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# C.M. DECLARES OPEN P & T SEMINAR, TELLS UNIONISTS: 'BORNEANISATION CANNOT BE HAPHAZARD'

BORNEANISATION cannot and should not be carried out haphazardly. The Government is committed to maintaining an efficient civil service to serve the people, particularly now when we are carrying out various development projects in full steam for the good of everyone of us in the country.

THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN, STATED THIS WHEN HE DECLARED OPEN THE SECOND POSTAL TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR AT THE KUCHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE CHAMBER.

The Chief Minister told the unionists: "It is your duty to assist in making a success of the development scheme, and to keep yourselves fit and trained to take over from the expatriate officers when the time comes. The

Government will, of course, provide as much a possible training facilities to enable our officers to meet the challenge of Borneanisation."

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

I am very happy to officiate at this opening ceremony for the 2nd Postal, Telegraph and Telephone International Seminar here in Kuching, and it brings to mind a similar officiated at the first PTTI Seminar.

I must congratulate the Sarawak Postal and Telecoms Employees' Union and their leaders for their unceasing efforts to bring the proper meaning of trade unionism to the minds of their colleagues in the Posts and Telecommunications Department in Sarawak. And to do this they have had the opportunity of obtaining experienced and qualified trade union leaders from other countries to help in educating SPATEU in the various aspects of trade unionism.

## 'Efforts will Not Be Wasted'

On behalf of the people of Sarawak, I must thank the PTTI for contributing and arranging this Seminar, and also Mr Hutchison for giving his time to us for these few days for this purpose. He and the PTTI can rest assured that their efforts will not be wasted.

For as SPATEU becomes more and more educated or shall I say - more sophisticated, then would they work more harmoniously side by side with the Government towards the well-being of the State.

I quite agree that education does not stop for anyone willing to learn, it does not stop after school and graduation, it does not end during the human productivity period, it only ceases when the span of human life is ended.

It is essential that there be trade unions in any state or country, for they are a contributory factor towards the happiness and prosperity of the people, and in so doing contribute to that country's industrial stability, affluence and prosperity.

Sarawak is a developing state and we need trained personnel in all fields. In the trade union field it is all the more important that leaders of trade unions should have sufficient knowledge on how to organise and administer their unions, how to conduct meetings and collective bargaining, and how to maintain harmonious relations with their employers, because trade unions in this country are young and are growing.

Whether we like it or not, trade unionism, has come to stay in this free country of ours. Therefore, we should jealously build up our unions into responsible and strong organisations so that they can play an important role in the development of the country.

We should also jealously guard what we have built up against our internal foes, the subversive elements who are waiting to infiltrate into these work. They are in close contact daily with members of the public.

Therefore, it is very essential that they should serve the public with courtesy, no matter what colour they are or whether it is over the stamp counter or over the telephone. Unconsciously they are in the public focus all the time. Keep up with the good work.

As you are aware I have set up two Committees to carry out the Borneanisation scheme in Sarawak. BORNEANISATION CANNOT and should not be carried out haphazardly. My Government is committed to maintaining an efficient Civil Service to serve the people, particularly now when we are carrying out various development projects in full steam for the good of everyone of us in the country.

## **Keep Fit and Trained**

It is your duty to assist in making a success of the development scheme and to keep yourselves fit and trained to take over from the expatriate officers when the time comes. The Government will of course provide as much as possible training facilities to enable our officers to meet the challenge of Borneanisation.

For example this seminar is a good opportunity for you to learn the techniques of trade union administration and other aspects so that you can apply what you have learned in your own Union and also impart your knowledge to your counter-parts in other unions. This will indeed help to spread the benefit of the training to a wider scope of people.

There is no need for me to stress that we are right in the front line opposing Indonesian Confrontation. In spite of the change of personnel in the Indonesian Government, confrontation has not abated.

In addition to this we have some black sheep in the country who are traitors assisting our external enemies by various means, such as stirring up communal strife and infiltrating into legitimate organisations including of course trade unions, to undermine them.

In a multi-racial society of ours loyal Malaysians should not allow family and racial pride to take the upper hand lest there should be fratricidal discord which will undoubtedly serve as an ammunition to our external and internal enemies.

In the sphere of racial harmony, you have a great part to play. Within your union you should foster fraternal relations among yourselves, and in your work foster esprit de corps, irrespective of race and colour. By so doing you would have set a good example for the public to follow.

It is, therefore, a challenge to you all to be always on the lookout for these black sheep so that they can be brought to book and your Union can function from strength to strength without hindrance.

I therefore call upon you, participants in this seminar, to conscientiously learn as much as you can so that you can lead your organisations away from destructive elements, but toward a free and responsible society.

This seminar would, I am sure, be of very great benefit to SPATEU and its members. I believe that SPATEU will be extending this further by having their own education programme based on similar lines as this PPTI seminar.

I am glad, therefore this enlightening on the aspects of trade unionism, will not be confined to a privileged few, but will be extended to all the members of SPATEU who have an interest in unionism.

SPATEU, I hope, will in course of time become one of the more advanced trade unions in the country, and the Union can have and rest assured that my Government will give its fullest co-operation and assistance towards its aims for the betterment and advancement of its members within reason.

On this note, I now take great pleasure in declaring open this 1966 PTTI Seminar.

## **Encourage Growth**

Other speakers included the General Secretary of SPATEU, Inche Karim Ibrahim; the President, Mr J.B. Holmes; the Director of Education for the Postal, Telegraph and Telephone International in Asia, Mr Kenneth Hutchison, and the Commissioner of Labour, Mr Foo Teck Yen.

Welcoming the Chief Minister on behalf of the Sarawak Postal and Telecoms Employees' Union, Inche Karim Ibrahim said that his presence signified the Government's desire to encourage the growth of healthy and democratic trade unions.

Introducing Mr Hutchison, the General Secretary said: "It is an admitted fact that we in this country lack trade union education as a result of which there is an acute shortage of trained trade unionists. For this reason therefore, we have extended our invitation to the Unions in the Government sectors in order that they may participate with us and benefit from the courses to be conducted at the Seminar.

"Trade Unionism has come to stay in Sarawak and in order that we may cope up with its rapid growth, it is our policy and intention to train our leaders and educate as many of our members as possible in the field of trade unionism."

## **To Further Knowledge....**

The President, Mr Holmes, said that SPATEU was still young, "and to achieve maturity in the various aspects of trade unionism, it is therefore necessary to be educated not only on the aspects of trade unionism but also the application of these aspects to the current and modern way of life.

He added: "It cannot be gainsaid that there is no limit to education, for education a means towards attaining improvement to our way of life in this modern era. And for this reason, we are striving increasingly to further our knowledge in trade unionism, to equip ourselves to that we may achieve our aims for the betterment of our members.

"We are therefore, very thankful to be afforded this opportunity again, and I, on behalf of SPATEU, wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to the PPTI for this generous endowment to us."

## **Democratic Activities**

Mr Kenneth Hustchison said that it was inspiring to note that here in Sarawak, with an aggressive enemy confronting us on our border, we could still allow, even urge, our people to engage in democratic activities such as the Seminar.

He said: "Disraeli, one of Great Britain's great Prime Ministers once said, 'Change is inevitable in a progressive country, change is constant'.

Mr Hutchison added: "I have always found these words very profound. They are just as appropriate now as they were in Disraeli's time, if not more so."

## **Fundamental Problems**

The Commissioner of Labour, Mr Foo Teck Yen said that seminars such as these would enable participants to learn more of the fundamental problems of trade unionism.

He said: "You must take stock of your achievements. In this rapidly changing world you must be well stocked with knowledge.

"Problems must be meaningful challenges instead of frustrating. Only then is life rewarding. It is not enough to just listen to lectures. Inquisitive minds are extremely important. You must ask what has been taught, and what there is more to learn".

# MINISTER PRESENTS CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES IN CONTROLLED AREA - 658 QUALIFY

THE Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dato Teo Kui Seng visited the three villages in the Controlled Area on Friday, April 15, 1996, and presented Malaysian Citizenship Certificates to villagers.

A total of 658 people received their certificates, of which 30 were presented personally by the Minister at separate ceremonies.

Accompanied by the Resident, Mr Yao Ping Hua and the Registrar-General, Mr Lo Suan Hian, the Minister first called at Tapah where he was met by Regrouping Officer, Mr Syawe Jun Chin, the Kapitan China and other local dignitaries.

In his speech at the presentation ceremonies, the Minister pointed out that the Certificates were for Chinese who were born outside Malaysia and who had registered for Malaysian citizenship. A great many have already been distributed in Sarawak.

He added: "Certificates are only required for a small proportion of your number because most of you were born in Malaysia and consequently are citizens of Malaysia as a matter of right.

"You have been resettled in this village as a result of the very serious and unpleasant episode of the communist attack on the 18th Mile area last June. This attack could have been prevented if everyone in the controlled area who knew anything about the communist organisation and the presence of strangers had co-operated fully with the security forces.

"Because there was this lack of co-operation it was necessary to establish the controlled area and resettle all of you who are now living in it.

## Obligations and Duties

"However, this does not mean that the Malaysian Government regards you as non-Malaysians. You are qualified to be Malaysian citizens and you are being accepted as Malaysian citizens by the Government of Malaysia."

Dato Teo stressed those who received the Certificates had obligations and duties of citizenship.

"These are mainly to be loyal to our country, to oppose our enemies and to support the security forces which are here to protect us,; he said.

Concluded the Minister: "This distribution of Citizenship Certificates is, therefore, a token of two things. Firstly that the Government of our country recognises the part which newly registered Malaysian citizens have played in building up the Sarawak and consequently the Malaysia which we know and love. And secondly of our confidence that you will play your full part as loyal citizens of our country Malaysia and devote yourselves racial homeland for all of us."

# DCM PRESENTS SARAWAK SHIELD TO 55 SQUADRON RCT

THE Deputy Chief Minister, Dato James Wong, presented on behalf of the Chief Minister a Sarawak Shield to Major R.L. Wallis, Officer Commanding Air Despatch Squadron Royal Corps of Transport.

Presenting the memento at the Chief Minister's office, Dato Wong expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Government and people of Sarawak for the long and meritorious association and service that 55 Squadron had rendered to Sarawak.

He said that 55 Air Despatch Squadron RCT had played a useful role not only in the military field but also in the social fields.

Their public spiritedness in donating blood to the Blood Bank in Kuching General Hospital was much appreciated by all concerned, while in the field of sports they had taken an active part in inter-sport competitions.

## Army Gifts For Border School

The military unit stationed in the Tebedu area of the First Division under Major Pritchard have presented Kampong Temong School with counters, wall maps and a globe of the world.

## Rocking Horse Presented to Child Patients

Second Lieutenant S.C. Doble of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment recently presented, on behalf of the Malaysian Government, a Rocking Horse to the children's ward at Miri Hospital, Fourth Division.

## 1st Bn. KOSB Donate to Blind Centre

Men and Officers of the First Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers stationed at Kapit, Third Division, recently donated a sum of \$160 to the Kapit Blind Centre. The donation was handed over by Sgt. Thompson Scott to Mr Juin Idis in the presence of the District Officer, Kapit.

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## P.M'S LETTER AND CHEQUE FOR BRAVE CORPORAL

CORPORAL Kim Lin a 'A' Coy No. 3 Police Field Force, Kuching, who was seriously injured on March 7 during the clash against Indonesian border terrorists in the Operation Hammer area was presented with a \$1,000 cheque, together with a personal letter from the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman at a function in Kuching last week.

The presentation was made by the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, at the Public Order Company's Drill Shed (across river) immediately before the Constabulary Boxing Championships.

# AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER ENTERTAINED AT ASTANA

## Mr Harold Holt Flies In

MR HAROLD HOLT, AUSTRALIA'S PRIME MINISTER WHO IS NOW ON THE LAST LEG OF HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE, ARRIVED IN KUCHING YESTERDAY (FRIDAY, APRIL 29) EVENING, LOOKING HAPPY AND FIT.

MR HOLT AND HIS 12-MEMBER SUITE OF SENIOR DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MALAYSIA, MR A.J. EASTMAN, FLEW IN, ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, SHARP AT 7.15 P.M. BY ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VISCOUNT.

They were met on arrival at the airport by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, members of the State Cabinet; the Chief Justice, Mr Justice E.R. Harley; the Speaker of the Council Negri, Dato Dr M. Sockalingam; the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, senior officials and Service Chiefs.



*MIS picture shows Mr Holt (centre) with the Governor (left) and the Chief Minister at the Astana reception.*

From the airport, Mr Holt and party proceeded direct to the brightly lit grounds of the Astana where they were welcomed by His Excellency the Governor and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah. This was followed by a welcome reception attended by more than 300 guests.



*Mr. Holt with Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah (right) and the Governor.*

Today (Saturday), April 30) Mr. Holt had another busy day which included a visit to the headquarters of the 4th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

Here there will be an investiture of Lt. D.R. Byers, R.A.R. with the Military Cross.

The Prime Minister was then scheduled to visit forward areas by helicopter before returning to Kuching airport later in the afternoon.

At the airport, the Prime Minister will be entertained by a representative group of returned Sarawak students.

There will be a Press Conference before Mr. Holt returns to Singapore to embark for Australia. (Next week Sarawak By The Week will publish a full account of Mr. Holt's visit).

## **At the Malaysian State Dinner**

AT the Malaysian State Dinner in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, April 27, Mr. Holt said: "I am, as you may be aware, no stranger to the charm of your country and the warmth of your hospitality. My last visit was in September, 1964, when Commonwealth Finance Ministers met here. Even in the limited time available for observation since my arrival this morning it is readily seen that Malaysia has continued its solid progress and development.

"My colleagues and I have greatly appreciated the opportunity you provided to us to hold discussions today with yourself and members of the cabinet. This has given us a body of useful knowledge and a valuable insight into the policies you are pursuing. My colleagues and I appreciate the privilege we were given today of an audience with His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"You, Sir, and many of your fellow Ministers and your senior officials have greeted us as old friends. There is in our consultations and exchanges an intimacy and an underlying mutual respect which was developed over many years of close co-operation. This feeling of close friendship gives an added depth and value to the continuous interchange between our two countries in many fields.

“Malaysia has overcome many difficulties in recent years. The successful way in which you have met and overcome the challenges that have arisen is a clear indication of the inherent strength and resilience of your multi-racial community. Hand in hand with the effort to preserve your security, you have made rapid progress and advancement in the economic and social fields. It was good to learn from you personally today, Tun Razak, of your Government’s Rural Development Programme. This important activity clearly owes much to you for its inspiration and its effective and purposeful execution.

“The co-operation between our two countries is now a matter of record and history having developed over a period of time in many areas affecting the national life of both of us.

“We are joined along with other Commonwealth countries in military arrangements for defence and security. The relationship [between the armed forces of our two countries is a close one. Our two countries share a determination to preserve national independence, stability and freedom.”

Finally, Mr. Holt said that Australians felt very much at home in Malaysia’s democratic environment and admired the flexibility of outlook and the political wisdom which Malaysian leaders had brought to the country’s complex national affairs.

# Australian Premier Feted

## MR HOLT HOPES FOR FURTHER CEMENTING OF FRIENDSHIP

It is now clear than at any earlier time in the history of Australia that its future is bound up with the future of Asia. This was stated on Saturday, April 30 by Australia's Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Hold, at a press conference at the Kuching airport immediately before departure for Singapore and Australia at the end of a one-day visit to Sarawak.

EARLIER MR HOLT SAID THAT HIS 10-DAY TOUR OF SOUTH EAST ASIA (INCLUDING FOUR DAYS IN MALAYSIA) "HAD BEEN ANOTHER INFORMATIVE CHAPTER" ARISING FROM THE ROUND OF VISITS THAT HE HAD BEEN MAKING TO THOSE POSTS AROUND SOUTH EAST ASIA WHERE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS WERE STATIONED.

He said that the presence of Australian troops in Sarawak's border areas was "not with any purpose of aggression but in order

to secure the stability of this region of the world.'

He added: "We share your own aspirations that aggression on the part of others cease so that you should be allowed to go ahead steadily with the development of your own country."

Mr. Holt said that Malaysians would find the Australian troops stationed here good companions and allies as well as good friends "who are well aware that the situation in this part of the world is something more than a military operation."

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Mr. Holt hoped that arising out of the stationing of Australian troops here there would be a further cementing of the friendship which had existed between Malaysia and the Commonwealth of Australia.

### 'Gesture of Friendship'

Asked whether the recent aid offered by Australia to Indonesian flood victims would have any good effect towards cementing food relations, Mr. Hold replied that it was purely aid of a humanitarian kind and a "gesture of friendship."

He added that Australia had made no secret of the fact that it wished to live in friendship with its neighbours in the North. "We look forward hopefully to a time in the no-too-distant future for the realisation on the part of Indonesia that this confrontation was not in the interests of either Indonesia or Malaysia." said Mr. Holt.

Explaining his earlier statement that Australia's future was bound up with the future of Asia, Mr. Holt said that it did not mean that the large and important commercial interests which bound Australia with Britain and the United States as well as Japan could be overlooked.

"We are important to one another and I am sure that our own economic development will have some bearing on the economic development of other parts of Asia," he said.

Finally, Mr. Holt described the present time as one of great interest and growth and hoped that the friendly co-operation which now existed between Australia and her neighbours would continued to grow.

Earlier in the afternoon of Saturday, the Prime Minister visited forward bases of the 4 Royal Australian Regiment in the First Division, and at Bau in the First Division, he presented the Military Cross award to 2nd Lieut. D.R. Byers.

At one of the border post, Mr. Holt saw a demonstration of an artillery fire. Later from a foxhole he tried his hands at an Armalite. He discharged three shots at an imaginary.

Mr. Holt had served in the Australian Imperial Force as a gunner.

At the posts, Mr. Holt saw for himself the deployment of the Australian units and spoke to several of the men.

After the investiture ceremony, the Prime Minister and party were entertained by the 4RAR to a luncheon.

2nd Lieut. Byers was awarded the M.C. for his part in an ambush in Bau District in June last year in which at least 17 Indonesians were killed.

The citation says: "The manner in which the ambush was laid, the patient control exercised in the waiting period and the final successful contact with the enemy was due to the outstanding ability, resourcefulness, leadership, control and initiative shown by 2nd Lieut. Byers."

## **Airport Reception**

Just before he left Kuching for Singapore en route to Australia, Mr. Holt was entertained at the Airport by returned Colombo Plan students. During the reception, Mr. Holt and his party were each presented with a Parang Ilang and a Native hat, by the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, on behalf of the State Government.

In return the Australian Prime Minister presented the Chief Minister with a set of opal-mounted silver tea spoons and a set of the new Australian decimal coins.

Earlier in the morning, at a similar ceremony at the Astana, the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, and the Prime Minister exchanged gifts. The Governor gave Mr. Holt a "kain kumba" (an Iban woven shawl), and received from him a pair of Australian made opal cuff links.

Mr. Holt was seen off by the Chief Minister, State Cabinet Minister, Senior Government officials and service chiefs.

# Pictures Of The Week

FLYING  
VISIT  
OF



\*  
AUSTRALIA'S  
PREMIER  
MR.  
HAROLD  
HOLT  
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The Australian Prime Minister's visit: see story on preceding pages. 1. Exchange of gifts with the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan. 2. Departing for Singapore. 3. Being introduced by Inche Abdul Taib, Minister for Communications and Works to return Colombo Plan students from Australia and 4. To Dato Teo Kui Seng, Minister for Agriculture and Forestry.. At Bau, presenting Military Cross award to 2nd Lieut. D.R. Byers and 6. Visiting Diggers in forward areas.

# GOVERNOR VISITS 2ND DIV: PEOPLE PLEDGE LOYALTY

THE Governor of Sarawak, Tun abang Haji Openg, accompanied by his wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, and two children, paid a two-day visit to the Second Division.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE GOVERNMENT WHARF, SIMANGGANG, BY THE LAUNCH "UNDAN" THE GOVERNOR WAS GREETED BY THE RESIDENT, DISTRICT OFFICER, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, LEADERS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AND MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

More than 3,000 people, including children were at the wharf to welcome the Governor and his party, and every shophouse in town flew the Malaysian and State flags, while a beautiful welcome arch indicated how happy the people were to see the Governor and his wife again.

After being introduced to the welcoming party by the Resident, His Excellency drove to the Residency from where half an hour later he left for a visit to the Skrang Development Scheme area.

## AT SKRANG: H.E. EXPLAINS GOVT. POLICY

IT IS THE SINCERE AIM OF THE ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE PEOPLE IN THE RURAL AREAS CHANCES TO ENJOY ALL THE FACILITIES ENJOYED BY THOSE IN THE TOWN AREAS.

This was stated by the Governor when he visited the new village site at Skrang Development Scheme.

The Governor urged the people to co-operate with the Government in its efforts to raise their standards of living, and appealed to them to help the Government defend their country from external and internal aggression.

Referring to the Indonesian propaganda which alleged that Sarawak is not really independent, the Governor said: "We have our own elected Ministers and the Chief Minister who represent the various communities in Sarawak. We also have Residents and District Officers from our own people.

Earlier, on arrival at Skrang the Governor was greeted by over 1,000 men and women clad in traditional costumes and school children in uniforms.

As he entered the welcome arch erected at the entrance, the Governor was greeted by the Supervisor of the Skrang Scheme, the Divisional Development Officer and Penghulu Upok anak Nawan.

In his speech of welcome, Penghulu Upok thanked the Governor for his visit, and, on behalf of his people, pledged loyalty to Government. The Penghulu said that they would stand solidly behind the Government in defending and developing the Nation.

The Skrang New Village site, which is about 40 miles from Simanggang, caters for 260 families, of whom 141 are people from the border areas.

There are five longhouses and about 119 single houses in the village. It is hoped that the new site will be completed in May this year.

Meanwhile Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah was entertained by members of the Women's Institutes to a light refreshment in its headquarters where Pencha Silat, ngajat and other dances were performed.

Later, Toh Puan joined the Governor at Temudok Camp where they had lunch at the Police Field Force canteen.

Earlier, on arrival at the Camp, the Governor was welcomed by D.S.P. Mr T.A Crennel and inspected a Guard of Honour mounted by the Police Field Force.

Later, the Governor planted a durian tree on the highest spot in the camp.

In the evening, the Governor accompanied by Toh Puan, drove round Simanggang Town and visited Malay kampongs.

At Kampong Simanggang Hilir, they were garlanded and welcomed by the Kampong Hadrah Band and more than 500 kampong folk, including Tua Kampong and leader of the Kampong Youth Movement.

After a brief tour of the village, the Governor and his wife were entertained to songs, music and dances presented by kampong youths.

In his speech of welcome, Tua Kampong Abang Haji Mohd. Terang, thanked the Governor for his visit.

On behalf of his people he pledged loyalty to Malaysia and said: "Although we are a peace loving people, we are ready to fight, if necessary."

## Warm Welcome

He said that the people of Simanggang were looking forward for more visits of this nature by His Excellency.

The Governor, in his reply, said that he would not forget the kind and warm welcome given by the people of Simanggang.

He advised them to send their children to school for he believed that by imparting knowledge to children they gave a most valuable treasure.

The Governor then left Kampong Hilir and toured Kampong Ulu where he received a similar welcome.

Later in the evening, the Governor visited 1st Bn. Malaysian Rangers Camp at Simanggang. He was met on arrival by the Commanding Officer, Lieut. Col. Yusuf and was conducted round the camp. In the evening, the Governor attended an all-community dinner at the Simanggang Recreation Club which was attended by leader of the various communities in Simanggang.

At the reception, the Governor spoke in Iban, and said that he would give thanks to God and pray that the Almighty would shower His Blessings on the people of Simanggang.

He thanked those who had come from far districts to Simanggang to welcome him.

Earlier, Penghulu Tawi Sli, chairman of the Batang Lupar District Council, speaking on behalf of the hosts, said he was happy to see the Governor had recovered from his operation and was made the Governor for the second time.

Others who spoke at the reception were the Resident and the District Officer. Throughout the visit the Governor was accompanied by the Resident and the District Officer.

## GOVERNOR PRESENTS AWARDS TO 2ND DIV. RECIPIENTS

ON MONDAY, AT AN INVESTITURE CEREMONY ON THE PADANG IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENT'S OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR PRESENTED AWARDS TO 44 RECIPIENTS OF BIRTHDAY HONOURS IN THE SECOND DIVISION.

Present at the ceremony was the Governor's wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah and Dato Edward Brandah, Chancellor of the most illustrious Order of the Star of Sarawak.

The recipients of the awards were:

**PBS (Pegawai Bintang Sarawak)** - Pengarah Story anak Ngumbang; Mr Peter Tinggom; Canon Lawrence Angking; Mr Edmund Langgu ak. Saga; Mr Kadam Kiai and Canon Basil Temenggong.

**ABS (Ahli Bintang Sarawak)** - Abang Naruddin bin Abg. Sharkawi; Penghulu Tawi Sli; Mr Lionel Bediman Ketit; Temenggong Ngelambong ak. Libu; Mr Edwin Tangkun and Mr Muli Sampar.

**SKN (Sijil Kehormatan Negara)** - T.K. Abang Karim bin Abang Hassan; Penghulu Langi ak. Jilap; Inche Ahmad bin Shafiee; Penghulu Daniel Baran Broke; Mr Ellai ak. Seman; Penghulu Ngali ak. Kijam; T.R. Jenggi anak Chaie; T.R. Jabing ak. Empaling; Mr Japok ak. Gelayan; T.R. Malis anak Pengarah Tsek; Mr Umpang ak. Pelima; Mr Ngelambong ak. Bungka; Penghulu Upok ak Mawan; T.K. Iman Haji Plie; Abang Ahmad bin Haji Sidek; Mr Limbang ak. Malaka; Mr Peter Frank Siburat; Penghulu Narok anak Penghulu Bakar; Mr Gol ak. Sadam; Mr Ong Ah Huat; Mr Goh Kheng Ou; T.R. Gering ak. Bungka; Mr Jampi ak. Pungge; Mr Penghulu Tembak anak Juna; Mr Walter Samuel Untai; Abang Rosli bin abg. Mat; Mr Augustine Sating; T.K. Abg. Hassan bin Abg. Wi; Datu Abg. Zen bin Abg. Arip; Mr Augustine Mercer; T.R. Mara anak Iru; Mr Buda anak Ulan; Mr Patrick Nyaring Ngadan; Penghulu Manau anak Bangi; Penghulu Ganja anak Jimbau; Penghulu Sanggat ak. Uyut; Mr Munji anak Enteri; Mr Philip Cheng; Mr Bugat anak Duat; Mr Sanggup anak Insel and Mr Michael Rajau anak Angkau.



*The Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, making a trial call at the new automatic exchange building at Simanggang (top left). Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah being welcomed by member of the Women's Institutes; shaking hands with her is Dayang Darot (top right) and the bottom picture shows the Governor planting a Durian seedling at the Temudok Police Field Force Camp. Looking on are the Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr R.G. Smith (third left) and Dpty. Supt. T.A. Crennel, a PFF Commanding Officer.*

# GOVERNOR DECLARES OPEN NEW AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE BUILDING

THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG, DECLARED OPEN THE NEW SIMANGGANG AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE BUILDING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

In declaring open the building he said the occasion marked a milestone of progress and development not only to Simanggang but to Sarawak as a whole.

