.

On behalf of the State Government of Sarawak, I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. We have done well in 1965. Let us enter the New Year filled with sober confidence and the firm determination to do still better in 1966.

**FROM MR. ONG KEE HUI, LEADER  
OF THE OPPOSITION AND RETIRING  
PRESIDENT OF K.M.C.**

First, as retiring President of the Kuching Municipal Council, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to my fellow Councillors, to the Municipal Secretary and his staff, and to the citizens of Kuching for the assistance, support and kindness they have extended to me throughout my six years' tenure of office as President of the Council. My association with the Council has been a long and happy one to which I will always look back with satisfaction and pleasure, and I thank you all sincerely.

Looking back, the past year has indeed been an eventful year for all of us. It is perhaps with relief that we see the end of 1965 and look with hope to 1966. Here in Sarawak we were very concerned with the event that led to Operation Hammer and the prospects that confrontation may escalate into a Malayan type of emergency.

In Malaysia the honeymoon seems to be over and the usual stress and strain of the early part of married life appeared in a political crisis in Sabah, followed by one in Sarawak and culminated in events that led to the separation of Singapore from the Federation. These are disheartening events, but we must look at them as the normal hazards in political marriage.

The survival of the marriage depends on the willingness of the partners to accommodate each other and to give and take. There are signs that the separation of one partner may have shocked us into a realisation that our survival as a nation depends so much on each other. This is to me the one silver lining in the dark clouds we see all over us.

Let us in 1966 preserve our sense of balance and stick together as we have managed to do in 1965. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

## **Tebedu CCO Border Route Closed**

### ***Chinese Families Resettled***

THE CHINESE COMMUNITY OF TEBEDU IN SERIAN DISTRICT WAS RESETTLED THIS WEEK AT BERATOK AND TAPAH IN THE OPERATION HAMMER AREA ALONG THE SERIAN ROAD.

THE MOVE WHICH BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 ENDED ON FRIDAY. A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY SAID:

"Tebedu has been one of the principal routes used by Sarawak Chinese communists crossing the border. Much help has been given the enemy by the people now being moved and they have completely failed to co-operate with the security forces."

The statement added: "Tebedu is best known for its small Bazaar and Police Station which were the first Indonesian attack on Sarawak in April 1963. Lying close to the border it used to be an important centre for trade with the adjoining areas of Indonesia.

"A substantial number of Chinese smallholders have settled there. A Mixed Zone was established in 1958. The smallholders are mostly pepper planters. Many of their gardens lie between the bazaar and the border. It is the only Chinese agricultural settlement lying close to the Sarawak-Indonesian border.

"This small community has failed to co-operate with the security forces in the same way as other border communities. It has consequently been a serious threat to the security and safety of Sarawak and of Malaysia.



*Government-engaged porters helping people, who were being moved to unload their personal belongings from a truck.*

"It is known that one of the principal routes used by Sarawak Chinese communists if crossing the border into Indonesia has been through Tebedu. The area has been the scene of numerous enemy incursions. At least 38 Chinese from Tebedu are known to have defected to Indonesia and to be still there. The area had been a safe one for returning border crossers, an area where they can obtain food, shelter and information.

"There have been numerous contacts with the enemy in the area. Recent incidents have included a contact on December 4 when one soldier was killed in a clash with an enemy party who are known to have comprised Chinese. Since May 1965 there have been altogether five contacts with security forces and 14 sets of tracks and ambush positions have been found. "It will also be recollected that it was in the Tebedu area that three Sarawak civil servants were kidnapped by the enemy in April 1965.

"Many, if not all the adults who are being moved, have been well aware of the enemy activities going on in the area. But whether through fear or communist sympathies - and from the security point of view the difference is irrelevant - no information has been forthcoming. Despite the numerous appeals to patriotism made by Government supplemented by the offer of generous rewards the people's lips have been sealed. They have completely failed to security forces.

## **TEBEDU CONTROLLED AREA ORDER**

THE following order was issued on Wednesday:

A Controlled Area Order has been made with effect from the 5th January, 1966 covering the area of Tebedu from the border northwards for a distance of approximately 14,000 yards.

Under this Order no non-Native is permitted to live in the area or enter the area unless in possession of a written permit from the Divisional Superintendent of Police, First Division, Sarawak.

Any non-Native who has an important reason for entering the Controlled Area should therefore apply to the Divisional Superintendent of Police for a permit before proceeding to the Controlled Area.

"It is now known from interrogation of captured CCO members that the terrorists who attacked the 18th Mile area in June made their way into Sarawak through the Tebedu area. No responsible Government could possibly leave parties of murderous thugs to come in by.

"All the Chinese smallholders from Tebedu are, therefore, being resettled immediately in the villages of Beratok and Tapah where houses have already been built for them. They are being helped to obtain land in the area, the houses are being provided free of charge, and for the time subsistence allowances at the rate of \$ 1 per head per day (both adults and children).

"They will be allowed to retain their land held under title in the Tebedu area and to return there in the future if and when conditions return to normal. But so long as the emergency lasts they will not be allowed to return to Tebedu.

"The people have been informed of the decision and the move has started today. Free transport is being provided by Government and the security forces together with carriers to help load the trucks with personal belongings. Each household is being provided with a supply of rice to tide them over the move.

"Four shophouses are being allowed to remain in Tebedu to provide goods and marketing facilities for the Land Dayak people of the area. Tebedu will, therefore, become a purely trading settlement similar to a number of others which exist along the border.

"In conclusion the statement says that while the Government regrets that it is necessary to take such action, there is no alternative. It is a sad fact that if the people now being resettled had behaved with the same staunchness, bravery and loyalty as other people living along the border, the need to move them would never have arisen."

## **Ferry Provided and Operated by Malaysian S.F.**

On the second day of the move on Thursday, a number of families and belongings were ferried across the Sungei Suhu to waiting trucks provided free by Government and the Security Forces.

The improvised ferry was provided and operated by the Malaysian Security Forces personnel who with the help of their heavy duty tractors skilfully manoeuvred the fast-flowing river to bring the people and their belongings across.

One pregnant woman was brought down by military ambulance specially provided for the purpose.

The District Officer, Serian, Mr. Goh Hak Seng, has described the operation as highly successful and that everything was going smoothly and according to plan.

When asked about the pepper gardens and food crops which the people had to abandon, Mr. Goh said that he understood that relatives and friends would take care of these.

He said that over the next two weeks those who had been resettled would be allowed to return to their homes to collect some more of their belongings.

# ***Development Plan***

## **4TH DIV. DEVELOPMENT PROCEEDS DESPITE DIFFICULTIES**

DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOURTH DIVISION WAS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY DESPITE DIFFICULTIES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOURTH DIVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. J.F. DRAKE-BROCKMAN SAID RECENTLY.

He was speaking at a meeting of the Development Committee. Mr. Drake-Brockman said that the Public Work Department was succeeding in its efforts to extend roads across the country-side, and development was following road extensions.

He also said that Government staff were doing all they could to help remote ulu settlements. Mr. Drake-Brockman said the main difficulty in the Fourth Division was its size and its widely dispersed population: Fourth Division occupied about one-quarter of Sarawak.

He added that labourers and farmers could now find well-paid work with timber companies with the result they were not so keen to work on rubber planting schemes and minor rural projects.

Another disadvantage was the shortage of technical staff. Due to this some projects such as the Assistance to Padi Planters Scheme had to be turned down.

He urged Senators, Members of Parliament, Councillors and Headmen to seek assurance from the people that they would devote some time each year to minor rural projects.

The Committee also approved requests totalling \$933,930 for Minor Rural Development expenditure.

Of this sum the Minor Rural Water Supplies project has been allocated \$104,800; River Clearance, \$32,6000; Recreational Facilities, \$118,00, and Miscellaneous Projects such as cycle tracks etc., \$678,530.

The Fourth Divisional Development Officer, Mr. H.A.L. Ferguson, who reviewed 1965 development progress said that most of the 200 applicants selected for the Lambir Land Development Scheme had taken out Sarawak Development Finance Corporation loans.

## **700 Acres PRS Rubber Planted**

About 700 acres of RPS rubber was in progress of being planted in a cleared area of 1,000 acres.

Six miles of access tracks within Phase I and Phase II rubber block was nearing completion. The old village site had been abandoned for technical reasons, and a new site was now under investigation.

About 190 labourers had been attracted to work on the Scheme, most of whom from families selected for the scheme.

Touching on the proposed Long Lama Land Development Scheme, Mr. Ferguson said it had

been surveyed and was now being charted.

Reconnaissance was being made for a possible village site. The Gau Sawmill Company was extracting timber from the area and had built a road. Many Kayan families have been urged to come downriver from the steep Bar am hills to join the Scheme.

The D.D.O. also disclosed that the Minister of Lands and Mineral Resources, Penghulu Francis Umpau and the former State Development Officer, Inche Ya'acob bin Hitam had visited the area recently.

On the C.D.C Oil Palm area at Kebuloh, Miri, Mr. Ferguson said customary rights over 1,900 acres had been investigated. Together with the State land there were some 5,000 acres now available for oil palm development and the P.W.D. Miri/Bintulu Road would pass through this area.

Referring to the Bario Border Resettlement Scheme, the D.D.O. explained that planning and Investigation were now proceeding with regard to the land astride the new P.W.D. road. He added that consolidation of families moved into Bario had gone ahead, and a large area of land was under cultivation.

Several miles of cycle tracks had also been built to link the various settlements, the airfield, the co-operative and the sawmill.

The Assistant Land Officers, Mr. D. Peck told the meeting that Land Settlement at Long Lama was completed in October 1965 and that charting was in progress.

On Sibiyu RPS Scheme Extension, Bintulu, Mr. Peck said that 830 acres of land were found available. These had been surveyed into blocks. They were now being cleared and burnt by successful applicants prior to layout in 10-acre lots.

At Sungei Mas Coconut Planting Scheme, Bintulu, 28 applicants for the initial area of 420 acres had been selected by the Land Selection Committee. This area lay in the Native Area lands.

## **Mixed Zone Land Allocated**

At Sungei Dalam, Miri, 640 acres of Mixed Zone land had been allocated to 125 successful applicants. Some 16 additional lots were not taken up due to the nature of the soil and topography.

Only 328 acres of land at Sungei Pasir/Dabai, Marudi were found suitable for agricultural purpose. This area had been sub-divided into 36 lots of various shapes and sizes, having regard to topography and soil.

Investigations at Bakam Block (Sungei Kadukal) and Sapupok, Niah, have been completed, and survey of land under Native Customary Rights was now in hand.

## **Road Construction**

On roads, the Divisional Engineer, Fourth Division, told the meeting that the construction units were working south from Lambir. Twenty-three miles of road had been constructed from Miri, and 3½ miles north from Niah.

The Bintulu/Labang Road is now under survey and the Bakam feeder road, over eight miles in length, was almost completed while a camp-site has been selected for the construction of Marudi/Linei Road.

The Divisional Engineer also disclosed that works were being undertaken at Bintulu airfield to provide a bitumen surface 4,500 feet long and 100 feet wide with turning pans, taxi way and parking apron.

In Miri, work on the airfield has started on clearing, and stripping the site was progressing very satisfactorily.

## **New Secondary Schools**

New Lutong and Long Lama Secondary schools were expected to be ready for occupation early in 1966, and sites had been selected and investigated for the proposed Subis (Batu Niah) and Bario Secondary Schools.

Finally, the D.D.O. said that in spite of geographical, labour and technical difficulties, the District Administration had done a magnificent job in pushing through the Minor Rural Development Projects and the staff had tackled \$298,000 worth of minor projects with vigour and determination. Only a few projects could not be undertaken, due mostly to technical difficulties.

## **NEW CO-OP OFFICERS**

NEW office-bearers of the Bumiputra Co-operative Savings and Loan Society, Ltd., Sarikei, Third Division, were elected recently at a special general meeting of the society.

Inche Abdul Rahman Karia, Vice-Chairman of the Sarikei District Council, was elected Chairman and Inche Montahir Ledek was elected Secretary Seven others were elected to serve in the new committee.

The society has 31 registered members and it is expected that the membership will soon increase.

## **Alliance Govt. Plans For Brighter Future Announced -**

# ***\$3 Mil For Water Supply***

THE FIRST MALAYSIA PLAN HAS PROVIDED A SUM OF \$3 MILLION IN THE FORM OF FEDERAL LOAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING WATER SUPPLY AT MIRI, SARIKEI AND SIMANGGANG.

THIS IS STATED BY THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS, INCHE ABDUL TAIB BIN MAHMUD, THIS WEEK WHEN HE OUTLINED, DURING A FOUR-DAY TOUR, THE ALLIANCE GOVERNMENTS PLAN FOR A BRIGHT AND PROMISING FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH DIVISIONS.

During his tour, the Minister declared open the \$520,000, 7.12 miles long Punang Road at Lawas in the Fifth Division, and the Lawas Electricity Works.

When the permanent installation of the Electricity Works is completed the whole project for Lawas will amount to \$295,000.

"The Alliance Government is sympathetic to your problems and attends to your needs as urgently as it can, "assured the Minister when he declared open the Lawas Electricity works.

At Miri and Bintulu he made brief stops on his journey to Lawas and announced plans for the Improvement of communications and water supply at Miri.

## **New Water Supply For Miri**

In a statement issued in Miri, the Minister said that Miri would soon have a new water supply to cope with this increasing demand.

He added: "We in Miri must be very grateful to have had the co-operation and generous help of the Sarawak Shell Oilfields Limited in stimulating our taste for living in a surrounding of very high standard of sanitation and health. Our water supply is a splendid example. As more and more facilities which used to be managed by Shell pass over to our direct care, I hope we the people of Miri will show the same standard of efficiency, if not more, in managing our public utilities.

"We have taken over part of the gas supply of MM for the purpose of opening it out for public consumption. We have taken over the ferry and the hospital.

"Soon we will have a bigger water supply of our own and a new ferry replacing the present one. The road which the Shell Company built in the early days when Miri had a boom will soon be improved to cater for a greater transport need as a result of the economic development of areas beyond Tanjong Lobang."

IN a short speech during his brief stopover at the Bintulu airstrip the Minister said that the First Malaysia Plan would bring about a tremendous change and progress to the people of Bintulu. Work was now in progress in various sections of the PWD to improve the transport system connecting Bintulu with others towns in Sarawak.

The construction work on the strengthening and lengthening of the Bintulu Airfield was now progressing well after a good-weather start in late 1965. Block stone foundation was now being laid to half of the runway permitting the use of the remaining part of the airfield strip by the present Dakota service.

The Minister added: "The 4,500 feet runway will be bitumen surfaced and when completed will allow the Fokker Friendship to land on its Borneo-length service, connecting Kuching, Sibul, Bintulu, Miri, Brunei and the other major airfields of Sabah.

"Works on the construction of the Miri/Bintulu road will be further reinforced by the addition of one more Mechanical road Construction Unit as from this year. The new Unit will be based at Bintulu and will continue the construction of the present Miri/Bintulu Road from Bintulu towards Labang."

He hoped that by the end of the Malaysia Plan period, Bintulu would be linked with Miri not only by sea and air, but also by land.

The Minister further hoped that with these improvements to the transport system connecting Bintulu, the confidence and optimism amongst the business people in Bintulu would grow and that economic development in the private sectors would substantially reinforce the Alliance Government's efforts to develop Bintulu and its surrounding areas.

With this easy and speedy communication, Bintulu might also attract investors from within and outside Malaysia to its potential mineral resources and thereby supplement employment opportunities to the people of Bintulu who were now basically engaged in agricultural.

## **Prepare For Promising Future**

He concluded: The town roads in Bintulu will be very soon Improved just as its water supply is going to be expanded. I sincerely appeal to the people of Bintulu to prepare themselves for this promising future and to seize any available opportunity that is bound to come with the Improvement of communications into the area.

"If the Government is prepared to spend millions of dollars in its development works in Bintulu, I am optimistic that the people of Bintulu will work side by side with our Government in improving their own standards of living."

ON Sunday, January 9, Inche Abdul Taib, declared open the Punang Road at Lawas. In his speech, he said the road was a symbol not only of the dedication of the Public Works Department which had undertaken the construction, but also of the enthusiasm and the co-operation of the people of Lawas to carrying out the Development Plan.

He added: "I hope that just as your enthusiasm was aroused by the construction of this road a year ago, your initiative will also be given free play to make full use of the opening of new areas and the connection brought about by this road, now that it is completed.

"It may be a disappointment that the Kampong Sualai which this road could have served

have failed to materialise. However, I myself see that there are ample opportunities open to the people of Lawas if they are bent on improving the economic position.

"For example, the fisherman of Kampong Punang who used to take anything up to half-a-day to deliver their catch to the Lawas Market can now shorten the time taken for them to travel to the Lawas Bazaar to a matter of within an hour."

The Minister hoped that these fisherman would form themselves into a co-operative making full use of Government's facilities to help them to do so and organise their fishing business so as to bring about maximum profit to themselves and to deliver satisfactory commodities to the people of Lawas.

"To those people of Lawas who have a fondness for the fresh sea breeze, Punang Road will also be a blessing. I know the school children in the district will be among the first to realise this," said the Minister.

He disclosed that the construction of the road commenced in March, 1964. Towards the end of that year the earthworks were completed. All in all, the road was 7.12 miles in length and cost \$520,000.

## **Got Lion's Share**

The completion of Punang Road brought up the total mileage of roads construction by the Public Works Department in the Fifth Division to over 40 miles. The three other roads which had been completed before this were the Limbang/Pandaruan Road, Lawas/Trusan Road and Limbang/Kubong road, and those involved and expenditure of more than 1 Vi million dollars.

The Minister also announced that the Public Works Department was now undertaking the construction of the Berawan/Nanga Medamit Road which would be estimated to be 20 miles long. He said the Fifth Division had got a lion's share of development even in terms of road construction alone, and therefore the people of the Fifth Division could not regard themselves as inhabitants of a land tucked away in a small corner of Sarawak.

In conclusion, the Minister said: "You are now as well developed as the communities in other divisions of Sarawak and I hope that with this promising progress that you have achieved so far, you will strive very hard to bring about more progress in future."

# 'SARAWAK TRADITIONAL ARTS ARE TAKING ON NEW VIGOUR - DATO OTHMAN

Because of an enlightened school system Sarawak's old arts and traditions are taking on a new vigour, said the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman bin Abang Haji Moasili, this week when he declared open a two-week Junior Secondary Schools Crafts' Exhibition organised by the State Education Department.

The exhibits were selected from entries to the Sarawak Junior Certificate Examination 1965 of schools throughout the State.

PRAISING THE HIGH LEVEL OF WORKMANSHIP OF THE EXHIBITS THE MINISTER SAID: "CRAFT IS A FIELD IN WHICH SARAWAK IS NOT IN THE LEAST BACKWARD. ON THE CONTRARY, WE ARE AHEAD. YOU WILL NOT FIND A HIGHER STANDARD OF WORK BY CHILDREN OF THE SAME AGE IN ANY PART OF MALAYSIA".

Following is the full text of the Minister's speech:

"I am very pleased to be invited to be present this morning at this exhibition of crafts objects, made as entries for the Sarawak Junior Certificate Examination last year.

"Some of the best of these entries have been selected to form an exhibition because it was felt that they would interest the public for two reasons:

"First - they show that the curriculum now followed in our Junior Secondary Schools is not a narrow one. It gives scope for children to express themselves in many different ways.

"Secondly - it shows the great range and variety of crafts which are flourishing in Sarawak, and the high standard of our craft teaching. When you look round you will find not only basketry and such traditional things as raga balls, but much excellent carving.

## **New Processes**

"You will also see traditional designs being used with new processes for painting on cloth, and also batik paintings, which are becoming so popular, as well as woodcuts.

"It is common for people to regret the passing of the old skills and the old Native traditions under the impact of modern civilization. Please note that because of an enlightened school system these old arts and traditions are taking on a new vigour.

"I think you will be particularly impressed by the high level of workmanship in the articles which you see. Craft is a field in which Sarawak is not in the least backward. On the contrary, we are ahead.

"You will not find a higher standard of work by children of the same age in any part of Malaysia. Nor does any other part of Malaysia show more richness and variety in its crafts. This is cause for much satisfaction. It means that we, in Sarawak, have an important contribution to make to Malaysian culture.

"Please do not think that this subject is unimportant. On the contrary, it is vital for the future of our country. It is by learning to use their hands that children grow up into skilled artisans, skilled technicians and even into successful artists and inventors. We must not ignore the possibilities for future trade. First class products will always sell.

"The exhibition will be open for 14 days in Kuching, and, if possible, will then visit other parts of Sarawak. This will give craft teachers from secondary schools a chance to study the objects in detail and try their hand at making them.

"I hope that you will enjoy looking at these very varied and interesting examples of children's work, which have been assembled by the staff of the Education Department and of Batu Lintang Training College. I now have pleasure in declaring the exhibition open."

## **8 TRAINED TEACHERS FOR SPECIALIST TRAINING**

EIGHT trained teachers were awarded Federal Government In-Service Training Awards for specialist training in different subjects in Malaya.

The teachers are:

\* Miss Margeret Chen Chin Peng, 22 who will train for one-year in the teaching of Home Science at the Specialist Teachers training Institutes, Kuala Lumpur;

\* Inche Khalid bin Kaderi, 31, who will undergo a six-month course of training in the teaching of National Language at the Language Institute, Kuala Lumpur;

\* Mr. Arthur Chew Sze Fatt, 26, and Mr. Law Swee Phang, 28, who will each take a one-year course of training in the teaching of Mathematics at the Malayan Teachers Training College, Penang;

\* Mr. George Inkai Siba, 25, and Mr. Augustine Lee Chee Ming, 30, who will each take a one-year course of training in the teaching of the Blind at the Specialist Teachers Training College, Kuala Lumpur;

\* Mr. John Sia Chin Peng, 28, who will take a one-year course of training in the teaching of Science at the Malayan Teachers Training College, Penang, and

\* Awang Ali Bahar, 23, who will undergo a one-year course of training in Physical Education at the Specialist Teachers Training Institute, Kuala Lumpur.

All the eight teachers left Kuching for Kuala Lumpur on January 8.

### **ADMISSION TO MALAYA UNIVERSITY**

STUDENTS seeking admission to the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, should apply to the Director of Education for a Certificate of Suitability. Students seeking admission into institutions of higher learning in Singapore - Singapore University, the Nanyang University, the Ngee Ann College and the Singapore Polytechnic - should apply direct to the Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Kay Siang Road, Singapore 10.

## **Lai Bahadur Shastri**

### **CONDOLENCE MEETING CONVENED IN KUCHING**

Mr. Shastri's death is a great loss indeed, not only to India but to all nations who cherish the cause of peace. -

Prime Minister,  
Tunku Abdul Rahman

A CONDOLENCE meeting convened by the Indian Association, Sarawak, on the death of the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Lai Bahadur Shastri, was held in Kuching on Thursday, January 13.

More than 100 persons, including the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, representatives of the Opposition Parties and members of the Diplomatic Corps attended the meeting at the Sarawak Union Club.

In his speech of welcome. President of the Indian Association, Dr. V.T. George said:

"We have assembled here to express our condolence, pay our homage and respects and make known our appreciation of the life and work of the late Prime Minister of India, Lai Bahadur Shastri, who has not only a great leader of India but also of the world."

Dr. George outlined the early struggle of Mr. Shastri in the independence movement, as a follower of Gandhi and of his outstanding ability in leadership.

Finally he said: "The crowning glory of his life and work was the signing of Tashkent Declaration which has paved the way for lasting peace between India and Pakistan in the place of ill-will and hatred that existed for the last 18 years.

"Since the stresses and strains of Tashkent talks were the immediate physiological cause for Shastri's death, we can legitimately say that he died in the very achievement of peace and because he died for peace, we can rest assured that peace would prevail.

"That great man who guided the destiny of the biggest democracy in the world till two days ago is no more with us. His body has already become non-living ash.

"But the ideals of freedom, brotherhood and peace for which he lived and died would continue to live in all the generations to come. And let us hope that his death was the birth of a new era of peace in the world."

### **Profoundly Shocked And Grieved**

The Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan said that he had come to the condolence meeting with grief and sorrow on the passing of a great man and reputed leader.

"Mr. Shastri's untimely death has filled our hearts with deep sorrow. The Government and the people of Sarawak are profoundly shocked and grieved by the sudden death of this great man who had dedicated himself to the cause of peace and the promotion of human welfare", he said.

The Chief Minister continued: "All of us share the loss and the bereavement of the Government and the people of India and the family of Lai Bahadur Shastri. Indeed, the death of Shastri is a grievous blow not only to India but to all peace-loving democratic nations, and we send our sincere condolence and deepest sympathy to his family, the Government and the Indian nationals throughout the entire world.

"All the people who had met Shastri have spoken of his humility. I had the good fortune of meeting the late Mr. Shastri just before his election to the Premiership of India. That meeting impressed me very much and I feel that only those who have had the good fortune of meeting and knowing Mr. Shastri know that beneath his simplicity lay a deep understanding of human affairs.

"Mr. Shastri took office at a most trying time for India. He ably wore Mr. Nehru's mantle and continued to deal effectively with India's old problems of poverty and ignorance. He had indeed established himself as a leader in his own right.

"It was then said that becoming the prime minister of India after 17 years of Nehru's administration, was like going after the lion tamer in a circus - a hard act to follow.

"But Mr. Shastri, a frail and wispy career politician, performed the act well, as he had himself acquired the necessary experience in Indian politics and possessed considerable talent and shrewdness. There had never been a taint or any scandal concerning his political career.

"Born near the Holy City of Benares on the Ganges, Mr. Shastri at 16 heard and responded to Mahatma Gandhi's call to the students of Benares to join him in his non-co-operation movement against the British.

"During the 25 years of struggle that followed, for India's independence, Mr. Shastri spent nine years in jail. Later, Mr. Shastri was often quoted as saying that he learned to serve his country without love of power or authority. That attitude has characterized his entire public service career till his death.

## **He Was Loved, Respected and Known**

"After independence, Mr. Shastri became one of the important men in the Nehru Administration and held several ministerial posts.

"He was loved, respected and known by his people. He practised the Gandhian ideal in his dealings with people and Governments. That was probably why he was better known and appreciated by the average Indian.

"He remained one of the few Congress party politicians who had amassed no great wealth or property. He attached great importance to the welfare of the poor, and the under-privileged and once declared: 'It is the poor and the weak who will shape the coming of India'.

"At another occasion, speaking of the future of India, he said: 'I think India will remain a democracy whatever happens. You should have no fears about that... Democracy and socialism

will have to go together In India'.

"Mr. Shastri was a renowned man of peace. He had a firm will and had always been dedicated to the tasks that confronted him.

"Lately, he was charged with what seemed to the world the greatest task that he had too undertake - the negotiation for peace with Pakistan.

"He succeeded in his mission which brought accord at Tashkent. It was indeed a great achievement. However, at that moment of triumph, he was called away for eternal rest. He had left us all to enjoy the peace that he had all this time sought. He had gone, but his spirit will live together forever, and we pray that his soul may rest in peace."

Mr. Stephen Yong also spoke at the meeting. A message from the President of the Kuching Municipal Council, Mr. Song Thian Cheok was read.

## Tunku Promises To Send Experts

# FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING

THE PRIME MINISTER, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, SAID IN KUCHING ON WEDNESDAY THAT TEAMS OF EXPERTS WOULD BE COMING TO SARAWAK TO MAKE AN ON-THE-SPOT STUDY OF WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF NOT ONLY THE COMMON PEOPLE OF SARAWAK, BUT ALSO THE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

THE TEAMS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE RUBBER RE-PLANTING EXPERTS, SAID THE TUNKU.

The Tunku who came down-river by boat from Kapit to Sibu on Tuesday, said he was able to see how badly some rubber gardens were in need of replanting. He said that replanting was expensive, but this has got to be looked into.

He added that the replanting experts would help not only in replanting, but also in new planting.



*A surprise awaited the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman at the reception given by the Malays National Union on Friday, February 18, when he was invited to cut a Birthday Cake. MIS picture shows the Tunku cutting the cake as the choir group from the Gabongan Kelab-kelab Belia Melayu sang 'Happy Birthday to You' in Malay.*

The Tunku who was speaking to newsmen during a brief stopover at the Kuching Airport on his way from Sibiu to Kuala Lumpur, expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality he and his party had received during their week's tour of Sarawak.

He described his tour as "an eye opener" and hoped that he would return for a similar tour soon when he would like to visit remote kampongs in Sarawak rather than towns.

The Tunku said that he was pleased to find that people had been looking forward to his visit wherever he and his party went. He added that he had many requests from people in order to improve their lot.

There were so many things they wanted but it was not possible for him to say outright what he would do for them although he had promised them certain things.

The Tunku said that to meet all the requests of the people needed careful planning, because money was hard to come by. "We have got to make sure that everything they get will be of permanent use to them," said the Tunku.

He said that he was lucky to have come downriver by boat on Tuesday from Kapit to Sibiu, and was able to see how badly some rubber gardens were in need of replanting.

In this connection, the Tunku said that he was intending to send a team of experts to give Sarawak rubber gardeners the know-how. He said that replanting was expensive and this has to be looked into.

The Tunku went on to say that there would also be quite a number of other teams of experts coming to Sarawak to make an on-the-spot study of what would be done to improve the lot of not only the common people of Sarawak, but also the Government servants.

## **Re-organisation of Sarawak Alliance**

Referring to the re-organisation of the Alliance Party (about which he had spoken on arrival here) the Tunku said that he had hoped to be able to do something to improve the position of the Party here but after studying the position he had come to the conclusion that it would be very hard to determine straight away what should actually be done in the matter.

The Tunku added that he proposed to send a research officer to find out how best to help the party. He reiterated that while he was here he had done nothing to reorganise the party, but had discussions with the party leaders to find out what sort of help they really wanted from the Alliance Party in Malaya and how the principal party could help them.

Referring to comments by Mr. S.K.T. Yong, Secretary General of the Sarawak United Peoples' Party, recently concerning his remarks on "the Reds" at the laying of foundation stone at the Masjid Besar in Kuching, the Tunku said that he did not have in mind Mr. Yong or his party when he spoke of the Reds.

He added: "I might perhaps have had them in mind but I did not say anything about them. He (Mr. Yong) appears to assume I had attacked him when I referred to the Reds. That is, more or less, admitting by direct answer that the Reds I referred to were his party.

The Tunku continued that he (Mr. Wong) has got to be very careful, because that party was banned in this country and to go and identify himself with the Reds was dangerous. The communists have been harassing us and embarrassing this Government and by identifying himself with that party he was treading on very dangerous ground," said the Tunku

He added: "I am sure he did not mean it but just because he had jumped to conclusions too quickly and more or less made a confession of his connection, as I say, he should be very careful about that."

Answering a question by Mr. Yong as to the source of funds which the party accompanying him were spending, the Tunku said that they had visited Sarawak at the expense of party funds and not of the Government.

The Tunku then went on to say that he was glad to note the people of Sarawak were now beginning to realise that they were part and parcel of Malaysia. He told reporters that it was the duty of the Press to help them achieve national consciousness and make Malaysia a happy, prosperous and peaceful country.

Answering questions, the Tunku said that he had been already asked by reporters at Sibul Airport what he thought of Sukarno's recent Cabinet reshuffle. He said that he had replied that it was not his business to comment of Sukarno's Cabinet, but there was one thing he would like to mention, that was the ousting of such people as Gen. Nasution.

## **Reds and Confrontation**

The Tunku said: "It showed that Sukarno was now pushing out the anti-communist elements in his Cabinet." He said: "We know that the Reds in Indonesia had brought about this confrontation, therefore naturally every Malaysia would hope to see the anti-communists or non communists take over the Government.

"In the ousting of Nasution this did not seem to be the case and we would have to wait for a few days to see what the reaction is going to be in Indonesia. We have to wait and see."

Asked whether is coming here was to bring about a merger of PANAS and BERJASA, the Tunku replied that he had hoped to achieve this, but he had dared not propose it. He said that to propose it now might not achieve the desired result.

Replying to further questions, the Tunku said that he had in mind sending a research officer. "After all it is a good thing if we can compose our differences and bring them together," he said.

Commenting further on this the Tunku said: "I can only plant a tree, but somebody would have to look after it. I can easily suggest many thing but other should work. If not, the tree would be bound to die."

Asked whether he thought that the merger would come about, the Tunku answered that he did not know. That was why he had to send a research officer to find out.

The Tunku went on to say that some PANAS and BERJASA members agreed to a merger, but others did not agree and that was why he did not dare to start a merger at this moment. It would be too much of a gamble at this stage. He said he could not gamble with party politics, particularly when it affected his own party.

Asked whether if the merger came about it would be called "Sarawak UMNO", the Tunku replied: "Wait for them to decide. If they achieved a merger they might propose some other names to include people such as the Buniputras here or they might start on their own for the time being, until such time when they could open the door to others."

The Tunku went on to say that he had explained to all those concerned the Implications and the need to build a strong party did not rest by just proposing it and calling it by names. "One needs to be honest and dedicated and to be able to give a lot of time for the party, otherwise it would die."

Asked if he was satisfied that the Alliance leaders in Sarawak were settling their differences, the Tunku replied in the negative. He said the leadership needed more than an elected or selected leader. He added that there should be a feeling of dedication and a desire to really work for the Alliance party and for the nation as a whole.

The Tunku, who was accompanied by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Dato Temenggong Jugah during his Third Division tour, was met and later farewelled by State Ministers including the Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong and community leaders.

## **TUNKU EXPLAINS REASONS FOR CURFEW**

AT a press conference at the Sibu Airport, on Wednesday, Tunku Abdul Rahman told reporters in reply to a question, that the Sarawak Government had imposed a curfew between the 12th and 32nd Miles, Serian Road, First Division, in order to eliminate the enemy who had penetrated into the country.

The Prime Minister assured the reporters that the people of Sarawak were not being treated as second class citizens, but on equal basis with the people of the mainland.

## **TUNKU GETS ROUSING WELCOME AT KAPIT**

THE Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, was given a rousing welcome in Kapit, Third Division, on Monday when he arrived there by Malaysia Air Force Twin Pioneer.

Thousands of people of all races converged at Kapit by road and by river, and addressing them, the Prime Minister said that the Malaysian Government was making active efforts through the implementation of the Development Plan to improve the living standard of its peoples, "and that including the Natives of Sarawak."

Explaining the necessity for the introduction of the National language, the Tunku said that it would enable the various races in Malaysia to communicate through a common tongue. This, he said, would enable them to understand one another better.

Referring to the Land Development Schemes, the Prime Minister urged the people to accept the Government's recommendation as they would be benefited by them immensely.

He said the Malaysian Government was not rich but it would do what it could to help the peoples of Sarawak.

The Prime Minister then announced a donation of \$30,000 from the Central Government for a Community Hall in Kapit, costing \$100,000.

Earlier, the Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Dato Temenggong Jugah assured the Prime Minister of the full support of the people in meeting Indonesian confrontation.

He added that the people of Sarawak fully supported the Government's policy and called on the Central Government to send as soon as possible the \$10,000 it had promised to the Mission Hospital in Kapit. He said the need for medical aid was urgent.

In his reply, the Prime Minister promised to send the money as soon as possible.

## **Pledge of Loyalty**

In a speech of welcome, the District Officer asked the Tunku to Yang di-Pertuan Agong the pledge of loyalty of the people of Kapit who would strive to make Malaysia a better place for every Malaysian to live in.

The Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, also spoke on the occasion.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by the Chief Minister, the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, the District Officer, Kapit, Mr. Charles Percy Majeng and the Resident, Third Division.

## **ATTENDS 'MIRING' CEREMONY**

ON Monday evening, the Prime Minister attended the traditional Iban "Miring" ceremony at Kapit. At the colourful ceremony Tunku's hosts showered him with gifts and wished him good health and long life.

This was followed by a cultural show in honour of the Tunku and his party.

The Ibans had earlier pledged their loyalty to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and to the Nation. On Monday afternoon, the Prime Minister visited the Kapit Christ Hospital, toured the wards and spoke to some of the patients.

The Central Government has donated a sum of \$10,000 to the hospital. On Monday, the Tunku announced a donation of \$2,000 for the Flood Relief Fund at Song sub-district.

He stayed the night on board the Royal Malaysian Navy patrol boat, Sri Melaka, which specially made the trip to Kapit for his convenience.

## **RIVER BOAT TRIP TO SIBU**

BAD weather conditions caused a last minute change of plans in the Prime Minister's air trip from Kapit to Mukah on Tuesday morning. Instead he took a four-hour river boat trip in the Royal Malaysian Navy patrol boat the Sri Melaka, to Sibü.

Half-way through the journey, when passing the small settlement of Kanowit, the population gathered at the wharf to pay tribute to the Prime Minister.

In Sibü, the Tunku was welcomed by senior Government officials and political and community leaders at the Government wharf. The Tunku flew to Mukah in the afternoon.

## **MUKAH DISTRICT MOSQUE GETS \$50,000**

ON Tuesday afternoon, the Tunku visited Mukah and was welcomed by the Minister for Communications and Works, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, and political and community leaders.

At a Meet-the-People sessions, the Prime Minister announced a donation of \$50,000 by the Central Government to the District Mosque in Mukah.

The Tunku also donated \$25,000 to the Masjid at Daro.

The Prime Minister flew again to Sibü in the evening where he gave a reception to Government officers, and political and community leaders on the Royal Malaysian Navy patrol boat, Sri Langkawi.

After the reception, he attended a dinner party given by Senator Dato Tuanku Bujang.

## **\$25,000 DONATED TO SANTUBONG MASJID**

ON SUNDAY, February 20, 1966 Tuanku Abdul Rahman and his party visited the coastal fishing village of Santubong, about 18 miles north of Kuching.

In his reply to welcome speeches by community leaders, the Tunku announced a donation of \$25,000 to the Santubong Masjid.

He appealed to the Malays to unite, and said that they could gain the respect of the other races only by remaining united.

Tuanku Abdul Rahman recalled that Malaya gained her independence only after the Malays had been united in the UMNO. He said that the lead that the Malays gave in the UMNO had enabled the other races to unite and form the Alliance which was now the ruling party.

He warned the present generation of Malays that if they remained united they would be held responsible by the rising generation for the eventual disintegration of the race.

Referring to confrontation, the Prime Minister said that it was unfortunate that after the establishment of Malaysia, President Sukarno launched his campaign against the nation. But, said the Tunku, Sukarno would never succeed to his evil designs.

Speech of welcome were delivered by Tua Kampong Shukri of Santubong and Abang Han, a representative of the nearby kampongs, as well as a Santubong community leader.

Later, at a lunch in the Santubong Government Bungalow, the Tunku and party were guests of Sarawak's leaders, who included the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Dato Temenggong Jugah; the Minister for Communications and Works, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, the President of Barisan Pemuda, Sarawak, Haji Su'ut Tahir, M.P. and the District Officer, Wan Ali.

## **SABAH FINANCE MINISTER DONATES TO MASJID BESAR**

THE Finance Minister of Sabah, Inche Harris bin Mohd. Salleh had donated \$500 towards the Masjid Besar Building Fund.

The Chairman of the Fund, Dato Abang Haji Marzuki, accepting the donation, thanked the Minister for his contribution. He said that the total amount collected for the Fund was nearing \$200,000, including a sum of \$20,000 donated by the Brunei Government.

Dato Abang Haji Marzuki said this week that it was gratitude to see that people have responded so generously to the appeal: contributions had come not only from Sarawak but also from Sabah and the mainland.

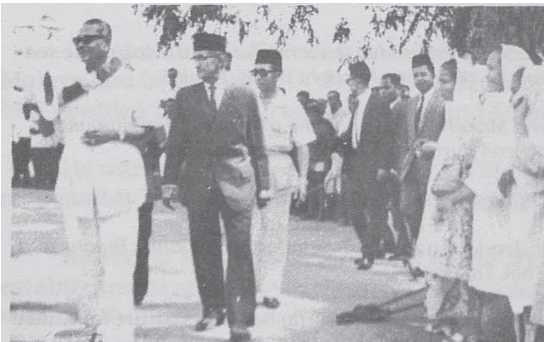
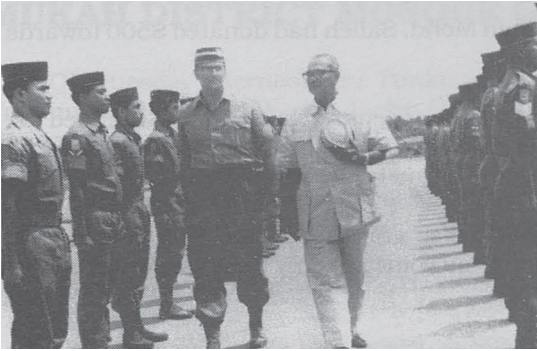
He said that on the renovation would commence in three month's time. The plan for the mosque is now still in Kuala Lumpur for final scrutiny by experts.

The Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, recently paid a week's visit during February, 1966 to Sarawak.

Pictures on the opposite page show:

1. *The Prime Minister being welcomed by State Ministers at Kuching Airport. Shaking hands with him is the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman.*
2. *At the Maderasah Melayu in Kuching, the Prime Minister declared open the Native Chamber of Commerce Sarawak.*
3. *Before addressing members of the Malaysian Armed Force at the 7H mile Garrison Camp, the Prime Minister inspected a Guard of Honour mounted by the Singapore Guard Regiment at the RAF Station. With the Tunku is Major C.H.R. Johnson.*
4. *Hundreds of people lined the beach of Santubong to welcome the Prime Minister when he spent a day at the side resort. Here the Tunku is being greeted by people of the village; on his right is T.K. Shukri*
5. *In the Third Division, the Prime Minister visited Kapit and Mukah where again he was given tumultuous welcome by the people. The Tunku is seen waving a cockerel during a Miring ceremony in Kapit.*
6. *Datin Jugah, wife of the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, presenting hats to the Tunku.*
7. *In Sibu, the Prime Minister being welcomed by community leaders; with him is Senator Dato Tuanku Bujang, the Minister of Lands and Mines, Inche Abdul Rahman bin Yakub.*
8. *The "Doa Selamat" was offered at Kuching Airport for a safe journey home shortly before departure for Kuala Lumpur.*

# Pictures Of The Week



## **SARAWAK ALLIANCE LEADERS URGED TO SETTLE PETTY DIFFERENCES**

ON FRIDAY night in Kuching, at a reception given by the Malay National Union of Sarawak, the Prime Minister warned Sarawak Alliance leaders in the State if they failed to settle amicably their petty differences, it would be none other than those under communist influence who would acquire power.

He said that the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Dato Temenggong Jugah, were responsible leaders who would see to it that this would not happen in Sarawak.

Earlier, the Tunku said that Malaysia was a multi-racial nation and as such Malaysians regardless of race, creed or religion should work together and make it a happy place to live in.

HE ADDED THAT PEOPLE OF SARAWAK AND SABAH SHOULD REALISE THAT IF THE TWO COUNTRIES SEPARATED FROM MALAYSIA, THEY WOULD SINK FOREVER.

THEREFORE, THE TUNKU POINTED OUT, IT WAS THEIR DUTY NOT TO LET THIS HAPPEN BUT INSTEAD STRIVE TO BUILD MALAYSIA INTO A PROSPEROUS NATION.

The Tunku said that the people must now work collectively to find a way to achieve this and urged them to sink their petty difference for the well being of the nation.

The Tunku said that Malaysia was formed to give happiness to her people. For this, he added, the Central Government had set aside over \$400 million for the development of Sarawak. He said it was now up to the people to take advantage of the development projects under the First Malaysia Plan.

He emphasised that the success of the Plan depended very much on them and their own initiative.

### **To Raise Living Standards**

The Tunku stressed that the whole purpose of the Plan was to raise the standard of living of the people especially the Natives.

The Prime Minister pointed out that if Singapore still remained in Malaysia, all the Native rights and privileges would eventually be eliminated. He described the presence of Singapore in Malaysia as "Spider in the Web". He said the Peoples Action Party of Singapore was all out to destroy the interests of the Natives.

Commenting on the recent political crisis in the Sarawak State Cabinet, the Tunku said that the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Dato Temenggong Jugah were responsible leaders who would see that this would not happen again.

He said that Sarawak Alliance leaders knew well who would be in power if they failed to settle amicably any of their petty differences. He said it would be none other than those under communist influence who would take advantage of this.

Touching on the Government employees' low cost housing scheme, the Tunku said that

he had brought with him Mr. Mahesan from his department to look into the possibility of implementing the scheme in Sarawak. During his stay here, Mr. Mahesan had useful discussions with officials of the State Government on the matter.

The Tunku also announced that the Central Government had acquired a piece of land near Kuching for the scheme's pilot project. He assured the local population that his Government would give "absolute aid" to implement this project.

Earlier, the Prime Minister was invited to cut a birthday cake. The invitation was a big surprise to him as the function was originally not organised to celebrate his 63rd birthday.

While he cut the cake, the Federal and State Ministers joined a choir-group the Gabongan Kelab2 Belia Melayu Sarawak in singing the time "happy Birthday to You" in Malay.

Welcoming the Tunku and his party, the President of the Union, Inche Dawi bin Abdul Rahman, assured the Tunku of his Union's firm support to the Central Government. He said the Malays National Union had always stood firmly behind the Government and advocated its projects designed to bring happiness and prosperity to the people.

Inche Dawi said that Sarawak was grateful to the Tunku for his good work in helping it to attain independence through Malaysia.

On the Sarawak Native Chamber of Commerce, Inche Dawi pointed out that it was formed to uplift the economic standard of the Natives in the country. He said that the Chambers was determined to see that this was achieved particularly by way of participating in the projects in the First Malaysia Plan.

Present at the function were the Governor of Sarawak, Tun Abang Haji Openg, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, Federal Ministers, Inche Senu bin Abdul Rahman, Inche Abdul Rahman Yackub, and members of the State Cabinet.

# **TUNKU OPENS SARAWAK NATIVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

SPEAKING at the inauguration ceremony of the Sarawak Native Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, February 19, 1966 the Prime Minister advised Native traders to seriously develop co-operative movements.

THE TUNKU ALSO ADVISED THEM TO OPEN UP SMALL SHOPS TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF QUITE REMOTE FROM SHOPHOUSES RUN BY UNSCRUPULOUS SHOPKEEPERS.

He suggested that they start with barber and dress making shops and other small enterprises.

Touching on timer industry, the Prime Minister said that if Natives were interested in this type of industry they should not undertake it individually, but form companies

so that they could do it on a large scale. Licences to work out forest areas were given only after careful consideration.

On the Development Plan, the Tunku remarked that recently he heard a broadcast speech by a Minister saying that the Malaysian Government was not undertaking projects for the people. "That is very wrong," he said, adding that a Minister should first study what the Government aimed to do for the benefit of the people.

The Prime Minister pointed out that for the year 1966-1967 the Central Government had allocated \$82 million for development projects in Sarawak and \$400 million had been set aside for Sarawak for the Five-Year Plan.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the \$82 million was a huge sum of money. He said that the Central Government had never made such a large allocation to any of the 11 States in the mainland for a year's programme. "Even if we had that much we don't know what we would do with it," he added.

Therefore, for a Minister to have alleged that the Central Government had failed to undertake projects for the people was wrong. There must be some other motives behind it," he said.

The Prime Minister also advised the people to take full advantage of the Plan and not to misuse the opportunities given to them.

## **Two Bodies Formed**

Earlier, the Prime Minister said that as a result of the meeting of the Congress Bumiputra recently, two bodies have been formed to help Bumiputras to take an active part in commercial enterprises.

These organisations were MARA (Majlis Amanah Ra'ayat) and Lambaga Pasaran Pertanian Persekutuan. In addition, a bank has also been set up - the Bank Bumiputra.

However, the Prime Minister reminded the people to first help themselves and thus help

the country. "By helping the country we can look forward to prosperity."

In his address, on behalf of the Native Chamber of Commerce, Enche Mohammed Haji Bakeri thanked the Tunku and his party for their visit.

He said that the time has come for the Natives in the country to form such a chamber for the upliftment of their economic standard.

This, he said, would encourage the Native traders to participate actively in the fields of trade and commerce. He urged the State and Central Governments to safeguard the special privileges of the Natives by providing forest areas as previously allocated to foreign traders because at the moment they were not being given such opportunities.

He appealed to the Government to change the present system of providing land to the Natives into one which provided special privileges as resolved during the Indigenous People's Economy Congress in Kuala Lumpur.

Enche Mohammed also requested Government to sympathise with the Natives and safeguard their interest, particularly the Native contractors.

He urges the Government to provide special terms to the Native contractors by allowing them to carry on the work without issuing tender to any type of contract costing \$25,000 and under as enjoyed by Native contractors in Malaya.

Sabah Finance Minister, Enche Harris bin Mohd. Salleh, said that the Natives had already realised their weakness in the field of commerce and industry.

However, after the formation of Malaysia determined attempts to solve the problem were being made though the implementation of the Malaysia Development Plan.

In Sabah, for instance, a sum of \$1.2 million had been allocated to help the Natives to participate in the field of commerce and industry, and for the improvement of country's economic well being, said Enche Harris Salleh.

In addition, the Government had also provided the Natives with facilities and training which would enable them to further their studies in these aspects.

He also announced that a Native Economy Congress would be held in Sabah soon. Finally, Enche Harris Salleh congratulated the Natives of Sarawak for their initiative in the formation of the Native Chamber of Commerce.

## Right Step Forward

Dato Wee Hood Teck, Chairman, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce said that the inauguration of the Sarawak Native Chamber of Commerce meant "our Native brethren are taking the right step forward in our march shoulder to shoulder towards making Malaysia a great and proud nation."

He added: "As President of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, It is my pleasure to welcome the birth of a sister Chamber. Though still very young, I am sure she will thrive and grow up. To the members of the new Chamber, I pledge every support and co-operation from my Chamber. If at any time our experience is of help, the sister Chamber will not find it wanting for it shall be my duty to assist.

Trade plays an important part in a nation. To take it seriously is to ensure the economic well being of the people. That being so the step taken today is a milestone for our Native brethren for themselves and the country.

To conclude, I take this opportunity to wish the new chamber all the very best and every success."

## **WOMEN ARE NATION'S BACKBONE**

**- Datin Fatimah**

THE Head of UMNO's Kaum Ibu, Datin Fatimah Hashim, who accompanied the Tunku and his party to help organise the women's section of the Sarawak Alliance said on Sunday, Feb. 20, that women formed the backbone of any nation.

She urges Sarawak women to stand solidly behind the Government and take an active part in the many rural development projects now being launched in the State. Datin Fatimah was speaking at a reception to the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahmah, at Santubong.

Datin Fatimah told the women that development plan projects were not meant only for men's participation. The women too must take an active part for the Plan to be successfully implemented," said Datin Fatimah.

She also praised the women to Sarawak for the spirit of co-operation and unity and hoped that this would remain a permanent feature of life to Sarawak.

## **P.M. OPENS NEW SCIENCE BLOCK FOR TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN SCHOOL**

On the afternoon of Saturday, February 19, 1966, the Prime Minister declared open the new science block of Sekolah Menengah Ra'ayat Tunku Abdul Rahman in Kuching, and announced a donation of \$20,000 to the school from the Central Government: this is in addition to the \$50,000 previously donated by the Tunku.

HE ADDED THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE AS VERY IMPORTANT. TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAD INTRODUCED THE COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION.

In this system, apart from the normal academic subjects, the children were brought science subjects, including carpentry, agriculture and domestic science.

Referring to the introduction of the National Language, the Tunku said that it would not be difficult for Sarawak and Sabah to introduce it because most of the people in the Borneo States understood it and spoke it. He added it would be of course easy for the Malays, but if one examined it closely the Iban language itself was akin to Malay except for minor variations.

Finally, the Tunku reiterated the importance of creating Malaysian consciousness and a sense of oneness in the minds of all Malaysian citizens.

The function was attended by the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan; the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs; Dato Temenggong Jugah; Sabah's Finance Minister, Enche Harris Salleh; State Ministers and community leaders.

### **Generous Donation of \$50,000**

The Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee of the Sekolah Menengah Ra'ayat Tunku Abdul Rahman, Dato Abang Haji Safuani outlining the history of the school thanked the Prime Minister on behalf of the school committee for his generous donation of \$50,000 for the construction of the main school building.

He explained that the school had been established to enable school children who had failed in the common entrance examination, introduced in 1958, to continue their studies at secondary level.

He noted that nearly 90 per cent, of Malay pupils in Kuching failed the examination in that year.

## Security Forces Score Series Of Successes

### RED PLANS SMASHED

COMMUNIST PLANS TO CREATE INCIDENTS IN SARAWAK WERE THIS WEEK SUCCESSFULLY THWARTED BY ALERT SECURITY FORCES IN THE FIRST DIVISION.

In a series of successes scored during their operations, the Security Forces killed or wounded six of the enemy in a border clash on Saturday, February 26, and killed another Indonesian terrorist the next day, capturing his Armalite rifle.

Twenty-three persons, all Chinese, were arrested during the operations. Some of them have been found to be defectors who have been training with the Indonesian forces in Indonesia and who have returned with the intention of carrying out acts of terrorism.

A Security Forces spokesman stated that it was not yet possible to issue a full account of what had taken place, "for operational reasons". He said that more details would be made available as soon as possible."



*Part of the captured equipment including four Russian semi-automatic rifles (kalashnikov).*

Arms and ammunition seized during the operations included 1 Bren Gun, 4 rifles, 2 Sten Guns, 13 handgrenades, 4 anti-personnel mines, 1,504 rounds of ammunition, and a large amount of uniforms and equipment.

Reporting these successes, the spokesman said that Sarawak Chinese who had defected to Indonesia for military training had been infiltrated back from Indonesian territory together with regular soldiers of the Indonesian Army, with the object of committing acts of terrorism.

The Security Forces spokesman reiterated that the most important need of the Security Forces was more information.

The presence of all strangers should be reported immediately. Any indication of movement by night were of special importance. This might be indicated by the barking of dogs, or the discovery next day of footprints.

Thefts of foodstuffs are also of special importance. Information should be promptly reported to the Security Forces and generous rewards were payable for all useful information, particularly for information leading to the killing or capture of terrorists, and the recovery of weapons and information.

The spokesman said that much valuable information was being received, but emphasised that there could never be too much.

He appealed to all members of the public to play their full part in providing still more information.

## **WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS ON 8TH MARCH A COMMUNIST OCCASION**

A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON 8TH MARCH ARE BEING REFUSED, SAYS A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ISSUED THIS WEEK. THIS IS BEING DONE BECAUSE IT IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED COMMUNIST OCCASION.

Originally Women's Day on 8th March was a Social Democratic occasion first celebrated in 1910. In 1945 it was appropriated by the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF), a communist front organisation now operating from East Germany. It has since become an important communist celebration.

It was contained in a list of important communist commemoration days published in issue No. 3 of the "Hsueh Hsih Pao", the underground organ of the SAYA (Sarawak Advanced Youths Association - key organisation of the CCO), First Division dated late April 1961.

Other special commemoration issues of the underground communist press have been made for the occasion as follows :-

"WORKERS NEWS", Special issue dated 8th March, 1964

"FARMERS NEWS", Special issue dated 8th March, 1964

"WORKERS NEWS", issue No. 44 ("special issue for Women's Day") dated 8th March, 1965

## **CLOSE CO-OPERATION NECESSARY BETWEEN ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE, SAYS SIR MICHAEL WALKER**

THE newly appointed British High Commissioner to Malaysia, Sir Michael Walker, who last week paid a three-day visit to Sarawak during his familiarisation tour of Eastern Malaysia, told reporters that the closest co-operation between the Armed Forces and the people was necessary to combat Indonesian aggression.

SIR MICHAEL WALKER WAS SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUCHING. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT THERE WAS VERY CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN MALAYSIAN AND BRITISH FORCES, BUT STRESSED THAT SUCH CO-OPERATION WAS ALSO NECESSARY FROM THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.

Earlier, Sir Michael said one of the most vivid impressions he had was the "size and excellence" of the Press Corps which had met him everywhere he had gone.

Sir Michael explained that though he had served previously in Asia, especially in India, Ceylon and Pakistan, he had not yet

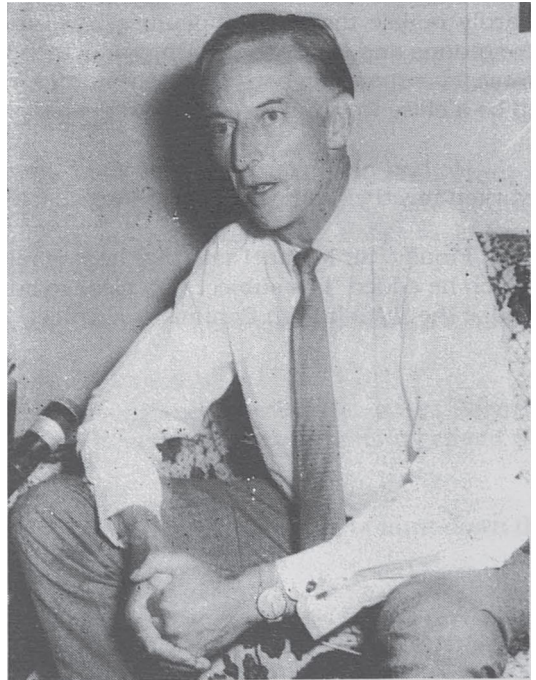
had the opportunity of living for any length of time in Malaysia. Therefore, he had now toured for three weeks the various states of Malaysia.

Sir Michael said that he was born in India and said that he hoped he would enjoy his stay in Malaysia since he had now an opportunity of serving in this Commonwealth country.

He said, personally he attached the greatest importance to the Commonwealth. He believed this was one of the most constructions of nations which existed in the world today. "It is a matter of great pride to me that I now have the opportunity of serving in another great Commonwealth country. One of my primary objectives is to work for the closest possible relationship between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Britain," he said.

Explaining that time did not permit him to stay longer, Sir Michael Walker said that he was able to concentrate on seeing something of Kuching and a little of the First Division itself. He said while in Kuching, he has had the privilege of calling on the Governor, and also attended a banquet in his honour at the Astana.

He had also met the Chief Minister, and the Deputy Chief Minister. In addition, he had also paid a visit to the Sarawak Museum which he described as "an interesting experience". He said the visit to the



*Sir Michael Walker*

Museum had given him an idea of the history of the State and its activities.

Sir Michael said that he had also visited the Kuching Masjid Besar and had seen the foundation stone recently laid by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman. He also visited the neighbouring Ulu and saw something of the work of the Security Forces.

Sir Michael added that unfortunately the time only made it possible for him to visit an area under control of one of the British Batalions.

He said, while talking to the men, he was able to get an idea of the splendid co-operation between all the Security Forces in helping to hold at bay the Security Forces in helping to hold at bay the security menace posed by forces from across the border.

Touching on the recent incursion of Indonesian terrorists, from across the border. Sir Michael praised the excellent work of the Security Forces and the Police and said that they had successfully blunted this menace and had turned the enemy back.

Sir Michael said he was sorry he was unable to visit the neighbouring area under the control of the First Malaysian Rangers. He said that he hoped that he would have an opportunity of visiting the First Malaysian Rangers on another occasion.

Sir Michael said that he learned during his visit to the British Battalion Area, of the excellent work being done by the First Malaysian Rangers in their own areas. He said he was "enormously impressed" with what he saw in the British Battalion Area.

## **Working Together**

He said until one had the opportunity of seeing the troops on the ground here, one could hardly realise the great difficulties which do confront them and the hardship of the living conditions and the type of country in which they operated meant that not only must there be closest co-operation between all the service involved, Malaysian and British but also there had to be a close working together with the people in the area.

He had also heard fine reports of the admirable work being done by the trackers who worked together with the Armed Forces, said Sir Michael.

Finally, Sir Michael said that he was very interested to see the signs of development here which he added "is a subject very close to our hearts because one of the new buildings would house the British High Commission Office".

## **Armed Indonesian Infiltrators Trapped**

# **2 KILLED, 1 CAPTURED**

TWO ARMED INDONESIAN BORDER TERRORISTS WERE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED AND CAPTURED IN A FIERCE FIRE-FIGHT NEAR THE 24TH MILE AREA, SERIAN, FIRST DIVISION, ON MONDAY THIS WEEK.

THE POLICE FIELD FORCE PATROL WHO TRACKED DOWN AND CORNERED THE ENEMY LOST ONE CONSTABLE KILLED.

A Police Field Force Corporal was seriously wounded in the leg while preparing to search a house in which a group of armed terrorists lay hidden.

Giving details of the operations in an official Press release issued on Tuesday, a Security Forces spokesman said that the terrorists involved were the remnants of the main party of Indonesian Army and dissident Sarawak Chinese personnel who had infiltrated into the First Division through the Tebedu area on February 14.

These remnants, a small number, had managed to infiltrate as far as the Controlled Area of Operation Hammer.

On Monday, March 7, at about 1 p.m., a Security Forces Patrol approached a house in the farming area near the 24th Mile Serian Road.

## **Ammunition and Equipment Recovered**

While they were preparing to search the house, a group of armed terrorists hidden in the house opened fire with automatic weapons on the patrol. In the ensuing fire-fight one Police Field Force Corporal was seriously wounded in the leg.

As a result of this contact a follow-up Security Force party again contacted this group of terrorists which had moved into an area east of Tapah Village. A fierce fire-fight ensued during which two terrorist were killed and one was wounded and captured. One Police Field Force Constable was also killed during the engagement.

One Armalite automatic rifle and one Russian. 762 rifle, together with ammunition and equipment were recovered from the enemy.

A twenty-four hour curfew in the Serian Road area has been declared to assist Security Forces in their operations and to protect civilians. It is hoped that an early announcement will be made as to when this curfew will be lifted.

Large scale Security Force operations continue in the Serian Road area to hunt down the remaining few terrorists.

This week's successes follow closely those scored earlier by the Security Forces, and reported last week.

The anti-terrorist, anti-communists operations began on Saturday, February 26, 1966, when the Security Forces killed or wounded six of the enemy in a border clash, and killed another

Indonesian terrorist the next day, capturing his Armalite.

During the last fortnight, in an attempt to seek out and eliminate the enemy. Security Forces threw a cordon round the suspected areas and arrested 23 persons, all Chinese, during the operations.