He added: "Expansion and improvement to telephone communications throughout Sarawak are part of the Governments's aim in the First Malaysia Plan and in keeping with the Government's policy of providing improved and up-to-date Telecommunications and Postal services throughout the country.

"In Simanggang as the demand for telephones grew it was found that the old manual exchange was inadequate and a new automatic exchange was planned. This is a clear indication that Simanggang is progressing well in line with the other Divisional Headquarters."

The Governor pointed out that the opening of the new automatic exchange was yet another step forward in bringing more telephones to the public. "I am sure that this improvement to the telephone system here is welcomed by the people and with the improved facilities provided it is hoped that the people will be brought even closer together followed by greater understanding and prosperity," said the Governor.

He disclosed that the total cost of the building alone amounted to \$200,000. Constructed under the supervision of the Public Works Department, the telephone exchange equipment together with the associated underground cables cost another \$320,000. They were installed by staff of the Posts and Telecommunications Department.

Before inviting the Governor to declare the building open, the Deputy Regional Director, Posts and Telecommunications Department, Mr Robert Allen, said the new automatic exchange would serve a very important role in communications, especially in this time of the emergency.

After the ceremony the Governor and guests were conducted round the building; later they were guests at a cocktail party in the premises.

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## GOVERNOR RETURNS TO KUCHING

THE Governor, his wife Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah and their two children returned to Kuching on the evening of Tuesday, April 26.

At Simanggang, they were seen off by the Resident, the District Officer, Simanggang and the District Officer, Betong. A large crowd gathered at the Simanggang Wharf to bid farewell to His Excellency and party.

# \$50,000 FED. GOVT. CHEQUE PRESENTED TO CHRIST HOSPITAL

A Federal Government cheque for \$50,000 was presented to Christ Hospital, Kapit, Third Division, on Monday, May 2, by the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah at a ceremony held in the Kapit District Office.

MAKING THE PRESENTATION, TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH THANKED THE CHRIST HOSPITAL FOR THE EXCELLENT SERVICES RENDERED TO THE PEOPLE, IRRESPECTIVE RACE OR RELIGION.

He said that the Methodist Mission workers in Christ Hospital had played an important part in the promotion of rural health and welfare of the people of the surrounding areas.

The Minister went on to say that Christ Hospital authorities, as well as the people, were most thankful to the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, for making the gift available for their interest and benefit.

However, he pointed out that if the people wished someone to help them, they should first learn to help themselves.

In this connection, the Minister appealed to those expatriates of Christ Hospital who owed outstanding bills to make an effort to settle their accounts. In doing so they would not only be helping the hospital, but also others who needed hospitalization, said Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah.

He added he was told that over \$40,000 were still outstanding.

He said no one could boast that he would never fall ill in his life time, therefore everyone should realise that this gift to the Hospital would indirectly benefit him or her too.

Touching on the development projects already implemented under the First Malaysia Development Plan, the Minister said that development activities had been conspicuous throughout the length and breadth of the country since Sarawak had gained her independence two years ago.

The Minister advised the people to keep abreast of the changes, co-operate with the Government, and solidly stand behind the Nation to defend its integrity.

Reminding the people that Sarawak had been successively ruled by the White Rajah's the Japanese and then the Colonial Government, the Minister said: "We achieved our independence only two years ago within the Federation of Malaysia. It is therefore our duty to try hard in building our own Nation, for the betterment of our living standards."

In accepting the gift, on behalf of the Methodist Mission the Treasurer, Rev. Burr Baughman, thanked the Federal Government for its generosity and for the immediate response to the appeal made by Christ Hospital.

He said that this was clear evidence that the Government was working together with the Church to help the people irrespective of religion.

Rev. Baughman also thanked Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah for his advice and constant help to the hospital. He reiterated that it had never been the Mission's intention to close the hospital for the expenses of Christ Hospital.

## **\$2,000 Donated To Flood Victims**

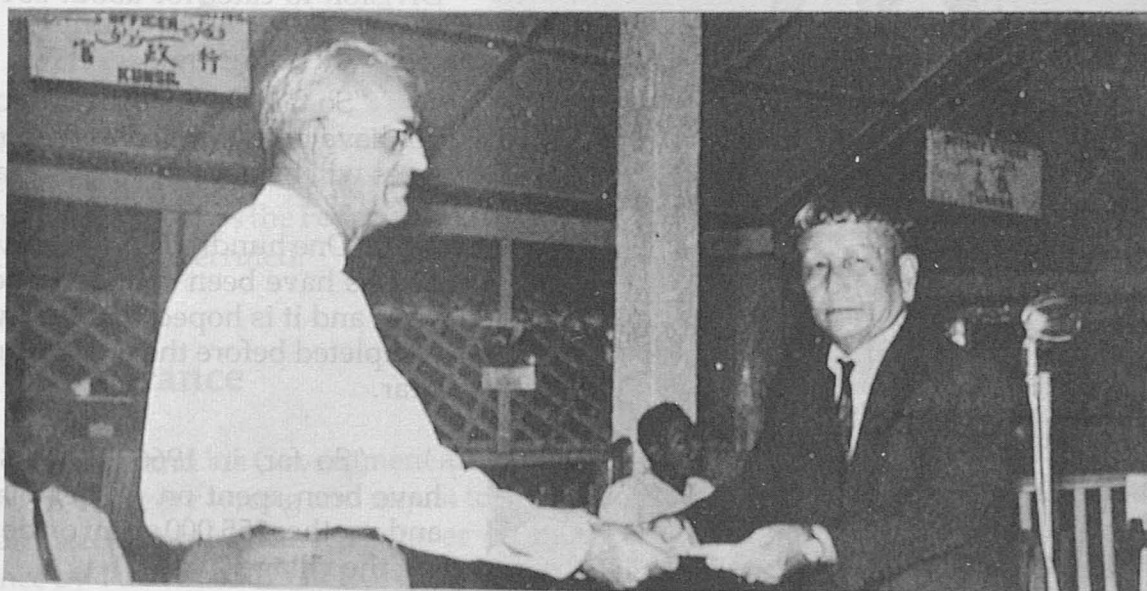
At the same ceremony the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs presented another Federal Government cheque for \$2,000 for flood victims in Kapit. This cheque was received by the District Officer, Kapit, who thanked the Federal Government for its charitable gift.

In a short speech the Federal Secretary, Inche Abu Hassan who was accompanying the Minister praised the Christ Hospital authorities for their services to the people, and appealed to them to help the hospital by paying their outstanding accounts.

He reminded the people that Malaysians were free to practise any religion and speak any language.

The Federal Secretary also urged the people to resist communist subversive influence and stand solidly behind the Government which had introduced many development projects to raise their own living standards.

## **\$50,000 FED. GOVT. CHEQUE PRESENTED**



*The Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, presented two cheques on behalf of the Federal Government, one for \$50,000 to Christ Hospital, Kapit, and the other for \$2,000 for the Kapit flood victims, on Monday, May 2. The presentation were made at a simple ceremony at the Kapit District Council, and the cheque for the Christ Hospital was received by the Treasurer of the Methodist Mission, Rev. Burr Baughman (see picture above), while the cheque for the flood victims was receive by the District Officer, Kapit.*

# MELUGU LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME: FIRST TIANG RAISED

THE RAISING OF THE FIRST TIANG (A POST) OF THE FIRST SETTLER'S HOUSE RECENTLY AT THE MELUGU LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, SECOND DIVISION, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A TRADITIONAL IBAN CEREMONY ATTENDED BY 400 PEOPLE.

Men and women in ceremonial Iban dress danced and handed round tuak, while Tuai Rumahs made offerings and invocations.

Tuai Rumah Tuggang recounted local history and exhorted the Iban to remember their heritage. He stressed that they should not forget their own tradition and culture when moving into the Scheme.

The Resident, Second Division, wished happiness and success to the 350 families of settlers who will enter the Scheme.

He then killed two pigs at the spot where the first tiang was then raised.

Children of the Melugu Primary School rendered songs, while those present danced to the rhythmic beat of gongs.

The liver of the smaller pig was subsequently eaten at a reception at Melugu longhouse in the bilek of Penghulu Chendan.



*Picture shows the raising of the first tiang of the first settler's house at the Melugu Land Development Scheme.*

The State Development Officer who described the tiang raising ceremony at Kuching said: "Melugu is a Land Development Scheme in Second Division to cater for about 351 families.

"So far over 1,5000 acres of rubber have been planted and about 700 acres will be developed this year.

"One hundred and twenty-three houses have been contracted for this year, and it is hoped that they will be completed before the end of June this year.

"So far, in 1966, about \$88,000 have been spent on rubber planting, and another \$55,000 spent on developing the village."

The S.D.O. pointed out that the funds were allocated by the Federal Government. The State Government, he said, has provided about \$260,000 for a treated water supply scheme, which was already nearing completion.

## NATIONAL LANGUAGE: C.M. SAYS 'MALAYSIA' SHOULD MARCH FORWARD TOGETHER

The Chief Minister of Sarawak, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, said in a broadcast talk over Radio Malaysia (Sarawak) that concern has been expressed in the State about the introduction of the National Language in 1967.

HE SAID THAT HE WAS SPEAKING IN A PURELY PERSONAL CAPACITY AND HAD NOT YET CONSULTED HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES ON THE SUBJECT.

The Chief Minister suggested that Western and Eastern Malaysia should march forward together in the implementation of the National Language and that Sarawak would not be ready for any change until 1973.

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

A number of people have, during the last few days, spoken on the subject of the National Language and there has been some concern expressed recently in Sarawak about the introduction of the National Language in 1967.

Some people genuinely fear that it is intended to ignore the relevant provision in the Inter-Governmental Committee Report which you will remember read as follows:-

'for a period of ten years after Malaysia Day and thereafter until the State Legislature otherwise provides, the English language shall be an official language and may be used in the Legislative Assembly and for all other official purposes in the State, whether Federal or State purposes, including correspondence with the Federal Ministries and Departments;'

Now I want to make it absolutely clear, beyond any shadow of doubt, that these fears are completely unfounded. Malay will not be introduced in 1967 as the only official language in Sarawak. At no time has the Federal Government ever suggested that the provisions of the I.G.C. Report should be overruled.

### Public Assurance

The Tunku and his Government are honourable men who have every intention of keeping their word. It is very wrong and unjust to suggest that they would do otherwise. The people of Sarawak need have no fears whatever on this score. Furthermore there has been a public assurance by Tuan Syed Nasir to the effect that there is no intention of involving either Sabah or Sarawak in any changes which may come about in respect of the use of English in the States of Malaya in 1967.

From the point of view of the State Government the provision as drafted is not quite as clear as it might be. It was our understanding that English would continue to be used for all

communications in both directions between Kuala Lumpur and the State Government, State Departments and Federal Departments largely staffed by Sarawak personnel, but the provisions of the IGC Report can be held to mean that the agreement only refers to communications from Kuching to Kuala Lumpur. However this is not a major problem and one which we can sort out with the Federal Government.

I am glad to say that the National Language is progressing very well in Sarawak. It is not as if it is a strange language to the vast majority of us. Many of us can speak the National Language. Its use has been growing steadily over the years since September 1963 by an entirely natural process. The difficulties which do arise come from the need for higher studies if we are to use it freely for written work. We do not yet have nearly as many trained language teachers as we would like but nevertheless we are making good progress though we must not be complacent about this. Everyone should work hard at improving his knowledge and if we do so we should by 1973, have mastered the problem. Though even then no one has suggested that English is going to disappear. It will continue to be used for many purposes.

I only have some personal reservations about introducing the National Language in an uneven manner, in 1967 in Western Malaysia and later on in Eastern Malaysia. And here I want to make it clear that I am speaking purely in a personal capacity as I have not yet consulted all my Cabinet colleagues on the subject.

I have given this matter a great deal of thought and I feel that this unevenness is not a good thing for our national unity. It can set up unwanted and unnecessary strains and stresses between the Borneo States and the rest of Malaysia. I wonder whether it would not be better from the National point of view to march forward in step together.

Of course the implications of this will be obvious to you. We in Sarawak will not be ready by 1967. So if we were to march forward together it would mean a postponement in Western Malaysia. This would mean some sacrifice for those who have worked so hard there toward the 1967 target. As I said, we in Sarawak shall not be ready for any change until 1973, if indeed any change is required at all, and I believe the position therefore, anyway from the point of view of a Sarawakian, would be for any changes that are to be made to be considered for the whole of Malaysia and not to come into operation anywhere in Malaysia until 1973. Finality now rather than deferment of a decision until 1973 will help us to get on with mastering the National Language. It will also cut the ground from under the feet of any enemies of the National Language who may seek to use this provision in the I.G.C. Report to sow dissension and cause confusion in eight years' time. At any rate I feel it is worth thinking about.

# TUAN SYED NASIR REPLIES: SAYS DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE SLOWED DOWN

REPLYING TO THE ABOVE SUGGESTION, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA, SYED NASIR BIN ISMAIL, SAID IN KUALA LUMPUR THIS WEEK THAT THE WHOLE PROCESS OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE SLOWED DOWN IF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE AS THE SOLE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE WAS POSTPONED.

Syed nasir described Dato Ningkan's remarks as "very confusing", and said that he suggestion that the national language should be declared Malaysia's sole official language simultaneously in Malaya and the Borneo States in 1973 was not only contrary to constitutional provisions, but was also illogical.

It amounted to invoking the Central Government to postpone implementation of the language as Malaya's sole official language in 1967 merely for the sake of Sarawak, which only came into the Federation three years ago.

If the country were to follow Dato Ningkan's suggestion, then it would mean that the whole process of national development would have to slow down or be temporarily stopped to keep pace with developments in Sarawak.

It would appear, he said, that Dato Ningkan was imploring the Central Government to wait for him and not to force him to keep up with the inevitable development in Malaya.

The "trouble" with Dato Ningkan, he added, was that he seemed to be too concerned with Sarawak and not with Malaysia as a whole. "This is a regressive attitude," Syed Nasir said.

The people of Sabah and Sarawak need not worry about 1967 when the national language would become the sole official language in Malaya as they had six more years to implement Malay as their sole official language.

The suggestion in Dato Ningkan's remarks, coming as they did from a Chief Minister, was "highly disturbing," Syed Nasir said.

He added that at a time, when the attention of the people of Malaya was focussed on the ultimate implementation of the national language in September next year, Dato Ningkan's remarks were highly confusing and tended to disrupt the calmness of the prevailing atmosphere.

## Fears of Split

The general secretary of the National Language Action Front, Inche Kamaruddin bin Mohamed Said, this week said:

"It is possible that Dato Ningkan obtained his ideas from the people who want to split the unity of the people of Malaysia.

"He should realise that we in Malaya have sacrificed enough to make sure that the national language is realised on September 1, 1967.

"He should also realise that it is through the national language that national unity can be achieved and also that the Government can implement the national education policy."

# MINISTER WELCOMED AT COASTAL VILLAGE

THE people of Kampong Igan, a coastal village in the Third Division, gave a warm welcome to the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman bin abang Haji Moasili when he toured the Third Division recently.

Hundreds of people, including school children, greeted the Minister at the jetty. Posters were displayed bearing the words 'Hidup Malaysia' and 'We Stand Solidly Behind the Government'.

The Minister was received with the traditional Malay ceremony of sprinkling beras kuning (yellow rice) and two Hazrah bands were in attendance.

As he stepped on the jetty the Minister was garlanded. He then inspected the kampong followed by enthusiastic crowds.

Later, Dato Abang Othman witnessed a football match between Kampong Ulu and Kampong Hilir Igan teams. The match was won by Kampong Ulu.

At the conclusion of the match the Minister was invited to give away the prizes.

In the evening, the Minister was entertained at a variety show. The highlights of the show were Gendang Melayu Baru (modern Malay dance), Zapen, Pencha Silat and Ngajat.

In his address, the Minister praised the kampong people, particularly the youth, for their active participation in the various community projects.

## People More United

He said adult education classes have been opened and a youth club was in the course of formation and was about to be registered.

He was also happy to learn that cultural activities were well organised. Dato Othman appealed to the people to keep up the spirit.

Finally, the Minister thanked the people for the kind hospitality accorded him.

Earlier, welcoming the Minister, the protem chairman of the Pemuda Pemudi Kampong Igan, Inche Othman bin Jeraiee, said that the Minister's visit would further strengthen the unity of the kampong people.

At the conclusion of the show, the Minister was presented with Igan hats by Che Rakbah Haji Keria on behalf of the adult education class students of Kampong Igan.

## Minister Declares Open Basketball Court

ON Wednesday, April 13, 1966 the Minister was given a rousing welcome by the Chinese community on his arrival at the Sze Hin School in the Upper Merudi area in the Sarikei District to declare open the new Sze Hin Basketball Court.

He and his party were transported on motor-Cycles from the pangkalan to the school, about ¼ mile distance.

“The path on which the motor-cycles traversed is narrow and bumpy and it must have been an experience for a Minister to use this mode of conveyance,” says a correspondent.

The Minister was accompanied by the District Officer, Sarikei, senior government officials and community leaders.

Hundreds of school children lined up the route leading to the school. On arrival, the Minister was garlanded by a young Chinese girl, Miss Hii Ai Ling, and was met by the Chinese Headman of the area, together with the villagers.

The area Headman, Mr Wong Cheng Lung, then invited the Minister to declare the court open after which he was invited to give a speech.

In his speech, the Minister congratulated the youth and the people of the area for constructing such a fine court, part of the cost of which was contributed by Dato Ling Beng Siew and Dato Teo Kui Seng.

Dato Othman explained that Sarawak was a multi-racial state within a multi-racial nation. Each race had its own contribution to make to help to build our own nation - Malaysia.

### “We are like a large family.” says Minister

“We are, in fact, likened to a large family and no matter whether you are an Iban, a Malay, a Melanau, a Kayan or Chinese, we are all Malaysians,” he declared.

“In a large a family, it is also the tradition of members of the family wanting to try and help each other in every way we can,” he added.

He further stated that the Government of course, was likened to a FATHER as head of the family. Should any of the young members of the family, say, a young brother felt unhappy with the way the Father conducted the affairs of the family, it was only proper for him to try and study and work hard so that he could grow up and show to the family what he could do to help make the family a better one.

It was, therefore, very wrong of him to gang up with hooligans and other bad elements to create trouble in the family.

He appealed to guardians and parents to give more attention to their children’s upbringing and try to understand them better so that the children would grow up to be good and loyal citizens useful to the family, the society and the Nation.

# **'RAISING TO LIVING STANDARDS IS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE', SAYS MINISTER**

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS, INCHE ABDUL TAIB BIN MAHMUD, HAS SAID THAT THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FACING THE ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT WAS THE RAISING OF LIVING STANDARDS OF THE RURAL PEOPLE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POPULATION INCREASE.

He said: "For this purpose our Government has allocated hundreds of millions of dollars." The Minister said this when he declared open a Civics Assembly, organised by the Malaysian Information Services at kampong Muara Tebas, a coastal fishing village near Kuching on Saturday, April 23.

More than 200 people, including those from nearby kampongs, attended the course.

Inche Abdul Taib said that people that each and everyone of them should now realise that they could not progress in isolation.

"We should, therefore, try to better our lives through the achievement of a sound economy of our country as a whole. You must realise that the various kinds of assistance under the Development Plan can only be offered to you as an opportunity for you to better your living," said the Minister.

He stressed that like all opportunities, this opportunity too must be snatched as soon as they got it.

The Minister told them that they should make personal efforts to make full use of these opportunities and thus convert them into tangible achievements.

He reminded the people that under the Development Plan the projects were implemented to benefit the people. It was, therefore, important that they should put forward suggestions.

He said: "If proposals don't come, the projects may not be born. It is, therefore, essential for every community to study its own needs and think of ways and means by which the Government can help supply those needs, and then to put forward requests bravely and persistently.

"If it is Government's initiative to find general ways and means of improving the livelihood of the people, it is also the people's initiative to direct Government's attention to their particular problems.

"In the proper co-ordination of the working of the Government machinery, and the channelling of peoples demands for progress, lies the success of the democratic administration," he added.

# COMMITTEE CONSIDERS HIGHER EDUCATION PROBLEMS: UNIVERSITY FOR BORNEO?

THE setting up of a University for the Borneo States was being considered by the higher education planning committee in which Sarawak and Sabah were represented.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, INCHE MOHAMAD KHIR JOHARI, ON MONDAY, APRIL 25 AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN SIBU, THIRD DIVISION.

The Minister said that the committee would look into the problem of higher education not only for Sarawak and Sabah but for the whole country.

Stressing the need for the National Language, Inche Khir said that he was very surprised to see the keenness of the people of Sarawak in learning it.

Judging by the night classes attended in Kuching particularly, he said: "There is no need to use compulsion as the people had begun to learn it. The main thing is to ensure the teaching of the language in all schools for we are mainly concerned with the younger generation who will take our places later on.

"English is still compulsory in every school in Malaysia. It will remain the second language of the country.

"As regards other languages, for instance, the Chinese language, you can learn it in any Chinese schools and similarly with other languages."

Earlier, the Minister said that the purpose of his visit as to declare open the Sarawak Secondary School Principals' Association Conference as well as to meet leaders of education in other fields.

He said that he wanted find out more about the development of education in Sarawak and was pleased with the initiative taken by the Committee of the Sarawak Secondary School Principals' Association in organising such a conference.

Replying to a question on the recognition of foreign degrees, the Minister said that a committee had been set up to consider recognising foreign degrees, for example, America, India, Taiwan and Singapore degrees.

## INCHE KHIR JOHARI DECLARES OPEN PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE: CALLS FOR REAPPRAISAL OF CURRICULUM PLANNING

A REAPPRAISAL OF SARAWAK'S CURRICULUM PLANNING WAS CALLED FOR BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, INCHE KHIR JOHARI, WHEN HE DECLARED OPEN THE CONFERENCE OF PRINCIPALS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SARAWAK ON MONDAY, APRIL 25 IN SIBU.

Inche Khir said that adjustments and modifications should be made where necessary and

steps taken to effect the changes.

As a guiding principle, the Minister suggested that the basis of the curriculum content should be a sound synthesis of what Malaysians need to build a happy, prosperous and peaceful nation.

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

I am more than pleased to have been able to come from Kuala Lumpur to be present at the opening session of your conference. About a fortnight ago, I had the pleasure of declaring open a similar conference in Kuala Lumpur at which I reiterated that as a Minister in a democratic country I deemed it my duty to keep in close touch not only with officers of my own Ministry at Federal level but also with officers and the rank and file of the teaching profession at all levels.

It is, therefore, not difficult for you to understand why I am a keen supporter of professional conferences such as yours for they provide me with useful opportunities to meet the participants either individually or in small groups and to benefit from their different views on educational problems and development.

Although Sarawak is separated geographically from mainland Malaysia by a stretch of water, I have never considered this stretch of water as any other than a physical barrier for we are linked much closer together by strong political ties, common economic interests and similar educational objectives.

It is true that owing to historical reasons the pattern of educational development in Sarawak has not been the same as that in the mainland States. Now that you are a full and equal partner of Malaysia, the time has come for all who are concerned with education to reappraise the situation to ensure that future development will be directed along lines compatible with the requirements of a united country.

As principals of secondary schools you have a vital role to play in nation building for it is within your influence to help to determine whether our young men and women will grow up to be loyal and productive citizens.

## **Educational Objectives**

In the past it was understandable why educational opportunities were restricted to only a few. Today when educational objectives have been redefined, it is hoped that at this conference of yours, the new educational objectives will be carefully studied, problems involved in the implementation of these objectives assessed, and practical measures worked out to deal with them.

This is a major exercise and it calls for adjustment and readjustment in many areas and at different levels.

Adjustment is never an easy task to fulfil. It demands in most cases a change of attitude, a surrender of vested interests, a giving-up of old ways of doing things and an exertion of effort.

But adjustment is necessary if the new educational objectives are to be attained, if the people are to weld themselves into one nation and one people, if economic imbalance is to be corrected, and if the gap between rural and urban development is to be narrowed and finally bridged.

I am fully aware that even before Sarawak became a member of Malaysia, a curriculum team from New Zealand has been working with you to modernise the whole structure of education. In view of the latest political development, it may be again necessary for us to reappraise our curriculum planning and where adjustments and modifications are found necessary, steps should be taken to effect the changes.

One guiding principle I would like to suggest to you is that the basis of our curriculum content should be a sound synthesis of what Malaysians need to build a happy, prosperous and peaceful nation.

Another area that requires re-evaluation is the approach to teaching. No longer can we now rely upon others to help to solve our problem for all time. Our people have to be taught to think for themselves and solve their own problems.

The old, commonly used methods of getting pupils to learn their lessons by rote should be discarded and be replaced by those that will encourage wider reading and stimulate thinking. In other words, the emphasis should not be so much on the acquisition of knowledge as on the application of knowledge acquired to deal with everyday problems.

Malaysia in general and Sarawak in particular are committed to a programme of accelerated commercial and industrial development. Skilled manpower is needed to cope with the demands of such development.

Our school curriculum must therefore be so designed as to allow every pupil to develop his own interest, aptitudes and abilities so that he will play an effective role in the building of a viable society.

The gap that exists today between the economic development of Sarawak and that of the other component States in Malaysia has to be narrowed and bridged. This is best achieved through sound educational planning and the best use of human resources.

## **Unity in National Planning**

Sarawak is fortunate to have with her a number of experts and volunteer workers from the Commonwealth countries and other friendly countries such as the United States of America who are playing an effective role in helping to speed up both educational and economic development.

It is generally accepted that educational planning cannot be successfully carried out outside the political, economic and social context of a country.

I therefore would like to emphasise that the planning of education in Sarawak has now to be considered within the educational framework of Malaysia as a whole. By this I do not suggest for a moment that there should be uniformity in education.

On the other hand all will agree that unity in the national planning of education is a prerequisite to the unity of people in a multi-racial country.

To the non-Malaysian officers serving in Sarawak, I have this to say. Your association with us at this stage of our national development offers you a unique opportunity to share with us the pride and joy in meeting the challenge of nation building.

We are comrades in arms against poverty, ignorance, communism and communalism. With goodwill, sincerity and genuine co-operation I have no doubt whatsoever that our efforts will be crowned with success - glorious and enduring - and when the day comes for you to leave our shores to return to your respective motherlands you will have this to say to your children and grand-children: 'In the building of a happy and prosperous Malaysia, I had a part to play'.

You will also carry away with you the gratitude of the people you have served and the respect of the people with whom you have worked. With this thought of appreciation in mind, I have great pleasure in declaring your conference open and I wish you every success in your deliberations.

# CIVICS ASSEMBLIES HELD

## MINISTER REMINDS RURAL PEOPLE OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MANY people in Sarawak, particularly those residing in rural areas, are still not aware of their duties and responsibilities towards nation building.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, DATO ABANG OTHMAN WHEN HE DECLARED OPEN A CIVICS ASSEMBLY AT KAMPONG SENARI, FIRST DIVISION.

The Minister said: "some people still adapt the old attitude towards the country without realising the fact that being an independent State, the country belongs to them and the Ministers are their representatives to look after their government."

Earlier, Dato Othman appealed to the people to listen to the talks - on Agriculture, 4H Club; Rural Development under MARA and Co-operative Development - and make special notes on the advice and information given with a view to putting the ideas into practice.

The Minister then pointed out what the launching of the Rural Development Schemes the rural dwellers would be able to enjoy the benefits. He said that the Central Government has allocated a substantial amount of money to be spent on roads, agriculture, hospitals, and bridges throughout the State.