Some of the persons arrested have been found to the defectors who have been training with the Indonesian forces in Indonesia, and who have returned with the intention of carrying out acts of terrorism.

It has now become evident that intention of the infiltration was to cause incidents in Sarawak to make it appear that there was an internal rebellion on the country.

The Commissioner, Sarawak Constabulary said this week that assistance from civil population in the area had been gratifying.

He has again reminded them of the necessity to remain alert and to report any signs of the remaining terrorists.

## **Sarawak Chinese Communists Told**

# **'INCURSIONS are SUICIDAL'**

THE COMMANDER OF A UNITY OF DISSIDENT SARAWAK CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAS TOLD HIS MEN THAT INCURSION FROM ACROSS THE BORDER WITH INDONESIAN ARMY UNITS WERE "SUICIDAL" UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

THERE IS NOW MUTUAL DISTRUST BETWEEN THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND THE INDONESIAN ARMY IN WEST KALIMANTAN.

The Sarawak Chinese communists now realise that the Indonesian army were simply making use of them to realise their plans to occupy Sarawak as part of Indonesia.

### **ENEMY SUFFERS HEAVY CASUALTIES**

ROUTED Indonesian infiltrators are believed to have suffered heavy casualties while withdrawing under fire from Security Forces mortar and artillery.

A Security Forces spokesman stated in Kuching that a S.F. patrol in the Lundu District of Sarawak's First Division clashed with the enemy on the border on Wednesday, March 16.

A heavy exchange of fire occurred in which the enemy used mortars, firing from positions on the other side to cover their withdrawal through thick undergrowth to the border.

It is believed the enemy were preparing to infiltrate into Sarawak, but were detected at an early stage.

Security Forces suffered one killed and two wounded.

They also realise that life under Jakarta rule would be far worse than it was now and local communists are now being told of Indonesia's real motives for its "crush Malaysia policy".

This was revealed in a prepared statement issued last week entitled "The February Incursion - the Story of a Failure".

The following is the full text of the statement:

Thirteen of the twenty-six strong joint force of Indonesian soldiers of a crack Indonesian army (TNI) combat unit and Sarawak Chinese communists who had been trained in Indonesia have been killed or captured since their first clash with Security Forces on 16th February.

Preparations for the incursion began at the end of last year when a TNI combat unit was sent from Djakarta to Sentas just over from the border in West Kalimantan. Later they left for Balai Karang in West Kalimantan, where they received orders from higher command to launch the recent incursion.

When the unit returned to Sentas a few days before setting off for Sarawak a general briefing was given to the incursion party by the commander of the TNI unit Lt. Mindajak.

Enemy orders were to penetrate to the 24th Mile, Simanggang Road area. If attacked near the Tebedu area they were to retreat to Indonesia but they were to keep

moving North towards the target area if attacked beyond Kg. Kohom. A small group was to return to Sentas once a base had been established and to report on the situation inside Sarawak - reinforcements would then be sent in. The Sarawak Chinese among the group were instructed to contact local communist supporters, organise food supplies and recruit youths for arms training by the Indonesians.

The Sarawak Chinese were members of a unit formed at Sentas on 25th June 1964 by Brigadier General Ryakudu, Commander of West Kalimantan, known as Komando Perjuangan Sarawak (KOPS) or Sarawak Struggle Command.

Four of the nine members of this unit who came in with the incursion party have been captured. The names by which they are known in Indonesia are Ah Choon ( 亞春 ), Meng Kam ( 明金 ), Keng Wan ( 慶雲 ), and La Sik ( 拉昔 ). In reality they are Tu Teng Liang ( 涂登亮 ), Chong Viu Kim ( 張偉琴 ), Bong Kim Jun ( 黃錦雲 ), and Yeang Khim Leong ( 楊謙涼 ).

The first two are from the 23rd Mile area of the Serian Road. Bong is from Tebedu and Yeang from Matang.

The commander of the Sarawak Chinese unit gave his men a separate briefing in which he revealed the extent of tension and mutual distrust now existing between the Chinese communists and the Indonesian army in West Kalimantan.

He pointed out that the Indonesian army had no intention of 'liberating' Sarawak, and were simply making use of Sarawak Chinese communists to help them realise their plans to occupy Sarawak as part of Indonesia. He told them that life under Djakarta rule would be far worse than it was now, and urged that local communists should be told of Indonesia's real motives for 'crushing Malaysia' and warned not to trust them.

He told his men that he was forced to send them in with the incursion party by the Indonesian army although in his opinion the venture was 'suicidal' under present conditions.

## **Forced At Gun Point**

Under the command of TNI sergeant Sukarno, the group left Sentas on 13th February and crossed the border via Tebedu. The Indonesian soldiers with Sukarno were Nor Salam, Pajimin, Ilias, Marjono, Basaruddin, Ramidi, Sumandi, Sunarto, Nor Selamat, Damburi, Heri, Winoto, Sunari, Sukarno, Sutradja and Paino.

Near Tebedu the party came across a Dayak and fearing that he would report their presence to the police forced him at gunpoint to guide them as far as Kg. Sejijak. One of the Sarawak Chinese visited his Dayak wife in Kg. Sejijak area that evening and brought back some civilian clothing. The whole group spent the night near Kg. Sejijak.

Once inside Sarawak territory, the enemy's presence was soon noted by Natives in the area. On the morning of the 14th February a Land Dayak saw a group of infiltrators in a pepper garden South of Tebedu. The Dayak told some friends what he had seen that evening but the authorities were not notified until the morning of the 16th February. In the afternoon the group was seen by another Land Dayak about a mile north of Tebedu, moving at a leisurely pace in single file, who immediately reported what he had seen.

Meanwhile a border scout had seen tracks for about 30 men crossing the road in the Sungei Shangai area on the morning of the 15th. He later accompanied an SF patrol which followed up the tracks and sighted an enemy party.

A follow-up operation was swiftly mounted and at midday on the 16th February the first of a series of clashes with the incursion party took place. In the three contacts that same day two Indonesians were killed and several wounded. One of the Indonesian wounded, Nor Selamat, was carried a short distance and then despatched by Pajimin, who slit his throat with a bayonet, bringing the total of Indonesian dead to three.

In the late afternoon of the same day the Security Forces finally caught up with the retreating enemy who were forced to turn and fight. The enemy were in a temporary position on top of a hill, which they held by small arms fire, rocket launchers and anti-personnel mines.

The Indonesians stood and fought with determination. The Chinese were clearly in doubt and after the first exchange of fire five of the Chinese KOPS unit members fled.

The Security Forces pressed home their attack in which one of their men was killed and five wounded, three suffering minor injuries only.

## **Police Receive Valuable Information**

Following the third clash the enemy party disintegrated. Some made for the target areas while others turned back towards West Kalimantan. The largest group comprising one Chinese and ten Indonesians, including the Second-in-Command, lost one Indonesian, who became separated from the party, on the 18th February. Another two Indonesia soldiers in this group were killed two days later and the remnants of the group finally reached the 26th Mile, Simanggang Road area on the 26th February after struggling through the jungle for ten days, the last five with no food as their rations were exhausted.

The police were now receiving valuable information from members of the public in the Serian Road area.

On the 27th February the Chinese member of the group was captured and in a subsequent follow-up the same day another Indonesian soldier was killed. This left a group of six Indonesians without guides, food or local contacts who were tracked down by Security Forces on the 7th March in the Serian Road area. In a series of clashes that day two Indonesians were killed and one wounded.

## **THE STORY OF A FAILURE**

The Bren gun and other equipment stolen from the 18th Mile Police Station after the attack on 27th June, 1965, which had been hidden in the area, has been recovered.

A week or so after the incursion party entered Sarawak where were several reports of Indonesia soldiers singly or in pairs trying to bribe Dayaks to guide them to the border. Despite the fact that in all cases the Indonesians were armed and half-crazed with fear and hunger they were given no assistance by the Natives.

The Natives immediately reported their presence and as a result of one such report an SF patrol caught up with a Indonesian soldier and fired on him. The soldier fired back and escaped.

On another occasion a Land Dayak at Tebedu was approached by a weary, barefoot Indonesian who asked for food, saying that he had not eaten for five days, and directions and saying that he would return with some food fan to Tebedu and reported the encounter. An SF party later found tracks for one person and followed them to the border, where they crossed to

going on. And judging from the hundreds of people here welcoming me today and the organisation that must have gone behind your splendid welcome, I can only conclude that the Malays in this Kampong are of one mind just as most Malays in other parts of Sarawak are now.

"You must preserve this unity at all costs. You must be on guard against elements, particularly now, which try hard to split Malays.

"Once there is unity, then there can be discipline, organisation and guidance. In the field of economic development a lot can come out from political stability and unity. The Government can take steps to make people co-operate with it intelligently and with a sense of purpose.

"You ought to look upon the opening of this Class Dewasa as an effort by the Government to make you understand what Government is trying to do for you and how you can reciprocate.

"If you can enlarge your horizon by building up a general awareness of what is going on and can appreciate the value of education you can certainly be a great help to your children who are now at school. You must try to help create an atmosphere of love for knowledge and try to instil in their hearts the practical advantages of having education.

"If you can perform a humble part in making the people of Sarawak conscious of economic progress and can set by your own example that you are willing to work and work hard for your progress then I am sure by 1985 - a generation from now - you will have a prosperous Malaysia."

## **Development Plan Explained**

Others who spoke at the opening ceremony included the State Development Officer and the State Organiser of Adults Education.

The S.D.O., explaining the objectives of the Development Plan, said that it was primarily aimed at raising the living standard of the rural population.

Another main objective of the Plan was to promote the integration of the peoples of Malaysia, he pointed out.

On adult education, the S.D.O. told the people that in order to raise their standard of living and promote their welfare, it was important that illiteracy be abolished.

"We could not progress very much if the masses are still ill-educated or disunited," he added.

The S.D.O. also urged them to co-operate with the Government and participate in the development projects. The Central Government had allocated a sum of \$82 million under the First year. This money, he said, would be spent on projects designed for their benefit.

On arrival the Minister and his party were given a rousing welcome by the kampong people who later entertained them with a cultural show.

There are already more than 170 adult education classes in Sarawak since it was first established by the Ministry of National and Rural Development last year.

# **MORE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES DECLARED OPEN**

## **At Matu/Daro**

A MINISTER of State, Awang Hipni bin Pengiran Annu, who is now on a tour of Matu/Daro areas, declared open an Adult Education class on Monday, March 7. About 45 persons are attending the class.

Addressing over 150 people, the Minister urged them to make the best use of the facility provided, and urged them to attend class regularly.

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## **At Kg. Rejang, Sarikei**

The District Officer, Sarikei, Inche Bujang Mohd. Nor, recently declared open an Adult Education class at Kampong Rejang, Sarikei, Third Division.

Over 300 people, including Councillors and community leaders, attended the opening ceremony, and the District Officer said in his address that the object of organising such classes was to encourage those who had not gone to school to learn to read and write.

He said that those who were equipped with better education would know what the government was doing for the benefit of her people, and would not be easily deceived by rumours that the government had not done anything for the country.

Urging them to attend the class regularly, Inche Bujang Nor also reminded the parents to send their school-age children to school, especially now when primary school fees had been abolished.

## **29 FARMERS GRADUATE: 4 TO GO FOR FURTHER TRAINING**

A Sarawak farmer who recently attended a Basic Agricultural Training Course at the School of Agriculture at Tarat, First Division, will be given the opportunity for further training at the University of Malaya.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED MARCH 1966 BY THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, DATO TEO KUI SENG, WHEN HE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 29 FARMERS AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE TARAT AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

The Minister also disclosed that three of the farmers would be given the opportunity to specialise, one in oil palm work, one in the economics branch of the Department of Agriculture and one in Veterinary Work in the Fourth Division.

The group of farmers who have completed the Eighth Basic Agricultural Training Course at the School of Agriculture represent many races including Ibans, Land Dayaks, Malays, Malanaus, Chinese, Kedayans and Bisayas. Among them was a Kadazan student, Mr. Bernard Sepati from Sabah.

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

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to attend the closing of the Eighth Agricultural Course at the School of Agriculture here at Tarat. You have been here for nearly a year and have experienced during your course the wickedness of "confrontation" very near your door-step.

First, the foul murders of the 28th June at the 18th and 24th Miles and more recently, your training has been interrupted by the curfew made necessary by another incursion of Indonesian soldiers accompanied by, I regret to say, traitors from our own State.

### **Successfully Handled**

You will no doubt be as pleased as I that this incursion has been handled successfully by our Security Forces and the Constabulary Field Force and our enemies have failed in their objective. We cannot say that there will be no future terrorist incursions. There most probably would be. It will be your duty, when you leave this course, to carry on your work to the best of your ability and not to allow yourselves to be disorganised by "confrontation."

When the course commenced there were 30 of you here representing many races, Ibans, Land Dayaks, Malays, Malanaus, Chinese, Kedayans, Bisayas - and one particularly welcome student, Mr. Bernard Sepati, a Kadazan from Sabah.

On the 28th October last I was saddened to be informed by your Director that one student, Junior Agricultural Assistant Stephen Sumbang, was killed by lightning. I would like to convey to his parents, relatives and friends my most sincere condolences.

You have had a broad training in both theory and practical work covering Crop Husbandry, Animal Husbandry, Surveying, Inland fisheries, Extension Practice, Veterinary, Plant Pest and

Disease Control. You have also had the opportunity to make weekly excursions to Agricultural and Research projects. Now most of you will be posted to one of the five Divisions on general field duties mainly connected with the First Malaysia Development Plan.

I note that one of you will be given the opportunity for further training at the University of Malaya. Three of you will have the opportunity to specialise, one in Oil Palm work, one in the Economics Branch of the Department of Agriculture and one in Veterinary Work in the Fourth Division.

One of the major aims of the First Malaysia Development Plan is the diversification of our agricultural economy. I attach the greatest importance to the establishment of oil palms both as a smallholders and an estate crop in Sarawak. While only one of you is destined immediately for oil palm work, it is my hope that during your long careers in Sarawak you will become as familiar with the oil palm as with the rubber tree or sago palm.

I am pleased to learn that the course produced a good football team and that you also constructed a first class badminton court in the best "gotong royong" spirit. It is always pleasing to me to hear that Government officers have cheerfully done jobs outside the strict confines of their job. I wish you the best of luck and hope that you will carry this good spirit with you in whatever agricultural job it falls upon you to perform.

## **MINISTER AND GUESTS SEE EXHIBITION**

After the presentation of the certificates, the Minister and guests were invited to see an exhibition organised in connection with the graduation ceremony.

Exhibited items concerned padi-growing, cover crops, live stock, inland fisheries, pot-plants, visual aids, carpentry, copra-making and soil sterilising.

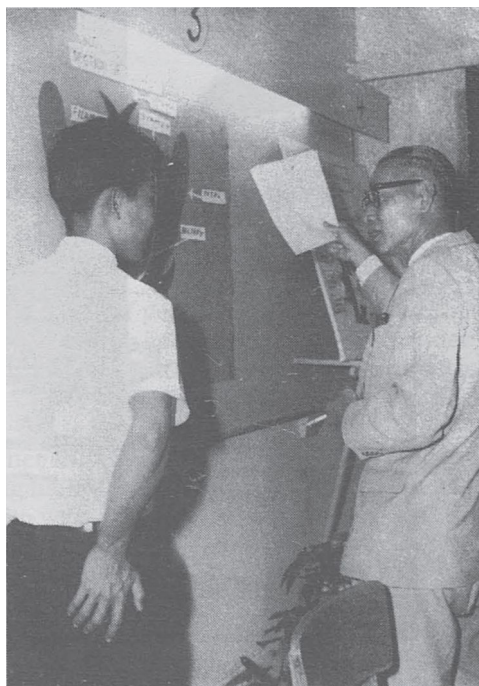
The Deputy Director of Agriculture, in a brief address told the newly graduated trainees that they had acquired a sound foundation at the school and urged them to build up on that foundation.

He also reminded them of their important role in the implementation of the Development Plan.

Eighteen of the trainees were Agricultural Assistants and the rest were Junior Agricultural Assistants.

Prizes were presented to the following three top boys of the course: Lei Chion Hung, 1st; Andrew Sia Kie Keng, 2nd; Macpherson Chia Jin Leong, 3rd.

The best Junior Agricultural Assistant, Lawrence Tilly also won a prize.



*MISpicture shows the Minister looking at a visual aid exhibit.*

## **H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE ARRIVES OFF KUCHING: GOVERNOR AND OTHER DIGNITARIES ENTERTAINED**

A GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER. H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE, ARRIVED IN KUCHING, OFF PENDING POINT, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, ON THE FIRST LEG OF ITS JOURNEY TO EASTERN MALAYSIA.

The destroyer is from the Far East Fleet, Singapore. With a length of 520 feet and a beam of 54 ft., it displaces over 5,000 tons. Her maximum speed is in excess of 30 knots.

Rear Admiral C.P. Mills, Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, told newsmen who were invited to go on board that the destroyer had come over here so that people could see what was behind some of the smaller ships sent on patrol.

The Rear Admiral said that the visit would also enable him to see what the Security Forces were doing. At various points of its journey the destroyer would be holding aircraft and gunfire exercise.

On Tuesday afternoon, a party of dignitaries, including the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, the Chief Ministers of Sarawak and Sabah, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and Mr. Peter Lo, the Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, the Deputy British High Commissioner and the Director of Borneo Operations went on board.



*H.M.S. Devonshire: Inset: Rear Admiral C.P. Mills. Flag Officer.*

The Devonshire is commanded by Captain G.C. Leslie, RN and was Britain's first operational guided missile ship.

On her way round the coast to Sabah, she can be seen off Niah, Miri and Seria, before reaching Labuan on the 17th.

On March 18, the Devonshire will visit Jesselton, the following day Kudat and Sandakan on the 20th. She will then spend two days at her last port of call, Tawau, arriving there on the 21st.

Where time allows, the Rear Admiral, accompanied by Captain Leslie and Captain R.D. Macdonald, RN (Commander of Naval Forces in Borneo) will make calls on prominent citizens at most of the towns that the Devonshire visits.

Among the event arranged is a demonstration at sea for officers and other ranks who will be embarked for the five-hour trip at Labuan on the 17th.

A party for 100 orphaned and under-privileged children will be held on board at Jesselton on the 18th and there will be cocktail parties at Jesselton, Kudat and Tawau.

The eighth ship to bear the name, H.M.S. Devonshire, which was launched in 1960 by Princess Alexandra and commissioned in 1962, arrived out on the Far East Station in August, 1965. Since then she has been to Japan, for the British Trade Week in Tokyo in September, and to Australia, as part of Britain's contribution to a combined maritime exercise.

She is armed with the Seaslug, a surface-to-air guided missile designed to deal with fast, high flying aircraft, the Seacat, a close-range ship-to-air guided missile for defence of the ship, and also four 4.5 inch guns providing additional close-range protection.

## **Fitted With Sonar Equipment**

For anti-submarine operations, she is fitted with the latest sonar (underwater detection) equipment and has her own Wessex helicopter, armed with "dipping-sonar" and homing torpedoes. She also has the latest long-range air and surface warning radar, also radar sets associated with each particular weapon system.

Devonshire's propulsion machinery consists of two sets of geared turbines for normal steaming, with four gas turbines to provide additional boost for high speeds and for getting under way quickly in harbour. She had a maximum speed in excess of 30 knots and is fitted with stabilisers.

The Devonshire has a high standard of comfort for her ship's company of about 500 officers and men with air-conditioning throughout, large dining halls served by a modern galley, a 24-hour laundry service and even her own television studio with T.V. sets in every messdeck.

# FIRST DIVISION TUC DECLARED ILLEGAL

The Sarawak First Division Trade Union Congress has been declared illegal. Documents recently seized by the Government show conclusively that the Sarawak First Division Trade Union Congress was sponsored by the communist organisation in 1960 and has since been under its strict control.

A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ISSUED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUCHING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, SAID:

TO PRESERVE AN APPEARANCE OF LEGALITY THE SARAWAK FIRST DIVISION TRADE UNION CONGRESS REGISTERED ITSELF AS A SOCIETY UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE (CAP 107) IN KUCHING ON 11TH JANUARY, 1961. IT WAS OSTENSIBLY AN ADVISORY BODY FOR FIVE TRADE UNIONS WITH A COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 2,600.

The communists intended to create an organisation which had all the appearance of a Trade Union Congress modelled on those which exist in other democratic countries to maintain and improve the living standards of their members. However, the Government is in possession of ample documentary evidence showing that the Sarawak first Division Trade Union Congress had been used by the communist organisation to mould trade unionism in Sarawak on traditional communist lines, in which its main function was not to improve the welfare of the workers but to serve the 'revolutionary cause' and extend the influence of communism in Sarawak,

One document, written at the time of the formation of the banned body, captured near Miri in November 1965, talked about 'striving for the formation of a trade Union Congress and to put such and Trade Union Congress under competent management... we therefore want a Trade Union Congress which can be used as a tool to achieve the aims.

## Cornerstone of Communist Plans

Documents show that the cornerstone of the communist plans for the subversion of trade unions and their eventual control under orthodox communist leadership was the establishment of a Plan-Sarawak Trade Union Congress, sponsored by the communist controlled Sarawak First Division Trade union Congress over which the communists would have pre-assured domination.

To this end, the Sarawak First Division Trade Union congress promoted a preparatory committee of the Pan-Sarawak Trade Union Congress formed in Kuching on 15th May 1965 in which eight of the total sixteen members held senior official posts in the Sarawak First Division Trade Union Congress.

The Sarawak First Division Trade Union Congress represented an essential step towards achieving this objective. One of its main tasks was to act as a smoke-screen for the people who were plotting the formation of a State-wide labour organisation designed, not primarily to safeguard the interests of the workers, but specifically to advance the seditious aims of the communists.

The Sarawak First Division Trade Union Congress organised its own newspaper called 'Hsiang Tao' ('Guide') until its licence was cancelled for security reasons in April 1963. This publication was devoted entirely to the publicising of communist ideas. Its editor Chu Yun Fai

( 朱雲輝 ) fled to Indonesia in December 1962. Four senior officials of the Sarawak First Division Trade union congress are at present detained either under the Preservation of Public Security Regulations or the Internal Security Act for taking part in communist conspiracy.

The Sarawak First division Trade Union congress had been declared unlawful under section 5 of the Societies Act, 1966.

The newsmen who attended the Press conference were shown original documents captured and their translations. The documents have provided confirmatory evidence of the communist affiliations of the Sarawak First Division Trade Union Congress, and the plans for its development as an important organ of the communist organisation in Sarawak.

In a document captured as long ago as 18 August 1961 there are the following references (numbers in brackets refer to sections in the documents);

A. (1) "Why the Trade Union Congress should be formed?"

To unify the labour movement in this Division to enable them to act in concert, it is necessary to form a Trade Union Congress.'

(2) The labour movement in this Division is the centre of all labour movement in all divisions in the country. Formation of a Trade Union congress can promote all labour movement throughout the country to further development.'

(3) We should make us of all advantageous occasions to expose and reveal extensively to the masses the motives of the British X, to arouse their attention on this matter and to make them struggle side by side with us for early formation of the XX Congress.'

## **Underground CCO Presses**

Another document entitled 'What is a Trade union' produced by one of the underground CCO presses and captured in the Second Division in 1963, has many references to the functions of a Trade union Congress:

B. (2) To counter-attack all political oppression, and economic exploitation, and to achieve early independence and liberation as expected by the people, all Trade Unions must mutually call upon, appeal, fight shoulder with shoulder, and unite to stand on the side of the proletariat class in organising a Trade Union Front All-Sa (comment: Sa refers to Sarawak) Trade Union Congress.'

(3) 'Revolution is a glorious, difficult, complicated and important task. If there is organisation of a nation-wide Trade Union Congress, it can positively develop, consolidate and unite a Trade Union movement, and give the Labour Movement a unified policy and objective in the revolutionary struggle.'

(6) 'A Trade Union Congress must understand thoroughly the revolutionary needs of the country, and under certain conditions must carry our positively education on political ideology and elevation of the masses knowledge on political livelihood.

'In carrying out unified leadership, a Trade Union Congress must draw up a basic programme of struggle by the people masses, and objectives of struggle, with Marxism/Leninism as guide, and basing on the objective needs of the revolutionary development.'

- (7) 'A Trade union must participate in the revolutionary political movements of the country.'

In August 1965 a copy of a well-produced communist underground paper entitled Dawn was seized in Bintulu:

- C. (1) 'In the struggle between the enemy and us, we must use the two hands of revolution to deal with the two hands of anti-revolution. Armed struggle is the ultimate target of our present struggle. To attain this target it is necessary to keep all activities in preparation for armed struggle in close coordination with peaceful struggle by fully utilising all legal means to unite and educate the vast masses and to promote and develop masses movement. This is an urgent and essential task in the present stage of revolutionary low tide. Therefore, steps have been taken in the First Division to prepare to form a National Trade Union's Congress and the Sarawak United People's Party has decided to celebrate its anniversary by conducting various activities on large scale. We must pay close attention to both matters.'

## **'Desperately In Need ....'**

Again in the Fourth Division another cyclostyled document entitled 'Problem regarding the formation of a Trade Union congress' was seized in Miri in November 1965. The date of the document is significant: it is early 1960. Here are some extracts:

- D. (1) 'Regarding the problems of the formation of a Trade Union Congress, the Labour Movement Committee, as early as late 1959, had already resolved to form a First Division Trade Union Congress before June in 1960.
- (2) We are desperately in need of a general function that could be used to unify the different unions in the labour movement. In other words, it is absolutely necessary to form the Trade union congress. This is the conclusion.'
- (3) Furthermore, the number of our cadres operating in the different fields has greatly increased and we are surely capable of striving for the formation of a TUC and put such a TUC under competent management.
- (4) The labour movement has two aims ... strive for the interest of the workers and ... raise opposition against the unreasonable social systems and to form a new society.'
- (5) We, therefore, want to form a Trade Union Congress which can be used as a tool to achieve the above aims.'
- (6) We want to form a Trade Union Congress as a supreme authority
- (7) 'After this, we will give full support to such an organisation and make use of it as a medium to educate the masses ...'
- (8) 'Let us unite solidly together with all the workers masses and struggle hard to strive for the formation of an X Division trade Union Congress.'

## **BORNEAN UNIONISTS TO TOUR USA**

THREE labour union leaders from Borneo will soon visit the United States to study the trade union movement.

The three are: Ibrahim bin Ali of Kuching (President of the PWD Workers Union, Sarawak), Chong Tek Pin of Sandakan, (General Secretary of the Sabah Land Transport Workers Union; and Awang Othman bin Awang Sunggoh, of Brunei (Secretary General of the Brunei Government Workers Union).

The three Borneo leaders will join with four leaders from mainland Malaysia and Singapore for a 45-day tour of the United States beginning April 1, during which time they will visit American labour unions to discuss the problems and prospects of the democratic labour movement. Aside from acquiring useful information in the labour field, the participants will have an opportunity to see many other aspects of American life.

Prior to leaving for the United States, the group will spend two days in Kuala Lumpur for briefings and to meet with the American Ambassador, Mr. James D. Bell. They will be accompanied on the tour by the Labour Attache of the American Embassy in Kuala Lumpur.

The tour is part of the Cultural Exchange Programme of the U.S. Department of State which fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge and experience in a broad variety of fields.

## **PROGRESS IN LAWAS DISTRICT, 5TH DIVISION**

LAWAS DISTRICT, FIFTH DIVISION, MADE A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICTS ANNUAL REPORT. IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE THE YEAR HAS BEEN GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. A TOTAL OF 1,945 ACRES OF HILL PADI WAS PLANTED IN THE LAWAS, MERAPOK, BAH KELALAN AND LONG SEMADO AREAS. THIS YIELDED 204,600 GANTANGS, GIVING AN AVERAGE OF 105 GANTANGS PER ACRE.

In the Trusan and Ulu Trusan areas 1,860 acres were planted and the average yield per acre was 110 gantangs - higher than in the previous year's.

Although about 10 per cent, of the wet padi crops in the Long Semado and Bah Kelalan areas was damaged by pests, a better yield than the previous year was recorded. The total acreage in Lawas, Merapok, Long Semado and Bah Kelalan areas was 1,181 acres with an average yield of 254 gantangs per acre. In Sundar, Trusan and Ulu Trusan areas 2,350 acres were planted and this produced an average of 265 gantangs to an acre.

The total acreages approved for rubber replanting was 67.5 acres and for new planting 453 acres. During the year under review, a total of 51 acres under the Replanting Scheme and 446 acres under the New Planting Scheme were in tapping.

Other agricultural activities during the year were the starting of two poultry farms, run on commercial basis, and the introduction of cabbage cultivation in the Long Semado and Bah Kelalan areas.

The production of eggs, however, was not enough to meet local demand. Only small lots were cultivated under cabbage although the crops were promising.

The year under review also saw a great stride forward in the field of education: the

construction of the new Lawas Junior Secondary School building commenced in the latter part of the year, whilst the introduction of adult education gave the older section of the community a chance to go to school.

## **Educational Facilities**

Adult night classes were also conducted and the Borneo Evangelical Mission continued to contribute in the educational field. The Lawas District Council also constructed more buildings for educational facilities.

The report notes, however, that education consciousness is "still not with the people, especially the Natives" in the ulu. Most parents still call their children from school to help in the farm.

Under 'Medical and Health' the report states that there were four dispensaries and one outpatient clinic in the district during the year under the review. A new school Dental Clinic was opened in the latter part of the year and a 25-bed hospital will be built this year.

On development, several projects were completed including the Punang Road, a filtration plant, a wharf-cum-Customs godown and minor rural projects.

The construction of the new Lawas Junior Secondary School was started and the proposed Sualai Scheme passed the first stage. The resurfacing of the Long Semado airstrip started towards the end of the year and a few recreational facilities were completed in the last month of the year.

A water supply project for Tusan Bazaar area was completed satisfactorily and materials for the Sundar project were purchased and work is expected to start this year.

During the year under review, the District had six sawmills and six logging camps. These, together with the Lawas Rubber Estate were the main employers. Wages paid were generally good and the employers had maintained a wage structure comparable with that of the Government: an unskilled worker was paid a minimum wage of \$4 per day.

The forest produce remained high and royalty collected amounted to about \$182,530.

The report states that, generally, working at the logging camps or sawmills was more lucrative and many people left their farms or their fishing jobs to take up employment in the timber industry.

"The rubber industry was adversely affected by the great flow of labour to the timber industry," it points out adding that the Lawas Rubber Estate was short of labour.

The Co-operative Movement in the district was very successful during the year when three more societies were formed, namely the Long Tengoa Multi-Purpose; Berawan Lapadan Multi-purpose and Lawas Damit Savings and Loan societies. The Co-operative society at Long Semado continued to grow in strength.

The more societies were under formation during the year - the Long Sukang Cattle Breeding Co-operative society and the Kuala Lintang Co-operative Multi-Purpose society.

Concluding, the report says that 1965 had been a good year; confrontation did not bother the people very much and their morale remained high. "The different racial groups inter-mingle together in harmony for which Lawas could be proud of," it adds.

## **Kanowit Ibans Reap First Fruits Of D-Plan**

# ***LIVING STANDARDS RISE***

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY IBANS IN THE KANOWIT DISTRICT, THIRD DIVISION, HAS RESULTED IN AN APPRECIABLE RISE IN LIVING STANDARDS.

IBANS IN KANOWIT ARE SHOWING KEEN DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN ECONOMY, AND HAVE ADOPTED "A SPIRIT OF HELPING THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO HELP THEMSELVES".

This is stated in Kanowit District's annual report for 1965.

The report reveals that some of the longhouse dwellers have made their own contributions towards the rise in living standard by installing their own private electric supplies.

Two longhouses in the Poi area, who have installed their own power systems, are the first longhouses in Kanowit to enjoy such an amenity.

The people under Penghulu Chendang, for example, have built many footpaths with nominal assistance from the Government under the Minor Rural Projects, and many others have taken advantage of the Government -subsidised agricultural schemes.

Convinced that their future well-being is very much dependent on agriculture, the Ibans have now become interested not only in high-yielding rubber, but also in other cash crops such as pepper and vegetables, and inland fishery.

The report says that the progress made under the rubber planting scheme was spectacular: all approved areas were planted according to schedule.

## **4-H Club Activities**

The popularity of vegetable gardening was generated by 4-H Clubs led by Peace Corps Volunteers. An extension project at Rumah Saban, Matau, for example, has three community fish ponds and vegetable plots. Last year 23 pikuls of vegetable were produced.

The report states that the Peace Corps members are very enthusiastic and hard-working and the result of the projects under their care was excellent.

"It is interesting to note that the Peace Corps Volunteers were quick to adapt themselves to local conditions and customs and very fast in learning the local dialects too. For this reason they are very popular with the community they are working with," the report adds.

## **Educational Progress**

The year under review also saw encouraging progress in the field of education. The Kanowit District Council directly managed 52 schools maintained a steady standard of efficiency.

Three adult education classes were opened during the year, and it is hoped that more classes would be established in future.

## **Co-operative Movement**

A steady progress is recorded in the Co-operative Movement: during the year under review, three Co-operative Societies were registered in the District, including one in Julau. Altogether, 37 societies were in operation.

On 'Health Services', the report says that more natives in remote rural areas are now beginning to appreciate the value of modern medicines and are eager to seek medical treatment rather than to look for the cures from their "Manang" witch doctors.

During the year, footpaths costing \$10,000 were completed at Entabai; at Julau the construction of a badminton and a basketball courts was undertaken. Other development projects carried out included construction of plankwalks and river clearing at Kanowit.

The year under review also saw considerable achievement in the field of Community Development, which under wise leadership, has created conditions for social and economic progress.

## **MINISTERS VISIT LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES**

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, DATO TEO KUI SENG, AND THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND MINERAL RESOURCES, PENGHULU FRANCIS UMPAU, PAID A TWO-DAY VISIT TO SIBU LAST WEEK.

The Ministers visited various projects in the company of the Resident, Third Division, Mr. D.C. Walker and officials from the Agriculture and Land and Survey Departments.

On Tuesday, March 22, they visited Sibintek and Sekuau Land Development Schemes along the Sibul/Oya Road.

They were deeply impressed by the progress made in the Sibintek Scheme. Later in the afternoon, the Ministers met leaders of settlers of Sekuau Scheme at the Foochow Association, Sibul.

The Sekuau leaders told the Ministers of difficulties they had encountered in developing their plots of land allocated to them at Sekuau.

The Minister for Agriculture and Forestry who introduced the Scheme three years ago replied that the land was allocated to them after consultations with the Chief Minister and members of the State Cabinet. It was then agreed that the land should be given to genuine farmers who were willing to work on the land themselves.

"I have come here together with the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources to find out why you wish to give up the land. If you have any difficulty the Government will be willing to consider any assistance that should be given to you. It is no good saying the land is not suitable for cultivation. To say so you will be discrediting the good name of the Chinese farmers who are reputed to be resourceful and hardworking," said Dato Teo.

He told them that they could do many things with the land. They could plant vegetables, fruit trees, rubber and pepper or they could use the land for rearing poultry and pigs.

The Minister warned the farmers that if they did not cultivate the land given to them,

Government could not do anything to help them.

They knew very well there was a shortage of good land for agriculture in Sarawak, particularly in the Third Division, said Dato Teo.

After lengthy discussion the Ministers agreed to consider six points put up by the leaders of the Sekuau scheme.

## **MINISTER TAJANG LAING VISITS BINTULU DISTRICT**

A MINISTER of State, Mr. Tajang Laing, made a brief but eventful and memorable visit to Bintulu, Sebauh, the Kemena, the Tubau and the Jelalong. The trip is part of a long one planned to take him across the Baram District via the Tinjar.

AT BINTULU WHICH FOR HIM WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE LONG TRIP, HE WAS WELCOMES BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY LEADERS AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

Later, he was shown the Sibiyu RPSA schemes, a pride agricultural development. He was shown the PWD depot, inspected plants producing materials for surfacing roads and the airfield. He was also taken to the Bintulu airport which is in the process of being modernised.

The Minister was very much impressed by what he saw, and he commented on the relatively rapid progress made in Bintulu since independence.

## **Meets Ulu Peoples**

He spent the greater part of his visit meeting the peoples of the Ulu. He was accompanied on this trip by the District Officer and Sarawak Administrative Officers. He visited many longhouses of the Kayans, the Penans, and the Ibans.

Everywhere he was warmly welcomed, and on each occasion he entered alonghouse he was welcomed in the 'Miring' tradition, which was supposed to bring good luck both to the visitors and the hosts. He personally slaughtered a 70-catty pig at Rumah Changan, a relatively rare occasion which is only accorded to a visiting dignitary.

At nights he witnessed Ngajats, and took part much to the delight of his hosts. There were also Randau Ruai and on these occasions he spoke on many topics. Most of all he stressed on the importance of development projects such as the various government agricultural schemes and the roles of the Ulu people in such a process.

He also touched on the importance of education both to the young and the adults.

He advised the peoples to send their children to schools and they themselves as adults should make certain amount of sacrifices and effort to attend adults should make certain amount of sacrifices and effort to attend adult education classes arranged especially for them.

Going to schools he said does not prepare on for white-collar jobs or Government employment but rather prepare oneself to be a good citizen and a better Malaysian. Education, he said, teaches one how to learn and it is a proverbial key to all aspect teaches one how to learn and it is a proverbial key to all aspect of progress. While in their enthusiasm for progress they should not neglect their Umai and their longhouses. Many of their longhouses, he said, were in a state of disrepair. They should strive to build and improve on their longhouses while timbers are still in plentiful supply close by.

At Rumah Aban, Pandan, the Minister spoke on Religion and Race. As free individuals, he said people are free to choose whatever religion they liked, be it Islam, Christianity or the Adat Lama.

But, he said, the people should not ignore or forget that by race or ethnic origins or groupings they are Kayans, Penans and Ibans. It is quite wrong, he said, for Kayan Moslems or Penan Moslems to claim that they are Malays or the Christianised ones to call themselves Europeans.

The latter analogy is very absurd he said. However, the people should not confuse the two identities. There is nothing wrong, he said, in being called a Penan Moslem, or a Kayan Moslem. If these people forget that they are Kayans or Penans by birth but call themselves Malays instead, are being in the minority there is a great likelihood that these peoples would become what he called "artificially extinct" peoples.

Thus, their ethnic identities will disappear or perhaps forgotten. But on the other hand he said we must be proud of our National Identity as Malaysians. But ironically such a national identity is brought about by our inherent cultural diversities. In spite of our diverse cultural heritages we have one thing in common, he said, that is to make Malaysia workable so that we can enjoy our rights and freedom to lead a normal and decent life.

The Minister also touched on the Indonesian Confrontation and the CCO's activities. The people must have faith in our Armed Forces, to maintain our security. But the people must be alert against undesirable elements and they are duty bound, he said, to report any suspicious looking persons and activities.

At Rumah Tingom, the Minister bade farewell to the District Office and the party. He thanked him for making his trip through the Bintulu District a success. In return the District Officer wished him an enjoyable and pleasant trip to the Baram and Kuching.

## **DECLARES OPEN BARAM ADULT CLASSES**

"THE ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT IS ALL OUT TO RID THE COUNTRY OF COMMUNIST SUBVERSION SO THAT DEMOCRACY IS PROTECTED. WITH THIS EVIL SUBVERSION CRUSHED, WE CAN DIVERT ALL OUR ENERGY AND CAPITAL TOWARDS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GREATER THAN WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN."

This was stated by a Minister of State, Inche Tajang Laing at a reception given in his honour by the Alliance Branch at Marudi on March 21.

The Minister was on the final stage of his tour of the Baram. He had been travelling overland from Bintulu, via the Tinjar where he was given rousing welcomes at the various kampongs.

The Minister said: "It is good to know from the Chairman of the Baram Alliance, Inche Abdul Razak, that the Branch is solidly behind the Party. With this support, and greater work ahead,

I have no doubt that the Party will again sweep to victory in the coming election.

"Our party is the only party in Sarawak now which is well prepared to crush subversion. I am certain that with Indonesia chopping away the PKI, and with our Government killing and capturing these evildoers each day, the subversive elements will soon crave for mercy, and then the path is all clear, as indeed it is already becoming clearer each day, for a greater leap forward towards progress and development.

"This, under the leadership of Tunku Abdul Rahman and your Ministers in Malaysia, your government had pledged to achieve.

"With your hard work, and confidence in yourselves, and with the establishment of strong village committees that are tuned towards progress, our kampongs will definitely move towards a new dynamic pattern."

Earlier in the evening the Minister was invited by the people of Kampong Narum and Kampong Dagang to open their Adult Education Classes.

The former is composed of illiterate male adults while the latter is composed of multi-racial females some of whom are anxious to learn the National Language.

The Minister praised the people for their keenness and told them that the establishment of these classes "is evidence of the Malaysian Government's intention to eradicate illiteracy in this country. It is hoped that more literacy classes will soon be established."

The Minister also praised the Marudi women fold for their active approach to education and told them that with their progressive minds it will not be long before Malaysia evolves a new dynamic and educated generation.

## **Padi Planting**

The Kaum Ibu had previously initiated a scheme of padi planting in Marudi and are now looking forward to continuing with it. This, the Minister remarked was indeed admirable.

The adult classes are being held in the premises of Awang Abdullah bin Taha and Hajjah Fatimah Abdul Manan. "The help given by enlightened people like Inche Awang Abdullah and Hajjah Fatimah is praiseworthy," the Minister said.

The Minister was accompanied by the Acting District Officer, Baram; Sarawak Administrative Officer; the Adult Education Supervisor; the Chairman of Baram District Council, Inche Wan Yubi; Penghulu Keping and a number of local dignitaries.

## **Minister Addresses 1st A.G.M. of Gabongan Kelab2 Belia Melayu**

### **SAYS NOT CONFERENCES AND RESOLUTIONS, BUT ACTION NECESSARY**

Young people give too much attention to conferences and making too many resolutions which seem no to mean anything at all.

WHAT IS NEEDED MOST, IS IN FACT, HOW BEST THE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS SHOULD FUNCTION. THE IMMEDIATE CHALLENGE WHICH FACES YOUR ASSOCIATION IS HOW FAR INTERESTS IN YOUNG PEOPLE COULD BE STIMULATED AND TO WHAT EXTENT INSPIRATION COULD BE GIVEN IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM TO COME FORWARD TO DO SOMETHING USEFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO THEM-

SELVES, THEIR COMMUNITY AND NATION IN THEIR LEISURE TIME.

This was stated by the Minister for Welfare 1966, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman, on Sunday, March 27, 1966 when he addressed the first annual general meeting of the Gabongan Kelab2 Belia Melayu, Sarawak.

Over 200 youth delegates and observers from Kuching and outstations attended the meeting, and Dato Abang Othman reminded them that they were living under challenging circumstances.

He said: "Gone are the days when you can just go to the bush and pick your vegetables, cast your net in the river and get your fish, take your gun and get your meat and build your house wherever you like in the kampong.

"In short your are living in an era where you cannot afford to go on living leisurely. You have to work and plan in order to survive."

### **Easiest Way Out?**

The Minister said: "Young people, by nature love to play and have fun. This requires money and here is where your work comes in. To go out and ask for donations seems to be the easiest way out, but may I ask, is it very easy to work along this line? I don't think people would part with their money readily to help you just to enjoy yourselves. People would only be prepared to help if you should be doing something worth-while.

"Apart from fun which you will continue to provide, why not make an attempt to introduce some useful activities, for example carpentry and /or tailoring. Skills acquired in carpentry and tailoring will enable you to meet the greater costs of staging your play or show. The revenue from gate collection might even offset the cost of the materials used. Moreover, it will also enable members of the club to learn a trade that should help to improve the economy of their home through the full use of their leisure times.

"Once your association is settling on the right track, i don't see why young people not acquaint themselves in the basic knowledge of politics known as 'civics' which concerns the working of the machinery of Government and its services to the community.

"Inviting ministers, councillors, and civil servants to address you on the various aspects

that the Government is working for the betterment of the people and the progress of the state would be very useful to understand what is going on around you.

"Inspiring the young people to offer their services freely to help the blind, infirm, and aged of the community would help to strengthen the spirit of kindness and mutual co-operation."

The Minister went on to say that Sarawak was a multi-racial state within a multi-racial nation. It had been the tradition in Sarawak of all the races with different religions and cultures to live in the spirit of understanding, tolerance and friendship. Through healthy youth activities, it was hoped that this fine spirit should further be strengthened.

"Maintaining communal harmony is most important, especially at this time when we are faced with external aggression and internal subversion if our Nation is to survive and progress," stressed the Minister.

Touching on his Ministry's policy in regard to youth services, the Minister said; "It is mainly based on the principle of establishing selected inter-racial youth centres constituted on lines approved by the Government and assisting voluntary youth and sporting organisations by means of annual grants.

"Being a new ministry, the policy needs to be constantly reviewed and improved if it is to meet the needs and aspirations of youth in a quickly changing society.

"Certainly, Government is likely to play a greater part particularly in the matter of the allocation of grant assistance of voluntary organisations over which there has been some cause for criticisms in the past. Nevertheless, I am sure that in Sarawak we must look to voluntary effort to sustain the progress we have achieved so far."

Finally, the Minister emphasised that the tradition of voluntary service was strong in Sarawak and it should be maintained and broadened. It was essential that youth activities did not develop along racial lines.

## **New Officials Elected**

The meeting re-elected Inche Hasbie Sulaiman, the outgoing President as president for the year 1966/67.

In his address, Inche Hasbie stressed the importance of collective leadership in the Gabongan and appealed to all members to help promote better understanding and co-operation among all sections of Sarawak's youth.

Other new officials were: Vice-Presidents- Inche Suffian bin Haji Junaidi and Inche Su'ut Abang Azmi; General Secretary - Inche Ali bin Haji Abdul Rahman; Assistant General secretary - Inche Ahmad Ason bin Ismail, and Treasurer - Inche Umar bin Salim.

## **Delegates Call on Governor**

On Monday, the delegates and observers who attended the annual general meeting called on the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, who is the patron of Gabongan Kelab2 Bella Melayu Sarawak.

In his address to the delegates and observers, the Governor advised Malay youth to work together in harmony with the other races in the country for the common good of the nation.

The Governor also advised all youth to actively participate not only in youth activities but also in all Government projects connected with the Five-Year Development Plan for raising the living standards of the people.

### **3rd Div. Youth Council Holds Annual Conference**

## **DATO ABANG OTHMAN CALLS FOR SELFLESS LEADERSHIP**

IT IS NOT GRAND BUILDINGS AND EXPENSIVE AMENITIES THAT MAKE A YOUTH CLUB: IT IS SELFLESS LEADERSHIP AND A WILLINGNESS BY ALL MEMBERS TO TAKE THEIR SHARE IN MAINTAINING CLUB ACTIVITY.

This was stated by the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman, at Sibu Saturday, March 26, when he declared open the Third Divisional Youth Council's annual general conference.

Earlier, the Minister said that they could look forward to greater financial assistance in the future, "but we must be sure that any additional funds which may be forthcoming are most effectively used."

The following is the full text of the Minister's address:

It gives me great pleasure to be present today to declare open this Third Divisional Youth Council's annual general conference. I do not know whether you believe it or not but Ministers are busy people and it is not always possible to accept every invitation. I am glad that I have been able to accept yours today and thank you for the invitation.

Although my ministry is still a very young one, this is the sort of occasion when you will expect me to say something about ministry policy in the field of youth. It is sometimes forgotten that the State had a coherent policy in this respect before I took office.

This was based on the following principles:-

- (a) establishing selected inter-racial youth centres constituted on lines approved by the government;
- (b) strengthening recreational facilities in government secondary schools;
- (c) development of recreational facilities, particularly rural playing fields, through grants to local authorities;
- (d) assisting voluntary youth and sporting organisations by means of annual grants.

## **Greater Financial Assistance**

You may not think this policy went far enough and I would probably agree with you, but Sarawak is not a rich state and, before entering into Malaysia the amount of money that could be diverted into social services (of which youth service is one) was very limited.

I think we can look forward to greater financial assistance in the future, but we must be sure that any additional funds which may be forthcoming are most effectively used.

This involves a review and improvement of existing policy if it is to meet the needs and aspirations of young people in a quickly changing society.

This was the objects of establishing a Welfare Division in my Ministry at the beginning of this year and the appointment of Principal Welfare Officer will enable this review to be undertaken.

But have we done the best with our resources in the past? I am not sure that we have. The State has been making an annual grant to the Sarawak Youth Council, but I am afraid that far too much of this went on travel and conferences and very little reached the individual youth clubs. I wonder do we need less conferences and resolutions and more active leadership and organisation to keep genuine youth activity on the move?

What about the clubs in the past? The Sibü Youth Centre was established by means of a generous grant of land and building by the State Government and award of a substantial capital grant from the Wolfson Foundation.

In addition, the State Government provided a model constitution for the Improvement and running of the Centre. I am told that, after the first burst of enthusiasm under the voluntary leadership of energetic persons, the Centre now shows very little sign of activity. If this is true. It is a disappointing state of affairs.

It is not grand buildings and expensive amenities that make a youth club; it is selfless leadership and a willingness by all members to take their share in maintaining club activity.

Malaysia is not a large family. Members of a family all want to help and serve each other. Husband and wife help each other; together, parents cherish and guide their children; elder brothers help younger brothers and daughters help their mothers. It is this desire to help and serve each other which make the family so strong a unit.

## **Mutual Help**

To make our nation strong, we have to broaden this family feeling of mutual help and service until we really come to regard all fellow citizens of Malaysia as being members of one family. As I have said before, I believe that youth - with its ideals and its generous instincts - can do more than older people to build up a family spirit by service to the community. Community service, in all its forms, is the true role of youth.

Certainly, Government is likely to play a greater part in this process. Nevertheless, I am certain that in Sarawak we must continue to look to voluntary effort to sustain the progress we have achieved so far.

The tradition of voluntary service is strong in Sarawak and this must be maintained and broadened. It is essential that youth activities do not develop along racial lines and I pray that Government will be able to play a significant part in bringing together existing agencies and securing a greater degree of co-operation between them. With these thoughts, I have much pleasure in declaring open your annual general conference and wish your deliberations every success.

## **PENGARAH TOURS BORDER KAMPONGS**

A TEAM OF THREE, LED BY PENGARAH RAHUN ANAK DEBAK OF UPPER SADONG DISTRICT COUNCIL, RECENTLY COMPLETED A TWO DAY TOUR OF BORDER KAMPONGS IN THE FIRST DIVISION TO FIND OUT FOR THEMSELVES THE SITUATION IN THE AREAS.

During the tour, Pengarah Rahun explained the Council's policies to kampong people and advised them to be reasonable in their demands, and not ask for things which the Council is unable to provide.

He said that the Government was providing enough facilities for the rural people, and would continue to provide more facilities to the country as a whole.

Touching on security, Pengarah Rahun reminded the border people that their active co-operation with the Government and the Security Forces should continue so that the country could be made safe from any danger.

He told the people that to make the country safe from external aggression and internal subversion was not the sole duty of the Security Forces but also the duty of the people themselves.

Finally, Pengarah Rahun told the people to always remember to report to the presence of any strangers in their midst.

## **4 KILLED, 2 WOUNDED BY ENEMY MINE**

The Security Forces suffered 4 killed and 2 wounded recently when a patrol operating on the steep Gunong Raya ridge in Sarawak's First Division sprung an enemy mine trap.

A Security Forces spokesman said in Kuching on Saturday, March 26, that the trap was "a cunning and well concealed system of anti-personnel mines and booby traps." It was found on one of the narrow, precipitous tracks which give access to Sarawak in that area.

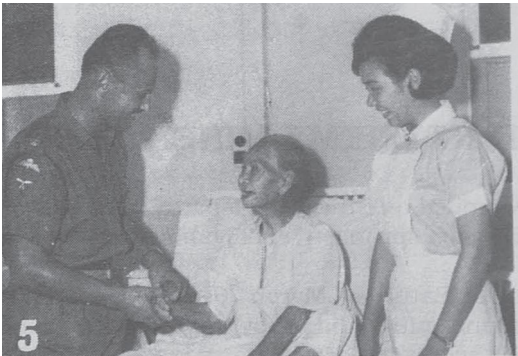
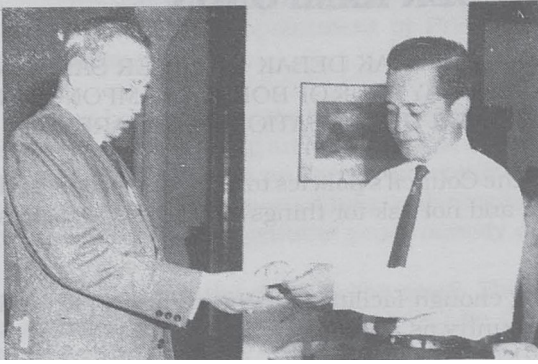
The casualties were evacuated to hospital.

## **Missing Man Presumed Dead**

A Security Forces spokesman stated in Kuching on Monday, March 28, that one member of the Security Forces notified as missing on 16th March in the LUNDU District was still so missing, and must be presumed dead.

The same day it was announced that two members of a small patrol were missing after carrying out operations on the border in a remote area of the Bungoh range of Sarawak's First Division.

**Picture Of The Week March 27 - April 2.**



## **PICTURES OF THE WEEK ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE SHOW**

1. *His Excellency the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg and his wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, have donated \$250 to the Rumah Dayak Building Fund. Picture shows the Governor handing over the cheques to the secretary of the fund Raising Committee, Mr. Peter Sumbang.*
2. *The Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, won the Governor's Cup in the first nine-hole competition played on the Astana Golf Course on Saturday, March 29. Dato Wong is seen here receiving his trophy from Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah.*
3. *Two young Sarawak women who have been awarded New Zealand Colombo Plan scholarships to enable them to take up secretarial courses left Kuching for New Zealand on Saturday, March 26. Before leaving they called on the Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong. Picture shows the scholarship winners, from left Che Lillah Salleh, Dato Wong, Mr. Michael Hardin (Training Officer) and Miss Valerie Kueh Mui Ngo.*
4. *Twenty four women Home Demonstrators who have completed a 12-month course at the Extension Training school of the Department of Agriculture on Saturday, March 26, received their certificates from Datin Teo Kui Seng, wife of the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dato Teo Kui Seng. Che Norsiah Rivai, one of the graduates, is seen here receiving her certificates from Datin Teo. Looking on is Mrs. Patricia Rivera (Home Economics Supervisor) and seated is a Minister of State, Awg. Hipni.*
5. *Major Bruce McDermott, a British military surgeon performed about 400 operations, during his five and a half months in Kuching. He is seen here making his last ward inspection at the Kuching General Hospital before leaving for Hong Kong.*
6. *A new Australian Colombo Plan teacher has joined the staff of the Dragon School. He is Mr. Bryan P. Colbert - seen here with his wife and baby.*
7. *Inche Bolhi bin Lohor, 20, of Kampong Lombo Kudo, who has been awarded a Sarawak Government scholarship to enable him to study for a Diploma in Muslim in the Sarawak Constabulary, has been awarded a Sarawak Government scholarship to enable him to study for a Diploma in Muslim Religious Affairs in Malaya, and*
8. *Mr. Joshua Angi, a Corporal in the Sarawak Constabulary, has been awarded a Federal Government scholarship to enable him to undergo a Student Bandmaster course in the United Kingdom.*

## **KALAKA DISTRICT GETS 7 WIRE BRIDGES**

THE Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, has approved \$17,490 under the Rural Development Programme for the construction of seven wire bridges in the Kalaka District of Second Division.

The State Development Officer, Sarawak, said that the bridges would be at Sungei Blong, Sungei Kerangan, Sungei Tras, Nanga Maras, Nanga Mudong, Supok and Nanga Risau.

These will provide school children with safer crossings and the farmers with easier access to their cultivations and gardens.

Funds were provided by the Federal Government.

## **'Top Posts For Local Officer', Says C.M.**

# **BORNEANISATION BODY FORMED**

THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN, HAS SAID THAT GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO FILL ALL TOP POSTS WITH LOCAL OFFICERS.

TO THIS END, HE ANNOUNCED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2, THE FORMATION OF THE BORNEANISATION AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEES.

The preliminary meetings of the two committees were held in Kuching on the same day under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister.

The following are terms of reference of the Borneanisation Committee:

- \* To review from time to time the progress made in implementing the Borneanisation of posts and to consider matters of policy arising therefrom;
- \* To decide what important posts in Government should be filled by Sarawak Officers for the purpose of training them to assume the responsibility of the most senior post in the Government Service;
- \* To consider and decide on issues relating to the recruitment of non-Sarawakians to the Government Service or the renewal of the contracts of such officers already employed;
- \* To formulate policy governing scholarships and training to meet the needs of Government Service in the context of Borneanisation.

## **Committee Members**

The following are members of the Borneanisation Committee:

Chairman: The Hon'ble the Chief Minister;

Members: The Hon'ble the Deputy Chief Minister;  
The Hon'ble the Minister for the Welfare, Youth and Culture;  
The Hon'ble the Minister for Local Government;  
The Hon'ble the Minister for Communications and Works;  
The Hon'ble the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources.

## **ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE**

The terms of reference of the Establishment Committee are:

To consider all matters of policy governing the public service and either

- (i) To make decisions thereon, or
- (ii) To direct reference to the Supreme Council. In particular the matters to be submitted to the Committee will be those affecting establishments, salary of Government officers, conditions of service of Government officers, pensions policy, the working of Whitley Councils, arbitration, training and regulations including General Orders.

The State Establishment Officer will be Secretary to both committees and papers for consideration by the committees will be prepared in the State Establishment Office.

The following are members of the Establishment Committee:

Chairman: The Hon'ble the Chief Minister;

Members: The Hon'ble the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture;

The Hon'ble the Minister for Forestry and Agriculture.

Those who attended this week's meetings of both committees were:

The Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan; the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman bin Abang Haji Moasili; the Minister for Forestry and Agriculture, Dato Teo Kui Seng; the Minister for Local Government, Dato Dunstan Endawie; the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Penghulu Francis Umpau.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, and the Minister for Communications and Works, Inche Taib bin Mahmud who were both away from the State Capital on tour were not present.

In attendance at the meeting was the Chief Minister's Political Secretary, Mr. Charles Ingka.

## **DATO JUGAH ON BORNEANISATION**

EARLIER, at a Press Conference at the Sibu airport on Wednesday, March 30, the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Dato Temenggong Jugah, said: "As regards Borneanisation, it means what it says in the real sense of the word. To me it means that charity begins at home.

"Our boys and girls should be given top priority with regard to selection to higher posts and appointment in Sarawak before taking people from outside the State, so that their chances for promotion are not thwarted. This applies to all departments including the Constabulary and the Army.

"This is vital if we want to retain the confidence of our local officers in the Government. Their aspirations for a more responsible position must not be frustrated for we do not really know their challenge and their abilities until they are given the chance to prove themselves.

## **DATO JUGAH ON BORNEANISATION**

"The present plan whereby expatriate officers, for instance, act as advisers to residents is a practical approach in the implementation of Borneanisation so that there would be a smooth 'taking over' when their advisers go.

"As you know, the Dayaks have been left behind for so many years in so many fields. They should be given special consideration in the implementation of Borneanisation so that they can catch up with the others.

"Our students returning from their studies overseas should be given work immediately on arrival. They should be given remuneration to commensurate with their abilities and skills acquired, especially doctors and other specialist. Promotion must not be withheld from them for a long time after their appointment."

## **C.M. AGREES WITH DATO JUGAH'S SUGGESTION**

THE next day, on Thursday, March 31, the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, said in Kuching on arrival from Kuala Lumpur that he agreed with the suggestion by Dato Jugah, the Minister for Sarawak people, but added that "it is quite impossible to implement it overnight."

The Chief Minister said. "It is very easy for one to say anything but to act on what one says is not as easy as one thinks. One has to look into every aspect of Government machinery."

Dato Ningkan told reporters that he was as anxious as anybody else to see that all the top posts be held by our own people but at the same time we had to bear in mind the efficiency of the Government. He said that the implementation of the Borneanisation committee has been formed.

In answer to a question, the Chief Minister said that as far as possible top posts should be held by "our own local officers."

He reiterated that although the State Government was very anxious to fill all the top posts with local people, it was not as easy as one thought.

He continued: "One who is not really responsible for the Government can easily say something, but for only like myself who is responsible for the machinery of the Government it is not so easy. One must be careful. When I was not in the Government I thought the Government had plenty of money and could do what it liked and had the power to do everything, but now I find it is not so easy as that.

## **PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN D-PLAN URGES MINISTER**

The Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman, has advised people in the Sibulaut area of the First Division to actively participate in the Development Plan and help raise their own standard of living.

THE MINISTER, WHO SPENT TWO DAYS IN THE AREA, VISITING SUNGEI LAUT, TOLD THE PEOPLE THAT IN ORDER TO MARCH ABREAST WITH THE CHANGING TIMES THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO WORK NOT ONLY HARD BUT ALSO SYSTEMATICALLY.

He said that the Alliance Government was desirous of giving people in the rural areas amenities such as those found in the urban areas, but these could not be provided overnight.

Through the Development Plan, he said, the Government has designed various projects, including agricultural schemes for their benefit. One of the most important means by which they could accelerate the implementation of these projects was by practising 'Gotong Royong' (self-help).

The Minister and his party were given a rousing welcome on arrival; Tua Kampongs and representatives of the kampong people gave assurances of their undivided loyalty to the Alliance Government and the Nation. School children sang the State and National anthems to welcome the Minister.

On arrival at Sungei Mas on Sunday evening, the Minister was invited to declare open a jetty, built under the Development Plan. Local people took part in its construction and the material was provided by the Government.

### **'Report Suspicious Movements'**

The Minister was greeted by the Chairman of the Kuching Rural District Council, T.K. Suaidi bin Haji Arshad, Councillor Ojet Hassan, Kampong elders and anak kampongs.

At the opening ceremony the KRDC Chairman welcomed the Minister to his area. In his brief address, he pointed out that the country was still facing threats both from within and without and appealed to the people to report any suspicious movement and the presence of strangers to the authorities.