However, the people must realise that the success of the Development Plan in Sarawak would not only depend on money alone but on the support and co-operation of the people themselves.

### 'Show Greater Initiative'

"In this respect, I therefore urge you all to change your attitude and pay serious attention to the development and affairs of the country by showing greater initiatives in playing an active and effective role in the projects, which Government offer.

"We must instil in us the spirit of 'Gotong Royong' and should not allow ourselves to become dependent by relying upon the government to do everything for us. This is an old habit which should be got rid of.

"This country is now ours and it is the responsibility of everyone of us to give full support and co-operation to Government in implementing all its projects and schemes for our own benefit," said the Minister.

He added: "As your State Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, it is my main interest to see that our youth should play an active part in nation building. Much of the success of the Development Plan in Sarawak will depend upon the response of youth to the exciting challenge of the coming years. They share equal responsibilities challenge of the coming years. They share equal responsibilities and obligation towards the progress of our country."

Finally, Dato Othman urged the people to concentrate on domestic gardening and cultivating things that could easily be grown around their houses so that they could save money instead of buying their daily needs from the market.

# ELECTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN WELCOMED: C.M. STRESSES NEED FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS

THE SARAWAK ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT IS VERY MUCH ALIVE TO THE NEED FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS TO BOTH PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL NEGRI, SAID THE CHIEF MINISTER OF SARAWAK, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26 WHEN HE SPOKE AT A RECEPTION TO WELCOME THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION, DATO DR. HAJI MUSTAPHA ALBAKRI.

He said that Dato Mustapha Albakri and his Commission face an enormous task in preparing for such direct elections, and judging from the smooth and efficient way in which these preparations have been conducted elsewhere in Malaysia, Sarawak could look forward to similar efficiency and effective progress over the next few years.

The election Commission would probably be opening offices in Kuching and Sibu to cover the whole of the State, said Dato Ningkan.

He said that the Election Commission was empowered to make arrangements for elections to both the Federal Parliament and to Council Negri.

The Chief Minister added: "We here in Sarawak will be most fortunate in being able to benefit from the Election Commission's wide experience in conducting elections in other parts in Malaysia. The Commission was first established under its present Chairman in 1957 and as the Federal Constitution provides, has been in constant action ever since.

"Not only does the Commission deal with all arrangements prior to elections including the setting up of constituency boundaries and conducting both State and Federal elections themselves, but it keeps under constant review the arrangements and legislation which have already been made.

## Reason For Confidence

"There is, therefore, reason for confidence that the new legislation, which will come in to cover elections from Sarawak, will take into consideration any special characteristics which it is felt should apply here, and I hope people in Sarawak will realize that they are free to make such representations as they wish on this subject to the Chairman of the Election Commission. I am confident that any such representations which are made will be dealt with sympathetically and fairly."

Touching on the powers of the Chairman of the Election Commission and of the Commission itself, the Chief Minister said they were "very wide", as provided in the Constitution of Malaysia.

"I am sure, however, that everyone here is most appreciative of the sympathetic approach of the Chairman, Dato Haji Mustapha Albakri, who feels very strongly that the Commission should only exercise its power in the full knowledge that such action is welcome to the State of Sarawak," said the Chief Minister.

He then assured Dato Mustapha Albakri that the presence of his Commission in Sarawak was welcome and that they would get “the fullest co-operation” in their tasks.

Replying, Dato Mustapha Albakri thanked the Chief Minister and State Government for their “sumptuous hospitality” and said that his visit to Sarawak was for the purpose of holding preliminary discussions with the State Government of Sarawak with a view to make preparations for the holding of direct elections this state.

He added: “In the short space of time during these few days we have received the closest and most cordial co-operation of all concerned and we know that co-operation is not lacking from other sources which we have not been able to approach but will certainly do so in the near future.

“We have learned from our visit that it sit the desire of all concerned here that the next elections to the Council Negri and the Dewan Rayaat, which will probably be in 1969, should be elections by the direct vote of electors. This is as it should be in any truly democratic country. Moreover, direct elections after the existing period of indirect elections, are a matter which has been embedded in our Constitution and our visit is a first step towards implementing the relevant constitutional provisions relating to direct elections.”

Dato Mustapha Albakri said that they had learned there would be numerous problems to be surmounted in the setting up of the election machinery in Sarawak. However these problems were small compared to the will and determination of the people of Sarawak to have direct elections to the Dewan Rayaat and the Council Negri.

“Our first task of course will be the establishment of an office in Kuching, to be followed by the posting of officers and staffs to man that office,” said Dato Mustapha Albakri.

He added: “Our first duty under the Constitution will be the delimitation of constituencies, 24 Parliamentary constituencies as provided in the Constitution, and I have learned here that it has been generally agreed that there should be 48 State constituencies.

## **State Constituencies**

“In other words, the number of State constituencies will be a simple multiple of two of the number of parliamentary constituencies. The delimitation work which will commence in the near future may prolong until the middle or latter part of 1967.

“Our second duty under the Constitution will be the registration of electors which will take approximately five of six months. On completion of these preliminaries our election machinery will be geared for the conducting of the election themselves. It is therefore important to note the fact that we have to begin our work in the immediate future if we have to hold these direction elections on a pan-Malaysian basis.”

Finally, the Chairman hoped that the co-operation extended to them would also be extended to all their officers who would be dealing with election matters in Sarawak.

To the young people, the Minister advised them to study hard and to play hard.

The Minister completed his tour of the Third Division on April 13 when he returned to Kuching from Sibul by air in the evening. He was accompanied on this tour by his Principal Assistant Secretary, Mr. Chin Ting Ming, Senior Welfare Officer, Mr. Lau Han Choon and Assistant Secretary, Abang Ahmad.

## **C.M. RETURNS: WARNS PEOPLE 'BE ON ALERT'**

THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN, HAS REITERATED THAT AS FAST AS MALAYSIA WAS CONCERNED THE PEOPLE MUST BE ON THE ALERT ALL THE TIME UNTIL THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY DECLARED AN END TO CONFRONTATION.

He was speaking to reporters on his return from Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, April 26, after discussions with the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak on defence and security matters. At the discussions were the Minister for Home Affairs, Tun Dr. Ismail; the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah; Sarawak's Minister for Local government, Dato Dunstan Endawie; the Inspector General of Malaysian Police, Tan Sri Mohd. Salleh bin Ismael and the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Tan Sri Nik Daud.

The Chief Minister stressed that his visit to Kuala Lumpur had nothing to do with politics.

He repudiated a Kuching newspaper report last Saturday that he, with Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah and Dato Endawie had gone to Kuala Lumpur to "iron out political differences."

# News On The Education Front

## C.M PRAISES ADULT EDUCATION PROGRESS AT PASAR RIA ORGANISED BY STUDENTS

ADULT EDUCATION IN THE STATE HAS MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS AND THERE ARE NOW OVER 200 CLASSES IN OPERATION IN THE FIVE DIVISIONS.

This was stated on Saturday, April 30, by the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, when he declared open the Pasar Ria jointly organised by the Gabongan Kelas-kelas Pelajaran Dewasa Sekolah Kampong Tupong and Enche Buyong School.

Since its formation a year ago, the Dewasa Sekolah kampong Tupong has made encouraging progress and there were now over 200 students attending classes and learning how to read and write, said the Chief Minister.

He praised the students for their spirit of co-operation and self-reliance in organising the Pasar Ria, and said: "The progress that the school has been able to make is indeed in the right direction to erase illiteracy in the State."

The Chief Minister added: "The Government, in its efforts to develop the country economically, socially and politically is fully aware of the great need to combat illiteracy. It is said that illiteracy breeds ignorance and suspicion.

"In the programme to combat these problems, the Government has for the past few years introduced a media in the form of adult education for the people to learn how to read and write.

### Remarkable Progress

"I am pleased to note that Adult Education in the State has made remarkable progress since its introduction. I understand that there are now over 200 classes in operation in all the Divisions of Sarawak, and many more will be opened depending on the economical number of would-be students from each village, the availability of teachers and classrooms.

"In fact, there is always a great demand for more centres. Because of the very strong desire of the kampong folks in some areas where no schools are in existence, temporary sheds have been erected to house these classes.

"This shows that our people realise the importance of the ability to read and write. But there are elements among the rural people discouraging them from attending these classes and trying to be little the efforts by Government to help raise the standard of living.

“You have been attending classes since the opening of this Pelajaran Dewasa Kampong Tupong in June last year and I am pleased to know that you are now able to read simple books and write your own names and construct simple sentences.

“And, I am sure, as you go on you will be able to read newspapers and magazines written in the National Language or for that matter basic English.”

The organising committee of the Pasar Ria announced last week that certain percentage of the proceeds derived from the Pasar Ria sales would be donated to the National Defence Fund and the Masjid Besar Building Fund of Kuching.

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## SOAs TOLD TO WIN HEARTS AND MINDS

TOP PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE WINNING OF THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF FENCE SITTERS IN SARAWAK AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MISLED INTO BELIEVING THAT COMMUNISM WAS GOOD.

This was stated by the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, last week when he addressed 15 temporary Sarawak Administrative Officers who attended a two-week intensive course at the Civil Service Training Centre in Kuching.

Dato Ningkan said that communism was “a real menace in Sarawak” and that the Government was doing its best to erase communism from the State.

He added: “We can eliminate it quicker when the Government is given the full support and co-operation by every loyal citizen of Sarawak and Malaysia.

“What one has to do is simply to pass the information to the Government about the communists and their activities.”

Earlier, the Chief Minister told the SOAs: “I must say that the job you are going to do is not going to be an ordinary one. However, with the training that you have had, I am sure you will tackle your work with confidence.

### Intensifying Efforts

“We are now going through a difficult time; whilst intensifying efforts in the fields of development, our very survival is faced with threats both from within and without.

“We only hope that our neighbour will soon have a change of heart so as to see that we really want to live in peace. We have no ill will against them; all that we want from them is friendship and co-operation. The so-called confrontation would only benefit the communists to advance their evil aims and objectives.”

The Chief Minister advised the SOAs to tell the people about the evil designs of the communists and what the Government was doing for them.

“This is a battle of the minds. We must counter communist propaganda with Government truths,” said Dato Ningkan.

Touching on the other aspect of the SOAs work, the Chief Minister said they would find that to most people in the ulu or rural areas, Government was something remote and impersonal.

“There is a gulf between the two, and Government officers are often the best educated part of the community. Obviously, therefore, they should play a leading role in the life of the community. You should try to bridge this gulf by maintaining closer contact with the people. This is where you can do a lot” he said.

Finally, the Chief Minister advised the SOAs to mix freely with the people, get to know them, their wishes, hopes and fears and their problems, and at the same time explain to them what Government was doing to raise their standard of living and create a progressive and peaceful society for everyone to live in.

He concluded: “In this task, your attitude and behaviour is very important. You should at all times be friendly and courteous, understanding and sympathetic.”

I wish you good luck and success.

# COMMANDO UNITS PRESENTED WITH SARAWAK SHIELDS

SARAWAK Shields were presented to two Commando units by the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dato Teo Kui Seng, at a ceremony in the Chief Minister's Office on Tuesday, May 3.

THE UNITS - 42 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES, AND 8 COMMANDO LIGHT BATTERY, ROYAL ARTILLERY ARE LEAVING SARAWAK AFTER PERIODS OF DUTY IN THE FIRST DIVISION.

The presentations were made on behalf of the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, who is away in Singapore.

Presenting the shield to the Commanding Officer of 42 Commando, Lieut. Col. P.J.F. Whiteley, O.B.E. Dato Teo conveyed the Chief Minister's apology for not being able to present the plaque personally.

Dato Teo said: "The 42 Commando, R.M., I see, are no strangers to the Borneo States, including Brunei and had been serving in this part of South East Asia off on since 1962, when the unsuccessful Brunei Revolt took place.

"Your men had, during this period of service, shown great courage and perseverance in preventing infiltration of the enemy in spite of the rugged country in which they had to patrol.

"It is with deep regret that I learnt you lost two men in March when a large incursion was staged by the enemy, and I would like to offer, on behalf of the Government and people of Sarawak, our most sincere sympathies and condolences to the families of the two men who gave their lives in the service of their country.

"It is indeed tragic that such loss of life should stem from this most unnecessary and uncalled for confrontation. I am glad to learn that in this engagement you have given the enemy a bloody nose and had made them run for their lives in spite of their greater number. 'Bravo' to you and your men.

## Assisted in Civil Projects

"Not contented with the hard work of patrolling in the rugged border, your men took time off to assist in a number of civil problems especially in Lundu District, and I am sure I am not committing any breach of security if I mention the very hard and imaginative work which you, your officers and men have put into helping us with our planning.

"It is much appreciated, and I must take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to you on this score as well as on many others.

"On the eve of your departure, it is my pleasure and honour to present to you this plaque to serve as a memento and an expression of gratitude of the people of Malaysia in general and of the State of Sarawak in particular."

## 8 Commando Light Battery R.A.

In presenting the plaque to Major G. Atkinson, the Commanding Officer of 8 Commando Light Battery, R.A., Dato Teo thanked the officers and men for their devoted service during their tour of duty in the past six months.

He said: "Although you are attached to the 42 Commando you have also to support the 40 Commando as well as the 1st. Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and 3rd Royal Green Jackets as well as 1st. Bn. Durham Light Infantry.

"This must make your duties more interesting and non-monotonous and I must commend you and your men for adapting themselves to the varieties of work so well, like ducks taking to water.

"In spite of your heavy duties, you have given civilians medical aid and assistance wherever possible and for this humanitarian work, you have earned the love and respect of the people in the longhouses and kampongs.

"I am sure they will miss your pleasant company when you leave us on the completion of your tour, and in order to express our gratitude I hope you will accept this plaque from the State Government of Sarawak and its people as a memento to remind you of your stay here.

"May I wish you God speed and a pleasant journey home."

Thanking the Minister for the plaques, the Commanding Officers expressed their gratitude for the kind remarks of the Minister and the hospitality and friendliness of the people here.

They hoped that efforts being made to bring an end to confrontation would succeed, but if they were needed to serve in Sarawak again they would welcome the opportunity.

In return, Lt. Col. Whiteley presented a Commando dagger, mounted on a stand by the Commandos themselves, to the Minister.

# MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES TO HELP RESTORE SIGHT OF BLIND BOY

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD IBAN BOY, WHO IS BLIND IN ONE EYE AND IS FAST LOSING THE SIGHT OF THE OTHER WAS FLOWN FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT TO KUALA LUMPUR ON TUESDAY, MAY 3 BY ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE COMMANDER MALAYSIAN TROOPS, SARAWAK, COLONEL ISMAIL IBRAHIM.

The boy, Martin anak Ngaih, comes from a border longhouse, Rumah Gandah, at Sungei Tandok in the Batu Lintang area of Second Division.

The plight of the boy was discovered by Caption Tony Loone of 1st. Bn. the Malaysia Rangers during the recent visit of Lieut. Col. Yusoff Abu Bakar, Commanding officer.

Captain Tony Loone took the Commanding Officer to see Martin at his longhouse, and Lieut. Col. Yusoff immediately arrange for his medical officer to examine Martin.

He then interviewed the boy's parents who agreed for Martin to be flown to Kuala Lumpur for an operation of the eyes if its was found to the necessary to save his sight.

The parents were most happy and expressed their gratefulness and appreciation to the Battalion and the Malaysian Armed Forces for their kind help. They have been told that unless specialist attention was given to the boys, eyes, the chances of his being able to keep his eye-sigh were very remote.

The Commander Malaysian Troops Sarawak, Colonel Ismail Ibrahim was then approached on the matter and readily gave his assent to fly Martin to Kuala Lumpur for examination by an eye specialist and possible operation to save his sight.

Martin was flown from Simanggang, Second Division to Kuching, on Monday and was examined by the Malaysian Armed Forces Medical Officer in Kuching Garrison.

Later in the afternoon, he went shopping with the wife of Colonel Ismail Ibrahim, Che Yang Sharifah, to purchase the necessary clothing to equip him for his journey to Kuala Lumpur, and his stay in the capital for treatment.

Martin left as scheduled on May 3 by RMAF Herald by kind permission of the Chief or Air Staff, Royal Malaysian Air Force.

He was accompanied by the Malaysia Armed Forces Pubic Relations Officer in Sarawak, and a soldier from 1st Bn. the Malaysia Rangers, Ranger Bala anak Basat, who knows the boy well and comes from the same village. Bala will remain with Martin to keep him company throughout the boy's stay in Kuala Lumpur.

Commander Malaysian Armed Forces Sarawak, Colonel Ismail Ibrahim and his wife saw Martin off Kuching airport on Tuesday.

# C.M DECLARES OPEN NEW DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING SIGN OF PROGRESS

SARAWAK HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS SINCE JOINING MALAYSIA, DECLARED THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN, LAST WEEK.

HE EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE FAIR AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION BY ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF THE COUNTRY.

The Chief Minister was speaking at the opening ceremony of the new \$25,000 Government District Office building at Gedong, Simunjan District, First Division.

He said: "Since I became Chief Minister, it had been my good fortune to have declared open several public buildings in Kuching as well as in outstation areas.



*The Chief Minister speaking at the ceremony. Seated on the dais immediately behind him are (from right) Councillor Md. Sujang bin Amin, Tua Kampong of Gedong; Inche Amin bin Haji Satem, District Officer, Simunjan; Mr Yao Ping Hua, Resident, First Division, and Mr Charles Ingka, Political Secretary to Chief Minister.*

"Each of these buildings represents a landmark in the progress which Sarawak is making since it became independent two years ago as a State in the Federation of Malaysia."

The Chief Minister stressed that the provision of new buildings, roads and other public amenities under the First Malaysia Plan was to raise the living standards of the people.

He added: "No one can deny that Sarawak has made significant progress since joining Malaysia. There is no denying the fact that it will continue to make better progress and the provision of public buildings attest to the fact that the Government is sincere in its promises.

"In our efforts to develop Sarawak it is the policy of the Government to see that there is fair and equal participation by all communities in the commerce and the industry of the country."

Touching on the scheme for Native participation in Sarawak's timber industry, announced recently, the Chief Minister said: "This is planned to give an equal opportunity for Natives to play as important a part as non-Natives in the development of the country and thus to reap their own rewards for their toil.

"A total area of over 210,000 acres have been ear-marked to be exploited under this Scheme in the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Divisions.

"A Forest Licence to work each area will be issued in due course to a specially formed limited liability company, the shareholders of which will comprise 30 per cent. Native and 30 per cent. non-Native persons. The remaining 40 per cent. will be taken up by a Government approved organisation and held by them for sale to other interested Natives who may wish to take up shares at a later date.

## **Rumours Spread By Subversive Elements**

"Priority will be given to the residents of the Division in which the forest area is located, and earnestly hope that the Natives of Sarawak will seize this opportunity given to them to participate in the country's timber industry.

"I am particularly mentioning this scheme because Government is aware of the rumours the subversive elements are now spreading to the effect that nothing was being done to help Natives in the fields of commerce and industry.

"To achieve their own political ends persons with ulterior motives are now going around stirring feelings against those who are already issued with licences by the Colonial Government to cut timber.

"I must emphasise that Government will not be compelled to revoke honourable contracts and bow down to unreasonable demands by sections of the population who choose to be misled.

“There is no room for mischief makers and those who believe their stories in this present society of ours, when we are trying to establish racial and communal harmony among people of all races.”

The Chief Minister went on to say that Sarawakians were proud of their age-old tradition of racial harmony. This was one of the proud heritage of the people of Sarawak whatever race they might belong to. And it was the duty of everyone in Sarawak to pass this heritage on untainted.

He added: “We have lived together as brothers in the same country, and must continue to live together as such.

“I am glad there is now a lull in confrontation and aggression in the border areas and I hope that this will be conducive to the efforts in several quarters to restore friendship between Malaysia and Indonesia.”

Finally, Dato Ningkan hoped that the new Indonesian leaders would soon find it was more to their advantage to call off confrontation and concentrate on the solution of the economic and social problems of their country.

# LIMBANG DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT: \$45,500 WORTH OF PROJECTS COMPLETED

MINOR RURAL PROJECTS VALUED AT \$45,500 WERE COMPLETED IN LIMBANG DISTRICT, FIFTH DIVISION, LAST YEAR.

THE PROJECTS, 32 IN NUMBER, INCLUDE JETTIES, MINOR ROADS, WALK AWAY JETTIES, BRIDGES AND WORK ON RIVER CLEARANCE. THIS IS STATED IN THE LIMBANG DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965. THE REPORT SAYS THAT ALL THE PROJECTS WERE UNDERTAKEN ON THE "GOTONG ROYONG" BASIS.

In addition, four badminton courts, worth \$3,500 were also built during the year under review.

A major project which has been set up in the District, the Pandaruan emergency Development Scheme, made considerable progress and to date, a school, a Co-operative store, rice mill, community hall, staff quarters and a temporary office have been completed in the scheme area.

A permanent water supply is under construction and work on the construction of houses for settlers is in progress.

The report says that the settlers themselves have constructed 72 kitchen units and also a football field near the community hall.

"They also work very hard on the construction of a drainage system for a padi scheme," the report adds.

It is hoped that about 180 families will eventually take part in the scheme.

On education, the report states that there are now 26 primary schools under the management of the local council.

There are three other primary schools in the District; two under the Roman Catholic Mission and one under the Chinese School Board Management.

Five of the schools, which have boarding facilities, are receiving assistance under the school feeding scheme.

"The introduction of P.E.M.S. in three schools is indeed a step forward in the field of education. The children, aged six and seven, are taught to converse in English and the result is remarkable," the report says.

This system of education for the lower primary will be introduced in four other schools this year.

On agricultural development the report says that various schemes were implemented during the year and are now progressing 'very well', the biggest being the Assistance to Padi Planting Scheme (APPS). Last year the APPS area increased by 547 acres.

Other projects included buffalo purchase and distribution, padi fertilizers subsidy, farmers course, fruit production and farm development and livestock subsidies which are producing encouraging results.

Another step forward in the advancement of agricultural pursuit in the District was the opening of the new Agricultural Station at Kubong. This replaces the existing Bangkita station which will be pulled down very soon as part of the town expansion.

The year under review also saw considerably progress in the co-operative movement.

Apart from the socio-economic progress of the district, a pleasing feature of 1965 in Limbang has been its growing popularity with important visitors, says the report.

During the year visits were made by the Governor, Federal and State Ministers and other important dignitaries, thus making Limbang "one of the foci of interests and not as hitherto alleged as part of the 'Forgotten Division'."

# MORE FARMERS PLANT PEPPER VINES

INCREASED PEPPER PRICES LAST YEAR ENCOURAGED MORE FARMERS, BOTH IBAN AND CHINESE, TO PLANT MORE PEPPER VINES ON SUITABLY SOIL. THIS, IN TURN, CONTRIBUTED TO A RISE IN THE PRICE OF BELIAN POLES.

This is stated in the Binatang District annual report for 1965.

With an area of more than 950 square miles, the Binatang District consists of two sub-districts, Matu and Daro; the majority of the population is Iban, Chinese, Malay and Melanau.

The report says that the District produced 7,069 piculs of white pepper and 30,159 piculs of black pepper during the year.

Other exports were: Rubber (smoke) 35,393 piculs and rubber (remilled) 16,191 piculs and sago flour, from Matu and Daro - 16,443 piculs.

During the year, Binatang produced 14,192 piculs of oranges, for consumption within Sarawak.

## Agricultural Schemes

Thirteen new areas, totalling 771 acres, were opened up during the year under the Assistance to Padi Planters' Scheme.

Under the Fruit Tree Subsidy Scheme - one of the most popular schemes - 33 units were approved and 720 durian and rambutan seedlings distributed.

The inland fishery projects has interested many Iban farmers. During the year, 30 ponds were in operation and one of the best ponds is found at Sungei Sian owned by people under the leadership of Penghulu Tuan. Ponds are still under construction.

Another popular scheme is the Coconut Planting Scheme. Last year a total of 900 acres was approved and 200 acres planted up. An area of about 5,000 acres has been ear-marked for the cultivation of the crop.

## Rubber Planting Scheme

A total of 150 acres was planted during the year under the Rubber Planting Scheme 'A'. In general, rubber gardens were fairly maintained and a total of \$14,262 was paid out to planters. A further 350 acres were approved during the year.

At the Ulu Meradong Land Development Scheme, work progressed steadily throughout the year although in the later part it was found extremely difficult to plough, terrace and hole properly owing to bad weather.

The Public Works Department's undertakings in the district during the year included the construction of several miles of roads and the supervision of major buildings' construction,

including that of the Rejang Teachers' Training College.

The Kelupu/Julau/Durin Road, about 33 miles long by the end of last year, has been opened to traffic, under permit, as far as Julau station.

Minor Rural Development Projects (approved expenditure \$61,000) implemented during the year included plankwalks, footbridges and a water storage tank.

On education, the report states that the Binatang District Council, in an attempt to improve the teaching standards in Council schools, terminated the services of six untrained teachers.

The Government Secondary School, opened at the beginning of the year, has boarding facilities.

On medical and health services, the report says that the number of patients showed a considerable increase during the year to 38,874. Work on the construction of a dispensary at Tekajong, Matu, was carried out during the year under review and was expected to be completed early this year.

The year under review also saw some transfers of land ownership from Natives to non-Natives. Native owners sold a total of 996.46 acres of land to non-Natives.

# HOUSE LOTS IN THE VILLAGES OF SIBURAN, BERATOK AND TAPAH - TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEASES ANNOUNCED

THE GOVERNMENT LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEASES FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE VILLAGES OF SIBURAN, BERATOK AND TAPAH WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RESETTLED IN THESE VILLAGES.

Lots are each approximately one quarter of an acre in area. For many it will be the first occasion on which they have owned land in Sarawak.

The householders have already been given grants of \$1,500 each to build their houses, but the land is still State land.

Leases will be ready for issue in the next few weeks,. Premium and rental to be charged is based on the value of the land and has been fixed as follows:- Siburan -\$350; Beratok -\$275 and Tapah -\$250.

The actual amounts will be subject to minor variations taking into account the location of lots within the village, etc.

The premium may be paid by seven instalments over a period of six years. The first payment will be made when the leases are issued and subsequent instalments will be due on the 1st January, 1967, and on each 1st January thereafter until full payment has been made.

Those wishing or able to do so may pay the premium by a single payment. Payment by instalments will be subject to 5 per cent. interest.

Annual rent will be charged approximately as follows:-

Siburan, \$14; Beratok, \$11, and Tapah \$10.

Rent for 1966 will be payable on the issue of the lease, and thereafter will be due on the 1st January each year.

In addition survey fees of approximately \$45 per lot will be payable. Leases will be for a term of 60 years.

The leases will contain special conditions requiring that the land be used only for residential purposes. This does not, of course, preclude the use of land within the residential lot for vegetable, fruit and poultry.

Another condition will forbid the transfer of the lease without the consent in writing of the Resident, First Division. It will also be required that any alterations to existing buildings shall be approved by the Local Authority and be completed within one year of the granting of approval.

# 'LEARN THE VALUE OF INDEPENDENCE', ADVISES MINISTER

THE Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman bin Abang Moasili, said recently that people of an independent nation should change their outlook on life which they had during the colonial rule.