Dato Abang Othman in his address praised the people who have constructed the bridge on self-help basis.

He said that the money allocated by Government for projects meant to bring about a more comfortable life to them would be worthless unless they themselves took an active part in the implementation of the projects.

The Minister pointed out to them that times had changed and that they could not leave everything to God, but to work hard to uplift their own economy.

"You must take the sources for Government's revenue was through the tax levied on householders. It was important therefore, said the Minister, that to enable the Government

machinery to function smoothly, it had all the money that it expected to get from its sources.

"You will be helping your Government very much if you pay to the Government what is its due," he said.

Speaking as a Councillor of the Kuching Rural District Council, Dato Othman to residents in KRDC areas to pay up their tax (rates).

Later in the evening, the Minister and party were entertained to a dinner followed by a Gendang party at the residence of Awang Masruddin.

At Salak the following morning, the Minister was welcomed by the entire kampong.

Tua Kampong Haji Anis, welcoming the Minister to the village of 40 houses pledged their undivided loyalty to the Government.

An address of welcome was also made by a representative of the people, Inche Bujang bin Ibrahim.

He also submitted a list of projects which he said the kampong badly needed: these included a mosque, a jetty and medical facilities.

Inche Ibrahim said that his village was also interested in land development schemes. People in this area are earning their livelihood by fishing and cutting firewood.

Dato Abang Othman said that he was very impressed by the loyalty and determination of the people to safeguard the integrity of the Nation.

## **Keep Govt. Informed**

He told them that the Central Government had put aside about \$400 million for the development of Sarawak under the First Malaysia Development Plan, but it was their duty to keep the Government informed of their wishes and grievances if they wanted progress.

He promised to look into the requests, but in the meantime, he said, the people should do all they could to better their lot. Before leaving for Ramungan, the Minister and party were guests at a morning tea at the residence of the Tua Kampong.

At Ramungan another heart-warming welcome awaited the Minister. Ramungan is in the Lundu District, and the visit by Dato Othman was the first ever made by a State Minister.

To welcome the Minister were Councillor Suhaili bin Jantan and other kampong elders. A welcome procession was accompanied by a Hadzrah band.

At the Ramungan District Council School, the Minister reiterated what he said at other places to a big gathering of people. He added that he was touched by the warm reception accorded to him.

Dato Abang Othman also explained the Government's policy on rural development.

A luncheon in his honour was held at the residence of Councillor Suhaili.

At Sibu Laut, the Minister was given another warm welcome by the people. Sheds were built

and decorated to mark his visit.

T.K. Mohd. Sadam, in his welcome speech, thanked the Minister for the honour he was bestowing on the village by his visit.

Dato Abang Othman briefly explained the function of his Ministry and how it could be of service to the people. He emphasised the importance of having to remain vigilant as Sarawak was still fighting to maintain its integrity and sovereignty in the face of aggression and internal subversion.

The Minister also stressed the importance of learning to read and write: to enable the masses to achieve this, the Government had extended the adult education programme to Sarawak, he said.

He exhorted the people who did not have the chance to go to school in their younger days to seize the opportunity and at the same time to help abolish illiteracy.

Before leaving for Kuching, the Minister called at Santubong.

The Minister was accompanied by the retiring Asst. District Officer, Abang Haji Adenan, his Assistant Secretary, Abang Ahmad and Tua Kampong Dol bin Osman.

The Asst. District Officer, a popular figure in the area, was invited by the people to address them. He took the opportunity to thank them for their co-operation and requested them to continue that fine spirit.

## **STATE MINISTER AWANG HIPNI VISITS KUALA TEBAS**

A MINISTER OF STATE, AWANG HIPNI BIN PENGIRAN ANU, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 29, TOLD PEOPLE OF KUALA TEBAS (A FISHING VILLAGE ABOUT EIGHT MILES DOWNRIVER FROM KUCHING) THAT INDEPENDENCE MEANT HOPE FOR THE BETTER AND BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN.

Therefore, he said, their duty was to defend the country and educate their children. The Minister was speaking at a 'meet-the-people' session held at the Kuala Tebas school building.

Awang Hipni urged the people to unite to defend their nation and support their own, elected democratic Government.

He said that democracy would die, and the nation's wealth and freedom would be lost, if this country was to be overrun by another nation.

He added: "If we want our country to remain peaceful and progressive we should all cultivate a sense of responsibility and the spirit of self-help." He appealed to the people to forget their differences and urged them not to hate those who hold different political views.

"This is a democratic country and everybody has the right to choose and become a member of any legally constituted political party in this country," added the Minister. Touching on the government aid for kampong projects the Minister said that the people should not be afraid to voice their opinions and let the Government know what they really needed to improve their lot.

The Minister then explained to them the Development Plan and urged them to let the Government know of their needs.

Earlier, at Kampong Sinari and Kampong Gobil, two other fishing villages near Kuala Tebas, the Minister received a warm welcome from the people.

At reception in his honour on the kampong padang, the Minister urged the people to form co-operative societies to improve their fishing industry.

He pointed out that there was not a single fishing village in the First Division which could boast of a co-operative society.

At Kampong Gobil where the people also live by farming, the Minister urged them to improve their cultivation by adopting modern farming methods.

Awang Hipni, who returned to Kuching on Wednesday, March 30 was accompanied throughout his tour by the District Officer, Kuching, Wan All and Chairman KRDC Tua Kampong Suaidi.

## **THREE MORE CO-OP SOCIETIES REGISTERED**

THREE MORE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED TWO IN THE THIRD AND ONE IN THE FIFTH DIVISIONS.

They are the Sungai Bedut Co-operative Multi-Purpose Society, Limited (Chinese, Sibu District); the Nanga Taroh Co-operative Savings and Loan Society, Limited (Sea Dayak, Mukah District) and the Pandaruan Co-operative Multi-Purpose Society, Limited (Kedayan, Limbang District).

The Sungai Bedut Co-operative Multi-Purpose has 99 members. According to the Assistant Commissioner, Co-operative Development, Third Division, the formation of the Society was largely the result of months of membership campaign by the Interim Committee coupled with the great efforts of Mr. Wong Tung Ming and Mr. Chiew Lik Chui, the Headmen of No. 4 area and Sub-Headman of Sungai Bedut respectively.

Some \$9,520 had been collected from prospective members in a comparatively short period and collection of shares is still in progress. One of the members has agreed to sub-lease part of a formal application would be made to the Authorities for conversion of the land to shop lots and also for approval of the shop building plan.

Having heard of the advantages of Co-operation from a neighbouring society - the Lubok Emmawang Mukah Co-operative Savings and Loan Society, Limited - the inhabitants of Nanga Taroh decided to have a co-operative of their own.

Membership at present is 34 drawn from Rumahs Ayub, Guang, Labang, Jangau and Kudang.

The Assistant Commissioner, Co-operative Development Department, Third Division, said that these people were so enthusiastic at the idea that they started saving after their first contact with the Co-operative Development Department. At the time of registration a sum of over \$500 has been paid in by 34 prospective members, by way of deposits.

More people are expected to join the Society later in the year.

The registration of the Pandaruan Co-operative Multi-Purpose Society, Limited, is a culmination of a long drive for membership and capital among the Kedayans in the Pandaruan Regrouping Scheme at Limbang. Membership at the moment is 97.

Because of the special nature of this Regrouping Scheme Government has provided among other things a grant to meet the costs of a co-operative shop building and a padi mill.

"Capital is still inadequate but small contributions from members are trickling in, and it is expected that business would be on a very small scale at the start, and would expand only as and when more capital becomes available," a spokesman of the co-operative Development Department said in Kuching last week.

## **DCM VISITS RIAM ROAD VILLAGE, MIRI: TELLS PEOPLE, 'PUT FORWARD CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWS'**

THE Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, had told the people of Riam Road Village, Miri, Fourth Division, that they should not merely oppose and criticise the Government, but put forward constructive views.

"MALAYSIA IS NOW INDEPENDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT IS OUR GOVERNMENT. ALL OF US MUST DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP OUR GOVERNMENT IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE. UNLIKE IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES, THE CHINESE IN MALAYSIA ENJOY THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP AND ARE FREE TO TRADE," DATO WONG ADDED.

He advised the Chinese to help the Natives in Agriculture as the haves must help the have-nots.

He told the Chinese that the purpose of his visit was to listen to their problems and difficulties. He also answered questions on allocation of land, Government aid to the farmers and road communications in the area.

He said Government would only give land to farmers who genuinely needed it.

Dato Wong added that when the present Riam Road reached Satap more land would be made available to the farmers for cultivation.

On the request for construction of a road to Sg. Dalam, Dato Wong promised to investigate the matter.

Referring to Chinese youths crossing the border for military training, he urged parents to teach and control their children so that other children would not be misled.

After meeting the people, Dato Wong, accompanied by the Acting Resident and other Government officers visited the pepper gardens and piggeries and fishponds belonging to the farmers in that area.

He also inspected the new Miri airfield which is still under construction.

On arrival on Tuesday, March 29, at Lutong airfield, Dato Wong was met by the Acting Resident, Fourth Division.

## **ADDRESSES PEOPLE OF BAKAM**

ON Thursday, March 31, the Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, spoke to the people of Bakam, Fourth Division, and urged them to work hard and co-operate with the Government so that peace could be maintained and prosperity achieved in the country.

Dato Wong was addressing a gathering of about 100 Chinese and Kedayan residents of Bakam at the Chinese School.

He said that since Sarawak joined Malaysia 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years ago, the Chinese in the country

had enjoyed the same rights and privilege as before.

Before Malaysia was formed, he added, there were rumours that Chinese property, such as land, would be taken away from them and taxi licences would be withdrawn by the Government.

He added: "Now it is clear that all these rumours are not true. That people are living happily."

Touching on development and the country's revenue, Dato Wong said that even if taxation had been increased twenty times it would not suffice to meet development needs.

The Deputy Chief Minister also said that if Sarawak did not join Malaysia, it would not have been long before the country succumbed to Indonesian threats.

Finally, Dato Wong said if the people did not agree with the present Government, they could choose a new one in the next election.

Earlier, on arrival at the school the Deputy Chief Minister received a rousing welcome from the people.

Kapitan China, Mr. Liew Khien, who is also a Miri District Councillor, welcoming the Deputy Chief Minister, spoke of the many amenities provided by the Government since Malaysia.

He particularly referred to the new Bakam Road, recently declared open.

Replying to requests by the people for more land, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the Government was looking into the matter and it was expected that a few hundred acres of land would be available in the next few months for those who genuinely needed land in Bakam.

Regarding a request by the Bakam people for the completion of the next<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile of the Bakam Road, Dato Wong said that it would also be looked into.

He said that it must be realised that there were priorities and that there were other places in the country where roads were more desperately needed.

Tua Kampong Haji Yusuf asked for buffaloes to help padi farmers and for fertiliser for pepper gardeners.

Dato Wong replied that he must first join the Assistance to padi Planters Scheme, and then the question of allocating buffaloes would be considered.

As for fertiliser, Dato Wong asked him to approach the Sarawak Development Finance Corporation.

## **In promoting Wider Use Of The National Languages**

### **DON'T STIR UP FEAR, ILL WILL - RAZAK**

DEPUTY Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak bin Hussein has called on Malaysians to utilise the National Language as a means of developing the national spirit, solidarity and loyalty in a multi-racial society.

LAUNCHING THE SIX-MONTH-LONG NATIONAL LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN IN KUALA LUMPUR, TUN RAZAK DECLARED THAT MALAY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL RACES IN THE COUNTRY AS THE NATIONAL AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

"This is no longer questioned and no one is questioning it any more," he said, adding: "The National Language has given an assurance in the Constitution to preserve and maintain the use of the other languages."

In implementing the policy of making the National Language the sole official language of the country, Tun Razak said, it was important that fear or ill-feeling should not be created among the non-Malays, who had already accepted Malay as the National Language.

"The Alliance Government stands on the Constitution of the country and assures that it would act in accordance with the letter and spirit of it. No party should therefore try to exploit the language issue in splitting the unity of the people or undermining the peace of the country," said Tun Razak.

He said he would like to see a quickening of the process for wider use of the National Language which would result in the lesser use of English as the official language.

### **'Renew Pledge'**

Tun Razak called on heads of departments and government officers to make more vigorous efforts to expand the use of the language in the government administration.

"Commencing from today, we should renew our pledge to use the National Language all the time. We want the National Language to play its part more widely and in every process of national development now being carried out," said Tun Razak.

In IPOH (Perak) more than 6,000 persons, comprising government servants, employees in commercial firms, voluntary organisations and associations and school children, took part in the pledge-reading ceremony at a rally at the Municipal Padang.

In MALACCA, Chief Minister, Enche Abdul Ghafar bin Baba told the gathering the launching ceremony in the Dewan Hang Tuah that all government forms would be translated into the National Language this year.

In KANGAR (Perlis), about 4,000 attended a rally in the Town Stadium. Representatives of the Chinese, Indian and Thai communities in the State renewed their pledges of loyalty to the nation and to uphold the status of the National Language.

In KOTABHARU (Kelantan), more than 15,000 attended the rally at Padang Merdeka. The acting Mentri Besar Nik Abdul Rahman bin Nik Mohamed, said that the National Language would not be implemented unless the people were determined to make full use of it.

In KUANTAN (Pahang), Mentri Besar Dato Yahya bin Haji Mohd. Seh, told a rally on the Town Padang that the State Government was determined to implement the use of the National Language in the State earlier than the target date next year.

In SEREMBAN (Negri Sembilan), Mentri Besar Dato Dr. Mohd. Said bin Mohamed told a rally on the Station Padang that the choice of Malay as the National Language of the country was not prompted by communal considerations but by the fact that the language could be best understood by the people of the country.

In JOHORE BAHRU (Johore), Dato Haji Hassan bin Haji Yunos, the Mentri Besar, said that the State Government was considering measures for more effective use of the National Language in State departments.

In PENANG, a record gathering of more than 25,000 representing voluntary organisations, chambers of commerce, Government departments, teachers and students, assembled in the City Stadium to renew their pledge to promote the use of the National Language.

SELANGOR'S Mentri Besar, Dato Harun bin Haji Idris, in a message called on members of the public, especially those in commerce and industry to make full use of the National Language.

Trengganu will launch its National Language campaign at a rally in the Badminton Hall, KUALA TRENGGANU, on April 14.

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# **DATO JUGAH PRESENTS SARAWAK SHIELD TO SCOTTISH BORDERERS**

THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SARAWAK AFFAIRS, DATO TEMENGGONG JUGAH, LAST WEEK PRESENTED A SARAWAK SHIELD AS A MEMENTO TO THE 1ST BATTALION, KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS AT THE KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL GROUND, SIBU.

Making the presentation, Dato Jugah paid tribute to the battalion and said it had an excellent public relations record. He also took the opportunity to praise other Commonwealth forces for their commendable aid in fighting against Indonesian confrontation.

This particular battalion, he said, besides defending the country from our enemy, had dedicatedly served the people by treating the sick and poor, helping in the implementation of minor rural projects and schools.

During their six-month stay they have travelled widely in the Third Division and "my heart is always with them", but without their uniform".

## **Regimental Plaque Presented**

Presenting his regimental plaque, the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Col C.G. Stoner, thanked the government of Sarawak for the Shield which he said, would serve them as a reminder of their period of service in Sarawak at the time of confrontation.

He also thanked the people of the Third Division for their kindness and hospitality which they had always cherished.

The Pipes and Drums of the military band played a number of marches and among them was the Pipe Major's composition, "Mist o'er the Rejang".

## **KOSB's History**

The Following is a brief history of the Regiment.

On 18th of March, 1689, the King's Own Scottish Borderers sprang into being with a swiftness that has been described as unparalleled in British Military annals. It was raised in Edinburgh by beat of drum to a strength of 1,000 men within the space of two hours by David Leslie, 3rd Earl of LEVEN, who had accompanied the Prince of Orange when he landed in ENGLAND.

The Regiment had its first baptism of fire at the Battle of KILLIECRANKIE four months after formation and, though on the losing side, stood its ground until ordered to withdraw. Their opponents were the Highlanders under Grahame of CLAVERHOUSE, better known as "Bonnie Dundee", who died of wounds in the battle.

Recognition of the fighting spirit of Leven's EDINBURGH Regiment came at once in the spontaneous conferment on it of the exclusive privilege to recruit by beat of drum in the City, on any day except Sunday, without first asking permission of the Lord Provost, and to march through the City of Edinburgh with bayonets fixed and colours flying. This last privilege the 1st Battalion exercised on 12 April, 1961 on its return from Berlin.

After fighting for WILLIAM III in SCOTLAND and having subdued the adherents of JAMES II in IRELAND the Regiment embarked for FLANDERS to take part in the War against FRANCE. In 1695 it gained its first Battle honour at "NAMUR" having played a heroic part in the siege of that town.

From 1687- 1756 the Regiment served in EDINBURGH, GIBRALTAR, IRELAND, the WEST INDIES and FLANDERS and during this period it became known as the 25th (EDINBURGH) Regiment of Foot.

In July 1758 the Regiment embarked for GERMANY and on 1st of August 1759 gained its second and one of its proudest Battle honours - 'MINDEN', On 1st August every year all ranks of the Regiment are privileged to wear a red rose in their bonnets to commemorate the victory at MINDEN, where their predecessors plucked roses from gardens during the advance into battle and then wore them in their bonnets.

In 1782 the Regiment became known as the Sussex Regiment and in 1795 the 2nd battalion gained the Regiment's 3rd battle Honour at "EGMONT - OP - ZEE".

## **Receives Motto**

In 1805 King GEORGE II changed the title of the Regiment to "The King's Own Borderers" and gave the Regiment the motto "In veritate Religionis Confido". It was soon after 1805 that they were granted the privilege of wearing the Royal Stewart tartan which they still wear today. Later in 1832 WILLIAM IV ordered the Regiment to bear on its colours the arms of EDINBURGH with the motto "Nisi Dominis Frustra" (He that builds without the Lord, builds in vain) and to retain the motto "In Veritate Religionis Confido" (I rely on the truth of this faith). The Regiment was also allowed to bear "The White Horse of HANOVER" and the motto "Nec Espera Terrent" (Nor do they fear danger) on the fourth corner of the Regimental Colour.

Two years in ADEN were followed by another homecoming, this time to SHORNCLIFFE, Kent, to join the Strategic Reserve, and on 2nd May the Battalion was flown back to ADEN at very short notice for four months active service in the Radfan. They returned in August for a further period of six months in the UNITED KINGDOM.

The Battalion went to Hong Kong in April 1965, moved to Singapore in July and came to Borneo in October.

In January 1959 the Regiment, together with the other Lowland Brigade Regiments ceased to wear its own Regimental Cap Badge, except for the Military Band and Pipes and Drums, who were allowed to retain the Regimental Cap Badge. All other soldiers now wear the Lowland Brigade Cap Badge.

Colonel in Chief: Her Royal Highness The Duchess of GLOUCESTER, CI, CGVO, CBE.

Colonel of the Regiment: Lieutenant General Sir William Turner, KBE, CB, DSO.

## **32 (MINDEN) LIGHT AIR DEFENCE BATTERY PRESENTED WITH SARAWAK PLAQUE**

ON Thursday, March 31, the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman bin Abang Haji Moasili, presented a plaque with the Sarawak Crest to the Commanding Officer of 32 (Minden) Light Air Defence Battery, Major F.C. Fuller. The Battery is returning to Singapore shortly after service in Sarawak.

The presentation on behalf of the Chief Minister of Sarawak, was made in the Chief Minister's Office.

In presenting the memento on behalf of the Chief Minister, who was away on official duty in the mainland of Malaya, Dato Othman conveyed the gratitude and thanks of the State Government and its people "for the many and varied tasks that your Battery have undertaken during your tour of service in Sarawak.

He said: "Apart from the very trying responsibility of maintaining the low level air defence of Kuching airport, I should like to congratulate you and your men for the amicable and encouraging contribution made towards the development in the field of sports.

"My people in the Kuching area, particularly the physically handicapped children in the Batu Lintang Council School would miss you and your men very much, and though it is not possible to get you and your men to stay back any longer because of your duty, they would nevertheless like to join me in wishing you and your men bon voyage and every success.

"You and your Battery will no doubt be long remembered for the many friendly get-together in the field of the various forms of sports. I would like to mention in particular, the road races, which were instituted and organised by the Battery. These races have had very good response from the local people, and the Minden Road Race Cup will be keenly competed for annually.

"As a token of our appreciation of your invaluable services rendered and the cordial relationship with the local people, and the State Government, I now have, on behalf of the State Government and its people, much pleasure to present this plaque to your Battery and hope it will serve as an inspiration and happy memory of your stay in Sarawak in the years to come."

### **History of 32 (Minden) LAD Battery**

The following is a brief history of 32 (Minden) Light Air Defence Battery:

The Unit came to Sarawak from Singapore in December 1965 and is returning there shortly to complete two and a half years overseas.

The tasks of the unit have been many and varied. They have been responsible for the low level air defence of Kuching airport. They have assisted in ground operations working closely in conjunction with other security forces, particularly the Police.

The main contribution outside their military activities has been in the field of sport. In spite of their short stay they have tried to give every encouragement to potential sports enthusiasts.

They have organised several basketball and football matches between the Battery and local teams.

Two instructors in physical training from the Battery have spent several rewarding hours weekly teaching the children, some of whom are handicapped, in the Batu Lintang Council School.

The Battery instituted and organised the first road races between several service and civilian teams. It was most encouraging to note the enthusiastic response from all concerned. Eighteen teams took part recently in the last series of road races.

The Battery has presented an award called the Minden Road Race Cup to the Sarawak AAA to be competed for annually.

The Battery has enjoyed its stay in Sarawak and has made many friends.

# Allah Lanjutkan Usia Tuanku

**SARAWAK SHARES INSTALLATION JOY -**

## **LOYAL RESPONSE**

MALAYSIA OF ALL RACES IN SARAWAK JOINED THE NATIONAL REJOICING ON MONDAY APRIL 1966 ON THE OCCASION OF THE INSTALLATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE FOURTH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG, TUANKU ISMAIL NASIRUDDIN SHAH IBNIAL-MARHUM SULTAN ZAINAL ABIDIN OF TRENGGANU. (SEE INSTALLATION SUPPLEMENT IN THIS ISSUE)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCCASION FOUND LOYAL RESPONSE IN THE HEARTS OF EVERY MALAYSIAN IN THE STATE.

In the towns, kampongs and villages, various celebrations were organised, while in the State Capital itself thousands flocked from far and near to attend the three-day regatta on the Sarawak River.

Fine weather prevailed during the celebrations in Kuching. Federal and State flags flew side by side in the capital's busy thoroughfares and over every Government and commercial building.

Ships in Kuching port and alongside river wharves and godowns dressed for the occasion, while happy, gaily attired men, women and children from the ulu swamped the Kuching streets.

At 11 a.m. 21 guns boomed their message that the King had been installed in the Federal capital.

### **Astana Reception**

A highlight of the celebrations in Kuching was the reception at the Astana at which the Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, proposed the loyal toast in the presence of more than 300 invited guests of all nationalities.

In proposing the toast, Dato Wong said: "As you all are probably aware, the Constitution of Malaysia provides for the appointment of a new Agong by Majlis Raja2 for every five years.

"Malaysia is unique in that it is the only monarchy in the world that elects its King for a fixed term of office. This morning in Kuala Lumpur the Fourth Agong was formally installed to

### **\$11 MIL. LOW COST HOUSING SCHEME ANNOUNCED**

THE Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Penghulu Francis Umpau, this week announced details of the first phase of a new low cost housing scheme designed to help people with family incomes of between \$300 and \$700 per month.

The first phase provides for 245 single storey 3 bedroom houses to be completed this year out of an eventual total of about 1,100 units. The scheme will be self-contained one and will include shops, schools, markets and open spaces for recreational purposes.

the highest office in the land.

"Among the major responsibilities vested in him are the power to summon and dissolve Parliament, the power to appoint the Prime Minister and his Cabinet Ministers and the Governors of the four States which have no sovereigns.

"The Agong is also required to give assent to bills passed by Parliament. He is also the Supreme Commander of the Malaysian Armed Forces.

"The office of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is not new to Seri Paduka Baginda; he has twice assumed the duties of the acting Yang di-Pertuan Agong first from December 1961 to January 1962 and second, from April to May 1965.

"Sultan Ismail was born at Kuala Trengganu on January 14, 1907, and, like many of his brother rulers, attended the Malay college in Kuala Kangsar.

"In 1929 he joined the Trengganu Civil Service and on December 16, 1945 he ascended the Trengganu Throne.

"On September 21, 1960, he was elected the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"Let us also pray for his long life and may he reign us wisely and guide us to peace, happiness and prosperity."

## **At Sibul**

At a reception given by the Resident of the Third Division at his residence on Monday, the minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman proposed the loyal toast to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in connection with His Majesty's installation as the Fourth Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.

Among those who attended the reception were Heads of Departments and political and community leaders.

## **At Miri**

A RECEPTION was held on the evening of April 11, at the Miri Community Hall in conjunction with the celebration of the installation of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Organised by the Resident's Office, Fourth Division, it was attended by over 60 guests including government officers, district councillors and community leaders.

A toast to the health and happiness of His Majesty and the Raja Permaisuri Agong was proposed by the Resident.

## **At Serian**

SERIAN Town in the First Division was in a festive mood on Monday, April 11, when people from nearby villages and kampongs gathered to celebrate the Installation of H.M. the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

The District Officer, Serian, reports that the town was gay with National and State flags flying from shops, commercial houses, Government buildings and private dwellings.

The Pipes and Drums of the Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders beat the Retreat, marching from the Serian Police Station to the Bazaar.

This was followed by a display by the Band at the Bazaar which attracted large crowds of people. The Brass Band then took over and played popular selections.

The celebrations ended with a reception in the evening at the Serian District Council Chamber.

The invited guests included community leaders, Government officials, military personnel; the loyal toast to the King was proposed by the District Officer.

## **ALLIANCE MINISTERS, LEADERS DISMISS 'SPLIT' REPORT AS GROUNDLESS**

SARAWAK ALLIANCE MINISTERS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SARAWAK AFFAIRS, DATO TEMENGGONG JUGAH, AND OTHER LEADERS, HAVE DISMISSED THE STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE ISSUE OF THE STRAITS TIMES ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14, WHICH SUGGESTED A SPLIT IN THE SARAWAK ALLIANCE, AS BEING "IRRESPONSIBLE AND MISCHIEVOUS AND COMPLETELY GROUNDLESS."

In a signed statement issued on Thursday, the Ministers and leaders said There can be no room whatsoever for another alliance within the Sarawak Alliance, for example there is no truth in the suggestion that Berjasa and Pesaka are 'ganging up' against SNAP and Party Negara or vice versa.

"There are no differences of opinion as regards policy between Dato Ningkan and Dato Temenggong Jugah as regards the question of Borneanisation.

"There is no truth whatsoever about any differences of opinion as to the composition of the Sarawak Cabinet. No changes in leadership are being contemplated.

The Sarawak Alliance has never been more united."

The statement was signed by:-

Dato Temenggong Jugah, Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs;  
Dato James Wong, Deputy Chief Minister;  
Dato Abang Othman, Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture;  
Dato Dunstan Endawie, Minister for Local Government;  
Dato Teo Kui Seng, Minister for Agriculture and Forestry;  
Penghulu Francis Umpau, Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources;  
Inche Abdul Taib, Minister for Communications and Works;  
State Minister - Mr. Tajang Laing and Awang Hipni;  
President, Sarawak Chinese Association, Dato Ling Beng Siew and  
Secretary - General, SNAP, Mr. Edmund Langgu.

## **INSTALLATION OF MALAYSIA'S 4TH YANG DI - PERTUAN AGONG: ELABORATE PREPARATIONS COMPLETE**

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF MALAYSIA'S FOURTH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, AT THE DEWAN TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN IN KUALA LUMPUR.

The day has been declared a holiday throughout Malaysia, and among the 500 VIPs who will witness the ceremony will be the Governor of Sarawak, Tun Abang Haji Openg and the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan.

A report from Kuala Lumpur states that elaborate arrangements were being made for the installation ceremony and the two-day celebrations that accompany it.

Thousands of Malaysians in Malaya will be able to see the installation on television.

Many others will be able to see the State Drive of the King and Queen from the installation to the Istana.

Among the varied items included in the celebration's programme is the distribution of food to 2,000 orphans and poor people at the National Mosque.

A Cultural Show will be held at Kuala Lumpur's Lake Gardens along with a spectacular fireworks display.

Highlights of the second day's celebrations will be a tea party for 3,000 people in Parliament House and a giant floats' procession from Stadium Merdeka to Ipoh Road. A float's Queen contest will be held and the winner will get a free air trip to Hong Kong donated by the Thai International Airways.

### **Installation Supplement**

SARAWAKBY THE WEEK will issue a special installation supplement next week to commemorate the occasion.

# INSTALLATION SUPPLEMENT

THE FOURTH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG WAS FORMALLY INSTALLED IN A SOLEMN AND IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT THE DEWAN TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN IN KUALA LUMPUR ON MONDAY, APRIL 11.

The ceremony took place before the King's fellow Malayan Sultans and 500 guests. They included the Sultan of Brunei, State Governors, Cabinet Ministers, Chief Ministers of the various States and heads of Diplomatic Missions.

## **Election and Responsibilities of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong**

The Malaysian Constitution provides for the election of a constitutional monarch for a term of five years. The nine rulers, assembled in the Majlis di Raja or the Conference of Rulers, are vested with the right of selecting the supreme head from among themselves on a basis of seniority. Thereupon the Yang di-Pertuan Agong takes absolute precedence over everyone else in the country. His consort, the Raja Permaisuri Agong ranks immediately after him.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong's irresponsibilities are to summon and dissolve Parliament, to appoint a Prime Minister and a Cabinet and the Governors of the four States which have no rulers. He has to give assent to bills passed by Parliament and is pledged to 'safeguard the special position of the Malaya and the legitimate rights of the other communities. He is also Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

As fountain of Justice, he appoints the judges who administer the laws made in his name and by his authority; as fountain of Honour he can bestow orders of chivalry and give awards and recognition. The third traditional attribute of sovereignty - the prerogative of mercy - he shares with the other Rulers and Governors, who are the fountains of Mercy in their respective States.

Although he holds office for 5 years, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may resign at any time by presenting an instrument under his hand to the Conference of Rulers. He may also be removed from office by the Conference because of physical, mental or other disability. He also automatically ceases to hold office if for any reason he ceases to be the rightful Ruler of his own State.

The Constitution also foresees the possibility of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong being unable to perform the functions of his office through absence from the country, illness or other causes. Provision is therefore made for the election by the Conference of Rulers of a Timbalan (Deputy) Yang di-Pertuan Agong who, on such occasions, enjoys all the rights, prerogatives and privileges of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

## HIS MAJESTY THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG



HIS Majesty Tuanku Ismail Nasiruddin Shah ibni Al-marhum Sultan Zainal Abidin, D.M.N., D.K., S.P.M.T, D.K. (Kelantan) D.K. (Selangor) was born on January 24, 1907 at Kuala Trengganu:

\* Attended a Malay School in the State capital and later attended the Malay College, Kuala Kangsar, Perak.

On April 4, 1929 was appointed Cadet, Trengganu Civil Service and on August 1, 1934, became the Assistant Collector, Land Revenue, Kuala Trengganu. On October 25, 1934 was appointed member of the Trengganu State Executive Council.

\* Early 1935, appointed A.D.C. to his elder brother, the late Sultan Badrul Alam Shah. In 1937, he accompanied the late Sultan Badrul to England for the Coronation of King George VI.

\* April 4, 1939, appointed Registrar High Court and Court of Appeal. Also appointed Registrar, Land Court, Kuala Trengganu. September 16, 1940 appointed Member of the Council of Ministers of State (Juma'ah Menteri).

\* Appointed First Class Magistrate, Trengganu in 1941 and Assistant State Secretary, Trengganu on November 15, 1941.

\* Accession: December 16, 1945.

\* Installed Sultan on June 6, 1949 at the Istana Maziah, Kuala Trengganu.

\* Was elected Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong by the Conference of Rulers on September 21, 1960 and assumed the duties of the Head of State when the Yang di-Pertuan Agong went on State visits to India and Pakistan (December 1961 to January 1962) and to Middle East Countries and Pilgrimage to Mecca (April - May, 1965).

Was elected as the 4th Yang di-Pertuan Agong by the Conference of Rulers on August 19, 1965 and Sworn in on September 21, 1965.

His consort is Tuanku Intan Zahara binti Tengku Seri Setia Raja, D.K. He has four sons and six daughters.

His Majesty was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Malaysian Reconnaissance Corps in November 1960.

Was awarded D.M.N. (February 1959), D.K. (Kelantan) - September 1961, D.K. (Selangor) - March 1962 and K.C.M.G. (June 1951).

Was conferred the "Grand Order of Mugungwha" by the President of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Chung Hee Park, on February 7, 1966.

Hobbies: photography, fishing and golf.

## **HER MAJESTY THE RAJA PERMAISURI AGONG**



HER Majesty Tuanku Intan Zaharah binti Al-marhum Tengku Sri Setia Raja, D.K., was born on 13th April, 1928 in Singapore.

Her Majesty's mother is Raja Zainab binti Raja Alang.

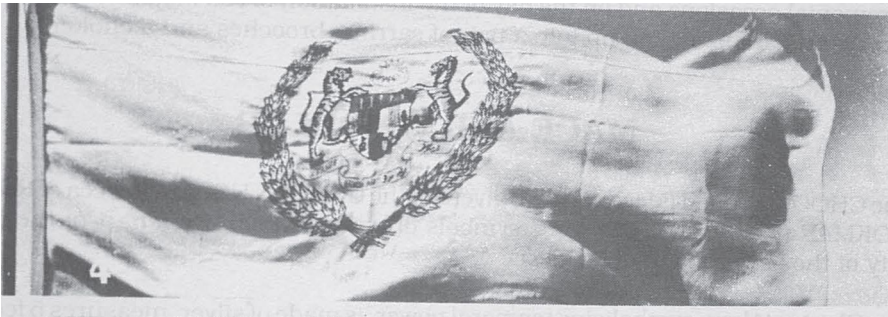
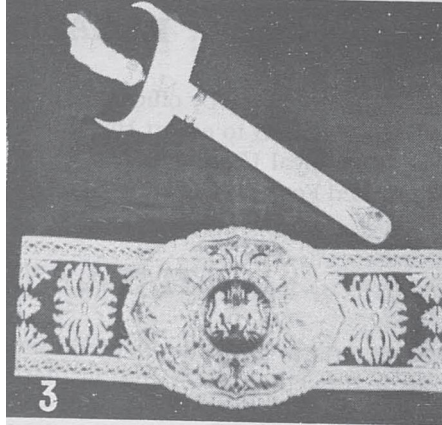
Her Majesty married His Majesty Sultan Ismail Nasiruddin Shah on 3rd April, 1944 at Kuala Trengganu, and was made the Tengku Ampuan Besar of Trengganu on 6th June, 1949.

Her Majesty became the Raja Permaisuri Agong on September 21, 1965, when His Majesty was sworn in as the 4th Yang di-Pertuan Agong Malaysia.

Was conferred the "Grand Order of Mugungwha" by the President of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Chung Hee Park, on February 7, 1966.

Her Majesty is the patron of the Girl Guide Association, Trengganu.

Her Majesty's hobbies are Badminton and Fishing.



Captions: 1. Throne 2. Tengkolok Di-Raja (Royal Headwear) 3. Royal Buckle and Short Dagger 4. The Royal Standard and 5. Regalia Bearers.

## **THRONE**

SINGAHSANA (Throne) is made of Nyireh Batu (Malaysia hardwood) from Johore and finished in natural rich colour of medium mahogany. Standing 6' 2" high, the seat is upholstered in red leather. The Royal Coat of Arms embossed in gold forms the centrepiece of the back. Except for the legs and arm rests, the whole chair is decorated with panels of intricate carvings to the national floral (the hibiscus) motif, richly gilded in gold leaf. Dominating the carvings at the top of the back rest stands the Islamic crown surmounted by a crescent and an 11 - pointed

## **REGALIA BEARERS**

The regalia are borne by officers of the Malaysian Armed Forces and the Royal Malaysia Police specially selected to escort His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong during ceremonial occasions. The Royal Umbrellas and Royal Spears are carried by the rank and file of the Malaysian Armed Forces.

## **TIARA AND NECKLACE**

GENDIK (Tiara) is made of platinum and studded with diamonds in the design of Awanlarat. In the centre and on the Awanlarat is a golden crescent with an eleven-pointed star, both also made of platinum. The Gendik is worn by Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong on royal ceremonial occasions and on the day of the installation of His Majesty. The Gendik is so designed that it can be broken up into a pair of earring, brooches and a choker.

## **MACE AND WAR CLUB**

The CHOGAN 'ALAM (Mecca of the Universe), the CHOGAN UGAMA (Mecca of Religion) and the CHOKMAR (WAR CLUB) are three symbols of power, which are a part of the panoply of authority of the Government of Malaysia.

The Chogan 'Alam, symbolising temporal power, is made of silver, measures 5 feet 4 inches to length and consists of an orb, signifying the world, mounted on the top of a long shaft. The orb is surmounted by a crescent moon and eleven-pointed star of gold. Around the centre of the orb the crests of the eleven States of Malaya are embossed in gold. The orb is supported by four tigers rampant, whilst the shaft itself is decorated with six padi stalks carved in gold.

The Chogan Ugama, symbolising spiritual power, is also made of silver. It measures 5 feet 1 inch in length and consists of a large conical shaped head having a five-pointed star made of gold at the top, mounted on a long shaft. Verses from the Holy Qu'ran are embossed on the head and shaft.

The Chokmar are two in number and are made of silver. Each is 2 feet 8 inches in length and consists of a circular fluted orb of plain silver, mounted on a short shaft, also of silver.

## **ROYAL HEADWEAR AND STATE DAGGER**

A traditional part of the ceremonial dress of Malay royalty is the TENGKOLOK DI-RAJA (Royal Headwear). Affixed to the front of the Tengkolok is a crescent and an eleven-pointed star made of platinum and studded with 66 diamonds.

Another item of regalia is the KRIS panjang di-Raja (State Dagger), which symbolises power and authority. Gilded throughout it has the Federation crest as well as the crests of the eleven States of Malaya engraved on the sheath. The blade is made from steel taken from eleven daggers originating from these States. It is carried or worn only by His Majesty.

## **ROYAL BUCKLE AND SHORT DAGGER**

PENDING DI-RAJA (Royal Buckle) is made of pure gold and decorated with eleven rubies with an engraved centrepiece featuring the Federation crest. The belt is made of heavy ribbed silk and embroidered with floral motif in gold thread.

KRIS PENDEK DI-RAJA (Short Dagger) has an ivory hilt and sheath, decorated in gold with the Federation crest embossed on the cross piece. The blade is recast from the steel of the blades of olden kris. It is part of the personal regalia of His Majesty and like the Kris panjang di-Raja is carried or worn only by him.

## **SWORD, LONG DAGGER AND SWORD KRIS**

PEDANG (Sword), KRIS PANJANG (Long Dagger) and SUNDANG (Sword Kris) are traditional Malay weapons which have become part of the symbols of Royalty. Kris Panjang and Sundang have silver gilt hilts and sheaths.

## **ROYAL UMBRELLAS AND PLUMED LANCES**

PAYONG UBOR2 KUNING (Royal yellow Umbrella) and TOMBAK BERAMBU (Plumed Lances) also form part of the symbols of Royalty.

The Royal Yellow Umbrellas, twenty in number, are made of silk. Yellow is a colour symbolic of royalty and yellow silk is reserved for royal usage. At the top of the Royal Umbrella is an eleven-pointed star.

Tombak Berambu (Plumed Lances), also twenty in number, have blades with three curved indentations. They are made from ancient spears collected from the States of West Malaysia.

## **BLUE ROOM (ISTANA NEGARA)**

The Audience Chamber, often referred to as the "Blue Room", is situated in the east wing on the first floor of the Istana Negara (Palace). It is used on formal occasions by Their Majesties when receiving visiting Heads of States, receiving credentials from Ambassadors or granting audience to dignitaries or distinguished guests.

# NOBAT



THE NOBAT IS THE ROYAL ORCHESTRA WHICH COMPRISES A VARIETY OF ANCIENT AND TRADITIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, MOSTLY DRUMS - THE BIG DRUM (GENDANG NOBAT), THE TWO ROYAL KETTLE DRUMS (NEGARA), THE LONG SILVER CLARINET-LIKE INSTRUMENT (NAFIRI), TWO FLUTES (SERUNAI), TWO COMMON DRUMS (GENDANG) AND A GONG.

Most states in Western Malaysia have their own Nobat. The hereditary royal musicians are members of particular and privileged families, and they receive training at a very tender age.

The repertoire of the Nobat varies from 12 to 18 tunes, all of which are very ancient. Each tune lasts approximately 5 minutes.

During the installation, the Nobat will play 5 traditional tunes. "Raja Berangkat" (His Majesty enters), "Raja Bertabal" (His Majesty is installed) during the firing of the 21-gun salute, "Genderang Perang" (The signal drum of war) after the obeisance leave the Balai Rong Seri.

# ISTANA NEGARA

ISTANA Negara, the official residence of Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong, is a distinctive landmark in the Malaysian capital.

IT OCCUPIES A COMMANDING POSITION ON THE SLOPES OF A HILL OVERLOOKING THE KLANG RIVER, A STONE'S THROW FROM THE KUALA LUMPUR RAILWAY STATION.

This double-storied mansion which was built in 1928 by a local millionaire, has served as the residence of three Malaysian Heads of States. The interior of the building has undergone major alternations and renovations in preparation for its occupation by the Fourth Yang di-Pertuan Agong who will take up residence here after his installation in April. A local interior decorator was engaged to design the interior and appropriately, most of the furniture and fittings which are of contemporary design have been skilfully blended with the existing furniture.

Great care was taken in the choice of colours: white and grey for the exterior, with three basic colours - green, mustard and gold yellow - for the interior. A visitor is immediately struck by the restful, pleasing yet regal appearance of the palace.

The driveway lined with cypresses and casuarinas leads to two entrances - the V.I.P entrance to the West Wing and the normal entrance to the "East Wing. On the left of the West Wing entrance is a Reception Lounge called the Bilek Mengadap. It is in this green-carpeted room that Rulers, the Prime Minister and other Ministers, and VIPs are received in audience by His Majesty. This room features white walls and panelling and a mustard ceiling. The green and gold in the brocade drapes are repeated in the comfortable upholstered chairs. On the right is another reception room, called the Middle Room, which often serves as a waiting room for diners.

## Interesting Mixture of Old and New

The hall and reception lounge in the east wing present an interesting mixture of the old and the new. Here are exquisite pieces of Chinese furniture - elaborately carved tables and chairs in black and gold. To the left of the hall is a reception room which is often used by visitors waiting to proceed up-stairs to the Audience Chamber. On the walls of this room hang several specially selected works by Malaysian artists. On the right, is a well-equipped recreation room.

Royal Banquet Halls are usually the pride of any palace and the wood-panelled Banquet Hall of the Istana Negara, with its long windows draped in rich red and gold brocade presents a spectacle of rare beauty and splendour. The walnut banquet table is made in 9 sections to allow arrangement in a variety of patterns depending on the number of dinners. The dining chairs are upholstered in leather - in turquoise and red. The chandeliers which hang from a mustard coloured ceiling and the cardinal red carpet give the finishing touches to this stately room, which serves other purposes as well. It has been the scene of investiture ceremonies and the venue of the Conference of Rulers. A private dining room nearby has been tastefully redecorated in olive green and royal yellow for the use of the royal family.

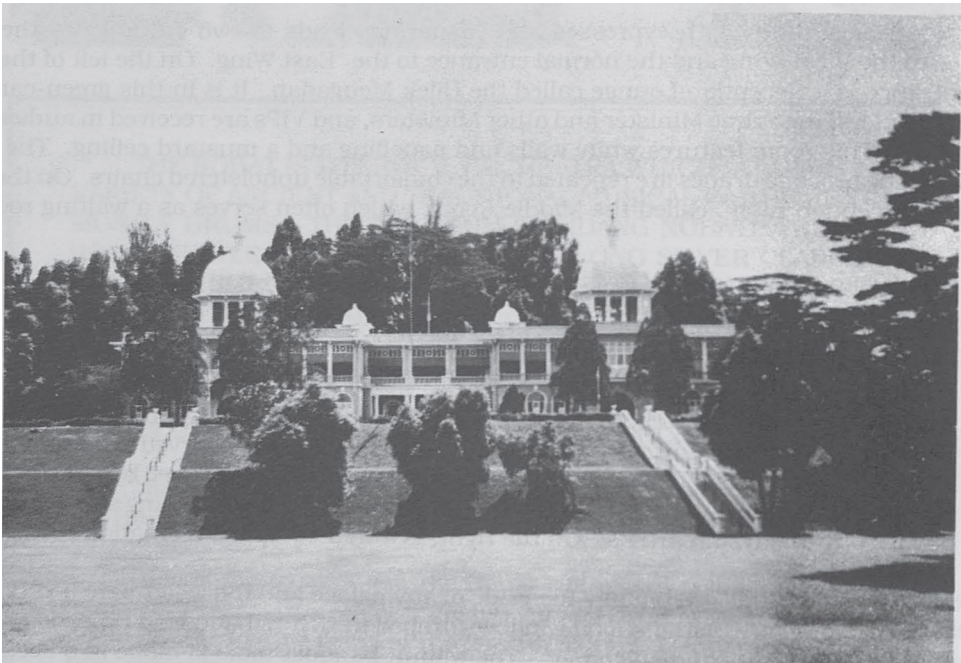
In 1961 an annexe was built to the east wing. This annexe, which houses the offices of the Grand Chamberlain, the Comptroller of the Royal Household, the Private Secretary and the

A.D.C.s to His Majesty, is the executive centre of the Istana. for directing and co-ordinating the work of a large palace staff.

The first floor of the istana contains the private quarters of Their Majesties, and two important chambers - the Throne Room and the Blue Room.

The Throne Room in the west wing is used on very formal occasions such as the mengadap Ceremony on His Majesty's Birthday or when foreign ambassadors present their credentials. This room also serves as a prayer room during the Puasa period, and here His Majesty, as head of the Muslim Religion, receives Muslim dignitaries. The mengadap ceremony on Hari Raya takes place here.

It was also her that the swearing-in ceremony for His Majesty took place in September 1965. With the exception of the ceiling which is in sky blue and the grey walls above the white timber panelling, the predominant colour is yellow. The yellow carpets, curtains and upholstered furniture, the twin thrones, in yellow with blue backs, placed on a canopied dais at one end of the room, and the royal umbrellas and plumed lances, arranged along the walls, all add to the regal splendour of this room. Their Majesties' private quarters adjoin the Throne Room and comprise the royal bedrooms, dressing chambers, single bedrooms, and a breakfast and tea servery.



*The Istana Negara*

In the east wing is the Audience Chamber often referred to as the Blue Room. In contrast to the Throne Room, the dominant colour here is blue. The carpet is bluish grey and richly embroidered brocades drape the walls of this spacious room. There are two sets of furniture designed in the Louise XIV style. The furniture is in white and gold and upholstered in turquoise and gold brocade, all adding up to a most elegant setting in which His Majesty will receive Heads of State, Ambassadors, and other VIP guests. Private Investiture ceremonies are also held here. Adjacent to the Blue Room is a suite of Guest Rooms, with Dining Room, specially re-decorated and furnished for His Majesty's very special guests.

In the grounds of the palace is a guard house for the body of household troops. The ceremony of the Changing of the Guard, performed every Tuesday, is often witnessed by visitors.

Istana Negara boasts a 6-hole golf course, tennis courts, a swimming pool and a lake in the far end of the grounds. The garden is profuse with Malayan orchids some being very rare species. The whole picture presents a refreshing spectacle of uncommon beauty not always seen in royal palaces.

## **INSTALLATION OF A MALAY MONARCH IN OLDEN DAYS**

THE customs and traditions of the Malays originated from the time of Sultan Iskandar Shah Dzul Qarnain and continued during the reign of Sultan Iskandar Shah, the latter being responsible for the founding of the present State of Malacca, where he was given the title Sultan Muhammad Shah Dzallallah Fil 'Alam. He was the first Malay monarch to embrace the religion of Islam and established the basis of Malay customs and principles of administration of the State; he also first laid down the fundamental laws of the country that were then passed down to Sultan Muzaffar Shah, to his son, Sultan Alauddin Ri'ayat Shah and on to his son, Sultan Mahmud Shah. These rules and regulations are the basis of the true and pure Malay customs and traditions.

In the year of the Hijrah 1130, during the reign of Almarhum Sultan Sulaiman Badrul 'Alam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Abdul Jalil, Sultan and Yang di-Pertuan Besar Riau Lingga, the 'adat isti'adat were revised and additional 'adat isti'adat governing the relationship between the Yang di-Pertuan Besar and the Yang di-Pertuan Muda, Bendahara and Temenggong were incorporated into them (during this period the tide Yang Di-Pertuan Muda was created). Among the additional 'adat isti'adat are those governing the coronation of a Malay Yang Di-Pertuan or Sultan. They are given briefly below. It must be remembered that only the following Malay rajas are permitted by custom to be crowned.

- 1) Yang Di-Pertuan Besar
- 2) Yang Di-Pertuan Muda
- 3) Bendahara

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF CORONATION**

Coronation of a raja of monarch is the ceremonial installation and crowing of a king, in accordance with the custom, tradition and culture of his nation. This happens after he has been duly and legally elected by the ra'ayat of the country (or their representatives).

The object of the coronation is to make known to the public the election of the king or sultan and to introduce him to his ra'ayat or to their representatives.

In olden days, the celebrations lasted 44 days.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF INSTALLATION

### (a) Bathing Ceremony

This Ceremony is usually held before the installation proper. A special pavilion "Balai Pancha-Persada" is constructed. In olden days, it was made of wood, nine tiers high, each tier different from the others. On the top tier lies the singgahsana (throne) with the royal emblem "selemayong" above it like a canopy.

Several groups of servers attend on Their Highnesses but the most important are the following two groups:-

- (i) The Penjawat (servers) Kain Dukong are sixteen in number, eight male and eight female. The services of the female penjawat are required only at the Balai Pancha Persada while the male penjawat attend on the ruler at all times.
- (ii) The Penjawat Khas, also sixteen in number, are members of royalty - eight princes and eight princesses. The female Penjawat Khas are in attendance only at the balai Pancha Persada and the male Penjawat Khas are In attendance at the Balai Rong.

### (b) Music during the Installation

According to tradition, the playing of the Nobat commences on the day the coronation ceremony begins.

Nobat music is played seven times during the day, at the following periods:-

- i) Every afternoon until sunset
- ii) At the time of the Isha-prayer
- iii) At the time of the Suboh-prayer
- iv) When the Raja eats
- v) When the Raja proceeds to the Balai-Rong
- vi) When the King returns to the Istana from the Balai- Rong
- vii) When the King sleeps

### **YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG I**

The late Tuanku Abdul Rahman ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Muhammad, D.M.N., S.M.N.

Reigned from 3.4.1957 to 1.4.1960

### **YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG II**

The late Tuanku Hisamuddin Alam Shah Al-haj ibni Al-marhum Sultan Alaidin Sulaiman Shah, D.M.N., D.K. (Brunei)

Reign from 14.1.1960 to 1.9.1960

### **YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG in**

D.Y.M.M. Tuanku Syed Putra Al-Haj ibni Al-Marhum Syed Hassan Jamalullail, D.M.N., D.K. (Brunei)

Reigned from 21.9.1960 to 20.9.1965

- (c) Granting of Authority (Mentauliah) and Obeisance (Manjunjong Dull)
- (i) Upon arrival at the Balai-Rong the Raja-designate is seated on the throne and the Nobat plays the tune "Ibrahim Khalil". (According to old Malay custom and tradition, this tune is played for no one but the Yang di-Pertuan Besar or Sultan).
  - (ii) The Yang di-Pertuan Muda accompanied by an 'alim (religious scholar) comes forward, makes the usual obeisance and pronounces the Tauliah (words granting the authority). During the pronouncement the beating of the Nobat stops.
  - (iii) Immediately after the pronouncement, the King takes his oath to rule with justice, etc. He rests his right hand on the Holy Qur'an, which is suitably placed before him, while taking his oath.
  - (iv) Then commences the ceremony of paying obeisance (Menjunjong Duli). During this ceremony the Nobat again plays "Ibrahim Khalil."
  - (v) Upon completion of the obeisance ceremony, the Yang di-Pertuan is taken in procession back to the Istana for the royal eating ceremony (Santap nasi adap-adapan). The Nobat then plays the time "Arak-arak" and the cannon is fired.
- (d) Alms giving
- Money, silver and gold are given as alms to the poor.

## **THE ROYAL MESSAGE**

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ADDRESS OF HIS MAJESTY THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY: -

I really feel very happy to receive the congratulatory address from the Prime Minister on behalf of the Government and the people of Malaysia, on this very auspicious day.

On behalf of the Raja Permaisuri Agong and myself I wish to convey our unlimited thanks for the address and compliments that have given to both of us, proving the full loyalty of the people to me.

I would like to take this opportunity of conveying my sincere thanks to my fellow Malay Rulers who have placed their trust in me by electing me as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

May it please Your Majesty,

All of us are fully confident that Your Majesty's reign will bring glory to Malaysia, enhance its prosperity, peace and progress, and provide a much fuller and richer life for the people.

The nation is also very fortunate in having Her Majesty as the Raja Permaisuri Agong, for Her Majesty is endowed with noble qualities and an amiable disposition. Her Majesty has taken active part in the affairs of women's movements, and was Patron of the Trengganu Girl Guides' Association.

May it please Your Majesty,

On Behalf of the members of the Cabinet, officers of the Government and the people, may I offer our undivided loyalty to Your Majesty on his auspicious occasion.

In conclusion, I pray to Allah the Almighty, the Merciful and the Compassionate that He may bless Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong with long life and a glorious reign. I also pray that Allah may grant to your Majesty, Her Majesty's family good health and enduring happiness, and to our country the blessing of lasting peace and prosperity. Amen.

## **INSTALLATION HONOURS LIST DARJAH YANG MULIA PANGKUAN NEGARA**

### **SERI MAHARAJA MANGKU NEGARA KEHORMAT:**

Dato' James B. Thomson, P.M.N., P.J.K., Lord President, Malaysia.

### **PANGLIMA MANGKU NEGARA**

Enche Abdul Kadir bin Yusof, P. J. K., Peguam Negara, Malaysia. Dato Mohd Sharif bin Abu Abdul Samad, J.M.N., P.P.T., Setia Usaha Perbendaharaan.

### **PANGLIMA MANGKU NEGRA KEHORMAT**

Mr. Tran Kim Phuong, Duta Besar, Vietnam Selatan.

## **DARJAH YANG MULIA SETIA MAHKOTA MALAYSIA**

### **SERI SETIA MAHKOTA**

Yang Berhormat Dato' (Dr) Ismail bin Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, P.M.N.

**PANGLIMA SETIA MAHKOTA:** Enche Abdul Kadir bin Shamsuddin, J.M.N., Setia Usaha Pertahanan; Enche Hussein bin Haji Mohd Sidek, J.M.N. P.J.K., Pemangku Pesuruhjaya Polis, Negeri2Tanah Melayu; Major General Abdul Hamid bin Bidin, D.P.M.K., J.M.N., P.M.P., P.J.K., Ketua Turus Angkatan Tentera Darat.

### **DARJAH YANG AMAT DI-HORMATI SETIA DI-RAJA: JOHAN SETIA DI-RAJA**

Yang Mulia Tengku Mustapha bin Tengku Besar Burhanuddin, Setia Usaha Kementerian Keadilan.

I sincerely feel that the responsibility entrusted to me is a very heavy responsibility and I pray to God Almighty that He may bestow me with guidance and assistance in the course of my duties successfully as the Yang di-Petuan Agong.

As a servant of God, I cannot be without deficiencies and errors; for that reason I sincerely hope for the co-operation of Their Royal Highnesses the Malay Rulers, Their Excellencies the Governors and the Yang di-Pertuan Negara and also the Prime Minister. Thus together we can give our joint efforts and strive closely in raising the living standard of the people and the prosperity of our beloved nation, Malaysia. With their co-operation, I believe and have confidence that I can carry out all my heavy responsibilities fully.

On this great day I, with pleasure, give my promise and pledge that I shall carry out the responsibilities entrusted to me to the best of my ability according to the Constitution of Malaysia. In carrying out my responsibilities I shall always follow the footsteps and examples of the late Yang di-Pertuan Agongs and also of His Royal Highness Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, who had been the Supreme Head of State of Malaysia until the end of his five-year term, bringing good name to our beloved nation.

In view of the situation and atmosphere in Malaysia, with all the problems it is facing now and will face in the future, I shall always be aware of them and will face them with full determination.

I pray to God Almighty that our beloved nation may achieve progress, peace and prosperity with His help.

## **PRIME MINISTER S SPEECH OF FELICITATION**

THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS WAS DELIVERED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, TUNKU ABDULRAHMAN PUTRA AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF HIS MAJESTY THE YANG DI- PERTUAN AGONG:-

May it please Your Majesty,

On this happy and auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's Installation, I, on behalf of the members of the Cabinet, officers of the Government and the people of all races and religions, humbly offer heartiest congratulations to Your Majesty for having been elected as the fourth Yang di-Pertuan Agong, and as such, Sovereign Head of State of Malaysia.

May I also offer our warmest felicitation to Her Majesty, Tuanku Intan Zaharah binti Al-marhum Tengku Seri Setia Raja, for having been appointed the fourth Raja Permaisuri Agong. On this historic day, I express too, the joy of the people of Malaysia in having Your Majesty installed as their Ruler, being already widely respected and known for qualities of wisdom, fairness and justice.

Prior to Your Majesty's ascension to the Throne of the State of Trengganu, your Majesty had held important administrative posts in that State and as such Your Majesty had acquired wide administrative experience.

Your Majesty has twice had occasion to perform the duties of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong - once when the third Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Putra, made a visit to India and Pakistan in 1961, and again during his later visit to Middle East countries last year. In the

performance of these duties Your Majesty showed the qualities of a great Ruler.

May it please Your Majesty,

Malaysia is a constitutional monarchy with long traditions. The Constitution provides for a democratic system of government adapted to the needs of the Malaysian people. Since the achievement of Malaya's independence and the formation of Malaysia, this system has brought prosperity, peace and happiness to the nation. The Federation of Malaya, and later Malaysia, and its Government have enjoyed a high reputation throughout the world - like a glittering star glittering in a dark sky.

However, Malaysia has had to face many dangers from enemies, who, envious of our achievements, have plagued Your Majesty's good grace and God's help, Malaysia will continue to be strong and stable and achieve more successes in all fields of national activity.

May it please Your Majesty,

During Your Majesty's reign, an important chapter in the nation's history will be written when Malay is made the sole official language of the country, as has been stated in the Constitution. In Sabah and Sarawak, however, the period is extended. I am fully confident that no problem or trouble will ensue, as the people, including the non-Malays, have implicit faith in Your Majesty's fairness and wisdom.

In the field of international relations, it has always been the policy of Your Majesty's Government to take a neutral stand and to remain firm in our faith in the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

# **MINISTER ADDRESSES POULTRY FARMERS: ASSURES D-PLAN PRIORITY FOR RURAL AREAS**

The Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dato Teo Kui Seng, has stressed again that the farmers of Sarawak could rest assured that the over-whelming priority in the Development Plan was given to people in the rural areas.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF THE FIFTH POULTRY TRAINING COURSE AT THE SEMONGOK AGRICULTURAL STATION, FIRST DIVISION, THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE FIRST MALAYSIA DEVELOPMENT PLAN "IS DESIGNED TO SHOW HOW WITH DETERMINATION, SELF-RELIANCE AND HARD WORK", THE PEOPLE COULD SECURE A BETTER LIFE, AND A SOUND ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FUTURE.

The Minister said: "The poultry training you have received is one of the more important of the many schemes of agricultural education in our Development Plan.

"In recent weeks you may have heard references to petitions made by certain commercial egg producers in Sarawak to be granted tariff protection against overseas egg producers.

"It is suggested that if only an import duty of three cents is imposed on imported eggs, everything will be easier for the commercial egg producers. This indeed may be so. But it overlooks one important fact, namely the interest of the consumer.

"Sarawak produces are not sufficiently competitive at present. Indeed the whole purpose of this Course that you have been attending is to enable you to become more efficient through a proper understanding of poultry management.

"Your Alliance Government will always seek the aid of the Federal Government in guarding poultry producers against unfair competition from overseas. By this I mean if good solid evidence can be produced that eggs are being imported from abroad at a subsidized price not representing their true cost of production.

## **'Long Way To Go'**

"But it is not in the interest of Malaysia that any farmer should be protected by customs duties from the necessity to be fully efficient. Inefficiency on the farm can only lead to higher living costs in Sarawak. Our poultry industry is still young and we have a long way to go before the industry can produce enough eggs at the right price."

The Minister then pointed out that eggs were a very important protein food, particularly for children. He said the chicken as a table bird should play a useful part in our diet.

"I would like to see the producers of Sarawak being able to provide an egg a day for everyone in Sarawak, that means some 800,000 eggs a day for our own needs without taking into account members of the Security Forces," said Dato Teo.

He remarked that it was a growing demand, and it would not be many years before our population had grown to one million and we should be aiming at producing 365,000,000 eggs

a year.

He added: "When you consider the magnitude of the effort required to provide just one egg a day for everybody, then you will understand how great is your opportunity. Nor should we think only of Sarawak, we must also aim to sell in the other States of Malaysia and to Singapore.

"You have had a good training in the management of poultry for battery egg production, and the feeding of chickens to maturity. You have also learnt bird hygiene, the prevention of disease, recording culling and marketing."

Finally, Dato Teo hoped the farmers would return to their homes and put to the best advantage the knowledge they had acquired. He wished them the best of luck and success in their undertaking.

## **BINTULU AIRFIELD RECONSTRUCTION**

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW, ALL-WEATHER AERODROME AT MIRI AND THE SURFACING AND EXTENDING OF THE RUNWAY AT BINTULU IS PART OF THE FIRST MALAYSIA DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNDER THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

This was stated last week in a statement issued by the Ministry of Communications and Works.