HE SAID THAT AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOW REALISE THAT THEY WERE OF THE SAME STATUS AS OTHER INDEPENDENT NATIONS IN THE WORLD. THEREFORE, IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THEM TO KNOW THE VALUE OF INDEPENDENCE AND WHAT THEY COULD GAIN FROM IT.

The Minister said this when he addressed four meet-the-people sessions at Kampong Moya, Kampong Nonok, Kampong Semera and Kampong Jamukan, during his visit to the coastal villages of the First Division last week-end.

He added: "Knowing that we are an independent nation, we should be proud of our status, and with the spirit of independence I am sure you are prepared to work hard for the betterment of your own people and your nation as a whole."

However, the Minister reminded the people that although they now hold the same status as other independent nations, they still lag behind in various fields compared with other developed, independent nations.

He urged them that in order to catch up with the progress of the developed nations, the people here must be prepared to work harder hand in hand with the Government in its efforts to uplift people's living standards.

It was mainly towards achieving this goal that the Alliance Government was spending millions of dollars for various development projects, so that independence would bring real benefit to the people.

The Minister stressed that those large amounts of money would become valueless if it was not used appropriately and without the co-operation and initiative of the people themselves.

## Priority to Needy Areas

Touching on the current development plan, the Minister urged the people to actively participate in the various projects provided by the Government.

However, he advised the people to be patient if the Government could not attend to their requests or proposals immediately, because the Government must carefully consider all requests or proposals before accepting them.

He said that Sarawak was a large State and in carrying out the development projects the Government should distribute them equally throughout the State, by giving priority to the needy areas.

The Minister also told the people, especially the Bumiputras to emulate the enterprise of their Chinese brethren in their effort to uplift their own living standard.

He told the Natives not to be jealous of the progress achieved by the Chinese over many years, and added that what was now being enjoyed by them was the result of their own hard work.

“What had been achieved by the Chinese in our country should be taken as an example that hard work will bring us a bright future. Never hesitate to ask for advice and help from them,” the Minister said.

## **Adult Education**

Touching on the adult education classes, the Minister told the people that the object was to eliminate illiteracy among the people, especially in the rural areas.

He urged the people to attend the adult education classes, provided free by the Government, as part of the rural development plan.

It was important for them to know how to read and write if they wished to keep themselves abreast of developments, the Minister added.

On his three-day tour of the coastal villages, the Minister was accompanied by the District Officer, Kuching, Wan Ali, and the Assistant Secretary, Abang Ahmad.

He first visited Sungai Batu, near Santubong, where he declared open an adult education class attended by about 100 students.

On arrival there the Minister was given a rousing welcome by about 300 residents of the kampong, who lined up along the route.

In the afternoon, and his party proceeded to Moyan, where a similar welcome by hundreds of people, including the Tua Kampong, councillors and representatives from the Iban and Chinese communities awaited them.

The next day the Minister visited Nonok. About 500 people of all races turned up to greet the Minister and his party.

He was welcomed by a Hadzrah band at the Chinese School where he held a meet-the-people session. Here the Minister told those present about the work of his Ministry.

## **Grand Welcome**

Later in the afternoon the Minister left Nonok for Semera. At Semera, he was received by the Chairman of the Lower Sadong District Council, Mr Lim Teng Kee and Councillor Tua Kampong Bojeng as well as over 2,000 residents of the kampong.

The Minister then inspected the kampong followed by two groups of Hadzrah bands and hundreds of kampong people.

Along the route passed by the Minister, beautifully decorated arches were erected to welcome him and his party.

At a meet-the-people session held at the old school building, the Minister thanked the people for organising such a grand welcome for him.

At the same function, the Tua Kampong and Councillor Bojeng assured the Minister that their people would stand solidly behind the Government and assured him that they were ready to sacrifice even their own lives to defend the nation.

In the evening the Minister was entertained at a community dinner given by the various people of the Kampong, and attended by about 100 guests.

At the dinner the Minister proposed a toast for the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. The dinner was followed by a Gendang Party, which was also attended by many kampong people.

Before returning to Kuching on Monday, May 9, the Minister paid a brief visit to Kampong Jamukan. Here too he was given a rousing welcome by the kampong residents.

# MINISTER DECLARES OPEN ADULT EDUCATION SCHOOL

EDUCATION has a very important role to play in the life of the people and toward building of a strong and united nation. Spreading education to reach the people in every part of the country not only involved spending a lot of money, but also requires careful planning and hard work by competent and dedicated staff.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, DATO ABANG OTHMAN BIN ABANG HAJI MOASILI, WHEN HE DECLARED OPEN AN ADULT EDUCATION SCHOOL AT SUNGEI BATU, FIRST DIVISION.

The Minister said that the Alliance Government in its sincere desire to help the people had spared no effort to provide facilities to enable every citizen to learn to read and write.

He added: "The latest contribution of the government in this respect has been the abolition of primary school fees. As an extension of education services, adult education classes are now being rapidly expanded to assist those who have not had the good fortune to complete their studies in their younger days or perhaps did not even have the opportunity to attend school."

The Minister went on to say that the main objective of adult education was not to enable anyone to change his or her vocation, but to help understand better what went on around them as they went about their daily tasks.

He said: "Learning to read and write will help to introduce you to new and better ideas and to express your thoughts more clearly. In this way, you are able to understand and appreciate how your government functions and to contribute your due share to strengthen both the State and the Nation. At the same time, learning to do simple arithmetic and calculation will help you to plan and improve your existing vocation.

## A Patient Process

"Acquiring knowledge is a patient process. It is likened to taking your three meals a day. You cannot eat your week's requirement in one day and go without for the rest of the week. In learning, you will find that the more you read, the more you forget; but the more you forget the more you have to read. In this process, all you need is to divert your usual leisure hours to reading which I am sure you will find not only beneficial but interesting. What you learn here will, I am sure, assist you in dealing with reading material - however simple."

Finally, the Minister hoped that the adults would take full advantage of the facility for learning and ensure that they were not left behind in a fast changing society.

"The means is being provided for you by the Government; it is up to you to see that you see it to the full," he concluded.

# PENGARAH RAHUN RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

AT A SIMPLE CEREMONY AT DISTRICT OFFICE, SERIAN, ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1966, THE RESIDENT, FIRST DIVISION, MR YAO PING HUA, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG, PRESENTED A CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO PENGARAH RAHUN ANAK DEBAK, TO MARK HIS PROMOTION FROM ORANG KAYA PEMANCHA TO PENGARAH.

Presenting the certificate, the Resident said:

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Pengarah Rahun anak Debak on his promotion to the post of Pengarah which is made entirely on the basis of individual merit and for the purpose of enhancing the status of particular outstanding individual. I am well aware of the excellent work done by Pengarah Rahun ak Debak during the past years both as Orang Kaya Pemancha and District Councillor. He therefore deserves the promotion.

"I understand that since your appointment as Pengarah, you have travelled extensively in the Serian District. This is a right thing to do, which enables you to keep constant personal contact with your people, understand their problems and give them advice and assistance whenever necessary. I would urge the Orang2 Kampong and Land Dayaks in the Serian District not only to respect Pengarah Rahun but also to support and co-operate with him.

"I have confidence in you, Pengarah Rahun anak Debak, and expect you to carry on with your good work with courage and determination, and to set good examples to the younger people. We, the older people, have the duty of rearing younger people who will take their places of responsibility in society. We need to be dedicated to our task of nurture, encouragement and guidance. Dedication is the best guarantee against negligence of duty.

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I now, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, present this Certificate of Appointment to Pengarah Rahun anak Debak."

Accepting the Certificate, Pengarah Rahun thanked the Government for his promotion appealed to Orang2 Kaya pemancha, Tua Kampongs and the public to co-operate with him and the Government.

# SESCO AND UNION SIGN JOINT AGREEMENT

A JOINT Industrial Council Agreement was signed on Saturday, May 14, 1966, between the Management of Sarawak Electricity Supply Corporation and SESCO Employees Union at an informal ceremony held in SESCO'S Board Room at Electra House, Kuching.

SPEECHES AT THE CEREMONY WERE DELIVERED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF SESCO., MR V.L. PORRITY; THE PRESIDENT OF SESCO EMPLOYEES' UNION, INCHE NARAWI BIN DOLLAH, MR FOO TECK YEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SESCO., MR T'EN KUEN FOH, DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Mr Porritt in his speech represented "a significant advance in Management and Union relations as it lays down a method of

working for the two parties which should do much to eradicate stresses which have arisen in the past."

He hoped the Joint Council would serve to underline and bring into focus that the objectives of both Management and Union were ultimately the same and that the Joint Council Agreement would not only assist in achieving their mutual objectives, but also set a standard for a harmonious Management Union relationship which other organisations would wish to emulate.

The President of SESCO Employees' Union, Inche Narawi bin Dollah, thanked the members of the Joint Industrial Council and congratulated the chairman for the successful negotiation.

He said that as elected President of the Union which represented the majority of the employees in SESCO, he was glad "at long last that we have formed successfully this Joint Negotiating Machinery which is based on The Whitely Principles."

He expressed confidence that the existing mutual understanding and goodwill between the Management and the Staff of the Corporation would yet grow in time and help to resolve all problems of mutual interests to the satisfaction of both sides.

## 'Historic' Occasion'

The Commissioner of Labour, Mr Foo Teck Yen, described the occasion as "historic." He said: "This is the first Joint Industrial Council of its kind formed in the State by an Employer and Union outside the Government service.

"Congratulations are due to both the Management of SESCO and the Union for having achieved agreement and taken the lead in providing constitutional means of consultation and negotiations and of settling differences and grievances with a view to promoting industrial relations. This is what we call 'industrial self determination.'

Mr Foo said that the Constitution which was signed provided the norms for regulating the conduct and relations of both parties in the process of attaining the common objectives.

“Given sincerity, tolerance, and the spirit of give and take, it will work well and you will undoubtedly set a good example of cordial and happy employer/employee relations for other employers to emulate,” he concluded.

The chairman of SESCO, Mr T'en Kuan Foh, in his speech commented on the Council's functions. He said they were:

- \* Negotiation on terms and conditions of employment generally applicable to employee of the Sarawak Electricity Supply Corporation in the State of Sarawak.
- \* Consultation on the best means of utilising the ideas and experiences and to securing the co-operation of the employees with a view to achieving maximum productivity and efficiency and giving the employees a greater share in and responsibility for the determination and observance of the conditions under which their duties are performed.
- \* Consultation on matters affecting the well-being of the employees, e.g. the improvement of working conditions, the observance of safety rules and the provision of welfare and other amenities.
- \* Establishment and review of procedure for dealing with individual grievances.
- \* Establishment and review of procedure for the settlement of differences between both sides in the Corporation.
- \* Discussion on any matter affecting the joint effort of the Management and the employees to secure efficiency in the working of the Sarawak Electricity Supply Corporation and the well-being of its employees.

## **Productivity and Efficiency**

The Chairman added: “To my mind, each function is complementary to the other. For instance, terms and conditions of employment are related to productivity and efficiency. Similarly provision of welfare and other amenities depends on funds earned through productivity and efficiency. The well-being of personnel which is improved by elimination of grievances is also dependent on attractive terms and conditions of service which in turn are dependent on productivity and efficiency.

“I specifically mention the inter-dependence of the function of the Council as real progress can be made only if the Council through its signatories fulfils all the functions laid down.

“Attention solely on productivity and efficiency by Management without due regard to terms of conditions of service and staff welfare leads to discontent. Attention solely to terms and conditions of service and staff welfare by union without regard to productivity and efficiency leads to rising costs in our case at the expense of the community.

“The Council sets out to secure and indeed imposes on both Management and Union the responsibility of furthering the customary obligation of the other party.

“The ideal for any community is productivity rising at a somewhat faster rate than costs leading to increased purchasing power of the monetary system in force, a rising standard of living, reductions in cost of consumer goods, services and amenities, and a stable economy.

“In this context SESCO as the instrument of State Government providing electricity to the public has a very important role as it must provide attractive terms and conditions of service and at the same time ensure that the cost of electricity is gradually reduced through increasing efficiency in all its operations.”

Finally, the chairman hoped that the Joint Council which marked the advent of a new area in the relationship between the Management and Union would provide the means of resolving what could often be conflicting interests of Management and Union to the advantage of staff and consumers who have to meet the cost of the service they provided.

# Pictures of The Week



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE SHOW:

1. His Excellency the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, as Patron of the Sarawak Branch of the Malaysian Red Cross Society inspecting the parade held last week to observe the World Red Cross Day. Accompanied by the Asst. Director of the Sarawak Red Cross, Mr Yeo Seng Kee (right), the Governor is seen inspecting the parade; Senator William Tan, Branch Chairman and Mr Tan Nyit Chin (seen behind).
2. At a ceremony in the Kuching Municipal Council Chamber recently six Girl Guides were awarded the All-Round Cord. Guide Chang Yaw Ling of Simanggang is seen here receiving her Cord from Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, Patron of the Movement; centre is Mrs Lilian Wong, State Commissioner of Girl Guides.
3. Dato Teo Kui Seng recently presented Sarawak shields to Lieut-Col P.J.F. Whiteley, O.B.E., Commanding Officer of 42 Commando Royal Marines, and Major G. Atkinson, O.C., 8 Commando Light Battery, Royal Artillery, (5) at a ceremony in the Chief Minister's office prior to the units' departure from Sarawak.
4. The Federal Minister of Lands and Mines, Inche Abdul Rahman bin Yakub recently paid a brief visit to the Fourth Division where he toured the Lambir Land Development Scheme.
6. Chegu Aminah Syed Abdullah, Secretary of the Women's Institutes in Mersing, Johore, who early this month spent two weeks in Miri, on vacation conducted cookery classes, at the request of the local W.I members. and
7. Men of the 1st Bn Malaysia Rangers on arrival in the First Division by helicopter from H.M.S. Albion.

# MINISTER PRESENTS PLAQUE TO 32 FIELD SQN.

THE Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman on Thursday, May 19, 1966, presented, on behalf of the State Government and the people of Sarawak, a Sarawak Shield to the 32 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers at the Chief Minister's office.

Making the presentation to the Commanding Officer of the Squadron, Major A.G. Steel, Dato Abang Othman said that he noted with pride the many and varied duties the men of the Squadron had performed particularly in the provision of essential services such as living accommodation, water, lighting as well as construction of roads.

He added he was pleased to note that the people in the local kampongs had had the opportunity to play their own part. They had co-operated with the Malaysian Engineers of the 1st and 4th Squadrons on several occasions and that showed how well the men of the Squadron had fared in the discharge of their duties.

"The service that you and your men have taken the trouble during your spare time to provide to the local community such as erecting the lighting of the tennis courts at the Sacred Heart School in Sibul and in bringing cheer to the Salvation Army Children's Home in the form of Christmas party and boat trip to Bako National park will long be remembered by all those concerned," said the Minister.

In replying to the Minister's tribute, Major Steel said that the Squadron which came direct from England felt very proud to have been associated in the defence of Sarawak as well as helping Sarawak which, he said, they would always cherish. He also praised the Malaysian Security Forces for their co-operation.

The Squadron's Regimental plaque presented to the Sarawak Museum by the Commanding Officer was received by the Minister on behalf of the Museum.

The Squadron which had served in Sarawak for the past nine months left on Friday for England.

# SARIKEI CHINESE LOYALTY TO MALAYSIA GROWS

LOYALTY to Malaysia and confidence in the Government by Chinese, including youths, in the Sarikei District of the Third Division is now growing fast.

THIS IS STATED IN THE SARIKEI ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965.

THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE 13 CLANDESTINE COMMUNIST ORGANISATION MEMBERS IN THE 'WANTED LIST' SURRENDERED THEMSELVES VOLUNTARILY, IS A SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF THE TREND, THE REPORT SAYS.

There was a remarkable improvement in the general political situation in the district during the year, particularly in the Foochow areas, and the people have begun to realise the advantages of a democratic system of Government.

This has resulted in the relaxation and finally the lifting of the curfew which was imposed since November 1963.

During the year, 2,474 applications for registration of Malaysian citizenship were received in Sarikei. Most of these applicants were Foochow and Cantonese.

A total of 1,276 citizenship certificates were granted during the year.

The year also saw another improvement in the security situation in the Lower Rejang. Most of the Malay detainees who were involved in the Paloh incident in 1963 and subsequently released, appeared to be repentant of their past clandestine activities.

The report observes that as a result of the improvement in the road system Sarikei has now become a "District of convenience."

People from Roban and Saratok, in the Second Division, and Julau and Pakan from the Kanowit District, Third Division, prefer to come down to Sarikei for medical treatment and trading.

Some of the bazaars in these places experienced hardships and "it would not be long before they become ghost towns of the Old West."

## Development Projects

The District had a fair share of the Minor Rural Development Projects. One big project was approved - the Sungei Bapa Bridge at kampong Rejang - costing \$10,000. Unfortunately, however, this bridge was badly damaged in the latter part of the year by a vessel, rendering the bridge practically useless.

One children's playground at Jerijeh and the other at Belawai, each costing \$1,200 were completed. A plankwalk at kampong Sarikei, 525 feet in length, and costing \$1,400 was also completed on the gotong royong basis.

In addition, 10 landing ramps at various longhouses were built at a cost of \$5,000.

Besides these projects, three Adult Education classes were established - at Kampong Paloh, Belawai and Sungei Petai.

On Dayak affairs, the report says land disputes had increased due to Ibans disposing their land to Chinese. As a result, there is a shortage of farming land.

Some houses near the coastal areas have applied for land to plant coconut but delay in implementing these proposals was experienced as the Lands as Surveys Department was in no position to survey individual applications.

As the price of pepper was on the increase many Iban under Penghulu Gimán began to plant pepper with the assistance of loans from Sarawak Development Finance Corporation.

The harvest during the year could be regarded as good and no reports of bad harvests were received.

## Pepper Production

The increase of pepper prices coupled with the favourable yields of the crop during the year had brought considerable financial gain to pepper growers in the district.

The increased price level had also created a greater incentive for the farmers to plant more. About 200,000 new vines were planted during the year. It is expected that the production of pepper in Sarikei will be doubled by 1968.

Other agricultural activities include the various Government subsidised schemes. Under the Coconut Planting Scheme, a total of 8,420 coconut seedlings were issued to scheme participants during the year; in addition, \$26,009 was spent on the scheme.

The Assistance to Padi Planters Scheme was introduced in the district during the year. Of the participants, 100 were Malays and 92 Ibans.

Slow progress in the drainage and clearing of land was encountered during the initial stage of the work which prevented the scheme from being implemented with satisfactory progress, and because of this only 98 acres could be cultivated - by 66 Iban farmers.

Fifty-six fish ponds were constructed during the year.

## Rubber Planting

An area of 1,444 acres was planted up with rubber under the Rubber Planting Scheme 'A'; this represents about 96 per cent. of the approved new planting target in the district for the year. A 100 per cent. target was achieved in replanting - which was 325.75 acres.

The Meradong Land Development Scheme is believed to be the best Land Development

Scheme in the country. When the scheme is completed it is hoped to accommodate 500 families, drawn from the various races in the district.

Phase I covering an area of 642 acres was completed in March and Phase II of 1,900 acres was completed in December.

Trade in the district increased slightly during the year and the work on revaluation of annual rateable value of properties was carried out satisfactorily.

The year under review also saw an increase in sporting activities: the regatta, held in conjunction with the Malaysia Day celebrations was a tremendous success bringing a net profit of more than \$15,000.

The Sarikei District Council implemented many projects in 1965, including the construction of a new market and a Child and Welfare Clinic, costing more than \$131,000.

# NEW JULAU POWER STATION DECLARED OPEN

THERE IS NOW AN EVER INCREASING AWARENESS BY GOVERNMENT AND BY THE DWELLER IN THE LARGER TOWNS THAT THE BASIC ECONOMY AND LIVELIHOOD OF THE STATE, WHICH IS STILL PREDOMINANTLY AGRICULTURAL, IS DEPENDENT TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE RURAL AREAS.

This was stated by Dato Pengarah Banyang, MP, on Saturday, August 13, 1966, when he declared open a new \$50,000 power station and electricity distributing network at Julau, Third Division.

Dato Pengarah Banyang was welcomed at the ceremony by the District Manager of SESCo at Sibul, Mr A.J. Myers, on behalf of Mr Thomas Kana, MP who was originally scheduled to speak. Mr Kana was unable to be present as he was away on official duties.

In declaring the power station open, Dato Pengarah Banyang said:

"I have often felt that we in the more rural areas have been by-passed by time and progress and that any changes are slow and barely perceptible.

"Today, in a small way, I stand corrected at least as far as Julau is concerned. Now linked by road to Sarikei and Binatang albeit a ferry is involved at our doorstep, with a Secondary School being built on the outskirts of Julau at least are no longer able to claim that development and progress have passed us by.

"And it is on those thoughts that I say the honour of being here today is all mine as like the road, this ceremony today provides visible evidence of progress in our midst.

"It is also a pleasant thought that despite the obvious economic problems which provision of public services and the trappings of progress entail in the more rural areas, there is now ever increasing awareness by Government and by the dweller in the larger towns that the basic economy and livelihood of the State, which is still predominantly agricultural, is dependent to a large extent on the rural areas.

## Prevent Drift of Population

"And thus any measures which prevent or slow down the drift of population from the rural areas to the larger towns benefit the State. I think you will agree with me that providing public services, wherever it is possible to do so, is one method of achieving this. However, the amount of capital to carry out such work will remain an insoluble problem and perforce actual progress has to be regulated to what funds can be made available to which as we all know there is a limit. The path has to be sure and certain and hence the development plans laid down for the State."

Finally, Dato Pengarah Banyang said that SESCo would receive full co-operation from the residents of Julau as it was to their mutual benefit to ensure that the electricity supply system there flourished so that they could look forward to longer hours of supply and the same electricity charges ad larger stations operated by SESCo.

## GROUP CAPTION CHESHIRE V.C. FLIES IN TO HELP START LOCAL CHESHIRE HOME

GROUP Captain G.L. Cheshire V.C., founder of the Cheshire Homes for the handicapped, arrived in Kuching on Tuesday, May 10 from Singapore to look into the possibility of starting a Cheshire Home in Kuching.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT, GROUP CAPTAIN CHESHIRE SAID THAT THE PROPOSED HOME HERE WOULD BE RUN ON LINES SIMILAR TO THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

He said a committee has already been formed in Kuching to undertake the preliminaries concerning the establishment of the

Home; he had come to see how the committee had progressed, and to meet them personally.

A piece of land was now available and it was a question of when to begin building, said Group Captain Cheshire.

"The usual policy is to do it bit by bit, and increase as we go along," he added.

He said the sort of patients the Home would take in included those suffering from chronic diseases, paralysed young people and those suffering from heart ailments.

"It must be someone who do need some amount of nursing; above all the patient must have a home life and a place where he or she would be able to stay and taken care of, so they could do something useful - those are the objects of the Home," said Group Captain Cheshire.



Picture shows Group Captain Cheshire calling on the Governor. Looking on is Mr Alan Lim, Chairman of the Cheshire Home Committee.

He added that the Home would need one trained person in Sarawak and the rest need not necessarily be trained persons, for not much nursing ability was needed.

Group Captain Cheshire commented that a trained person from Australia, New Zealand or England could become a matron for the first time and could probably be replaced by a local trained nurse.

He also disclosed that there were 85 Cheshire Homes all over the world.

On arrival at the airport, Group Captain Cheshire was met by representatives of various charitable organisations in Kuching.

## **Calls on Governor**

On Tuesday morning, he called on the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg at the Astana; the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and the Chairman of the Social Welfare Council, Dato Dr M. Sockalingam.

He had lunch with the State Secretary, and Datin G.A.T. Shaw.

In the evening, he attended a reception at the Aurora Hotel Rose Room given by the Shell Marketing Co. of Borneo Limited.

On Wednesday, Group Captain Cheshire visited the proposed site for the Cheshire Home and later called on the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman bin Abang Haji Moasili.

He then addressed the Kuching Rotary Club and in the afternoon, had tea at Officers' Mess R.A.F. to meet representatives of commercial houses and local benefactors-to-be.

## **Short Biographical Sketch**

Group captain Geoffrey Leonard Cheshire was born on September 17, 1917, in Chester, England.

He was the elder of two sons. He studied law at the Oxford University where he joined the University Air Squadron as Pilot Officer, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in 1937. He then obtained a permanent commission as pilot officer in the Royal Air Force and soon established himself as a determined bomber pilot. He flew several successful bombing missions over Germany during the last war, and was awarded the Distinguished Service order and later the Distinguished Flying Cross in 'recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty' in the execution of air operations.

He was promoted Acting Group Captain in 1943 and at 25 became the youngest Group Captain then in the R.A.F.; the Bar to his D.S.O. was gazetted in April 1943. He received the Second Bar to his D.S.O. in April 1944.

He flew over 100 intrepid bombing missions against the enemy in Europe and was gazetted recipient of the Victoria Cross in September 1944.

He was then transferred to the Eastern Air Command and thence sent to Washington to be attached to the plans section of the R.A.F. delegation in the U.S.A.

From there he went to the Marianas Islands in the Pacific with Dr (later Sir) William Penney, the British atomic scientist to fly as R.A.F. observer to watch the American B-29 bomber drop the world's second atomic and first plutonium bombs on Nagasaki. It was Cheshire's last operation.

Author Russel Braddon, in his biography of Cheshire says: "in the split second of nuclear fission came the greatest moment of truth in his life. Now inevitably, Cheshire the supremely efficient man of war, the much decorated hero of one hundred mortal raids against the enemy, became Cheshire the crusader of peace."

Group Captain Cheshire married Miss Sue Ryder, who distinguished herself helping survivors liberated from Nazi concentration camps and other war victims. They have two children.

## Origin of Cheshire Homes

In May 1948 Group Captain Cheshire came across an old man during of cancer whom no one wanted and who was about to be discharged from hospital. After trying very hard to find somewhere else for him to go, but without success, he took him into his own house and nursed him until he died. In the course of doing this, he discovered others who were in much the same situation, and he took them in too turning the house into a home for the incurably sick or permanently disabled.

This was the beginning of a mission for the relief of suffering which, thanks to the help and support of a great many people the world over, has expanded ever since, so that there are now Cheshire Homes in the United Kingdom, India, Malaya, Nigeria, the Republic of Ireland, Jordan, Sierra Leone, Morocco, Hong Kong, Ethiopia, Portugal, Ceylon, Thailand and Mauritius.

# STATE GUIDE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting of the State Guide Council was held on Tuesday, May 3, at the Kuching Municipal Chambers. Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, Girl Guide's Patron attended. The Minister for Local Government, Dato Dunstan Endawie, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman.

In his address, the Minister said: "The Girl Guide movement has, without doubt, done very good work amongst our fair sex in order to enable them to develop character and personality and so equip them more confidently to make their proper contribution to the future progress of our country.

"Your Council, under the able leadership of the President and her Committee members, has a heavy responsibility to discharge to ensure that the movement develops in tune with the changing times and equips itself to meet the challenge of nation building. The record of your brother organisation - the Boys Scouts - I would like to see organised youth activity extend further into the rural areas and become more closely associated with development activity in the countryside.

"If we could extend the standard of community service that youth movements have established in the towns to rural areas, a major contribution would have been made to our development effort.

"The Guide movement is an international one. It caters for young girls in the same way as the Boys Scouts movement does in scouting. I am sure if our younger generation is brought up in the spirit of the Guides and Scouts, the success and prospects of our nation will be assured. On this, it is my pleasant duty to congratulate all of you here who are concerned in one way or another with the movement, for the invaluable service you are rendering to society and your country.

"Last, but not least, I can assure you of keen interest my ministry will continue to take in the future progress of your movement and that every encouragement and assistance possible will be given."

# WORLD RED CROSS DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Sarawak Branch of the Malaysian Red Cross Society celebrated the World Red Cross Day on Sunday, May 8, 1966, by holding a parade on the Kuching Central Padang.

THE PARADE WAS ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG, WHO IS PATRON OF THE SARAWAK BRANCH OF THE MALAYSIAN RED CROSS. HE TOOK THE SALUTE DURING THE MARCH PAST.

In his address, the Governor said: "It is a very great pleasure to me in being able to participate in the World Red Cross Day Cel-

ebrations organised by the Sarawak Branch of the Malaysian Red Cross Society.

"As you all know, the Sarawak Red Cross was established some 18 years ago, and throughout this period I am proud to have been able to associate myself with its development and progress.

"Today's parade tells us eloquently the success story of the Red Cross Movement in Sarawak, and I am immensely gratified to know that the Red Cross activities are being participated by all races in Sarawak without discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions.

"This is indeed as what the Branch Chairman has just said, 'a true sense of unity of the people of Sarawak in charitable undertaking.' It is my belief that the Sarawak Red Cross has not only successfully contributed its share in humanitarian work in this country, but also helped to disseminate goodwill and sincerity of purpose among all races in Sarawak.

"I would like to take this opportunity to convey to all Red Cross members and volunteers connected with the Red Cross Movement throughout Sarawak my warm appreciation of their enthusiasm in carrying out relief work to human suffering and of their dedication to the cause of humanity.

"Mr Chairman, may I, on behalf of the people of Sarawak, extend to your Organisation their heartfelt congratulations for the admirable work which the Sarawak Red Cross has been doing for the past 18 years.

"I would like, before I conclude, to take this opportunity to appeal to all members of the public to give their spontaneous support to the Sarawak Red Cross in its expansion programme. World Red Cross is a day for renewed resolution, to make the world a better place to live in for all our fellowmen."

## Red Cross Principles

Senator William Tan, Chairman of Sarawak Branch of the Malaysian Red Cross Society who also spoke at the parade outlined the principles of the Red Cross.

He said: "The Red Cross, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours, in its international and national capacity to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, co-operation and lasting peace amongst all people.

"It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours only to relieve suffering, giving priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

"In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Red Cross may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

"The Red Cross is independent. The National Societies while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with Red Cross principles.

"The Red Cross is a voluntary relief organisation not prompted in any manner by desire for gain."

Concluding, the Chairman said: "Today, I am very happy and honoured to be associated with the first organised celebration of World Red Cross Day by a Branch of the Malaysian Red Cross Society. All Red Cross supporters and well-wishers in Sarawak would no doubt wish to join me in paying tribute to the memory of Monsieur Dunant, the Father of the Red Cross Movement throughout the world."

# 'FRIEND OF SARAWAK', TUN RAZAK, FETED - Praises Peoples' Loyalty

THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES IN SARAWAK, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING CLOSE TO THE BORDER, HAVE SHOWN PRAISEWORTHY COURAGE AND LOYALTY AND HAVE STOOD BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT IN FACING ENEMY THREATS.

This is was stated by the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, in Kuching on Wednesday when he spoke at an All-Community Reception held in his honour at the Sarawak Club.

Tun Razak also had a word of praise for Malaysia's Armed Forces and thanked the Commonwealth Forces for having assisted them "to get the better of the enemy".

He declared: "We will always be proud of this. I wish all our people would always be loyal and united."

Urging the people to always live in harmony, Tun Razak said: "Malaysia is a multi-racial country and it belongs to all of us. There are enough resources for everyone and there is no reason why everyone should not get a share.



*Tun Razak at the First Malaysia Rangers' Camp at Lundu, First Division. Picture shows the Tun Shaking hands with one of the Rangers. Immediately behind him (on left) is the Commander of the Battalion, Lt. Col. Yusuf. Looking on (centre) is a Sergeant Major.*

“We should do all we can to strengthen unity and friendship among the various races. The future of our country depends on this, and all our efforts will be of no use unless we can achieve racial unity. This is the basis for the happiness of our country.”

Earlier the Tun said: “It is the wish of the Central Government that the establishment of Malaysia should bring with it peace, happiness and prosperity to our peoples of various races. I have come here as a friend to assist you in the achievement of these objects.”

Thanking the Chairman of the All-Community Reception Committee, Dato Wee Hood Teck, for describing him as “a friend of Sarawak”, Tun Razak said: “Unfortunately, however, since Malaysia we had to face confrontation by a bigger and stronger neighbour. During the last three years all our efforts and resources had to be devoted in meeting this confrontation”.

## TUN CUTS SHORT HIS TOUR

THE Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak cut short his scheduled tour of Sarawak to return to Kuala Lumpur as there was a possibility of a meeting with Indonesian leaders in the next few days.

Tun Razak left Kuching on Thursday morning. He said he would be consulting his cabinet colleagues on the matter.

He told newsmen at a Press conference at the airport that the idea was to hold a foreign ministers’ meeting first, followed by a meeting of heads of states.

The opening of the New Village at the Skrang Land Development Scheme on Thursday was performed by the Federal Minister of Social Services, Tuan Haji Abdul Hamid Khan. (A full report of the opening ceremony will be published in the next issue).

Tun Razak emphasises that Malaysia had no intention of being an enemy of anyone, and only wished to be able to live in peace to lead its own way of life. He said that if confrontation came to an end, Malaysia as a young nation still had many problems to face and had many things to do.

During the three years of confrontation the people of Sarawak, especially those living in the outlying areas, were anxious for changes in their way of life and to improve their standards of living. It was, therefore, the duty of everyone to bring about the changes desired by the people. He added that he had discussed with the Chief Minister and his colleagues and his officers the machinery in Sarawak to carry out development to meet the desires of our people.

He said: “We have not been able to do very much for them, but I hope that with the easing of confrontation we will be able to concentrate more on development and show to our people that Malaysia could bring changes for the better. The Central Government are doing everything we can.”

Tun Razak then went on to say that the same measure of development that had been carried out in West Malaysia could be achieved in East Malaysia too. He said that he was very happy to see peoples of various races in Sarawak mixing happily together.

Urging the people to always live in harmony, Tun Razak said: "Malaysia is a multi-racial country and it belongs to all of us. There is enough resources for everyone and there is no reason why everyone should not get a share.

"We should do all we can to strengthen unity and friendship among the various races. The future of our country depends on this, and all our efforts will be of no use unless we can achieve racial unity. This is the basis for the future happiness of our country."

The Tun then issued a warning against those who try to split the people and said: "If there is racial trouble everyone will suffer and none will benefit. The cardinal policy of the Alliance Government is to promote unity. We feel that in order to bring about racial unity it will take time, but we are determined to bring that about and to make our Nation into one united whole.

"I do hope you will all assist us to achieve our objective. We belong to one country and we are all one people - Malaysians. You are all very close to our hearts in Kuala Lumpur, and I hope that you will also feel that we are close to you. Our national capital Kuala Lumpur should belong to all of us. If Malaysia does not succeed, Sarawak also will fail. You must learn to put national interest beyond everything else. The Central Government belongs to all of us and therefore it is the duty of all of us to help the Central Government which is our government."

Finally, Tun Razak urged Malaysians that while they carried out their daily tasks to strive to establish an atmosphere of peace and prosperity and to always work towards the objective of achieving the unity of our people and our nation.

## **TUN RAZAK GIVEN ROUSING WELCOME ON RETURN FROM SABAH**

**A ROUSING WELCOME AWAITED THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ON TUESDAY AT THE KUCHING AIRPORT WHEN HE RETURNED FROM A DAY'S VISIT TO SABAH.**

Community leaders representing all races in Sarawak, and more than 1,000 members of the Kaum Ibu assembled outside the airport building long before the Deputy Prime Minister's aircraft, RMAF Herald, touched down at 11.45 a.m.

As they alighted from the aircraft, Tun Razak and Malacca's Chief Minister, Inche Ghaffar bin Baba, were greeted by Sarawak's Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah.

Tun Razak and Inche Ghaffar were then garlanded by two pretty girls, a Malay and a Chinese. Tun Razak was garlanded by 10-year-old Jamilah binte Dato Abang Haji Mustapha on behalf of the Alliance, while Inche Ghaffar was garlanded by 15-year-old Miss Linda Chow, representing the Sarawak Chinese Association.

Tun Razak and Inche Ghaffar were then introduced to Cabinet Ministers and senior government officials. Also at the airport to welcome Tun Razak were the Commander of the Malaysian Troops Community Reception Committee.

## **HAD HAPPY TIME AT BARAM REGATTA**

Speaking to newsmen waiting at the airport Tun Razak said that he was immensely enjoying the current tour. Looking fit and full of verve as usual, Tun Razak said that he had a happy time at the Baram Regatta at Marudi.

Tun Razak said that the \$1.35 million Naval Base which he declared open at Labuan on Sunday was equipped with the latest machinery and would prove useful for maintenance purposes for Malaysia's patrol boats.

He said: "our seamen will now have a home of their own in these waters."

The Deputy Prime Minister, accompanied by Dato Ningkan, then inspected the ranks of members of Kaum Ibu and members of the various Alliance parties.

As they walked past the flag waving crowd, enthusiastic shouts of 'Berjaya Malaysia' and 'Hidup Malaysia' rent the air.

The Deputy Prime Minister then drove to the Astana where he stayed as the guest of the Governor and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah.

On Tuesday afternoon Tun Razak attended a briefing session of the State Security Executive Committee meeting at the Kuching Rural District Council Chamber.

In the evening Tun Razak attended an Alliance Party meeting at the residence of the Chief Minister and later a dinner given by the Sarawak Alliance.

## **ATTENDS SECURITY BRIEFING**

The Deputy Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Razak, said after a briefing session with the State Security Executive Committee in the capital this week that the border had not changed much.

He said that the Indonesians were still maintaining their troops on the other side of the border and that Malaysian troops were also continuing to maintain security vigilance on our side.

On the question of the Communist threat, Tun Razak said that it still existed and measures to counteract this were continuing.

He pointed out that one of the active measures to counter-act the Communist threat was the carrying out of development plans. People were now becoming alive to the fact that Malaysia had been formed for their own benefit, and were now actively demonstrating their loyalty to the country.

# TUN RAZAK ATTENDS BARAM REGATTA: ANNOUNCES MORE AID TO SARAWAK

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WISHES TO GIVE MORE AID TO SARAWAK THAN TO ANY OTHER STATE IN MALAYSIA WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MINOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

As a result the Central Government has allocated \$3 million for this scheme.

This was stated this week by the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak at Marudi, Fourth Division, Tun Razak was speaking at a reception in his honour at the residence of the District Officer, Baram, Wan Hashim bin Datu Tuanku Taha.

In his public announcements here Tun Razak assured the people that the Central Government was always ready to help Sarawak to develop itself.

At a press conference in the Kuching airport on Saturday morning (May 14), immediately before flying to Marudi, Tun Razak stressed the importance of intensifying development work in the State.



*Picture shows Tun Razak being greeted on arrival at the Baram Regatta by Senator Dato Temenggong Oyong Lawai jau with the traditional Kenyah welcome song.*

He emphasised that minor rural development projects should be implemented in the outlying areas so that each village and longhouse benefited by the impact of the Development Plan.

This week, on his return from Sabah on Tuesday, Tun Razak attended a development briefing in the Kuching Rural District Council Chamber.

On Wednesday, he visited the 1st Malaysia Rangers' Camp at Lundu, First Division, and later was host on the K.D. 'Hang Tuah' at a party attended by the Governor and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, the Chief Minister and Datin Ningkan, cabinet ministers, senior government officials and their wives.

Later in the evening, the Deputy Prime Minister was the guest of honour at an all-community dinner at the Sarawak Club.

On Thursday, Tun Razak returned to Kuala Lumpur, one day earlier than expected. His trip to Simanggang and thence to the Skrang Land Development Scheme to declare open a New Village was cancelled as he was recalled for talks to Kuala Lumpur.

The recall followed a cabinet announcement on Wednesday that it welcomed the desire of Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Adam Malik, that Indonesia was ready to have peace talks without pre-conditions to end confrontation.

## **HOPES FOR RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA**

At his first Press conference in Kuching on Saturday, May 14, 1966, Tun Razak, commenting on the border situation, expressed the hope that normal relations with Indonesia might be resumed soon.

He reiterated that Malaysia would be ready for talks with Indonesia to end confrontation, but there must be "some basis for the talks".

He added: "This is what we are hoping for. We sincerely want to end confrontation because it is not doing anybody any good."

Tun Razak said, however, that as far as he knew there was no basis to start talking.

## **National Language**

On the question of National Language, Tun Razak said there should be no difficulty over its introduction as the official language in Sarawak.

He recalled that even when Malaya was under British rule some states had carried out communication in Malay. He said that most of the British officers serving in Malaysia spoke and understood Malay, and as far as the Natives were concerned there was no problem.

He pointed out, however, that during the transitional period both English and Malay would be used.

## Native Participation in Timber Industry

Touching on Native participation in the State's timber industry, Tun Razak said that it was only right they (Natives) should expect a share so that they could get some extra income.

He added that it was expected to establish a National Timber Corporation with branches in each State, so that Natives could buy shares.

In addition, if natives had licences they could offer them to the Corporation to exploit. He pointed out that if the Natives had a big company they could be protected against foreign exploitation and could deal with foreign companies directly.

"One of the main policies of the Alliance Government is to help the rural people particularly to increase their income and raise their living standards. In this way we can make Malaysia succeed and prove that independence brings benefit," said Tun Razak.

### MIRI WELCOMES CHIEF MINISTER AND PARTY

THE Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, Datin Ningkan, the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, and the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dato Teo Kui Seng, were guests of honour on Thursday evening (May 12) at a buffet party given by Mr Chia Chin Shin, MP, at his residence in Miri.

Over 300 guests, including the Resident, Fourth Division, the District Officer, Councillors, members of Sarawak Alliance, and Government officers attended the function.

On arrival at Lutong airfield, earlier in the afternoon, the Chief Minister and party were met by Dato Teo (who had arrived in Miri earlier), Mr Chia Chin Shin, the Resident, the District Officer and members of Sarawak Alliance including the Kaum Ibu.

Asked whether UMNO intended to establish branches in the State, he replied that it was a matter for the people here to decide. He emphasised the Natives must first come together and work together for political stability because the economic progress of the country depended on it.

### WELCOMED AT MARUDI

Tun Abdul Razak and his party which included the Chief Minister which included the Chief Minister of Malacca, Inche Ghaffar Baba, arrived in Marudi on the morning of Saturday, May 14 to attend the regatta.

On arrival at Marudi airfield, they were met by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan; the Federal Minister for Sarawak affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah; members of the State Cabinet; Residents of the Fourth and Fifth Divisions; the District Officer, Baram; the President of the Sarawak United Peoples' Party, Mr Ong Kee Hui; Senator Dato Temenggong Oyong Lawai Jau; Members of Parliament and local dignitaries, including Penghulus, Tuai Rumahs and Tua Kampongs.

As the Deputy Prime Minister and Malacca's Chief Minister disembarked from the aircraft, they were garlanded by the daughters of the Baram District Officer.

People from all walks of life, including school children, welcomed the distinguished visitor waving National and State flags as they lined the route from the airfield to the DO's bungalow.

## **Hadzrah Band and War Gendang**

In the welcoming party were also members of the Kaum Ibu. There were also Hadzrah band performances by the Malay community while the Dayak community presented 'Gendang Perang' (a special war gendang), performed only to welcome distinguished visitors.

As the Deputy Prime Minister and his party arrived at the District Officer's bungalow, they participated in the Tuak drinking ceremony.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Chief Ministers of Malacca and Sarawak, and Cabinet Ministers were guests of honour at a lunch given by the chairman of the Baram Regatta, Mr Tan Kyn Syn, at the premises of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

In the evening, Tun Razak and party visited the Exhibition Stalls which included stalls of the Departments of Agriculture and Malaysian Information Services. In the Town Square, there were multi-racial cultural shows, including ngajat and fashion shows.

## **CENTRAL GOVT. ALWAYS READY TO HELP SARAWAK**

Later, at a reception in his honour at the residence of the District Officer, Baram, Tun Razak said the Central Government wished to give more aid to Sarawak than to any other state in Malaysia with regard to the implementation of Minor Rural Development Projects.

As a result the Central Government had allocated \$3 million for this scheme.

He assured the people that the Central Government was always ready to help Sarawak to develop itself.

On the confrontation issue, Tun Razak hoped that it would end soon. He said the Malaysian Government was always ready to end confrontation, as a permanent issue, because the Malaysian people did not wish to live in enmity with the Indonesians.

## **Call to Strengthen Solidarity**

Tun Razak called on the people of Malaysia to strengthen their solidarity so that they could face with courage the unwarranted confrontation.

He said there was nothing like the feeling of oneness in everybody's heart, and this should be the basis to face confrontation.

He said: "As it was at present we were being helped by our Commonwealth Allies to defend our country. We regret very much that Indonesia had embarked on such an attitude towards us."

"However", he said, "the people must live harmoniously with each other to face this great challenge."

Stressing the importance of National Unity, Tun Razak assured the people that no power on earth could crush us.

Finally, Tun Razak said he was proud to be able to have met the people from all communities.

Earlier, the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, in his welcoming speech thanked Tun Razak and his party for their visit.

He said that the people had come from the Lower and Upper Baram to Marudi not only to see the regatta but also to meet the Deputy Prime Minister.

Senator Dato Temenggong Oyong Lawai Jau, on behalf of the Kenyah and Kayan communities, also accorded the Deputy Prime Minister a traditional welcome.

About 1,000 people including Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, and Sarawak Cabinet Ministers, attended the reception.

## 'INCULCATE FEELING OF ONENESS'

On Sunday, at Marudi, Tun Razak addressed about 30 Heads of Government Departments. In his speech he said that the most important duty of civil servants, especially those in Sarawak, was to inculcate a feeling of oneness among the various races and groups in Malaysia.

He said it was important the feeling of national consciousness and loyalty to the Central Government must be encouraged and strengthened so that we would all think less and less of being Chinese, Indians, Malays, Dayaks or Malayan or Sarawakian but only Malaysians.

"We must think, work and behave all the time as Malaysians. Sectional and provincial loyalty must be subordinated to national loyalty," said Tun Razak.

He stressed the people must live in harmony with each other because this is the only thing that would ensure the success and survival of emerging Malaysia.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that eventually the various races must be integrated so that we could have a strong and viable nation.

He told Government servants that one of their duties was to project the image of the Government and party in power.

“The civil servants must serve the people through the Government and the party in power,” he said.

Tun Razak also announced that there will be exchanges of officers between Sarawak and Mainland Malaysia with the aim of creating understanding and mutual respect and also to build up consciousness of all Malaysians.

## **‘Govt. Machinery Must Be Modernised’**

The Civil Service in Sarawak must be geared to meet the rising expectations of the people for the development and progress. The Government machinery must be modernised and its efficiency must be geared to meet all exigencies, said Tun Razak.

He expressed surprise and dissatisfaction at the work of the Information Department which he thought had not done very much to project the image of Government and to inform the people.

Speaking on confrontation, he said that Malaysia had always wanted peace and to live in harmony with neighbouring countries, including Indonesia. But this feeling must be reciprocated and there must be sincerity and desire of friendship.

Tun Razak said he hoped confrontation would end soon but this depended very much on the Indonesian leaders because the ball was at their feet.

Finally, Tun Razak said that Heads of Departments must be given disciplinary power to control the subordinated which would be introduced in Mainland Malaysia very soon.

He said that there was no reason why it should not be introduced in Sarawak.

Tun Razak and party left Marudi on Sunday morning for Labuan.

## **REGATTA WAS BIGGEST EVER HELD IN BARAM**

Thousands of people from the Lower and Upper baram as well as from other parts of Sarawak converged on Marudi to watch the Regatta which was held last weekend on May 14 and 15.

This year’s Regatta was the biggest ever held in the Baram.

The participants in the various events in the boat races presented a colourful scene with brightly painted boats of all sizes and shapes and decorated to suit the atmosphere.

The town itself was gaily decorated with buntings and posters and everyone in Marudi gave a rousing welcome to the distinguished guests who were led by the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak.

Many langkuas were erected in Marudi bazaar itself for the sale of food and drinks; there were several side-shows, and prominent among the display of goods were attractive native handicrafts.

## 6,000 Welcome Chief Minister

A crowd of more than 6,000 people welcomed the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and party at the Government jetty when they arrived on Friday, May 13.

On arrival, the Chief Minister was met by the District Officer; Senator Temenggong Oyong Lawai Jau; Member of Parliament Tama Weng Tingang of the Sarawak United People's Party; Penghulus; Pengarahs; Tuai Rumahs; Tua Kampongs; Government officials and members of the Alliance and Kaum Ibu.

The Chief Minister and party were then garlanded by three beautiful girls including Miss Maria Kalang, niece of Penghulu Gau of Long Ikang. They were then introduced to the local dignitaries. Assembled school children representing all schools in Marudi cheered and the Bamboo Band of the students of Marudi secondary schools gave performances. There were also Gendang Ngalalu performances by the Dayak community while the Hadzrah band of the Malay community also played.

The Chief Minister and party then proceeded to the District Officer's bungalow where they were welcomed with traditional tuak drinking ceremonies. This was followed by 'Gendang Pampat' - a very special gendang performed to welcome important people.

In a brief address, the Chief Minister assured the people that sports such as regattas would continue to receive Government's support.

He said he was pleased to learn that participating boatmen, in displaying their skill and supremacy were competing in the spirit of sportsmanship and friendly rivalry.

He said that winning a sporting contest was an honour but it did not account for everything. He added that a healthy spirit of rivalry was that mattered most in sports.

That the regatta has become a carnival of sports in Sarawak was ample evidence of its popularity, said the Chief Minister.

## Reputation of its own

The Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman, in his message described the regatta as one with a particular reputation of its own in Sarawak. He said they have become a tradition in Sarawak where the young and old mixed together, enjoyed the sports and made social contacts.

Dato Othman hoped that the regatta would foster the bonds of friendship among several communities in the State and help strengthen communal harmony.

The Chairman of the Baram Regatta, Mr Tan Kyn Syn, said that the regatta would provide ample opportunity for all Malaysians to mix and unite.

The Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sir Temenggong Jugah, Senator Dato Temenggong Oyong Lawai Jau and the Resident in their messages wished the regatta success.

In the evening the Chief Minister took the salute at the Beating of the Retreat by the Sarawak Constabulary Band. This was followed by Ngajat and Gendang at the District Officer's Bungalow.

The regatta programme included Agricultural Shows, Fashion Competitions, a Photographic Display by Malaysian Information Services and Ngajat Competitions. There were also free film shows by the MIS Film Unit.

## **REGATTA ENDS WITH MULTI-CULTURAL SHOW: 51 GURKHA BRIGADE FETE DIGNITARIES**

The Baram Regatta ended on Sunday evening with several functions including a multi-racial cultural show which was watched by more than 4,000 people of all races.

The committee members of the Regatta, and local dignitaries including the District Officer, Baram, Wan Hashim and Senator Dato Temenggong Oyong Lawai Jau were guests at a reception given by members of the Headquarters 51 Gurkha Infantry Brigade.

The Brigade, which came over from Brunei especially to attend the Regatta, held the reception in a tent erected on a hill behind the DO's bungalow.

The multi-cultural show was held on a specially erected stage in Marudi's Town Centre. The items in the show included ngajat, Malay art of self-defence and cultural dances performed by the various communities which attended the regatta.

The Bamboo Band of the Marudi Secondary School Beat the Retreat at the start of the show.

### **Shield Presented**

The Commanding Officer, 51 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, Major F.W. Arnold, on behalf of the Officers and men of the Brigade presented a Shield to the District Officer, Baram, Wan Hashim, who received it on behalf of the Baram community.

In presenting the Shield, Major Arnold expressed his Brigade's deep appreciation for the friendliness of the people of Baram and thanked the DO for his hospitality and co-operation accorded them during their stay to attend the two-day Regatta.

He said these acts would be long remembered and would go down in the history of the Brigade.

In his reply, the DO thanked the Brigade for the Shield. He said it was a sign of mutual respect for each other. It would help promote further the feeling of goodwill between the local people and the Commonwealth forces.

The Shield consists of two crossed Gurkha Kurkris (fighting knives) on black formica, inscribed with the words, "51 Gurkha Infantry Brigade".

Earlier, Senator Dato Temenggong Oyong Lawai Jau and his friends accorded the Brigade a traditional Kenyah welcome in which the Temenggong sang a song of praise for the Brigade. The Brigade left Marudi on Monday morning.

## C.M. THANKS TUN RAZAK FOR SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF \$3 MIL.

THE Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, this week expressed his thanks to the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, for allocating a sum of \$3 million for Minor Rural Projects in Sarawak.

THE CHIEF MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN THIS WEEK AFTER ATTENDING THE WEEK-END BARAM REGATTA IN MARUDI WHERE THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THE ALLOCATION.

Dato Ningkan, who returned to Kuching on Monday together with the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, the State Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman and a State Minister, Awang Hipni bin Pengiran Annu, said that the regatta was witnessed by a record crowd of over 15,000. In Marudi, everything went smoothly, he added.

He said that the Deputy Prime Minister's visit was on the whole successful. Tun Razak also had an opportunity to speak to Divisional Heads of Departments and meet a cross section of the people. However, he said that the Deputy Prime Minister expressed regret that his trip to Long Akah had to be cancelled because of shortage of time.

Asked if any political discussion was held in Marudi, the Chief Minister replied that they did not discuss anything of that nature. Neither was the subject of National Language brought up in any discussion.

Commenting on Tun Razak's statement last week regarding the use of English and Malay during the transitional period before the introduction of the National Language here, the Chief Minister said that as far as he himself was concerned he could understand the language, but he added, he was "thinking of the people", and therefore he would stand by his statement.

"I think if you have properly read my statement it should not hurt anybody," he added. (The Chief Minister was referring to his recent broadcast talk on the National Language).

## **'Happy Within Malaysia'**

To a question regarding Indonesia's intention to see complete independence for Sarawak, Sabah, Malaya and Singapore, the Chief Minister said that he was not prepared to agree with the suggestion.

He said that there had been such talks before and more-over at the moment Sarawak was happy within Malaysia. "Our relationship with the Federal Government is quite good," he added.

He supported the Prime Minister's stand of not wanting another United Nation's referendum because it "cost a lot of money and a waste of time." Asked if he intended to reshuffle the State Cabinet, Dato Ningkan replied that as far as he knew there was no such intention. "As far as we know there is no trouble," he added.

## **TRIBUTE TO ARMED FORCES**

**THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, TUN ABDUL RAZAK, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES ON THURSDAY EVENING WHEN HE WAS HOST AT A RECEPTION ON BOARD THE K.D. HANG TUAH.**

Speaking as Defence Minister, Tun Razak said the presence of the K.D. Hang Tuah here was clear evidence of 'our determination to defend the integrity and independence of Malaysia'.

Malaysia, he said, should be grateful to our officers and men not only of the Navy, but of the Air Force and the Army too for having defended our territory during the years of confrontation.