The object of Improving the Miri and Bintulu airfields is for these places to be linked into the turbo-prop F.27 aircraft network, the statement said.

The statement adds: This progressive improvement and development of air communications will provide fast and comfortable travel made possible within the Development Plan.

"A decision was taken early in 1965 to reconstruct the runway at Bintulu to make it suitable for use by Friendship Aircraft and an allocation of funds under the First Malaysia Development Plan was approved in August 1965.

The reconstructed runway when completed will be 4,500 feet long, and 100 feet wide, and will have trunign areas at each end. A parking apron for aircraft, near the present terminal building, will be 240 feet by 120 feet in area and will be connected to the runway by a taxiway 60 feet wide.

The runway, taxiway and parking apron will have a pavement off 11 inches thickness, the lower eight inches consisting of a handpitched local sandstone subbase, with three inches of bituminous base and asphalt surfacing for which granite has had to be shipped from the quarry at Sebuyau. Preparatory works were commenced immediately funds were available in August, 1965.

"Work on the runway itself was commenced in December when the grass and topsoil were graded off the northern half of the existing runway and the laying of blockstone on this subgrade was commenced.

"During the course of the work on the northern half of the runway normal DC3 schedules of Malaysian Airway are being maintained using the southern half of the existing runway as a temporary runway. In the middle of the year it will be necessary to substitute alternative schedules whilst part of the work on the southern half is carried out, before the normal DC3 schedules can be resumed on the full width of reconstructed runway.

The asphalt mixing plant has recently been shipped from Kuching to Bintulu where it is being re-erected adjacent to the new P.W.D. Sub-Depot. Various trial mixes will be made during March/April and it is expected that the laying of the bituminous base and asphalt surfacing will be commenced in April. The target date for completion of the runway is early October, 1966.

The work also includes widening the strip surrounding the runway to 500 feet and lengthening it to 5,300 feet, together with improvements to drainage, provision of cable ducts at six places beneath the runway so that future improvements to the water, electricity, and telephone services in Bintulu need not entail the digging of trenches across the runway.

"Improvements will be made to the Terminal Building and a new Control Tower will be provided. These works will continue into 1967.

The whole works are being carried out by the Fourth Division Organisation of the Public Works Department."

## **CHEAP RURAL AIR SERVICES JUST ROUND THE CORNER', SAYS MINISTER**

THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF INTRODUCING CHEAP RURAL AIR SERVICES IN SARAWAK IS "JUST ROUND THE CORNER", STATED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS, INCHE TAIB BIN MAHMUD.

He said that it was a matter of making the right arrangement and choosing the right plane. However, the Minister said that the Malaysian Airways was still considering the problem.

Inche Taib was asked what steps the Government had taken to provide rural air services.

He replied that to serve on small airfields which were scattered all over Sarawak, "we need a plane which has a short take-off requirement, can take a reasonable number of passengers, is fast, and yet economical to operate."

Earlier, the Minister was taken for a demonstration flight on the Piper Aztec aircraft which was making its debut in Sarawak skies.

At the invitation of its pilot, Mr. A.W. Evans, who is the aircraft company's Sydney-based Regional Manager, the Minister took over controls of the plane to and from Lundu.

Lundu has a new airstrip of about 1,200 feet.

Commenting on the performance of the aircraft, the Minister said that he was impressed by the ability of the plane to take off from a short airstrip.

"Lundu airstrip is about 1,200 feet long and yet this plane could land there quite easily," he stated.

He believed that his particular type of plane would be able to operate in Sarawak's rural airstrips.

With the Minister's party were the Asst. Director of Civil Aviation, Mr. J.E. Seal and Wing Commander S. Oliver. Later the Minister's wife, Puan Laila and their son Mahmud, were invited for a pleasure trip.

The six-seater twin-engined plane has a range of about 1,000 miles, with about 200 miles per hour cruising speed.

Concluding, the Minister said that, as in the case of the other states of Malaysia, Sarawak will also of course, benefit from assistance towards minor projects financed from the Trust Fund.

There is still, however, considerable work to be done in devising satisfactory administrative arrangements for the sale of tickets in the state, bearing in mind difficulties of communication peculiar to Sarawak. These are being actively examined with a view to ensuring the introduction of tickets sales here at the earliest opportunity.

## **SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES LOTTERIES TICKETS: ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED**

SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING EXTENSION OF SOCIAL AND WELFARE LOTTERIES TICKETS TO SARAWAK.

THIS WAS STATED IN KUCHING BY THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, DATO ABANG OTHMAN BIN ABANG HAJI MOASILI

The Minister pointed out that, up till now, Sarawak has not had a government welfare service in the state and has relied upon the Social Welfare Council - a voluntary body - as its agent in this field. The income of the Council is derived principally from a state grant, plus contribution from the Sarawak Turf Club obtained from sale of its own Unlimited Sweet tickets.

In the course of negotiation, therefore, it had been important for Sarawak to secure a reassurance that the income of the Social Welfare Council will not be adversely affected by any possible falling-off in the sale of Turf Club sweep tickets following the introduction of the Social and Welfare Services Lottery.

In addition, with the decision to establish a Welfare Division within the state ministry of Welfare, Youth and Culture, Sarawak has been anxious to secure - in return for sale of Social and Welfare Service Lotteries tickets in the state - the maximum financial assistance towards this new commitment.

The Minister went on to say that he was now happy to be in position to say that the Federal Government, on acceptance by the State of the extension of the Social and Welfare Lotteries Board Ordinance to Sarawak, had agreed to contribute to the Social Welfare Council an amount from the Trust Fund equivalent to the Turf Club contribution.

In addition, the Federal Government will consider a matching dollar-for-dollar contribution towards the capital cost involved in establishing the proposed Welfare Division as well as contribution toward approved specific welfare projects.

## **SARAWAK ENJOYED INCREASED TRADE IN FEBRUARY, 1966**

MORE FAVOURABLE PRICES FOR HER PRIMARY COMMODITIES COMBINED WITH A HIGHER NET RETURN ON HER TRADE IN MINERAL FUELS AND LUBRICATES HELPED SARAWAK TO ENJOY A SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED DEFICIT ON HER EXTERNAL TRADE IN FEBRUARY 1966 AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND FEBRUARY 1965. THIS IS DISCLOSED IN OFFICIAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED LAST WEEK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, SARAWAK.

Total trade also increased in February to \$78.0 million (exports \$38.2 million, imports \$39.8 million) as against \$72.8 million for January 1966 (exports \$32.6 million, imports \$40.2 million), and \$63.1 million in February 1965 (exports \$27.8 million, import \$35.3 million).

The deficit on merchandise account therefore fell appreciably from \$7.6 million to \$1.6 million between January and February 1966.

The export of round timber rose sharply during the first two months of 1966 to 120.9 thousand tons compared to 67.2 thousand tons for the same period last year. However, the export volumes for the other commodities were lower in the current month than in the previous month.

The trend towards increased trade with mainland Malaysia continued to be evident, with total imports of \$5.3 million and total exports of \$3.3 million during the first two months of the year. The corresponding figures of trade with Singapore were \$7.5 million and \$32.6 million respectively.

Trade via Singapore also continued to experience a decline in proportionate terms and cumulative figures for the first two months of the year indicated that only 37 per cent.

Also noteworthy in the current month's statistics was a big increase in the export of manufactured goods from Sarawak, though manufactures still accounted for only 2 per cent, of total exports during January and February 1966.

# News On The Education Front

## ENTERING FORM SIX IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL

THE Education Department pointed out in a statement issued that there was a great deal of misunderstanding about the nature of work in Form 6 in Secondary Schools, and of the reasons governing admission to these classes. The Department hoped that the following points would help the public to understand what is involved:-

SELECTION AT PRIMARY SIX LEVEL IS A CLEAR CUT MATTER OF MARKS. CANDIDATES ABOVE THE LINE ARE OFFERED PLACES. CANDIDATES BELOW THE LINE ARE NOT.

At the Sarawak Junior Certificate level it is no longer so straight-forward. A pass to the examination is not in itself enough to qualify a candidate for a place in Form 4. If he is to study for the School Certificate Examination it is necessary that the pupil should not only have a good liberal education but in addition should have done well in those subjects which he can offer in the School Certificate Examination at credit level.

A pupil who has done extremely well in such subjects as Woodwork, Iban, or Bible Knowledge, but is weak in other subjects may find that he is unable to present himself for higher examination even in the subjects in which he has done well.

After the School Certificate examination the requirements for further study are more demanding still. It is no longer a question of getting a Division I or a Division II. It is a matter of having done sufficiently well in those few particular subjects which can be studied for the Higher Certificate Examination.

Not all subjects can be studied for this examination. A pupil who has very high marks in the School Certificate in Health Science, Religious Acknowledge and Needlework and has got a Division I Certificate in spite of rather low marks in some important subjects, simply is not in a position to study for the Higher School Certificate.

A Division I Certificate is an excellent thing to have, but it is not in itself a passport to higher studies. If it is based on excellence on unrelated subjects we may think of it as being a good strong iron key. It will open certain doors, but it won't open a Yale lock.

To open the door to the Higher Certificate, which leads on to the university, you need a key like a Yale key, especially cut to fit the lock.

What then are the keys which open the door to the Higher Certificate? This can be found out by studying the regulations for that examination.

The examiners require a candidate to possess a key with at least five prongs. These five prongs are in fact the five "units" of study, in addition to the General Paper a sound knowledge of English is necessary.

The first four prongs of the key are two "principal" subjects, which rate at two units each.

The last prong is a "subsidiary" subject, which rates as one unit. There are other ways of grouping subject, but this will serve as a standard type.

In simplified form, then, this is the general shape of the key that opens the lock. But there are a large number of patterns that fit this general shape.

The patterns or courses are of two main types - those followed by Arts students, and those followed by Science students.

The subjects studied in these courses are largely determined by what subjects a pupil will have to offer if he wishes to enter a university.

It is no use saying to the University authorities - "I wish to study Religious Knowledge, Physics and Cookery at your university, because I did well in them in the School Certificate examination." They would simply reply - "Very sorry. If you wish to advance your religious knowledge you will have to study theology and the subjects related to it, including certain languages. If you wish to study Physics I hope you are also very good at Mathematics, because if not you won't understand what people are talking about. If you want to become a skilled cook, you should go to a domestic science school or follow a catering course."

In other words the higher you go, the more specialised the work becomes. To be a specialist you must be very good at a few closely related subjects.

In order to follow the courses for the Higher Certificate you must already be able to specialise. A high aggregate mark based on good results in unrelated subjects will not help you. This is well understood by the Principals of Secondary Schools.

When a pupil says to his Principal, "I have got a Division I in Cambridge Certificate, therefore I am entitled to a place in Form 6", the Principal looks at the grades he got in the different subjects, to see whether the pupil has the sort of key that will open the lock. If it is the wrong sort of key, it makes no difference whether the pupil has a Division I Certificate or not. This is one of the hard facts of life, and the facts of life are not altered by calling the Principal a dictator.

## **MINISTER ATTEND HARI RATA HAJI CELEBRATIONS**

THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, DATO ABANG OTHMAN HAS URGED YOUTHS IN THE COUNTRY NOT TO IGNORE THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY NOW BEING OFFERED BY GOVERNMENT OF DEVELOPING THE ECONOMY OF THE NATION THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

He told young people not to be idle but to actively participate in the various development projects.

Dato Othman was speaking at the Hari Raya Haji celebrations organised last week by the Panas (Party Negara Sarawak) Youth Club, Kampong Batu Kawa at Batu Kawa.

The Minister told youths that they must realise that the Government was keen in helping to raise living standards, and to this end has allocated millions of dollars for the various development projects.

Also speaking at the same function was the Minister for Communications and Works, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud.

Inche Taib urged the youth to be always united among themselves, according to the tenets of Islam.

He said that they should imbibe the spirit of the over one million Muslims who were now gathering all over the world at Mecca to fulfil the Haj.

Inche Taib also called on the people in the area, especially the Malays, to always remember the advice of the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman that "the Malays must first unite among themselves if they want to be honoured by other races," and regard him as the symbol of unity for the Malays in this country.

### **Kampong Fun Fair**

At another function, on Friday, April 1, at Kampong Gersik (across river), Dato Abang Othman declared open a Fun Fair organised by the Gabongan kampong Hilir, across river.

At this function, Dato Othman praised the organisation for successfully holding the Fair. He praised the spirit of co-operation of the members of the kampong and hoped that such spirit would be maintained and fostered.

Dato Othman also reminded the youths to be always on the alert against subversive elements which might infiltrate into their ranks with the intention of breaking up their unity.

### **Malaysian Army Muslims Invited**

Muslim members of the Malaysian Army were on April 1 invited to take part in the Idil Idha prayers at various Suraus along Kampong Seberang Ulu and Seberang Hilir and other Suraus within the Kuching Municipality.

Malaysian Army Muslims were guests at several get-together parties organised by several youth clubs which celebrated Hari Raya Haji.

## **CHINESE YOUTHS URGED TO REGARD MALAYSIA AS HOMELAND**

THE Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman, has called on Malaysian Chinese youths, particularly those in Sarawak, to regard this country as their homeland, since they were born here, brought up here and would eventually die here.

The Minister, who was on a tour of the Third Division made the call in his opening address of the new \$40,000 Sarikei Recreation Club premises on April 8.

He said: "It is my duty as your Minister of Youth to ensure that the youths in Sarawak are not misled by communist subversive elements. If you go outside Malaysia, you will be regarded as foreigners, even if you go back to China, you will be treated as overseas Chinese. If you go to Indonesia, you will be ill-treated. So you see you have a place in Sarawak and we in Sarawak are all equal in the eyes of the law. We have a democratic Government and an opportunity is open to you all, irrespective of whether you are Chinese, Malay, Iban or other races. We are all Malaysians."

The Minister then called on the people to regard themselves as true Malaysians because Sarawak is a multi-racial state within a multi-racial nation. He said that it was the duty of everyone of us to ensure that communal harmony is maintained.

On Borneanisation Committee and Establishment Committee is another proof that the Alliance Government attaches special importance on the Borneanisation of our Civil Service". The Minister then urged the civil servants to work diligently and conscientiously as the prospects of promotion in all Borneanisation is stepped up.

### **Govt. Thanked**

Earlier, the Chairman of the Club, Mr. Chen Ko Meng thanked the Minister for his land gesture and said, "Sarikei was at one time known as a Black area. When law abiding citizens did not toe the CCO line, they would be subject to all sorts of intimidations; their pepper vines and rubber trees might be chopped down, acid was used for attacking people, so much so that the people here could not live in peace.

"To show their strength, the CCO even exploded a grenade at old Jakar bridge. We must thank the Government for speedy action and for implementing the various development schemes which are aimed to raise the standard of living of the people."

Mr. Chen also thanked the Security Forces for defending the country.

On his arrival earlier he was met by Sarawak Administrative Officer, Mr. Johnson Luat and Community leaders. Pretty Dayang Norsiah binte Syed Hassim garlanded the Minister.

All the functions at which the Muslim members of the Malaysian Army took part were initiated by the Goodwill Committee formed a month ago to further strengthen relations between the local people and the Army.

The Committee is under the chairmanship of Dato Abang Haji Marzuki.

A spokesman of the committee said this week that another Ramah Tamah will be held on April 30.

Earlier in the morning thousands of Muslims congregated at the Mosques and Suraus for the Hari Raya Haji prayers.

The Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, attended the service at the Masjid Besar.

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## **THREE KUCHING YOUTH CLUBS RECEIVE GRANTS**

THE First Divisional Youth Council has allocated a sum of \$ 1,000 to three Kuching youth clubs affiliated to the Council. The money was handed over to the representatives of the clubs at a simple ceremony at the Information Department on Thursday, March 31.

Grants were made to the Kuching Youth Club (600), Kelab Champaka Belia (150) and Persatuan Pemuda Kpg. Gita (\$250).

The Kuching Youth Club will use the money to repair and maintain the Club Building and the grant to the Kelab Champaka Belia will be spent on the construction of a basketball court.

The allocation to the Kampong Gita Youth Club is for the Club's Building Fund. Government has already allocated a piece of land for the Club's building, and the committee has decided to raise \$20,000 for the purpose. The project will include a Sepak Raga and Badminton Courts and a children's playground.

## **BORDER KAMPONG DONATES TO NDF**

TUA Kampong Bulan anak Saji and his anakbiaks of Kampong Temong Temawang, a border kampong of 25 doors, has donated \$35 to the National Defence Fund.

The money was handed to SAO, Serian, who has thanked the donors for their loyalty and patriotism.

Speaking at the old Mosque at Kampong Masjid, the Minister stressed the importance of national unity. He suggested that one of the ways to achieve this was through the use of National Language.

Touching on the Adult Education class, the Minister said that this was part of the rural development projects aimed at wiping out illiteracy.

On the Development Plan as a whole the Minister advised them to actively participate in it so that their living standards could be improved.

At Kampong Rejang, about one and a half hours' journey by outboard downriver from Sarikei, the Minister was received on arrival by Tua Kampong Awang Basuni. Here again the Minister was garlanded, by 18-year-old Fatimah binti Mumin.

Among those who welcomed the party were about 200 school children who sang the 'Berjaya' Song.

At a meet-the-people session later, Dato Abang Othman reiterated what he said at the Masjid earlier.

At Sarikei the Minister spoke to members of the Sarikei Youth Club at the club's premises.

## **KAMPONG GITA KRDC SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS: MINISTER STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS**

THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE RECENTLY DECLARED OPEN THE KAMPONG GITA KRDC SCHOOL SPORTS.

In his speech, the Minister stressed the importance of physical fitness which he said, was an asset and had an important role to play in school as well as in society. "It is essential that school children should have a healthy body in order to have a sound mind. In view of this, physical education has now formed part of the school curriculum and this may, in future be made compulsory when more trained teachers in this technical subject are available," he added.

The Minister continued: "Rivalry in sports is one of the best mediums in which one learns to know what one is capable in losing, one should not learn to resort to excuses but to try find out the reason so that one must learn to work harder and more systematically to bring the best out of one's self.

"To the winners, I offer you my congratulations but I would also advise you not too swell headed but to work harder still so that you may one day in the future bring greater glory to yourself, your school and nation.

"To the losers, please do not be disheartened for there is always the next year as long as you are determined enough to discipline yourself and train harder to compete again. I now have pleasure to declare the sports meeting officially open.

## **MINISTER PRESENTS STATE COLOURS TO BASKETBALL TEAM**

THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, DATO ABANG OTHMAN BIN ABANG HAJI MOASIL, HAS PRESENTED THE STATE COLOURS TO THE SARAWAK BASKETBALL TEAM WHICH WILL TAKE PART IN THE SECOND YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN PAHANG, MALAYA, ON APRIL 16.

The team left for the mainland by 'M.V. Kunak' on April 6, headed by Mr. Wee Boon Ping (Team Manager). It consists of eight players from the First Division and three from the Third Division. They are expected to return to Kuching at the end of this month.

Following is the text of speech by the Minister at the Presentation ceremony:

It gives me great pleasure to meet you here prior to your departure for Pahang to take part in the 2nd Malaysian Youth Basketball tournament.

I should like to take this opportunity to remind you of what I have mentioned last month at your Kuching open tournament and that is, I should like you all to take part with the hope of bringing glory to your State and not just as an 'also ran.'

Here, I should also remind you never to lose sight of the spirit of sportmanship in your noble attempt to play to win.

Apart from this very Important aspect, you are also charged with the responsibility of your behaviour in your social contacts with people whom you meet and which would reflect on the good name of the State.

In fostering better friendly relationship with our brothers and sisters in mainland Malaysia, you will help to promote better racial harmony and a sense of oneness as Malaysians.

I now have great honour to present to you the Colours of the State of Sarawak which I know you will help to keep it flying high. I would also wish you a safe and pleasant journey.

## **ROYAL MARINES OPEN DAY AT LUNDU**

Children in the Lundu area of the First Division of Sarawak had a glimpse of the more congenial side of soldiering recently when 42 Commando, Royal Marines, held an open day, which included several spectacular and exciting displays.

Highlights of the afternoon were aerial displays by an R.A.F. Hunter jet-fighter and Royal Marine and RAF. helicopters, which had the children, and their parents, gasping in apprecia-

The football field at Lundu School had an "all the fun of the fair" atmosphere with various side-shows and other activities running continuously.

The programme of special events began with a schoolboys' display in which the boys, under the guidance of their tutor Marine Bill Callaghan, showed off their football talents.

At the end of the display, the boys received two footballs, presented by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel P.J.F. Whiteley, O.B.E., R.M.

Next was an exciting display of unarmed combat and judo by specialist Marines, arranged by Sergeant (P.T.I.) Peter Grinstead.

The air displays got off to a thrilling start with an air strike by a low-flying Hunter jet which screeched in low over the football field to "blast" a nearby hill.

Then there was a simulated air sea rescue operation by an R.A.F. Whirlwind helicopter and a humorous casualty evacuation carried out by a Royal Marine Sioux helicopter.

A Royal Artillery Battery troop put down a barrage of fire on the nearby hills followed by a brilliant exhibition of flying by the R.A.F. and Royal Marine helicopter pilots.

Children's obstacle and running races were then organised by Sergeant Grinstead, followed by a grand tug-of-war between the Royal Marines and Lundu.

Against overwhelming numbers the Marines did well to win one of the three pulls.

One of the most popular side attractions during the afternoon was a gaily decorated Land Rover and trailers converted into a train.

The children also delighted in firing small arms loaded with blank ammunition, speaking to each other over a field radio set, and sliding down ropes.

The open day, well organised by Regimental Sergeant Major Ronald Moyse, ended with a football match between the Royal Marines and a selected Lundu XI. The fast and well-contested game ended in a 4-1 win for the Marines.

## **C.M. APPROVES ANOTHER \$100,000 FOR MINOR RURAL PROJECTS**

THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN, HAS APPROVED A TOTAL OF \$100,000 WORTH OF MINOR RURAL PROJECTS FOR LUBOK ANTU AND KALAKA DISTRICTS IN THE SECOND DIVISION.

These projects are distributed among about 44 longhouse and kampongs. This was disclosed on Friday by the State Development Officer, Sarawak.

In Lubok Antu district, 12 longhouse in the Engkilili area will enjoy minor water supplies costing \$12,000.

Footpaths costing a total of \$53,900 will be provided for the following kampongs:-

Sebungku; Bui/Skarok; Rh. Chabu/Rh. Menyebat/Guap/Engkilili; Sempan/Ng. Jela/Gugu/Lubok Antu; Pak/Tawai/Engkilili; Danau/Kg. Paoh; Sg. Karoh/Jalai Besai; Stengin Jalai Besar, Lemanak; and Tekalong/Basi/P.Sigan/L. Tedong, for 12 longhouses.

### **Water Supply Projects**

In Kalaka District, minor water supply projects costing a total of \$10,400 will be constructed for kampongs Kabong, Saratok, Kg. Kabong, Kg. Saratok, Engkudu, Perpat, Rh. Nyawai Luau, Sessang, Nyabor and Empalam.

Footpaths costing \$6,800 will be constructed in kampongs Kaba, Roban, Saratok and Kg. Ulu.

### **Bridges**

Bridges costing a total of \$16,900 will be constructed In the following kampongs:-

Ng. Telek, Budu;; Lower Kabo; Ng. Keranjang, Krian; Blaong Awek; Ulu Roban; Lubok Nibong, Awek; Kg. Kapang; Sebetan; and Lubok Baya.

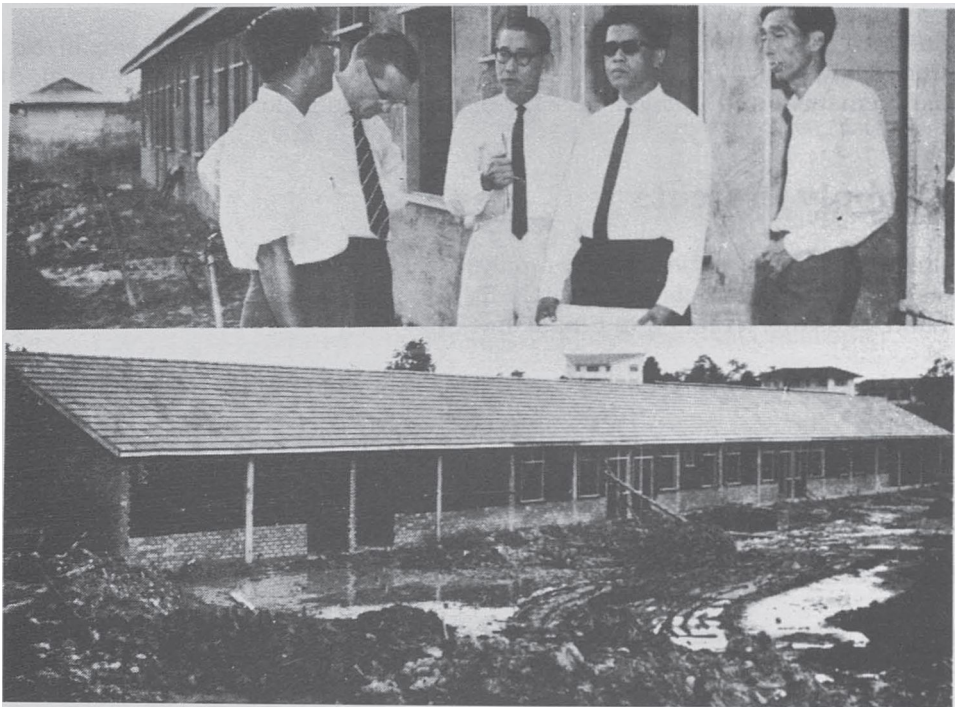
Funds for all these projects were released by the Federal Government, through the Minister of National and Rural Development, Kuala Lumpur.

## Minister Announces Details of Low Cost Housing

# \$11 MIL. SCHEME

DETAILS OF THE FIRST PHASE OF A NEW \$11 MILLION. LOW COST HOUSING SCHEME, DESIGNED TO HELP PEOPLE WITH FAMILY INCOMES OF BETWEEN \$300 AND \$700 PER MONTH WERE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK BY THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND MINERAL RESOURCES, PENGHULU FRANCIS UMPAU.

The first phase of the scheme provides for 245 single storey, three-bed-room houses to be completed this year out of an eventual total of about 1,100 units.



*Pictures show (above) the Ministers, Penghulu Francis Umpau and Dato Teo Kui Seng (second and third from right respectively) at the site of the scheme. Others in the picture are (left) Mr. Chan Wan Hang, Staff Surveyor, Borneo Housing Development and Mr. E.J. Neal, Manager, Borneo Development Corpn. (right) Mr Sim Kheng Lung. (Below) General view of a block of housing units under construction.*

The scheme will be self-contained one, and will include shops, schools, markets and open spaces for recreational purposes.

The 245 single storey terraced houses will be offered on 60-year leasehold terms. Sixty-two of the houses will be end houses. The latter will cost \$10,500 and the intermediate houses \$9,500 each.

Each house will cover an area of 600 square feet and is of simple single storey design. The area of each intermediate lot is 1,800 square feet and end lots average 3,000 square feet.

The compounds are fenced in at the front and back. Electricity and piped water supplies are being provided and there will also be centralised sewerage.

The Minister revealed that a special feature of the scheme will be that outright cash purchase will not be acceptable. The houses are being built for persons with limited income, Consequently they will be made available to approved purchasers who will be able to obtain loans from Borneo Housing Development Limited.

This is being done because it is the Government's desire and intention that the houses built under this scheme should serve the needs of families with small incomes who lack permanent accommodation of their own.

The terms of the offer will ensure that those most in need of accommodation will, as far as is humanly possible, be given priority in treatment. Applicants must have a total family income of less than \$700 and they must not already own homes. Priority will be given to applicants who are married or who have other dependents living with them.

The development is the result of a decision taken by the Sarawak State Government to develop an area of over 100 acres of Government land in the Sekama Road area as a low cost housing estate.

The development is being undertaken by the Government and the Borneo Development Corporation Limited in partnership. The Government has provided suitable land off Chawan Road while the Borneo Development Corporation Limited, which is 25 per cent, owned by the Sarawak Government, is undertaking the actual development.

## **Selection Committee**

The other 75 per cent, of the capital of Borneo Development Corporation Limited is owned by the Commonwealth Development Corporation 50 per cent, and the Sabah Government 25 per

All application will be considered by a Selection Committee set up with Sarawak Government approval and with both Government and unofficial representation. The selection of approved applicants will be final.

## PWD BREAKS ROAD CONSTRUCTION RECORD

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS BROKEN ALL PREVIOUS ROAD CONSTRUCTION RECORDS FOR SARAWAK WITH A TOTAL OF NEARLY 105 MILES OF ROAD COMPLETED IN 1965. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE "100 MILES" BARRIER HAS BEEN BROKEN. AND IT SERVES EMPHATICALLY TO UNDERLINE THE HIGH PRIORITY ACCORDED TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION THROUGHOUT THE STATE BY THE ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT.

This was stated last week by the Minister for Communications and Works, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud. at a press conference in Kuching.

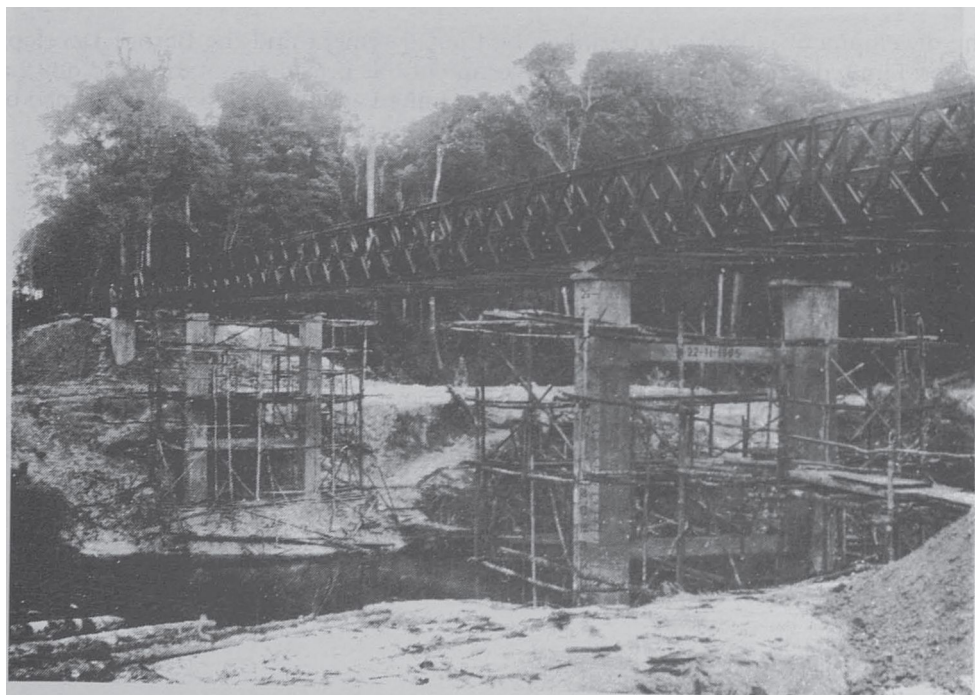
The Minister said: "Although the 1965 progress was a record it should be remembered that considerable constructional effort was diverted to Operation Hammer and other emergency works.