Tun Razak presented to the Captain of the Ship, Capt. M.J. Mann, a silver cigarette case on behalf of the people of Malaysia.



*Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah welcome Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak.*



### **Tun Razak was given a rousing welcome in Kuching on 17/5/1966**

Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak was given a rousing welcome at the Kuching Airport on his arrival from Jesselton.

Communities leaders representing all races in Sarawak, and more than 1,000 members of the Kaum Ibu assembled outside the airport building long before the Deputy Prime Minister Aircraft R.M.A.F Harold touched down at 11.45 am.

Alighting from the aircraft Tun Razak and Malacca's Chief Minister Inche Ghafar bin Baba were greeted by the Sarawak Chief Minister Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah.

Tun Razak and Inche Ghafar were then garlanded by two pretty girls, A Malay and Chinese. Tun Razak was garlanded by 10 years old Jamilah binte Datu Abang Haji Mustapha on behalf of the Alliance, while Inche Ghafar was garlanded by 15 years old Miss Linda Chew representing the Sarawak Chinese Association.



*The Chairman of the All Communities Committee Dato Wee Hood Teck Welcoming Tun Razak.*



*The Chief Minister Stephen Kalong Ningkan stressed a point with the Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak while Deputy Chief Minister Dato James Wong looks on.*

Most noticeable among the welcoming crowds were the committee and members of Kaum Ibu lined up outside the airport with Malaysian flags in their hand greeted the Deputy Prime Minister Tun Razak. The Alliance Kaum Ibu who was garbed in the traditional white baju kurong were known to be members of the Panas component of the Alliance, while some were from the Berjasa.



Tun Razak and Inche Ghafar were then introduced to Cabinet Minister, and senior government officers. Also at the airport to welcome Tun Razak were the commander of the Malaysian troop in Sarawak Abdul Ismail Ibrahim and representatives of all communities reception committees.

The Deputy Prime Minister accompanied by Datu Ningkan then inspected the ranks of members of Kaum Ibu and members of the various Alliance Parties. As they walked past the flag waving crowds enthusiastically shouting of "Berjaya Malaysia" and "Hidup Malaysia" rent the air.

The waiting crowds despite their sizes were orderly. This current visit of the Deputy Prime Minister also disclosed the trend of the Chinese support for the Minister when many local Chinese were also seen, wearing the Snap or Alliance badges on their lapels, all eagerly waiting to meet the Malaysian leader.

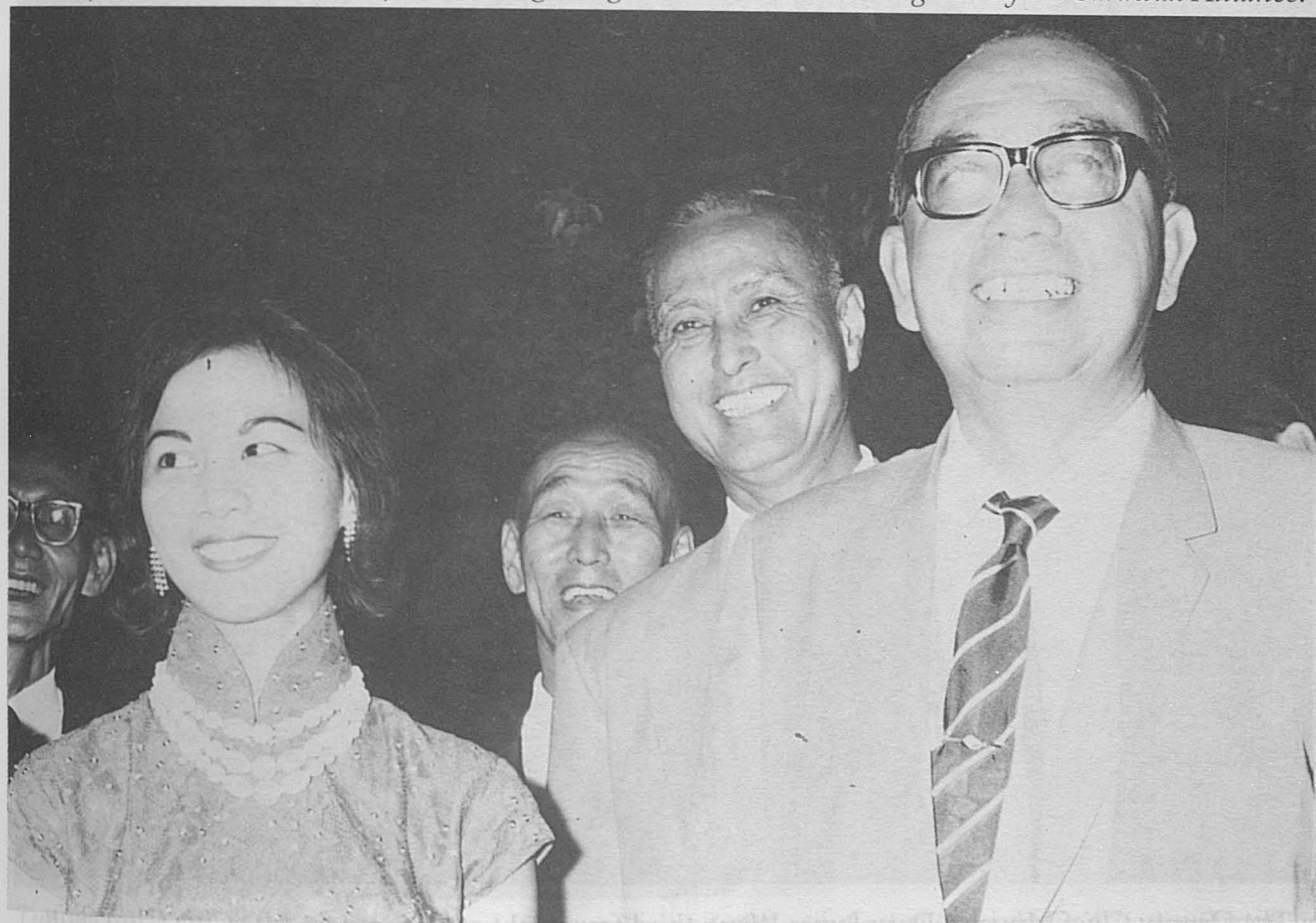


*Two pictures show the Prime Minister Designate Tun Abdul Razak, was welcomed by the Chief Minister for Sarawak Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and prominent leaders of Sarawak to a tea party at the residence of the Chief Minister.*





*Tun Razak accompanied by Mr Chin Chin Shin M.P. attended the Alliance Party meeting at the resident of the Chief Minister Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and later a dinner given by the Sarawak Alliance.*



*All in the mood Linda Chow, Tun Abdul Razak at the back Mr. T.Y. Tan, Mr Lee Swee Back.*



*Tun Razak was welcomed by members of the various Alliance Parties on arrival.*



*The Deputy Chief Minister Datu James Wong third from right standing next Mr. Chia Chin Shin M.P. and T.Y. Tan M.P. together with members of the Sarawak Chinese Association.*



*Tun Razak was welcomed by members of Kaum Ibu and also members of the various Alliance Parties on arrival.*



*A section of V.I.P.*



*Dato Wee introducing Inche Hasbie bin Sulaiman to Tun Razak while Tun Abang Haji Openg looks on.*



*The Minister of Communications and Works Datuk Amar Abdul Taib (second from left) the Speaker of the Council Negri Dato (Dr.) Sockalingam (Extreme right).*



*Inche Ghafar look on while Mr. Song Thian Cheok and the Governor Tun Abang Haji Openg in the midst of their conversation.*



*Dato Jugah, Tun Razak, Datuk Amar Abdul Taib, Mr. Wee Boon Ping seen at the welcome party.*



*Tun Razak was welcome by leaders of various communities in Kuching.*

## ATTENDS RAMAH TAMAH

On Tuesday afternoon, Tun Razak attended a Ramah Tamah gathering at the residence of Inche Mohamed Haji Bakri at Datu's Road, Kuching.

Organised by the Malay Goodwill Committee, Kuching, the gathering was also attended by the Chief Minister of Malacca, Inche Gaffar bin Baba; the Minister for Welfare, Youth and Culture, Dato Abang Othman; the Minister for Communications and Works, Inche Abdul Taib bin Mahmud; the Federal Secretary, Inche Abu Hassan bin Abdullah; the Commanding Officer of Malaysian Troops in Sarawak, Colonel Ismail Ibrahim and community leaders.

Earlier, the Deputy Prime Minister played golf at the Sarawak Club.

## C.M. PLEDGES SARAWAK ALLIANCE LOYALTY

AT the Sarawak Alliance Party reception on Tuesday evening, the Chief Minister said that when they first heard the announcement by the Prime Minister that Tun Razak had been chosen to be his successor, they received the announcement with great joy.

Dato Ningkan added: "Tonight, we wish to reaffirm our faith and confidence in you and to give you once again our pledge that when the time comes for our beloved Tunku to hand over the torch to you, we shall give you the same undivided loyalty and support.

"The Sarawak Alliance as a party has to face many problems and difficulties; sometimes we could not do enough or are able to satisfy the needs of even our own members. Differences of opinion are bound to arise but I believe that there is no issue so serious that it could not be solved in the true spirit of the Alliance.



"We have weathered some storms and we have gone from strength to strength. This is because most of us believe in the ideals of the Alliance. We have actively worked to bring the various races of this State to support Malaysia and to forge national unity.

"The Sarawak Alliance must hold and preserve its unity. With help and understanding by everyone concerned, especially by you Tun and your colleagues, we shall certainly be able to do that."

Finally, the Chief Minister said if unfortunately by any folly on their part or due to their enemies Sarawak Alliance was split and broken "then the consequences is too dreadful to think. The Opposition Parties will then have the opportunity to gain control of the State Government. The Indonesians on the other hand would have every excuse to continue their hostile confrontation in the face of unrest and disunity.

## 'No Split' Says Jugah

Speaking before Tun Razak, the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, said that there was no split in the Sarawak Alliance as alleged in certain quarters.

He said that the various races in Sarawak had been well known for their traditional racial harmony and it was still true.

Appealing for racial harmony, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah said that in Malaysia its own leader, Tunku Abdul Rahman, was the symbol of unity.

He went on to say that no one could force the Natives to do anything. He added that politics in Sarawak was based on democracy therefore there was no question of anyone being forced to



do anything against their own will.

If the natives were not united there were enemies who were waiting to slit them, therefore they must be careful and follow our leaders, Tunku Abdul Rahman and Tun Razak who were prepared to lead us through all difficulties.

We should therefore listen to our leaders and do what the Government told us to do.

Referring to development in Sarawak, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah warned the people that there was still subversive elements who were trying to mislead the people especially the Ibans.

He said that agitators were trying to mislead ignorant Iban to get the Government to revoke timber licences and cause trouble to Government.

He pointed out that no one could change the laws once they were made, not even the Chief Minister and reiterated that no one shall force the government or the people to do anything undemocratic.



In reply, Tun Abdul Razak, said he was grateful for the spontaneous welcome extended to him in the morning (on Tuesday) especially by the Kaum Ibu, who had waited for hours for his arrival at the Kuching airport.

He also thanked the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and the Federal Minister

for Sarawak Affairs, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah for their pledges of support to the Alliance. Tun Razak pointed out that with this support and co-operation we could look forward to having a smooth administration both in the Central and State Governments.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that Sarawak had joined Malaysia on its own accord because through it the country could expect to achieve progress. The Alliance in Malaya had agreed to have Sarawak within Malaysia so that everybody here could share the benefits accrued through Malaysia.

“That was how Malaysia came into being, and no one was forced to join the Federation,” the Tun said.

He went on to say that the policy of the Alliance Government was to promote the progress, prosperity and unity of the country.

Tun Razak agreed with Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah on the importance of unity and that nobody should be forced to do anything.

In Sarawak, the Deputy Prime Minister pointed out there were many political parties some of which were Native organisations. Tun Razak said that it was important for all these parties to be united in order to avoid future complications.

He believed that in order to achieve the progress we desired it was imperative that political stability should first be established.

To reach that state, it would take some time, he conceded, but once it had been attained we could look forward to achieving National Unity. If there was no National Unity all the millions of dollars spent on development would be wasted, he added; he also reminded Alliance leaders here to place national and long term interests of the country above anything else.

## **‘Must Have Strong Political Base’**

Referring to unity of the people as a basis for achieving political stability he pointed out the example of the Malays in Malaya before Malaya achieved independence. He said that the Malays in Malaya were able to work together with other races only after achieving unity among themselves.

He pointed out that a country must have a strong political base in order to build up a united nation.

The DPM said that Sarawak and Malaya had similar conditions and problems and now that both were in Malaysia they would swim or sink together.

Concluding, Tun Razak stressed the importance of having the Sarawak Alliance strengthened because Sarawak would stand to lose through any split in the party and Malaysia too would be adversely affected.



**THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES IN SARAWAK, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING CLOSE TO THE BORDER, HAVE SHOWN PRAISEWORTHY COURAGE AND LOYALTY AND HAVE STOOD BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT IN FACING ENEMY THREATS.**

This was stated by the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, in Kuching on Wednesday when he spoke at an All-Community Reception held in his honour at the Sarawak Club.

Tun Razak also had a word of praise for Malaysia's Armed Forces and thanked the Commonwealth Forces for having assisted them "to get the better of the enemy".

He declared: "We will always be proud of this. I wish all our people would always be loyal and united".

Urging the people to always live in harmony, Tun Razak said: "Malaysia is a multi-racial country and it belongs to all of us. There are enough resources for everyone and there is no reason why everyone should not get a share.

“We should do all we can to strengthen unity and friendship among the various races. The future of our country depends on this, and all our efforts will be of no use unless we can achieve racial unity. This is the basis for the happiness of our country.”

Earlier Tun Razak said: “It is the wish of the Central Government that the establishment of Malaysia should bring with it peace, happiness and prosperity to our peoples of various races. I have come here as a friend to assist you in the achievement of these objects.”

Thanking the Chairman of the All-Community Reception Committee, Dato Wee Hood Teck, for describing him as “a friend of Sarawak”, Tun Razak said: “Unfortunately, however, since Malaysia we had to face confrontation by a bigger and stronger neighbour. During the last three years all our efforts and resources had to be devoted in meeting this confrontation”.

Tun Razak emphasised that Malaysia had no intention of being an enemy of anyone, and only wished to be able to live in peace to lead its own way of life. He said that if confrontation came to an end, Malaysia as a young nation still had many problems to face and had many things to do.

During the three years of confrontation the people of Sarawak, especially those living in the outlying areas, were anxious for changes in their way of life and to improve their standards of living. It was, therefore, the duty of everyone to bring about the changes desired by the people. He added that he had discussed with the Chief Minister and his colleagues and his offices the machinery in Sarawak to carry out development to meet the desires of our people.

He said: “We have not been able to do very much for them, but I hope that with the easing of confrontation we will be to concentrate more on development and show to our people that Malaysia could bring changes for the better. The Central Government are doing everything we can.”

Tun Razak then went on to say that the same measure of development that had been carried out in West Malaysia could be achieved in East Malaysia too. He said that he was very happy to see peoples of various races in Sarawak mixing happily together.

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The Tun then issued a warning against those who try to split the people and said: “If there is racial trouble everyone will suffer and none will benefit. The cardinal policy of the Alliance Government is to promote unity. We feel that in order to bring about racial unity it will take time, but we are determined to bring that about and to make our Nation into one united whole.

“I do hope you will all assist us to achieve our objective. We belong to one country and we are all one people - Malaysians. You are all very close to our hearts in Kuala Lumpur, and I hope that you will also feel that we are close to you. Our national capital Kuala Lumpur should belong to all of us. If Malaysia does not succeed, Sarawak also will fail. You must learn to put national interest beyond everything else. The Central government belongs to all of us and therefore is the duty of all of us to help the Central Government which is our government.”

Finally, Tun Razak urged Malaysians that while they carried out their daily tasks to strive to establish an atmosphere of peace and prosperity and to always works towards the objective of achieving the unity of our people and our nation.



*Mr. Gerunsin Lemat, Deputy Director of Sarawak Broadcasting House stretched out his hand towards Tun Razak for a hand shake.*

# TUN RAZAK'S VISIT IN PICTURES



The Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, declared this week in Kuching that he had immensely enjoyed his five-day tour of Eastern Malaysia which included four days in Sarawak and one day in Sabah. The Tun who arrived in Kuching on the morning of Saturday, May 14 flew to Marudi to attend the Baram Regatta over the weekend. He spend Monday in Sabah where he declared open the \$1.35 million Naval Base at Labuan and returned to Kuching on Tuesday, May 17. This week tun Razak spent two busy days in the State capital attending several meetings and receptions at one of which he himself was the host on board the K.D. Hang Tuah. He returned to Kuala Lumpur a day earlier than expected to attend to urgent business in connection with the proposed peace talks with Malaysia and Indonesia.

MIS pictures show:-

- (1) *The Tun relaxing at the Baram Regatta with Sarawak's Chief Minister Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and Senator Dato Temenggong Oyong Lawai Jau.*
- (2) *Being greeted by Malay community leaders at Kampong Dato, Kuching.*
- (3) *Speaking at the Sarawak Alliance reception at Kuching.*
- (4) *Being welcomed at the airport by Kaum Ibu on his return from Sabah on Tuesday.*

# GOVERNOR ATTENDS PRAYERS AT TEBAKANG MOSQUE: GETS ROUSING WELCOME AT SERIAN

THE GOVERNOR, TUN ABANG HAJI OPENG, OFFICIATED AS IMAM AT THE TEBAKANG MOSQUE IN SERIAN DISTRICT, FIRST DIVISION, WHEN HE ATTENDED PRAYERS ON FRIDAY, MAY 27.

Thousands of people of all races in Serian and Tebakang welcomed the Governor and his wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, when they arrived first at Serian.

Cheering school children, waving flags, lined the broad street which runs through the town centre as the Governor's car drove past. Every shophouses and dwelling house flew the National and Stage flags and a holiday atmosphere prevailed to celebrate the Governor's visit.

His Excellency and Toh Puan were garlanded by members of the Serian Kaum Ibu as they alighted at the entrance to the District Office.



They were then welcomed by the District Officer, Serian, who introduced them to community leaders and staff of the Serian District Office and Council.

At the District Operations Room, the Governor was briefed on the development progress and the security situation Officer and military and police officers.

At a simple ceremony after the briefing the Governor was presented with a carved walking stick by Tua Kampong Mokhtar of Serian, while a member of the Serian Women's Institute presented Toh Puan a life-size hen made of cotton and wool.



*(Top) the Governor and Toh Puan (behind) His Excellency wearing dark glasses) on their arrival at Tebakang bazaar, and (below) Tua Kampong Sabil of Tebakang presenting the Governor with a pair of mounted deer horns.*

Earlier, in his welcoming speech, Tua Kampong Sabil thanked the governor and toh Puan for their visit. He said that the various races in Tebakang were living in harmony and were working unitedly for the building up of the nation.

On behalf of the people of Tebakang, Tua Kampong Sabil pledged loyalty to the Government and hoped more development projects would be implemented in his area. At the reception the Tua Kampong, on behalf of the Malay community presented a pair of deer horns mounted on a shield.

Another gift was presented on behalf of the Dayak community by Mr. Dagok anak Randan MP - it was a painted Dayak smoking pipe.

On behalf of the Chinese community, Kapitan Kun Ted Put presented a walking stick.

The Governor was accompanied on the tour by the Resident, First Division, Mr. Yao Ping Hua, and Mr. Dagok anak Randan, MP.

## Welcomed at Tebakang

Later the Governor and Toh Puan drove to Tebakang, about ten miles from Serian Town. Tebakang was beautifully decorated with flags and buntings. A welcome arch at the entrance to the main bazaar, erected by the kampong folk greeted the governor and party as they entered Tebakang.

The Governor there were more than 5,000 enthusiastic men and women, many of whom had come from remote border kampongs to see the governor and his wife.

The governor and Toh Puan acknowledged the cheers of the crowd as they walked towards a suspension bridge to cross over to Kampong Tebakang.

At Kampong Tebakang His Excellency called on Tua Kampong Sabil's house which had its own special welcome arch. As the Governor and Toh Puan entered Tua Kampong Sabils' house, the Tebakang Youth Club Band struck up a lively selection of Malay tunes.

At Tua Kampong Sabil's house, a Tepong-Tawar (homage paying) ceremony was held. After light refreshments, His Excellency, dressed in national costume, left to attend Friday prayers at the Tebakang Mosque.

At the Mosque, the Governor officiated as the Imam and led the congregation in the prayers. After prayers, the Governor and Toh Puan attended a luncheon reception in their honour at the Tebakang Combined School.

Speaking at the reception, the Governor referred to the impending peace talks between Malaysia and Indonesia and hoped that it would be successful.

He said that if and when confrontation ended the people of Tebakang would be able once again to resume their intercourse with their neighbours across the border.

## Thanks People and Security forces

The Governor said that it was his first visit to Tebakang since Sarawak gained independence through Malaysia. He said he was glad that the people had turned up in force to welcome him and Toh Puan, and also thanked them for erecting welcome arches and decorating their town so beautifully in honour of their visit.

He also thanked the security forces in the area for their bravery and vigilance in defending the country against aggression.

Finally, the Governor hoped that the unity shown today by the various races would be maintained and fostered.

## **TOH PUAN HAJJAH MASNIAH PRESENTS' THANKS BADGE'**

AT an impressive ceremony at the girl Guide Council Annual General Meeting recently, a 'Thanks Badge' was presented to Datin Elspeth Pike, the wife of the State Financial Secretary.

The Badge was awarded to Datin Pike as a token of the Association's appreciation and gratitude for organising the sales of the Guide Greeting Cards in which she raised over \$1,000 for the Movement. Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, Patron of the Association, presented the badge.

The 'Thanks Badge' was also awarded to Mr. R.K. Bhattachyra of the Girl Guide Local Association in Miri.

Although Mr. Bhattachyra was not present at the Council Meeting a big vote of thanks was delivered to him for all his assistance to the Movement.

# GAWAI TAUN DAYAK (1966) CELEBRATIONS

A GAWAI TAUN DAYAK (1966) CELEBRATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED AND A MEETING WAS HELD LAST THURSDAY. DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN, THE CHIEF MINISTER, PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SARAWAK AFFAIRS, TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH, AND DATO DUNSTAN ENDAWIE, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Ministers attended the meeting to give advice on the nature of the celebration this year and the Committee is headed by Mr. Stephen Wan Ullok, with Mr. Andrew Bareng as Hon. Secretary.

Other members of the Committee are Messrs Gerald Linang, John Nichol, Francis Linggie, Robert Sulis, Joseph Samuel, Andrew Tan, Daniel Ragam, Stephen Jussem Dundon, Solomon Buyong, Sidi Munan and Mesdames Tra Zehnder and Ang.

The Committee, comprising representatives of seven Dayak organisations, met on Monday, May 2, to draw up a programme which includes ngajat lelaki, ngajat indu, ngajat anak mit (7-10 years), langgi, ngajat Kenyah.

A Miring ceremony will precede the cultural show, as is the custom in the longhouse. The celebration will be held at the Sarawak Union Club. Tuak will be served to guests as they enter the hall. In between items, there will be dancing "western style", to music provided by Larry Linang and his boys, and popular Iban pop singers, as well as guest artistes, Nora Hamdan and Victor's Youth Club Band.

Kumang (Goddess of Beauty) will be chosen from amongst the ladies wearing the Dayak dress.

The choir will sing to herald the New Year. Then the Patron, the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, will propose a toast (tuak).

Radio Malaysia (Sarawak) will arrange for live broadcasts in Iban and Bidayuh from 11 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Tickets \$3 (double) and \$2 (single) will be on sale soon.

# DAYAK COMMUNITY CELEBRATION CELEBRATES FESTIVAL DAY

THE DAYAK COMMUNITY OF SARAWAK CELEBRATED THE SECOND DAYAK FESTIVAL DAY (GAWAI TAUN DAYAK) ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1966

In Kuching, the Festival Day eve was celebrated with a function at the Sarawak Union Club. It was attended by the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, his wife, Toh Puan Hajjah masniah, the Chief Minister, the Speaker of the Council Negri, Dato Dr Sockalingam, Cabinet Ministers and their wives, and community leaders in Kuching.

The highlight of the evening was the traditional Dayak Miring Ceremony, performed to welcome the Gawai Taun Dayak. The Governor and the Chief Minister were among the participants in the elaborate ceremony.

Other items included the Iban warrior dances, Kenyah and Kayan ngajat and Bidayuh 'birajang' - a Land Dayak dance.

About 2,000 people attended the function. They were welcomed by the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr Stephen Wan Ullok, who, in a brief speech, stressed the importance of unity amongst the peoples of the country, in order to ensure their future security.



*The Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, the Speaker, Dato (Dr) Sockalingam, the President of the Kuching Municipal Council, Mr Song Thian Cheok participating in the Miring ceremony.*



*Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan.*

The Chief Minister, in an address, said that the Festival marked the ending of a harvest season, and signalled the approach of another padi farming season.

The Chief Minister continued: "As we celebrate this Gawai Taun, and when we greet each other during this happy day, let us all be mindful of the great and continuing need to preserve and strengthen the unity of our country.

"Our people have lived in close racial-harmony with one another for the past many decades in this country. Therefore, we must guard this relationship jealously against any attempt to sour it.

"And we Dayaks, who form a large proportion of the population of Sarawak, will still have to continue to play a very important part in promoting the racial-harmony among the various races living in this country.

"By being united, we can set an example of our readiness to live closer together with the other races, and always be appreciative of their feelings and ways of life, as we would want them to respect our own legitimate rights and positions. In this way we can truly demonstrate our maturity towards the building of a multi-racial society, which will enhance our inalienable right to nationhood.

“Therefore, I call on you all, my Dayak brothers and sisters, to continue to remain united, live in harmony and be always willing to co-operate with our Malay, Chinese and Indian brethren who have chosen, like everybody else, to make Sarawak their home.

“We have lived together with them in harmony, friendship and understanding, and we will for many, many years to come live with them in hope and confidence. In happiness and progress we shall prosper together and in the face of adversity we shall stand ever united to defend our freedom and liberty.”

Concluding, the Chief Minister thanked all the people of Sarawak for their friendship, co-operation and understanding towards the community.

## Special Significance

The celebrations had a special significance for many this year coming as it did among the peace talks to end confrontation.

The celebrations continued till the late hours of Wednesday after the announcement by Radio Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, in the afternoon that accord had been reached in the Bangkok talks between Tun Razak and Mr Adam Malik, Indonesian Foreign Minister.

The Chief Minister’s residence, Pangau Libau had an unending stream of visitors during the day on Wednesday as well as in the evening. Among the early visitors were the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg and Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, Cabinet Ministers, community leaders, members of the Malaysian Armed Forces, officials of the Commonwealth Services and representatives of political and charitable organisations throughout Sarawak.

In all outlying areas, various forms of entertainment, including land and water sports were organised to observe the occasion.

## GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

IN a broadcast message, the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, said that although the occasion was meant for the Dayak to enjoy and in most cases to have a family reunion and also the time for making new resolutions, it was his strong desire to see that everyone, although not belonging to the Dayak community by birth, should also join in the celebration so as to maintain and strengthen our traditional spirit of togetherness, understanding and brotherhood in this country.

He continued: “Although we possess all these good qualities and have real desire to live peacefully with one another I would like to remind all of you again to be on guard against any destructive elements which are the greatest threats to our security, integrity and, most important of all, to our unity.

“We know that such elements are foreign to our way of life and I would like to appeal to those who have been misled and affected by these subversive forces to come back to the right path, to work together and co-operate with the Government in order to make this country of ours a happy place to live in.

“I would also like to take this opportunity to say briefly that despite the Indonesian confrontation since our independence, the Government has achieved tremendous progress in its determination to raise the standard of living of the people. These achievements can easily be seen in the various projects now being undertaken, such as the Miri-Lambir Scheme, the Ulu Oya Scheme, the Meradong Development Scheme, and the Skrang Community Development Scheme which are still in progress.

## March Forward in Strength and Unity

“At the same time, the Government is doing all it could to improve the educational standard of our children. Many schools have been built in various places especially in the rural areas where none existed before independence. I would like therefore to take this opportunity to remind all parents to send their children to school in order to prepare them to be good and loyal citizens of our country.

“As we all know the Dayaks are known all over the world for their hospitality and friendliness. For all of us this festival day would be a happy occasion for renewing friendship and old ties. By having one particular day now on which to celebrate their Gawai Taun throughout the country I fervently hope that the Dayaks will be more united and will march forward in strength and unity with the other communities towards our common goal - the making of Malaysia as one nation.

“We have heard recently that our Government and the Government of Indonesia are going to hold talks to end the confrontation, which, as we all know, is not doing anybody any good. On this occasion I think it is fitting that we pray to God Almighty for the success of the talks so that peace could soon be restored to our land and we could live peacefully again.

“Before I conclude, my wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, joins me in wishing everyone in the Dayak community, especially those who are living along the border, and those in the Security Forces the best of luck. May God give you blessings and protect you in your determination to defend our beloved country.

“To all those who are busy in the farms and doing other planting activities, we send you our sincere greetings of the season. May the coming year bring you abundant harvest, good luck and prosperity. Selamat Gawai Taun Dayak.

### CHIEF MINISTER'S MESSAGE

THE CHIEF Minister, in his message, said despite the trying period in the first three

years of independence, we had emerged successfully.

Confrontation, he said, had not been the only source of trouble. The Chief Minister added: “When confrontation began, the communists ruthlessly seized the opportunity to carry out their subversive activities in the face of unrest and uncertainty.

“In the confusion brought about by confrontation, they seized every opportunity to mislead the people, especially the young and the ignorant, with their slogans and propaganda.”

The Chief Minister congratulated the people, especially the border people, on the role they had bravely played in the defence of democracy and on their determination to lead the way of life they had all freely chosen.

Dato Nigkan warned, however, against communism. He said: “We have got to continue to be on the look-out and to be ever on the alert. We must always be prepared for any eventuality because the die-hard communists will still continue to launch their acts of subversion and terrorism.

“They will intimidate people to gain support and sympathy, and being desperate and ruthless men they have no regard for human life. Against communist treachery and terrorism, I call on you all, the loyal citizens of this country, to be always on guard. Be vigilant to combat intimidation, banditry and terrorism. By being united we can certainly check these dangers and strive to eradicate them completely from the midst of our society.”

## **Development Progress Enhanced in Peace**

Touching on development, the Chief Minister said that in the past three years we had made remarkable progress, and with peace and fraternity restored (with Indonesia), our progress in developing our country would be greatly enhanced.

He concluded. “Let us hope that in the year ahead we may see further improvement in the development of Sarawak. The aim is necessarily the improvement of the economic well being of our people. In this pursuit, therefore, the goal is the fair distribution of wealth so as to close the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

“We can ensure success when we achieve complete understanding of the objective. Complete understanding will ensure racial harmony which will eventually lead to racial integration.

“On behalf of the State Government of Sarawak, I wish you all Selamat Gawai Taun Dayak. We have done well in the past year. Let us enter the new year determined to do still better.

### **TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH’S MESSAGE**

TAN SRI Temenggong Jugah, Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, in his Festival Day Message called on the people “to reflect on how much progress we have made since the last Festival.”

He said: “Let us get rid of the obstacles that we’ve experienced since the last Festival, and let us now resolve to find better ways for better and closer understanding between ourselves, between the sexes, between the communities in Sarawak so that we continue living harmoniously with one another.”

Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah warned the people to be vigilant against the machinations of those who are trying to split the unity of the people.

“Don’t listen to them. Government is doing all it can solve the problems handed down to us from the previous Government. But it takes sometime before results can be achieved. Leaders of our people must consult with their anakbiaks; our men and women must consult with each other. I mention women here because I know that they have organisations of their own in many parts of the country,” said Temenggong Jugah.

He also urged the people to actively participate in Government development schemes, and discuss their problems with the officials concerned.





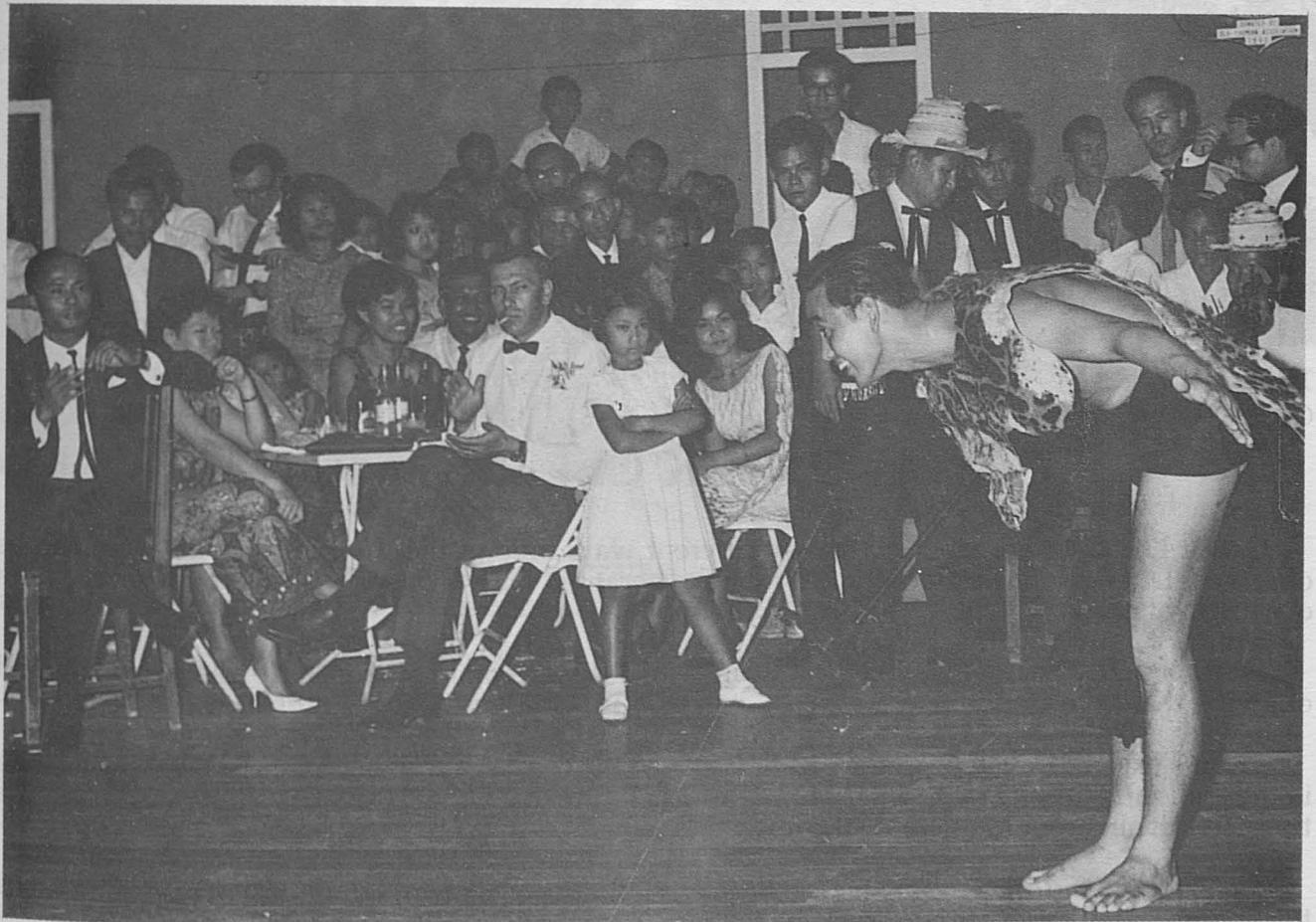
*A very gracious way of serving by Tra Zhendra to the V.I.P.*



*Participating in the "Miring" ceremony from R/L Minister of State Encik Tajang Laing, the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, the Governor Tun Abang Haji Openg, the speaker of the Council Negri Dato (Dr) Sockalingam, the President of the Kuching Municipal Council, Mr Song Thian Cheok, Temenggong Salau.*



*The performance of ngajat to entertain the crowd.*





*The performance of the "Miring" ceremony by a religious man in Iban traditional dress, without this ceremony no Gawai Dayak would be complete.*

## GAWAI DAYAK CELEBRATION

Gawai Dayak celebration in various different ways among the different Dayak races can be observed. Difference in the traditional forms of celebrating "Gawai Dayak" can also be observed from one are to another.

However, the basic idea behind the Gawai Dayak festival is maintained - that of merry making and of giving thanks to God.

The majority of Dayak people are rural farmers who must spend the whole year seeking a living in the fields and jungles of the interior. Hence it is fitting that Gawai Dayak is a time when families try to reunite in order to celebrate the festival together.

Thus, those who are working far from their longhouses usually make a point of returning home to join their families for Gawai Dayak as with the families of the other races.



*Choir welcoming the happy Gawai Dayak.*



*Mr. John Nicholl delivered his speech.*



*Miss Selina as seen enjoy tuak drinking.*

In the towns, each Dayak families will gather together on the night of May 31st to have a Gawai feast at midnight in the manner as Chinese family do on New Year eve.

This is the time for them to renew this resolution for the coming years and pray that coming year will be one of health, happiness and prosperity.

The various Dayak families always start of other races and religious are able to join in and wish them "Selamat Gawai Dayak" on such an occasion, and for this day is declared a public holiday in Sarawak.

"Hari Gawai Dayak" was gazetted as an official public holiday on September 25, 1964 and Gawai Dayak was officially celebrated for the first time on June 1st, 1965.



*The performance of traditional music "sape" in progress.*



*Mr. Gerusin Lambat and Panchah Eddy.*



*Mr. Stephen Wan Ulok.*

## **THE DAYAK COMMUNITY OF SARAWAK CELEBRATED THE SECOND DAYAK FESTIVAL DAY (GAWAI TAHUN DAYAK) ON 1st JUNE 1966.**

In Kuching, the Festival Day Eve was celebrated with a function at the Sarawak Union Club. It was attended by the Governor, Tun Abang Haji Openg, his wife, Toh Puan Hajjah Masniah, the Chief Minister, the Speaker of the Council Negri, Dato (Dr) Sockalingam, Cabinet Ministers and their wives, and community leader in Kuching.

The highlight of the evening was the traditional Dayak "Miring" ceremony performance to welcome the Gawai Tahun Dayak. The Governor and the Chief Minister were among the participants in the elaborate ceremony.

About two thousand persons attended the function. They were welcomed by the Chairman of the Organising Committee Mr. Stephen Wan Ulok, who in a brief speech, stressed the importance of unity amongst the people of various races of the country, in order to ensure their future security.



"Gawai Dayak Festival" was highlighted with many interesting features, adding to the attractiveness and gaiety of the occasion, and at the same time other exciting competitions were also held. These included dancing, tuak drinking and many other events.

The 'Kumbang Gawai' (Beauty Queen) is chosen for the Gawai Tahun. The choice was made by a panel of judges selecting among the maidens in their traditional costumes.

Datin Elizabeth Sendi Ningkan gave away prizes to the winner of 'Kumbang Gawai' and the runner up as seen in the above two pictures.

# THREE MINISTERS TOUR KALAKA DISTRICT

THREE Cabinet Ministers - the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry and the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, ended a six-day tour of Kalaka District in the Second Division on Tuesday this week.

DURING THEIR TOUR THE MINISTERS VISITED VARIOUS PLACES OF INTEREST INCLUDING SCHOOLS, LONGHOUSES AND LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES.

At Saratok Secondary School the Ministers were welcomed by the Principal of the School, Mr Gordon Tedrick. Addressing the pupils of the school on behalf of his colleagues, Dato Teo Kui Seng said that Kalaka District

had 41 Council schools. This was clear evidence of the Alliance Government's desire to give education to every child in Sarawak.

The success of the implementation of the education programme was due to the close co-operation of the Local Council and the Central Government, said Dato Teo. He also paid tribute to local councillors for their hard work and determination.

Advising the pupils to study hard, the Minister urged them to take an active interest in agriculture and farming as Sarawak was basically an agricultural country.

He emphasised that rural agriculture would be given the topmost priority in order to bring the standard of living in the rural areas up to that in the urban areas.

## At Nanga Budu Development Scheme

The Minister arrived at Nanga Budu Community Development Scheme on the afternoon of May 27 and were met by Mr Luke anak Tungku, the officer-in-charge.

Also to welcome the Ministers at Nanga Budu were the Upper Krian Parish Council Committee who were led by Mr Luke.

At the discussions which followed the Ministers explained the purpose of their visit and the policies of their respective ministries with regard to development.

The leaders declared that they supported the Chief Minister's policies with regard to national language and education and pledged their support to the Alliance Government.

In the evening, the Ministers were guests of honour at a banquet at Rumah Sang and were later entertained at a cultural show.

The Minister for Local Government, Dato Dunstan Endawie, explained to the people at every longhouse visited the purpose of their visit. He told them that house assessment would be introduced soon in the country, and that it would vary from area to area, depending on the locality and class.

He assured them that the most they were going to pay was \$6 and the lowest \$2.80.

He also explained to the people the proposed Awik/Krian Land Development Scheme and its importance in raising the economy of the people and the country.

## 'Do not sell Native Customary Land' Warning

Penghulu Francis Umpau, the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, explained the policy of his Ministry with regard to native land and Mixed Zone land. He warned the Natives not to sell Native Customary land to any non-Natives as their own wealth was in the lands they possessed. They could become rich if their lands they possessed were properly developed, he said.

The Minister also touched on the development of the country and advised the people to be united with one another.

The Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dato Teo Kui Seng, explained the importance of agriculture to the people and how it could raise the economy of the country if the people worked hard.

He also hoped that peace talks between Malaysia and Indonesia would be successful and that funds for the defence would be diverted for the country's development.

He reminded the people not to be complacent and relax their alertness if confrontation ended for they had to be on guard against subversive elements who were the real enemy of the country.



MIS picture shows the Minister being welcomed by the people of Saratok including school children.

On Monday, the Minister visited the Kabong/Nyabor Drainage Scheme at Kabong, which would cost the Government about \$11/2 million. Over 3,980 acres would be for coconut plantation and about 640 acres for planting padi.

A perimeter bund of 201/2 miles is nearing completion. This bund will prevent salt water from coming into the area which is controlled by sluice gates.

Wherever the Ministers went they were received with warm and traditional welcome. The people requested the introduction of development projects in their respective areas, and the Ministers told them that they would bring the matter to the attention of the Cabinet.

## Warm Welcome At Kalaka

On arrival at Kalaka on Wednesday morning, the Ministers received a rousing welcome from thousands of people, including school children, boy scouts, and representatives of political and other organisations.

Crowds of people lined the river bank of the road to Kalaka District Office and the National and State flags flew from every building.

Three pretty girls garlanded each of the Ministers as they stepped on to the wharf. Attractive arches erected by different communities in the area also added to the festive welcome atmosphere created by the visit of the Ministers. On arrival, they were introduced to Government officials and political and community leaders by Dato Endawie.

Addressing the large crowd on behalf of the Ministers, the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dato Teo Kui Seng, thanked the people for the warm welcome.

He praised them for their traditionally harmonious way of life and hoped that the various races who had lived like brothers would continue to do so. He said: "This indeed is the spirit of Malaysia and nationhood. I appeal to all leaders in the District to preserve this spirit of harmony." Explaining Tan Sri Jugah's absence, Dato Teo Kui Seng said that the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs was unable to accompany them because he was standing by to go to Bangkok for the proposed peace talks with Indonesian leaders.

The Minister reminded the people that despite Indonesian confrontation, Malaysia had achieved considerable success in the various fields of development. He stressed that the Alliance Government policy was to narrow the gap between the haves and the have-nots for if the gap was too wide, subversive elements would exploit the situation.

The Minister also hoped that the proposed peace talks between Malaysia and Indonesia would be successful so that funds now being allocated for defence could be diverted for the development of the country.

However, he pointed out that merely allocating large sums of money would not mean anything if the people would not help themselves. He stressed that only with the co-operation of the people development could progress.

Later, the Ministers visited the Secondary School and the Central Upper Primary School at 4th Miles, Saratok/Jakar Road, and attended an all-community lunch at Roban.

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The Minister said that the house assessment would be increased or decreased, depending on the class and locality of the house.

Speaking next, the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Penghulu Francis Umpau, explained the policy of his Ministry with regard to land.

He warned the people not to sell native Area and Native Customary land to non-Natives for that was against the law. "The Government will take drastic action against those who sell such land as well as against those who buy it from Natives," the Minister said.

Welcoming the Ministers, the Chairman of the Kalaka District Council, Mr Ellai Seman expressed on behalf of the people their gratitude, loyalty and support to Government.

Everywhere the Ministers went, the people expressed their gratitude to Government for the development projects already implemented in their areas and assured the Ministers that they would always support, co-operate and be loyal to the Government.

The Minister for Agriculture and Forestry returned to Kuching on Tuesday and the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources returned to their respective longhouses in order to join their families for the Gawai Taun Dayak.

# MINISTER DECLARES OPEN YOUTH CLUB AND MEETS THE PEOPLES

THE MINISTER FOR WELFARE, YOUTH AND CULTURE, DATO ABANG OTHMAN BIN ABANG HAJI MOASIL, DECLARED OPEN THE KAMPONG TAMBIRAT MUAFAKAT PERSAUDARAAN (UNITED BROTHERHOOD) YOUTH CLUB ON SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1966.

He was specially invited for the occasion, but took the opportunity to visit the kampong and talk to the people. This, he said, was "killing two birds with one stone."

Earlier in the afternoon, upon arrival at Tambirat, a large crowd of kampong elders including women and children lined up the jetty to welcome and greet the Minister.

He was conducted to the residence of Councillor Tambi bin Piee where he held a 'Meet-the-people session'.

At the Session, Dato Abang Othman warned the people of Tambirat that though the end of confrontation was in sight, they should remain vigilant against subversive elements. He urged them to remain united and give their full support to Government in its efforts to bring peace and racial harmony.

Referring to the Kuching Rural District Council's financial problem, Dato Othman appealed to the people to pay up their rate arrears since 1960 so that many rural development projects could be carried out. This, he added, would in turn benefit the people themselves.

Touching on education, the Minister hoped that the people would take advantage of the abolition of primary school fees. He further hoped that they would not hesitate to take the opportunity of learning with the opening of adult education classes in their area.

## Youth Concert

The Minister was accompanied by the Chairman, Kuching Rural District Council, Tua Kampong Suaidi, Abang Ikhwan Zaini MP and the President, Gabongan Kelab2 Belia Melayu Sarawak, Inche Hasbie Sulaiman.

Later in the evening, following speeches made in declaring open the Youth Club by the Minister and Inche Hasbie Sulaiman, a concert was staged by the local and Kampong Lintang Kuching Youth. A large crowd attended the show.

At the show funds were raised for the club by selling of flowers. The show was followed by a Gendang Party at Councillor Tambi's house.

# BORNEO NATIVES KEEP THEIR WORD TO AIR MARSHAL

DURING A RECENT TRIP TO BORNEO, AIR MARSHAL SIR CRISTOPHER HARTLEY, WHO BECOMES CONTROLLER OF AIRCRAFT AT THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF AVIATION IN JUNE, REVISITED FRIENDS HE MADE IN THE FAR INTERIOR OF BORNEO WHILE A MEMBER OF THE 1932 OXFORD EXPEDITION.

Climbing up a muddy bank of the River Baram from a small boat at Long Liam, a village longhouse, he lost his signet ring. He was assured that his Kayan hosts - members of one of the larger groups of natives inhabiting the interior - would search for the ring and find and return it.

To the interior people of Borneo their word is their bond. After a long journey by river and air Jok Ng Au, Chief of the Long Liam people, delivered the ring to the Royal Air Force at Kuching, capital of Sarawak. The ring was delivered to Flight Lieutenant Julian Evans, station movements officer. The ring has now been sent on to Sir Christopher in England.

The 1932 Oxford Expedition consisted of eight members. The present curator of the Kuching Museum, Tom Harrisson, was the leader and ornithologist, and "Cub" Hartley, as Sir Christopher was then known, senior boy at Eton, went as his assistant.

Lord Shackleton, present Minister of Defence for the Royal Air Force, was also a member. He distinguished himself by climbing the then unconquered Mount Mulu, at 7,950 feet Sarawak's highest peak. A detailed account of their adventures in the book "Borneo Jungle" makes enthralling reading.

Towards the end of the expedition's stay, Sir Christopher journeyed on his own to the Kayan longhouse at Long Laput. His primary aim was to explore the limestone caves that abound in that part of the country.

The caves provide a home for swifts, whose nests, built on the roofs with a sticky secretion from the birds' throats, are the source of bird's-nest soup, a Chinese delicacy.

The practice of head-hunting has been outlawed in Borneo for more than 50 years, but in 1932 tribes still ritually celebrated the return of their warriors. During the night younger men would stealthily remove an old head from its honoured position hanging from the roof of the longhouse. It would then be ceremoniously returned next morning.

This would mark the beginning of much feasting and drinking, and it was to one such celebration that Sir Cristopher, as a boy, was invited - but not before he'd been made a blood brother and given the Kayan name Batu Wan.

Much discussion and wrangling among the people, to decide who would be parent, preceded the bestowal of the Kayan name. Sir Christopher narrowly missed becoming son of the only woman chief in the whole of Sarawak, Penghulu Lalan - the toss of a coin decided against it.

It was to these people, including the daughters of Penghulu Lalan one of whom is now a grandmother and wife of the Paramount Chief of the interior people - that Air Marshal Sir Cristopher Hartley returned 34 years later. And, still after all the time, he was called Batu Wan.

## Bangkok Peace Talks Success Hailed

### PACT SIGNED

THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE BANGKOK PEACE TALKS THIS WEEK, BETWEEN MALAYSIA'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, TUN ABDUL RAZAK, AND INDONESIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, MR ADAM MALIK WAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT JOY HERE.

THE AGREEMENT WAS CONFIRMED BY THE SIGNING OF A PEACE PACT ON WEDNESDAY IN BANGKOK BY TUN RAZAK AND MR ADAM MALIK.

The ceremony of signing of the peace pact was witnessed by members of the Malaysian and Indonesian delegations and representatives of the world press.

The pact embodies recommendations to normalise relations between the two countries and requires ratification by Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta.

The news of the signing of the pact was described by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman as a "very great victory for both sides".



Picture shows the eight-member Indonesian military goodwill mission, led by Rear-Admiral O.B. Shaff, conferring with Tun Abdul Razak is seen sitting third from right (front row). On his right is Admiral Shaff.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, the Tunku said:

"I am happy that accord had been reached between the two nations as a result of which it is expected that normal relationship will be resumed at once.

"This will start off business, trading and other commercial activities on a very big scale.

"The representative of Indonesia, Mr Adam Malik, and Tun Razak have achieved a very great victory which had gladdened the hearts of many millions of people living in Indonesia and Malaysia and has removed the threat of disturbance which might have ultimately wrecked the peace of Asia. "We have now set ourselves to work for permanent peace which will bring the greatest good to the two countries.

"I therefore give thanks to God and pay the highest possible compliments to our delegation led by Tun Razak and also to Mr Malik and members of the Armed Forces of Indonesia who made up the Indonesian delegation for having reached this accord."

On Thursday, on his return to Kuala Lumpur from Bangkok, Tun Abdul Razak told newsmen, "Indonesian confrontation is definitely and without a doubt ended. Peace has come."

"We can now look forward to full co-operation between our two countries. We can renew the friendship treaty we had signed with them."

Asked about the withdrawal of troops from the borders of Borneo, Tun Razak said that the Indonesians have already started withdrawing some of the troops. He added that once relations were resumed all troops would be withdrawn.

# Chinese Communists Are Re-infiltrating C.M. CALLS FOR VIGILANCE AND CO-OPERATION

Chinese communists, many of them from the 17th Mile area, who went across the border as long ago as 1963 are coming back to attack the loyal people of our country.

IN LUNDU DISTRICT OF THE FIRST DIVISION OF SARAWAK THEY HAVE BEEN COMING BACK ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION.

There is, however, a great difference between what is happening now and a year ago. In June last year we had no information.

We were taken by surprise. After the formation of the new villages and the giving of adequate protection to the people of the Controlled Area we started to get information.

This was stated by the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan in a broadcast talk over Radio Malaysia (Sarawak) on Saturday, May 28, 1966.

The Chief Minister began his talk by referring to the two recent contacts with communist terrorists in the Gunong Gading area, the area of jungle covered mountain to the west and north of Lundu.

Describing these contacts as "important", the Chief Minister praised the Malaysian Rangers for their courage and skill in dealing with the enemy.

"In one action a Chinese communist was killed and his weapons captured. Several of his companions are believed to have been wounded. In an entirely separate engagement, but also in the Gunong Gading area, four Chinese communists were captured in a cave together with a considerable amount of arms, ammunition and equipment," said the Chief Minister.

## Result of Peoples' Co-operation

He added: "These two successes followed one another, one at the beginning of April when an armed Chinese terrorist was overpowered and captured by two brave Dayaks of the Districts. I may say they have been well rewarded. This man has since been brought to court and convicted of offences under the PPSR.

"What is very encouraging about these three successes is that all three have come about as a result of the co-operation of our people. Both the operation last Saturday took place as a result of information given by members of the public and the April capture was a fine example of determination and public spirit by two of our border people.

"Now the fact that we have had successes does not mean that these occurrences are not serious. They are indeed very serious. Here we have Chinese communists continuing to come back into Sarawak, not to surrender to your Government, but to carry our murder and terrorism.

“These incidents must be taken just as seriously as the attack on the 18th Mile Police Station last June which led to the establishment of the Controlled Area on the Serian Road.

“What is happening is that Chinese communists, many of them from the 17th Mile area, who went across the border as long ago as 1963 are coming back to attack the loyal people of our country. In Lundu District they have been coming back on their own without Indonesian participation.

“There is, however, a great difference between what is happening now and a year ago. In June last year we had no information. We were taken by surprise. After the formation of the new vilages and the giving of adequate protection to the people of the Controlled Area we started to get information.

“You will recall our success with Operation Letter Box in the new villages which caused the communists some worry. Some of this was of great help in dealing with the serious incursion which took place in February and march this year. Now in Lundu we are getting for more of the information which we need, thanks to the loyalty and public spirit of many of our people in Lundu District.”

The Chief Minister went on to say the Government was, however, not yet receiving all the co-operation it needed. “There are those who are holding back. There are those who have been actively helping the enemy by giving them food and warning of the approach of the security forces,” he said, and whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Lundu District is safe and secure.”