"Under normal circumstances even better progress would certainly have been achieved," he declared.

Inche Taib added: "Every Division has received its fair share of new road construction, and in all no less than 14 Mechanical Road Construction Units have now been established throughout the country.

"In 1st Division good progress was made on the Bau/Lundu Road which had reached Mile 21 at the end of the year. Despite diversion of plant to Operation Hammer, the Muara Mongkos Road was pushed through to Mile 11.

"In 2nd Division work continued on the Engkilili/Saratok Jakar main trunk route with Units working from both ends. At the end of the year the "gap" had been reduced to just over 19 miles and spur roads were constructed to Roban and Saratok to give these town road access



*The Bailey Bridge over the Batang Kayan on the Bau/Lundu Road, First Division.*

to Sarikei and Binatang in 3rd Division. In addition the Ridan Road was completed in 1965 and a start made on the Ulu Paku Road and Spaoh Road while access roads to the Melugu Land Development Scheme were practically completed.

"In the 3rd Division the Kelupu/Julau/Durin Road was completed to within 1 mile of the Batang Rejang, while the road head of the Ulu/Oya/Durin Road was just over a mile short of the opposite bank of the Rejang river at the end of the year. With the installation of a river ferry in 1966 these roads will connect Sibuh with Sarikei, Saratok, etc.

"Also in 3rd Division access roads were constructed to the land Development Schemes at Sibintek and Meradong while work was started on both Tanjong Genting Road and Pakan/Entabai Road.

"In 4th Division the Bakam Road was completed and a start made on the Niah/Batu Niah Road. Construction of the Bekenu Road will commence in 1966 once the junction with the main road is reached. On the Miri/Bintulu Road work continued from the Riam end and a new Unit was established working north from Niah. A third Unit will be established at Sebiew in mid-1966 working north towards Labang.

"In 5th Division efforts were concentrated on the Berawan/Nanga Medamit Road which, by the end of the year had progressed to Mile 8.5. A start will be made at the Ukong Road when the main road reaches the junction in 1966."

Finally, the Minister said it should be noted that of a programme of just over 1,026 miles of road to be constructed in the period 1958 to 1970 a total of 466 miles was completed by the end of 1965. The progress in 1965 represented nearly a quarter of this total and 60 per cent, over the 1964 figure.

## ILLEGAL LAND DEALINGS: MINISTER WARNS NATIVES

The Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Penghulu Francis Umpau, has warned Dayaks in the Third Division that Government would take stern action against those who illegally sold their lands to non-Natives.

HE SAID THAT HE WAS IN INVESTIGATING REPORTS THAT THERE HAD BEEN ILLEGAL DEALINGS OF LANDS IN THE NATIVE AREAS. AS A MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR LAND MATTERS, HE SAID, THAT HE WAS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER SUCH ILLEGAL ACTS.

The Minister stressed that if the reports were true those concerned would be dealt with according to law.

Penghulu Francis Umpau was speaking to Dayak leaders and their people during a three-day visit recently to Sarikei and Kanowit District in the Third Division.

He said: "It is the policy of the Alliance Government to help the landless who are genuine and keen to develop their land. You must have heard of or seen land development schemes which have been started by the Government. I want to discuss with the people and see for myself the problem facing them and to consider in what way the Government would be able to help.

"I know especially in Sarikei the pressure from the landless people requesting for land is very great and I am seriously considering this.

"Before Natives can make any dealings with non-Natives this should be processed according to law, as most of the area here is still under Native area."

Penghulu Francis Umpau said that he knew some persons were trying to take the law into their hands and warned them these persons were not fit to live among the law abiding community.

The Minister then left for Pakan and Julau. Here too he explained to the people about the objects of his visit. He warned the Dayaks at Pakan not to associate with irresponsible persons who wanted to form any illegal society or company in the area.

He revealed that many of them were happy about the so-called sugar plantations to be introduced in Pakan. He said that as far as the Government was concerned, the Government knew absolutely nothing about it.

## **DATO TEO PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO POULTRY FARMERS**

EIGHT TRAINEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED A SIX-MONTH POULTRY TRAINING COURSE AT SEMONGOK AGRICULTURAL STATION, NEAR KUCHING, RECENTLY, RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES FROM THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, DATO TEO KUI SENG

The trainees, recruited from all the five Divisions of Sarawak, included five Iban, one Chinese, one Malay and one Murut.

It was the fifth course to have been conducted at the Station since it started about a year ago. So far 41 farmers from all over the country have undergone such a training which covers the various aspects of the poultry-farming industry.

After the presentation ceremony, Dato Teo Kui Seng, accompanied by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. W.C.B. Wilson; the Director of Research, Mr. Dunsmore, visited the new Agricultural Research Centre which is not far from the Semongok Agricultural Station.

The Minister spent one-and-a-half hours inspecting the new main building for Agriculture and Forestry and the quarters for the staff.

The whole project, estimated to cost about \$1.5 million, including a grant from the United Kingdom Government of \$850,000, is situated in a 1,000-acre site at 12 \*4 mile Penrissen Road.

The Research Centre, when completed, will carry experimental crops such as cocoa, coffee, tea, oil palm, manila hemp, bananas and sugar cane.

Work on the project was started early last year and is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

## **NATIVES COULD SOON CATCH UP, SAYS INCHE TAIB**

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS, INCHE ABDULTAIB BIN MAHMUD, HAS SAID THAT THE NATIVES OF THIS COUNTRY COULD SOON CATCH UP WITH THEIR NON-NATIVE BRETHREN IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMY, IF THEY WERE WILLING TO WORK HARDER.

The Minister was speaking recently at Matu, Third Division, when he was invited to declare open 'Dewan Haji Merais', the first Cinema Hall to be built and owned by a Native in Sarawak. After congratulating Haji Merais, the Minister said:

"I know that natives must be proud of your achievement. You have shown what foresight and hardwork can do to any Native who is prepared to face difficulties bravely.

"I think that there must be a great many Chinese who have now looked upon Sarawak as their homeland and are trying their hardest to become part and parcel of our Malaysian community.

These people, I believe should welcome the success of Natives in economic ventures as a step towards real co-operation between Natives and non-natives in sharing the wealth of this newly growing country. With the spread of this idea, and this kind of success there could be fewer cause for envy and suspicion.

"I ought also to congratulate Haji Merais for the efforts to provide facilities whereby our culture can be displayed to the public.

"Most of us are of course very proud of our culture which dates back hundreds of years.

"By the efforts of my friends who are with me, you will be seeing the interpretation of old music and the latest composition of Malay songs which have received modern influence."

The Minister took with him a group of singers and Koran readers comprising the well-known "Johan Qariah Sarawak 1965" (female Quran Reader); Che Alauyah Nor, the 1965 Malaysian Radio Star; Che Hasanah Munir, and the popular Radio Malaysia Sarawak Singer-Comedian, Inche Hassan Razak.

Inche Kamri Sulong who is widely known for his violin recital of old Malay songs was the band leader of this group.

After a reception at the 'Dewan' the Minister upon arrival at Matu, was welcomed and garlanded. Over a thousand residents of Matu, including school children, the Senior Native Officer, the Tua Kampongs and Councillors greeted him on arrival.

Earlier, before proceeding to Matu, the Minister officiated at the "Semah" (a prayer for peace and prosperity) ceremony at Kuala Matu.

Earlier, Inche Taib visited Belawai (a small fishing village in Third Division) and Rejang, Binatang and Daro.

At Belawai, the Minister urged the people to cultivate a spirit of dedication and resourcefulness for the purpose of nation building.

He reminded them that there were many problems in Sarawak including those connected with youth affairs, economical, educational and political.

## 'Remain United'

"It is the duty of everyone of us to solve them, if we are leaders trusted by the people," said the Minister.

He added: "We ought to reciprocate by giving them our dedicated service and by being honest and sincere."

The Minister also made a brief stop-over at Jerijeh at the request of the people there before proceeding to Rejang. He was accompanied by the S.A.O. of the area.

At Rejang, the Minister was welcomed by the Tua Kampongs, Councillors, school children and hundreds of people from the kampong.

At a reception in the Rejang Government Godown building the Minister urged the people to remain united so as to be able to achieve complete unity with other races in Malaysia.

He said: "Unity does not mean that we must keep quiet and stay idle. It means that we must move with the times and fight for our rights and defend the freedom of this country. It also means that we must work together for our prosperity.

"We have a duty to ensure that our children would get a better living than we," added the Minister.

He added: "We should be proud to belong to Happy Malaysia, because ours is a nation respected by others. We have our own cultures; we have a National Language, and our way of life is second to none in the modern world.

"Let us make every Malaysian in the future to be proud to call himself or herself a true Malaysian," said Inche Abdul Taib.

Finally, the Minister urged the people to give full support to the Government and the Nation under the wise leadership of the Prime Minister, Tuanku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj and his Deputy, Tun Abdul Razak.

"We must raise a generation of "Pahlawan" (heroes). Our fight is against poverty and backwardness, and to convert the jungle into farm lands," added the Minister.

The next day the Minister left Rejang for Binatang where he was welcomed by the Tua Kampongs, Councillors and the kampong people.

The Minister was conducted around the kampong area, and later attended a reception given by the Chinese community of Binatang.

Also present at the reception was the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman bin Abang Haji Moasili.

In the evening, the Minister declared open a concert at the Eastern Theatre, where he again reminded the people to foster and enrich their own culture. The Minister himself recited a poem in Malay which he composed earlier in the day.

## **Attends Quran Reading**

At Daro, the next place of call, the Minister was garlanded and welcomed by hundreds of kampong folks, including kampong elders, Kaum Ibu, school children, the Councillors and Tua Kampongs.

Accompanied by the people, the Minister went to the Mosque to attend Quran reading by Che Alauyah Nor. Later he proceeded to the Cinema Hall, where he was asked to open another Cultural Show.

Mr. Sim Kim Seng, Kapitan China, in his speech of welcome thanked the Minister for his visit. He was happy that the Cinema Hall was use for the show.

In his address, the Minister told the people that it was the Alliance Government's sincere aim to promote progress for the people.

He told them that Malaya has achieved Independence through unity. The people of Malaya have established a stable Government through their unity, loyalty and dedication of their leaders.

He said: "We should take a lesson from their leaders. Now that we have become part of Malaysia and follow the leadership of our Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman and Tun Abdul Razak.

He then thanked the people for their pledge to follow Tunku, the Father of Malaysia, through thick and thin.

The Minister later dined with the leaders of various communities at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce building at Daro before proceeding to Matu.

## **MINISTER PRAISE KAPIT PEOPLE**

THE people of Kapit, Third Division, have shown unstinted support and undivided loyalty to the Government despite Indonesian confrontation, and this spirit should be fostered and emulated by every loyal Malaysian.

This was stated by a Minister of State, Mr. Tajang Lalng, at a recent buffet party given in his honour at the Kapit District Council Chamber. The function was organised by the Serakup Indu Dayak Sarawak, Kapit Branch, to mark the registration of the Serakup on April 6.

More than 100 guest attended the ceremony. The Minister in his speech thanked the Kapit councillors for their loyal co-operation and unity for the promotion of living standards of the people in the district.

He assured them that it was the policy of the Alliance Government to see that everyone in every district benefited from the Development Plan.

Kapit would receive many rural development projects in 1966 such as a wharf, Government secondary school building, and some new buildings for primary schools to replace the old ones, said the Minister.

Finally, he appealed to all Dayak women to register themselves as members of the Serakup so that it could be expanded and strengthened.

Earlier, the President of the Serakup, Datin Tiong, the wife of the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, welcoming the Minister and guests thanked everyone for their presence.

## **DEVELOPMENT PLAN: M.P. ADVISES PATIENCE**

MR. KHOO PENG LOONG, M.P., HAS ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO BE PATIENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT IF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WERE SLOW.

Mr. Khoo was speaking to about 20 Penghulus, Councillors, Kapitans, Tua Kampongs and Tuai Rumahs, when he declared open a Civics Course organised by the Malaysian Information Services at the Sibiu Recreation Club, Sibiu, Third Division, recently.

Mr. Khoo Said: Today, there is anxiety in the minds of many over the development of certain projects in the fields of Agriculture, Fishery and Forest along general commercial fines as well as the general development of the country.

"I know the difficulties you have to bear now because of the confrontation, but even with this, I am glad that you have done your best for the people in your areas.

### **Careful Planning**

"The policy of the Government with regard to development is to ensure that the rural areas benefit more than the urban areas at this first stage of development. To implement any new development will take time and some might complain about this slowness, but you must realise that to implement any development project will need careful planning before carrying it out.

"You cannot expect it to be completed immediately once it is agreed to by the Government." Finally, Mr. Khoo hoped the leaders would benefit greatly by attending the course.

Others who spoke included the Divisional Development Officer, a Police Inspector and a Sarawak Administrative Officer.

The participants later visited the Sibintek Land Development Schemes and the Sibiu Rural Government Secondary School at Ulu Oya Road, Sibiu.

# **News On The Education Front**

## **INCHE ABDUL TAIB DECLARES OPEN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS, INCHE ABDUL TAIB BIN MAHMUD, SAID THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RURAL POPULATION TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORT TO WIPE OUT ILLITERACY.

Inche Abdul Taib was speaking at the opening of an adult education class at Kampong Buntal, a coastal village of more than 1,000 people in Sarawak's First Division.

The Minister pointed out that it was always Government's policy to improve not only the economic well-being of the people, but also their educational standards.

Inche Taib urged them to join the class without delay and advised the people to make full use of the facilities provided by the Government under the Development Plan.

He also appealed to the people to foster the spirit of national unity so as to make Malaysia a better place to live in.

The opening ceremony was attended by more than 300 people, including the Chairman of the Kuching Rural District Council, Tua Kampong Suaidi bin Haji Arshad, who was also invited to explain the machinery of the Council.

Sarawak's Supervisor for Adult Education, Inche Zainuddin Haji Satem, explained to the people the objects and advantages of introducing adult education in the rural areas.

Earlier on arrival at Kampong Buntal the Minister was received by Tua Kampong Amin bin Ojek, and was garlanded while school children sang the National Anthem.

In the evening, the Minister was entertained at a Variety Show organised by the kampong people under the leadership of Wan Abdullah bin Syed Alwi.

Music was provided by Bintang Malam Orchestra led by Inche Karim Bujang.

## **D.C.M. DECLARES OPEN TEMPORARY S.A.O.'S COURSE**

FIFTEEN TEMPORARY SARAWAK ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, RECRUITED RECENTLY ARE NOW UNDERGOING AT TWO WEEKS' COURSE AT THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE IN KUCHING.

The officers, after selection, will be posted to various districts in Sarawak.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, declared the course open on April 12 with a brief address. He told the group that he was speaking to them not as Deputy Chief Minister, but as a fellow Malaysian.

Stressing the importance of the temporary set up of the Emergency Chinese SOAs, Dato Wong said that it was not an ordinary job. It entailed physical and moral courage on the part of each and everyone of them, and added: "Men will succeed if they live up to the challenge, and shoulder the plough".

Dato Wong then congratulated the men for the choice of their jobs and elaborated on the problems they would have to face. This, he said, included tackling subversive elements such as the Clandestine Communist Organisation.

He reminded them that it was no ordinary Government job. On the other hand, it was a 24-hours job and they would have to accept the challenge so that there would be a happier place for everyone of us to live in, and a place in the sun for everyone in Malaysia.

Further, Dato Wong told the new officers that theirs was "a satisfying job" and that they would be not only merely SAOs, but "spearheads" for the Government machinery.

The Deputy Chief Minister reminded the officers that the problems they were going to tackle would be mainly Chinese problems. He said he was talking to them as one Chinese to another and he hoped that they would look forward and not backward while at their posts.

"The biggest problem you will be facing will be that of winning the hearts and minds of those with whom you come into contact," said Dato Wong.

He reminded the officers that our Government was an independent Government and "not an imperial stooge".

Finally, Dato Wong said that their main duties would be not to sell Government propaganda "but to sell themselves and thus tell the people of Government's policy and what Government is doing for the people."

## TWO LOCAL OFFICERS PROMOTED

PROMOTIONS OF TWO LOCAL OFFICERS IN THE LAND AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT WERE ANNOUNCED IN KUCHING BY THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS AND SURVEYS.

The officers are: Inche Borhan Sable Mohamad, Staff Surveyor, and Mr. Cambie Chung, Assistant Land Officer, Grade I, Division II.

**INCHE BORHAN SABLO MOHAMAD** has been promoted to the post of Senior Superintendent of Lands and Surveys as from 23rd February, 1966. He was educated at Maderasah Melayu and St. Thomas' Schools and joined the Civil Service with the Geological Survey Department in 1950.

He was transferred to the Land and Survey Department in 1953, and was granted a Sarawak Government Scholarship to study for Diploma in Surveying at the Kuala Lumpur Technical College.

He was awarded a Diploma in surveying In 1957 and was promoted to the post of Assistant Surveyor in the same year.

Inche Borhan was later awarded a Colombo Plan Scholarship in New Zealand and was attached to the New Zealand Lands and Survey Department from 1958 until 1962 when he was awarded a Certificate of Competency by the Surveyors' Board of New Zealand.

On his return to Sarawak in November, 1962, he was promoted to the post of Staff Surveyor in Division I of the Civil Service and since that date he has served in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Divisions.

Until recently he was Superintendent of Lands and Surveys, Fifth Division. He is at present attached to the Land and Survey Department, Headquarters in Kuching.

**MR. CAMBIE CHUNG** has been promoted to the post of Land Officer in Division I of the Civil Service as from 1st February, 1966.

Mr. Cambie Chung was educated at St. Thomas's School Kuching, and joined the Civil Service with the Land and Survey Department in 1933.

He has served in all Divisions of Sarawak and became Chief Draughtsman in Simanggang in 1947. Because of a marked ability in land investigation matters, he was transferred to the Land Branch of the Department as an Assistant Settlement Officer In 1953 and was engaged on land settlement duties in Second and First Divisions.

Mr. Chung was promoted to the post of Assistant Land Officer, Grade I, Division II, in April, 1961 and since then has served in the Fourth and First Divisions of Sarawak. He was awarded the Long Service Medal in 1953.

## **CIVICS ASSEMBLIES HELD**

### **'COME OFF YOUR FENCE' CALL BY RESIDENT SECOND DIVISION**

THE Resident Second Division has called on the Chinese to "come off your fence, and come firmly down on the side of the Government".

HE HAS STRESSED THAT ARMED REBELLION BY THE CLANDESTINE COMMUNIST ORGANISATION COULD ONLY RESULT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION BEING EXPLOITED BY THE INDONESIANS THUS CAUSING MISERY AND SUFFERING FOR ALL CONCERNED.

The Resident was speaking at a civics assembly held recently at the Engkilili Bazaar. More than 600 Dayaks, Chinese and Malays from various kampongs, longhouses and the Bazaar attended the assembly, organised by the Malaysian Information Services.

Earlier, the Resident pointed out that the Chinese in Indonesia were being treated as second class citizens, and were being victimized.

On the other hand, the Resident pointed out, the Chinese in Malaysia were being well treated and enjoyed equal citizenship rights. Malaysia also had one of the strongest economies in South East Asia and the standard of living was high.

He continued: "Your support as citizens of Malaysia is necessary to ensure that this state of affairs is maintained and improved upon.

"We are an independent country and we must safeguard our independence. In order to help us do so. Commonwealth Troops are here with us and you have recently heard how a mixed gang of Indonesians and Sarawak Chinese was routed by Security Forces in the Serian District, First Division."

### **100 Per Cent. Loyalty Required**

The Resident blamed the parents of the youths who had gone over to Indonesia for not reporting their absence to the Government, and said: "You all know that certain young Chinese were missing from this area. And you all know where they have gone and what their intentions were, and yet the parents have not reported their absence to the Government.

"It is only by the co-operation of all that this country can progress. The Chinese of Engkilili should remember that they are living in a predominantly Ib an area. Race relations have so far been reasonably good, but we cannot expect this state of affairs to continue unless you all show by your actions that you are hundred per cent, loyal citizens of Malaysia."

Other speakers included the Divisional Development Officer, the Superintendent of Lands and Survey and the Agricultural Officer.

The D.D.O. pointed out that Sarawak since joining Malaysia had benefited by the

introduction of several development schemes and minor rural projects.

"You have heard of these either by reading newspapers or over Radio Malaysia and you have seen some of them yourselves. In your own areas there are the Melugu and Skrang Land Development Schemes, which are very close to Engkilili. Also minor rural projects such as paths, jetties, community halls, and improvement of recreational facilities have been completed," said the Divisional Development Officer.

"To enable the Government to develop the country it needs the combined efforts of the people, who are willing to work hard. The Government will provide both financial aid and technical assistance. It must be remembered that our Government is trying to help all irrespective of race and creed. We are all Malaysians, and each and everyone of us is duty bound to help develop our country," the D.D.O. stressed.

The Superintendent of Land and Survey, Second Division, talked on the proposed Land Settlement at Engkilili.

The area contains approximately 6,400 acres and about 1,760 lots.

He said: "The Government is quite aware of your problem about land and the reason of the proposed Land Settlement is as follow: -

- (i) To legalize all occupations of land.
- (ii) To settle all land disputes which may arise (by consulting with the Selected Committee).
- (iii) To find out available State land, which may be made available to landless people.

He added: "The reason for the delay in sorting out this land problem in this area is that, we are unable to get a suitable officer for this job and we will get one soon. We then hope to be able to solve all your problems."

The Agricultural Officer, Second Division, then gave a talk on the functions of his Department and urged the people to help develop the country and try their best to help all the projects under the First Malaysia Plan achieve great success.

Others who spoke included the Assistant Information Officer, 1st and 2nd Divisions.

## **At Sarikei: Longhouse Residents Attend**

More than 200 people including women and children from three longhouses attended a civics assembly organised recently by Malaysian Information Services at Penghulu Gani's longhouse, Sungai Nyelong, Sarikei, in the Third Division.

Declaring the assembly open, a Sarawak Administrative Officer stressed the importance of unity and co-operation between all the races living in Malaysia.

He said if Malaysia was to achieve success and prosperity, the people should remain united and co-operate with Government in the implementation of the various schemes launched by the Government.

It was the sincere intention of the Government to raise the living standards of the people,

particularly those who were living in the rural and undeveloped areas, said the S.A.O.

Touching on security, the SAO reminded the people not to listen to rumours spread by irresponsible people whose intention was to hinder the progress of the country and to split the unity of the people.

The SOA also touched on the importance of education and urged parents to send their children to school.

Representatives from various Government Departments also spoke on the occasion.

The assembly which was conducted by a Field Officer of the Malaysian Information Services, ended with a film show.

## **At Stumbin/Gran, 2nd Div.**

More than 350 farmers, including Tuai Rumahs, Tua Kampongs, and women from 10 longhouses and two Malay Kampongs attended a Civics Assembly recently held at Stumbin/Gran, Rumah Antau, Gran, Simanggang, Second Division.

The course was declared open by the Hon'ble Penghulu Tawi Sli, Chairman of Batang Lupar District Council.

Explaining the purpose of the course, he said that it was to enable the people to follow the progress and achievements in the Development Plan activities.

"Our Government is trying to uplift the living standard of the people, especially those living in the rural areas," said the Penghulu.

He added that his could not be achieved without the co-operation of the people themselves, and without their unity and determination to work hard.

The Penghulu reminded the people that the provision of modern amenities and social services required adequate financing. The rates paid by the people helped to provide the amenities needed.

He continued: "So you have seen for yourselves how much money we require for the running of the Local Government. It is important, therefore, that everyone of you should pay tax."

Finally, Penghulu Tawi Sli hoped that the participants, when they returned to their homes, would tell their friends of what they had seen and heard so that everyone would understand better the policy of the Government.

Sarawak Administrative Officer, Simanggang, who spoke next said that everyone should contribute to the success of the First Malaysia Plan.

He said the first Malaysia Plan would accelerate the pace of Development in Sarawak, but warned them that they should not expect everything from the Government, for without their hard work, initiative and co-operation, the Development Plan would not achieve success.

The Senior Co-operative Officer, Second Division, then spoke on the functions of the Co-operative Development Department. He explained to the people the functions of Co-operative Multi-Purpose Society, and said this type of Society was most suitable for the economic and

social development of the Stumbin/Gran people.

He informed the people at Stumbin and Gran, who are considering the formation of a Co-operative Multi-Purpose Society, that Government would hand over the business of purchasing padi to this Society, when it was registered.

The Assistant Agricultural Officer, Second Division, spoke on various Agricultural Schemes under the First Malaysia Development Plan. He urged the people to work in unity among themselves, so that Government efforts would be successful.

Before declaring the course open, the conducting officer stressed the importance of national unity and racial harmony and urged the people of various races to be more co-operative among themselves.

The course ended with Malaysian Information Service Film show.

## **At Lubok Antu, 2nd Div:**

### **300 IBAN FARMERS ATTEND**

About 300 Iban farmers, including Penghulus, Tuai Rumahs and women of Lemanak, Lubok Antu, Second Division, recently attended a civics assembly declared open by Mr. Edwin Tangkun, MP.

Explaining the objects of the assembly, Mr. Tangkun urged the people to actively participate in all socio-economic projects, such as Co-operative societies and Women's Institutes. He pointed out that the Sarawak Alliance was running the country smoothly for the last 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years.

During that time, the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, his Cabinet colleagues, and Government officers in the various districts of Sarawak have greatly encouraged the launching of many projects in the Development Plan which has now aroused keen interest among the people.

Mr. Tangkun added: "I wish to remind you all not to listen to rumours being spread by irresponsible persons with the intention of hindering the country's progress and splitting the people's unity.

"We should remain united and co-operate with the Government in the implementation of the various projects under the Development Plan."

Touching on confrontation, Mr. Tangkun said that although certain misguided youths had crossed over the border into Indonesia and were now working hand in hand with the enemy to disrupt our economy and to hinder the nation's progress, Indonesia would never succeed in crushing Malaysia.

Finally, he advised all farmers to develop their lands beside the main road and begin intensive cultivation.

The Sarawak Administrative Officer, Engkilili, who spoke on the next said that everyone should contribute to the success of the First Malaysia Development Plan.

The Senior Co-operative Officer, Second division, spoke on functions of the Co-operative Development Department. He said that the Bukit Batu Scheme Co-operative Multi-Purpose Society, Limited, had done well and appealed to every member to be loyal and give full support to the society.

Finally, the Senior Co-operative Officer urged all members to start saving and thus lessen their requirements for housing and subsistence loans during the immature period of their rubber. People residing within the Bukit Batu Scheme who would participate when the existing scheme is extended, were also encouraged to join the Bukit Batu Scheme Co-operative Multi-purpose Society, Limited.

The Agricultural Assistant in-charge, Engkilili, spoke on the various Agricultural Schemes under the First Malaysia Development Plan. He urged the farmers to send their children who fail in Primary school to the Farmers Training Centres in various parts of Sarawak so that they could gain better knowledge of Agriculture.

The Field Officer, Simanggang, then spoke on Racial Harmony and nation building.

## **At Oyan, Mujong, Kapit District**

About 200 Iban farmers of seven longhouses at Oyan, Mujong, Kapit District, Third Division, attended the Civics Assembly held recently.

The Assistant District Officer, Kapit, declaring the Assembly open said that the smooth and successful implementation of the Five-Year Development Plan depended to a great extent on the enthusiastic and co-operative efforts of all the people in the country.

To improve their own living standards, he said, they must not always depend on the Government, but develop initiative of their own.

The A.D.O. advised the people not to leave their families and homes to search for work in far away places, as the women and children left behind would not be able to look after themselves when the bread winners are absent.

Government officers from various Departments also spoke on the occasion.

## **At Kampong Tantaya, Limbang**

The Resident Fifth Division recently explained to the people of Kampong Tantaya, Limbang, the benefits they could derive under the First Malaysia Plan.

He was speaking at a Malaysian Information Services civics assembly. Appealing to the people to co-operate with the Government for the successful launching of the Plan, the Resident said: "By doing so you are in fact helping yourselves, your neighbours and your own children for generations to come".

He added: "The Government has its officers to give you advice and to provide possible means, but we must all share in the duties involved".

The Resident also told the people of the forthcoming issue of new Identity Cards and advised them to have photographs ready, have births reported and get birth certificated.

Finally, the Resident thanked the people for attending the course even though some of them had to sacrifice a day's earnings. He also advised the participants to pass on the knowledge they had gained at the course to their friends and neighbours when they returned home.

Other speakers at the course included the Secretary of the Limbang District Council, and the Agricultural Officer. Also present at the course were: the District Officer; the State Information Officer and Datin Morrison as well as the American Consul, Mr. R. Duemling who were on a visit to Limbang recently.

The course was attended by 70 men and women.

A similar course was held the previous day at Kampong Limpaku Pinang, a coastal fishing village. This course was attended by over 60 men and women.

Speakers at the course were the District Officer, Limbang; the Secretary of the Limbang District Council and representatives from the Agricultural Department, and Sarawak Development Finance Corporation.

## **At Serian District**

Two hundred persons, including women from Kampong Sibangkui and Kampong Ampungan, Serian District, First Division, recently attended a half-day civics assembly.

The Assembly was declared open by the Chairman of the Upper Sadong District Council, Orang Kaya Pemancha Dukau anak Bajag.

Other speakers included the Assistant Information Officer, First and Second Divisions; a Senior Co-operative Officer, the Field Officer, and Councillor Kandu.

In a short talk on Rural Development the A.I.O. advised the people to work hard if they wanted to help make Malaysia more prosperous.

The Senior Co-operative Officer spoke on the structure and functions of the Co-operative Development Department.

The Field Officer explained to the people Malaysia's role in South East Asia in relation to other countries.

Councillor Kandu, thanking the organisers and speakers on behalf of the Tua Kampongs and school committees hoped that similar assemblies would be held in all kampongs in the area.

## **\$5 MILLION FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN SARAWAK**

\$5 MILLION has been allocated by the Federal Government to the State of Sarawak for the implementation of Rubber Planting Schemes throughout the State. This grant is only for the first half of the year, and further sums will be allocated in due course to complete the rubber planting and replanting programme for the year.

The aim of the State Government is to provide a better standard of living for its people, no matter where they are. It is realised that this aim cannot be achieved within one year. The task requires proper and careful planning, which is provided by the First Malaysia Plan, and will have to be implemented by a well co-ordinated government administration.

This, the country is fortunate to have in the Alliance Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan.

The State Development Officer, Sarawak, said that a second instalment of \$3 million was recently received from the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Kuala Lumpur.

The first instalment of \$2 million was received in January. These funds have been allocated to the Department of Agriculture, Sarawak which had been given the task of implementing the Schemes.

This department had implemented New Planting and Replanting Schemes and also the RPS 'B' Schemes, among which are the Triboh, Taii, Skrang, Bukit Batu, Melugu, Sibintek, Meradong and Lambir Land Development Schemes.

These are schemes which are now in a very advanced stage of development, and will eventually be benefited by about 1,800 families, whose livelihood has all the while been at subsistence level.





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