Dato Ningkan said the communists had sustained damaging reverses and they were “fully confident that we shall be able to give them many more hard knocks until at last they realise the folly and madness of what they are trying to do.”

## Stepping Up Pressure

He said: “They can only bring misery and unhappiness to their fellows whose help and co-operation they demand. But we expect their fellows, if they regard themselves as our fellow citizens to help us get rid of the communists.

“I have, therefore, directed that various operations should take place in the Lundu area designed to step up the pressure on the communists there, to provide the security forces with still more information and to give an opportunity for those who have not been helping us to do better.

“These measures may cause quite a little inconvenience for quite a few people. However I know that all our citizens who are loyal will recognise the need and give us their full support. Full details will be announced shortly.”

The Chief Minister concluded: “We are determined to attack our communist enemies with unrelenting persistence and with all the means at our command. We shall never rest until the communist movement in Sarawak is smashed and dead. We are well on the way to achieving this. We will carry on and never rest until the job is finished.

# NURSES GRADUATE: C.M. PRESENTS CERTIFICATES

A large sum of money is being spent in building and equipping Sarawak's new hospital, the first phase of which will cost nearly \$17,000,000.

THE HOSPITAL WHICH WILL BE A GREAT ASSET TO SARAWAK, WILL SERVE AS A BASE HOSPITAL. IT WILL HAVE BENEFIT THE PEOPLE FROM ALL AREAS IN THE STATE.

This was stated by the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, at the presentation of certificates last week to 30 Nurses and Midwives at the Nurses' Training School, Kuching.

The Chief Minister hoped that some of the nurses who had qualified as well as their predecessors now working in the Kuching General Hospital would have the honour of working in the new General Hospital when it is completed.

Earlier, the Chief Minister said: "I see that of the 30 of you who have successfully completed a difficult and strenuous three years' training, including classroom lectures and examinations, as well as practical work in the hospital wards, 20 are General Nurses, three Psychiatric Nurses and hospital assistants and seven midwives.

He added: "Having passed the examinations, you are now entitled to work as fully trained general or psychiatric nurses in the State of Sarawak.

"The new midwives, who are all trained nurses already, have completed a year's training as midwives and are now fully trained nurse-midwives who can take their places in any of the wards in the hospitals throughout the State.

"I am confident that they will make their very valuable contribution towards restoring the health of the patients admitted to these institutions.

"Indeed, all of you during your training have learned a lot more than just nursing procedures. You have learned to accept responsibility and to give service to your own people often at considerable inconvenience to yourselves.

**Learned Self-Discipline**

"And, you have also learned self-discipline and sympathy towards your less fortunate brethren. These are qualities which will stand you in good stead no matter what the future holds in store for you, and for that matter for all of us.

"Talking of the future, the Director had mentioned in his introductory remarks, the First Malaysia Development Plan, and the building work which has already started on the new Sarawak General Hospital.

"This fine new hospital which will rise to a height of eight storeys, and will, when

completed, contain some 567 beds, will be one of the finest hospitals in this part of the world.

“You girls who have now qualified as trained staff nurses, as well as your predecessors now working in the Kuching General Hospital, will have the honour, and I am sure, also the pleasure of working in it when it is completed.

“A large sum of money is being spent in building and equipping this new hospital, the first phase of which will cost nearly \$17,000,000, but it will be a great asset to Sarawak.

“And, it will serve as a base hospital, with Specialist facilities which will benefit the people from all areas in the State.”

The Chief Minister went on to say that the new hospital was not the only development project being carried out under the Development Plan, and it might well be that some of the successful nurses and midwives would be posted to serve in other hospitals and medical institutions in Sarawak.

“The new psychiatric nurses and hospital assistants, for instance, may find themselves posted to work in one or other of the new mental health units being provided under the Development Plan, at Miri and Sibü. The midwives may find themselves attached to the new Maternity Ward extension at the Lau King Howe Hospital in Sibü which is now approaching completion.”

He continued: “Some of you may find yourselves staffing one of the new local hospitals, two of which have already been completed at Lundu and Marudi, while the others being built at Bintulu, Lawas, Mukah and Betong will be completed in due course.

“However, none of you is likely to land up in the rural treatment centres being built all over the country because these hobs are reserved for the hospital assistants who are specially trained for this type of work. And I see that there are none in the list of recipients today.

“All these new medical buildings, which are being provided under the First Malaysia Development Plan, with generous financial assistance from the Federal Government, will no doubt look very nice and very impressive when completed.

“But they will be quite useless unless we can provide the staff to run them. And this is where you nurses come in. Even if hospitals could be provided with a full staff of specialists and doctors, which unfortunately is very difficult to achieve these days, they still would not be able to function without nursing staff.”

Finally, the Chief Minister stressed “the very important and useful role” the Medical Department staff would play in the development of Sarawak. “Everyone is liable to fall sick sometime or other, even Ministers, and they have to be nursed back to health before they are fit to carry on with their important work in the country,” he said wishing them all success.

## **‘Attractive Results’ of D-Plan, Says D.M.S.**

Earlier, welcoming the Chief Minister, the Director of Medical Services, Dr. R. Dickie, said it was appropriate that the Chief Minister should present certificates immediately after the visit to Sarawak of Tun Razak, the Deputy Prime Minister, who was also Minister of National and

Rural Development and who had been seeing at first hand how the First Malaysia Development Plan was progressing in Sarawak.

Dr Dickie said that the Chief Minister could see before him “some of the first indirect results of the previous Development Plan which has now been incorporated into the First Malaysia Plan”.

He added: “As you all know, the main single item in the Medical and Health Development Plan 1966-1970, is the first phase of the new Sarawak General Hospital which is now being built behind the old hospital here.

“But the first stage in this project was actually completed three years ago when an extension to the Nurses’ Home was built to accommodate the increased intake of student nurses who would be required to staff the new hospital, as well as the other new building projects under the Development Plan.”

Dr Dickie described the nurses as “the first visible, and may I say, attractive, results of the Development Plan as far as the new Sarawak General Hospital is concerned.” The following were presented with certificates by the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan:

General - Sephora Lee, Sylvia Sibat, Liu Siat Fah, Sister Perpetua, Linda Wee, Chew Sze Chin, Violet Teo, Jinap Angkin, Daisy Ho, Katherine Voon, Murugasan Sinamani, Fatimah Bakar, Hee Kim Tuan, Evelyn Chia, Lim Siok Boi, Madeline Chang, Mary Marimuttu, Alice Chai, Lim Siok Gim and Catherine Chai.

Mental - Grace Lee, Tan Nai Eng and Nelson Kadong.

Midwifery - Helen Chia, Cecelia Tang, Lucy Hii, Loh Leh Chuo, Grace Lau Howe Kwong, Mary Tan and Cecelia Wong.

Prize for Midwifery - Helen Chia.

# SARAKUP INDU DAYAK PRESENTS FESTIVAL DAY GIFT TO CHIEF MINISTER

THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATO STEPHEN KALONG NINGKAN, WAS PRESENTED WITH A HAND WOVEN TIE OF DAYAKF CULTURAL DESIGN, INCORPORATING THE STATE CREST ON TUESDAY.

The tie was presented by members of the Sarakup Indu Dayak Sarawak (Women's Section of the Dayak National Union), at an informal ceremony at the Chief Minister's Office.

The presentation was made by Mrs Tra Zehnder, President of SIDS on behalf of the members. A delegation of five members were also present at the ceremony.

Presenting the tie as a special DAYak Festival Day gift, Mrs Tra Zehnder said that the Sarakup Indu were proud and honoured to present the tie which was a product of the handicraft and cultural section of SIDS.

Mrs Tra Zehnder said that Sarakup looked for guidance, help and support from the Chief Minister and the other Ministers.

Accepting the gift, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan said that he deeply appreciated the gesture. He described it as "a token of Sarakup's loyalty" not only to him but to the Alliance Government and the nation as a whole.

He said he would treasure it and use it on all important occasions, specially during the Dayak Festival Day. The Chief Minister then handed a donation of \$100 to SIDS and wished them "Selamat Gawai Taun Dayak".

The other members of the delegation at the presentation ceremony included: Mrs Susi Kitto, Hon. Secretary; Mrs Eunice Antah, Hon. Treasurer; Madam Julia Linang (Chairman, Handicraft and Culture), and Miss Fanny Sibat, Hon. Secretary, Handicraft and Culture.



*Mr. Lee Ah Luke, Deputy Chief Minister Dato and Datin James Wong Kim Min and their three children as seen in this photograph.*

### **THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SARAWAK TOURIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE AND INFORMATION CENTRE AT PANGKALAN BATU TOWER.**

The Sarawak Tourist Association was officially declared open by their Patron Dato Wee Hood Teck on the 4th June 1966.

Many distinguished guests, government officials and representatives from commercial firms were present to witness the opening ceremony.

Local travel agencies were invited to display their stalls.



*The Patron of the Sarawak Tourist Association Dato Wee Hood Teck gave a brief address.*



*Modern Music*



*Tuak Serving*



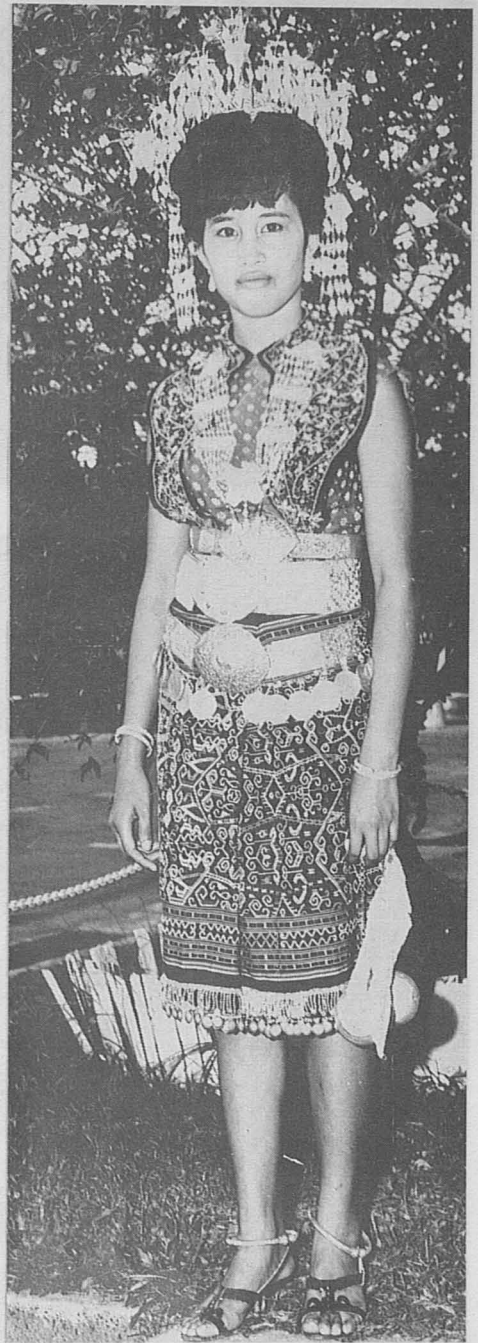
*Mr. and Mrs. Cheng Yew Kiews on the left (second row), Mrs. Sidi Munan third from the right and Mrs. Chai Nyuk Ngian (extreme right).*



*Distinguished guests, government officials and representatives from commercial firm were presented on the occasion.*



*A bouquet was presented to the wife of the Patron Datin Phang Teak Lian on the arrival.*



*Pictures shows the Iban beauties on the occasion of the official opening of the Sarawak Tourist Association Office and Information Centre.*



*A graceful ngajat*



*Malay Gendang2 Pantun*



**Wellknown Han - Iban Culturer troupe.**

It is an ideal occasion for the Dayak community races in Sarawak to display their rich heritage of traditions and customs. It is generally felt that it helps to retain many elements of Dayak custom and tradition which could otherwise be lost and which may well help to strengthen the cultural life of Malaysia. An opinion shared by many Dayak leaders in Sarawak and at the same time it also offers an excellent opportunity for people of other races to learn a little of the customs and traditions of the Dayak people of Sarawak.



*Mr. and Mrs. Sidi Munan taken a photo with the Iban beauties.*



*At the Sarawak Steamship Co Lts's display stall, Mr. Lee Ah Lake (extreme right) standing next Elizabeth Low with the Iban beauties.*



**BANGKOK PEACE TALKS TAN SRI JUGAH'S RETURN WITH TRIUMPH ON 5TH  
JUNE 1966**

At the airport to welcome the Minister on his arrival in the morning was the Chief Minister Dato Stephen Kalong Nigkan, who was on his way to Kuala Lumpur to attend a University of Malaya committee meeting. Also present were the Deputy Chief Minister Dato James Wong, the Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resource Dato Teo Kui Seng, the Federal Secretary Inche Abu Hassan Abdullah, and Allinace Party leaders.

As Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah disembarked from the plane, he was garlanded by 15 year old Linda Chow and heartily greeted by the Minister and official present.



*The Federal Secretary Inche Abu Hassan Abdullah and Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah in a happy mood.*



*The Chief Minister Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, the Deputy Chief Minister Dato James Wong Kim Min and the Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resource Dato Teo Kui Seng and Dato Wee Hood Teck at the V.I.P. room.*



## **Accord will not affect Sarawak status,..... Jugah Sarawak Vanguard 5/6/1966**

The Bangkok accord would not in the slightest degree affect Sarawak's position or status in the Federation of Malaysia. This was stressed by Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, the Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs, on his return from the Bangkok talks where he represented Sarawak.

However his assurance still left the sealed-pocket Bangkok accord a mystery as to its content.

Speaking at a news conference at the Kuching Airport V.I.P. Room shortly after he flew in this morning, Tan Sri Jugah expressed his full satisfaction that the talks had been an unpresidential success to both Malaysia and Indonesia.

"I am very satisfied" said Tan Sri Jugah in his native Iban dialect, that the talks had been most successful. Except for one or two minor matters, agreement had been reached a broader prospective I am most satisfied".

The Federal Minister also disclosed that the deal with the minor matters both Indonesia and Malaysia would be setting up "consultative Committee" to iron out the problems still outstanding. He was however, unable to disclose whether or not these committee has been set up.

The Deputy Prime Minister also said the idea of having this ministerial meeting is to have the way for a summit meeting between the Tunku and the Indonesian President.

## **Thanked**

Tun Razak thanked the Thai Government Particularly Prime Minister Field Marshall Tun Thanon Kittikachorn and the Foreign Minister Tun Thanat Khoman, for the assistance and readiness to provide facilities for holding the coming peace talks.

Tun Razak also said that both Thailand and Malaysia are determined to make ASA (Association of Southeast Asia) a success.

## **Malik For Bangkok**

Meanwhile it was reported in Kuala Lumpur later tonight that the Indonesian Foreign Minister Mr. Adam Malik had announced to day that he would leave for Bangkok on Friday for peace talk with the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Razak.

He told newsmen at Djakarta that he expected to be away for about two days.

Mr. Malik said that Indonesia would go to the talks without preconditions. His country was ready to accept that the people of Sabah and Sarawak wanted the union.

In reply to a question about Indonesian objection to the presence of British troops in Malaysia Mr. Malik said that British Agreement was that they were required by the Anglo - Malaysia Defence pact. He added that if it could be demolished that the security of the areas was in safe hands, the British might be ready to withdraw.

## **Soek Supports**

It was reported from Kuala Lumpur that an earlier press conference in Djakarta the Indonesian deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Suwito said that these would not be any third party at the talks.

Mr. Malik and Tun Razak he said would decide whether there would be a summit meeting between Indonesia and Malaya.

Mr Suwito said that President Sukarno supported the peace talks.



Mr. T.Y. Tan, Mr. Lee Swee Hock, Dato James Wong, Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, Mr. Francis Tan, Inche Abu Hassan Abdullah and Mr. sidi Munan in a jovial mood as seen in the V.I.P. room.

# **Bangkok Peace Talks Jugah Going With Razak C.M. “No Surprise To Me”**

The Federal Minister for Sarawak Affairs Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah had been chosen to represent Sarawak during the coming peace talks in Bangkok was welcomed because he is the leader of the Sarawak Alliance Party.

This was indicated by the Chief Minister Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan, when he gave his views on the Deputy Minister’s intention to have with him Tan Sri Jugah and several members of the Alliance party to the Bangkok talks.

“Tun Razak announcement was not a surprise to me” he said since the matter had been discussed between him and Tun Razak during his recent visit here.

“I am pleased that Tan Sri Jugah had been selected to represent Sarawak said Dato Ningkan. I am happy because we are represented what is more Tan Sri Jugah is the Chairman of the Sarawak Alliance.”

Answering a question that the selection of representation appeared to be more on a political party bases Dato Ningkan said. “I don’t know how they (the Federal Contract) did it, but I have no reason to question their wisdom.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Razak had announced that Malaysia and Indonesia have agree to hold the peace talks to end the confrontation. Tun Razak also repeated an earlier statement by the Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Abdul Rahman that the talks would probably be held in Bangkok during the week end.

## **Very Happy**

Tun Razak was making the announcement at a news conference in Cameron Highland in the afternoon and expressed that he is very happy with this development and that the confrontation had not done any good to either side.”

Stressing that the talks would be between himself and the Indonesian Foreign Minister Mr. Adam Malik, Tun Razak however proposed to bring with him the chairman of the Sabah Alliance Tun Mustapha, Tan Sri Jugah, and several member of the Alliance Party.

## **Solidarity**

Tun Razak said this would show the solidarity amongst Malaysians in their effort to bring about peace with Indonesia. He could not tell how long the talks would last, but pointed out that the important thing was to search an agreement to end the confrontation.

Tan Sri Jugah also dismissed as mere speculation any thought by certain people that Indonesian's willingness to end the confrontation on the basis that Sarawak's position as a full state in Malaysia will change.

There have been speculation that Indonesia's agreement to favour ending the confrontation and to consider recognition of Malaysia "so quickly" was because Malaysia (or Tun Razak) had agreed to reduce Malaysia to confederation status.

## No Change

"There is nothing of that sorts" Tan Sri Jugah stressed when once Indonesia agrees to end the confrontation, it means that he is prepared to recognise Malaysia, and of recognising Malaysia, I don not see there would be any change in the status of our Malaysia Federation."

Answering a reporter's question that there was a hitch in Djakarta circles in agreement to the Malik - Razak talks Tan Sri Said:

There is no hitch, the Indonesians, particularly the army, was very much with us in ending the confrontation. I have no reason to doubt their sincerity."

Earlier Tan Sri Jugah told reporters that before proceeding to Bangkok, the Malaysia delegation called at Alor Star where they meet the Prime Minister Tuanku Abdul Rahman, who was holidaying there.

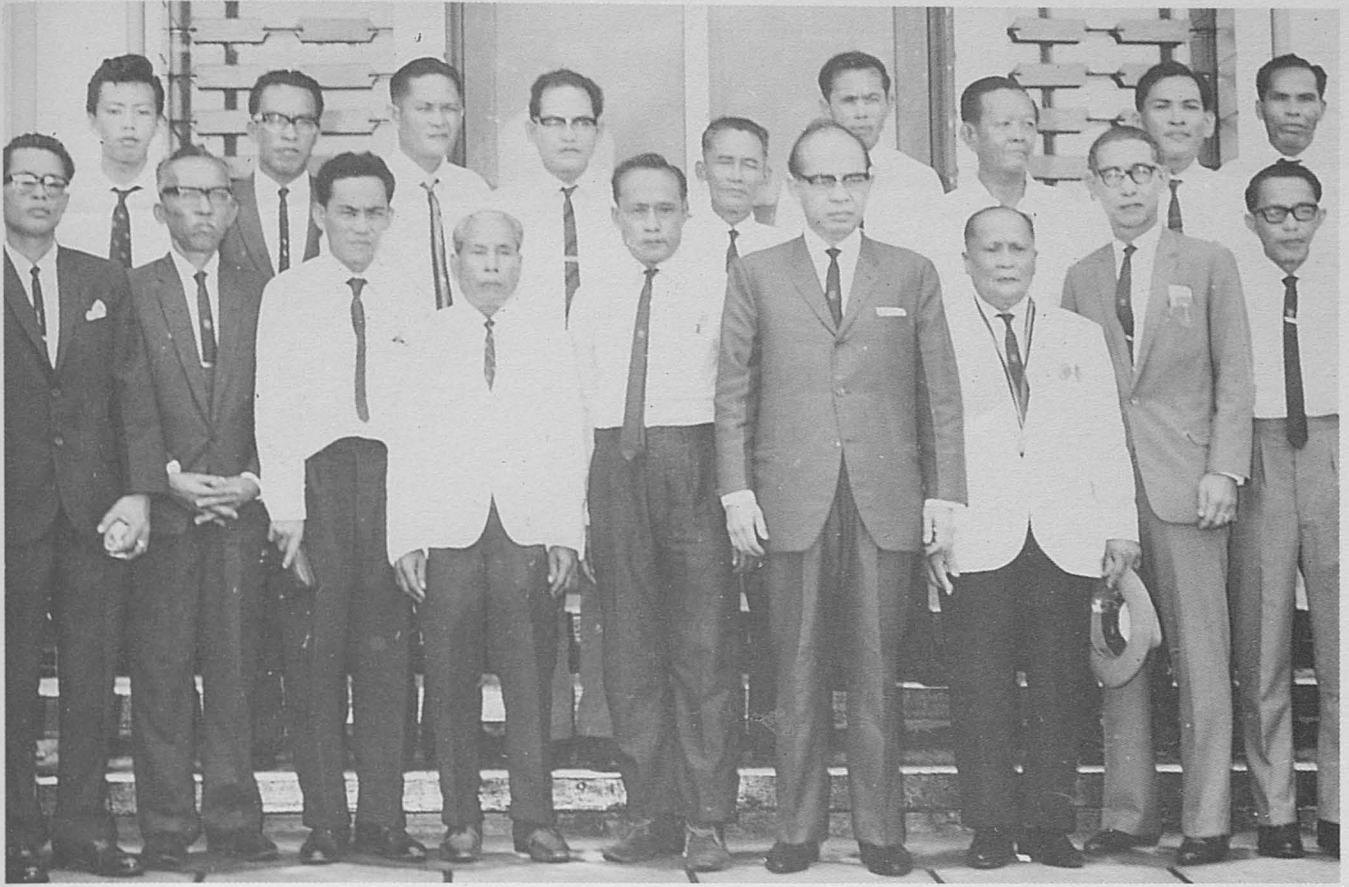
The delegation were given a traditional yellow rice (nasi kunyit) feast by the Tunku said Tan Sri Jugah. Also of significance among them also a member of the Indonesian earlier peace mission Lt. Col Ali Moertabo, who boarded the same plane with them from Alor Star to Bangkok.

## Vigilant

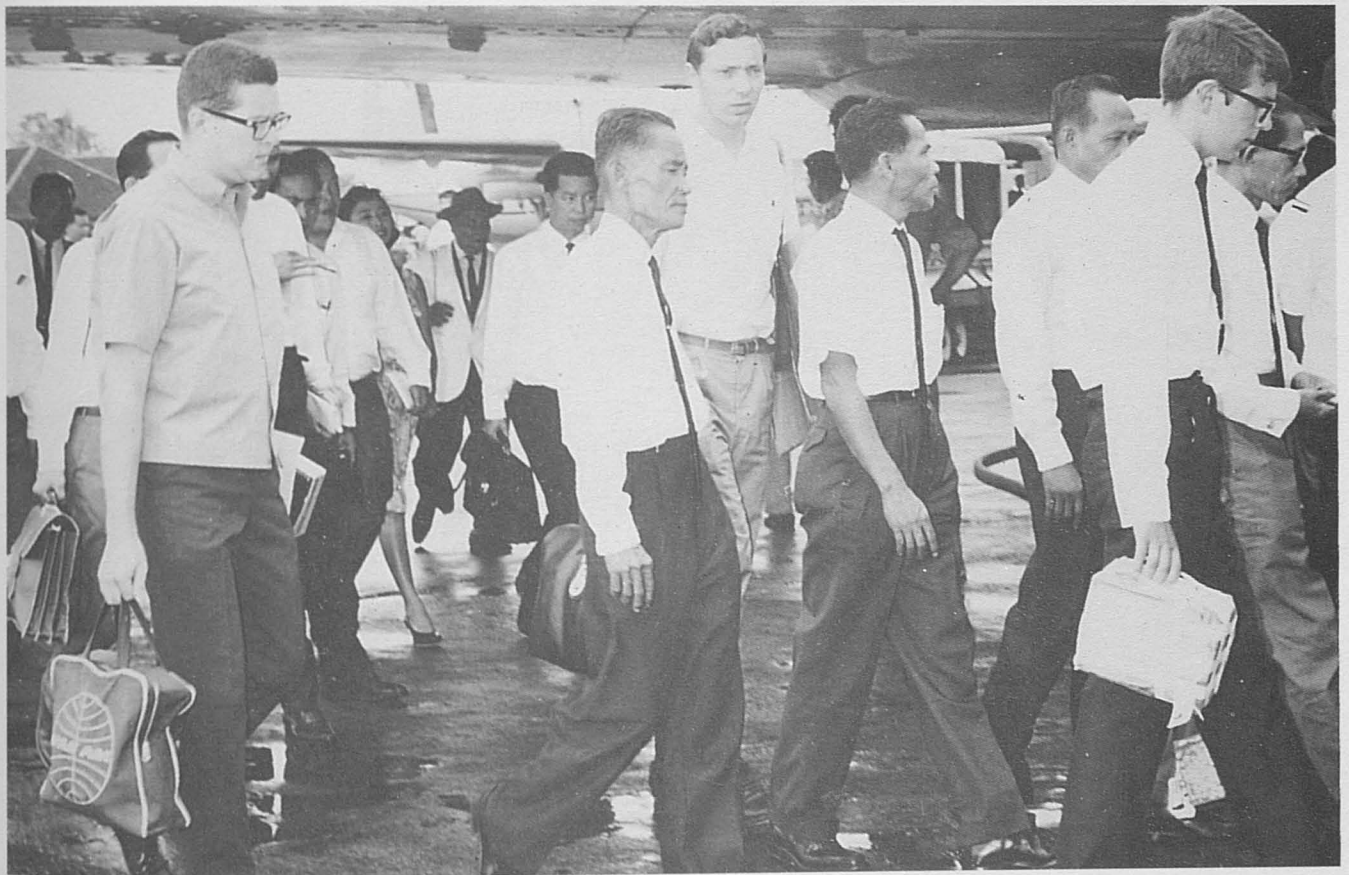
The Minister also stressed that although the confrontation is now over, the people must not be complacent to the political surrounding's prevalent at this time, but must be vigilant as we never know what the communists are trying to do now.

"The end of confrontation between Indonesia and Malaya would mean that both our countries have our common enemy to fight, that is the communist" said Tan Sri Jugah "That makes it more so firm that with this renewed relationship Malaysia and Indonesia will have lasting friendship and co-operation."

Accompanying Tan Sri Jugah to the Bangkok talks was his Political Secretary Mr. Alfred U. Mason.



*The Chief Minister Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan and the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry Dato Teo Kui Seng with the farmers and staff of Agriculture Department which they flew on 3/6/66 morning to Kuala Lumpur for a two week study tour in Kuala Lumpur.*



*Penghulu Tawi Sli with staff of Agricultures and Farmers loading the plane.*





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