

Parliament - Debate,

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 3 (Bernama). 1969

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The debate on the Development Estimates, in the Dewan Rakyat.

47: Mahathir (Items 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54)

PARLIAMENT-DEBATE 10 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMED (ALL-KOTA STAR SELATAN) SAID THAT WHEN THE DOMINO THEORY BECAME A REALITY AFTER PEACE WAS OBTAINED IN VIETNAM, MALAYSIA SHOULD ENLIST THE HELP OF THE RUSSIANS TO CONTAIN CHINA'S EXPANSIONIST POLICY.

DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT THE AMERICAN INTERFERENCE IN MALAYSIA'S RIGHT TO BUY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FROM FRANCE + SHOULD CONVINCING US THAT THERE IS NO HOPE OF U.S. HELP IN THE EVENT OF A CHINESE BID TO SUBJUGATE ONE BY ONE THE NATIONS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

+IN THE EVENT OF THE DOMINO THEORY BECOMING A REALITY OUR BEST HOPE LIES IN ENLISTING RUSSIAN HELP.

+RUSSIA HAS SHOWN IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT IT WILL NOT ASSIST AGGRESSION. THIS, THE ARABS HAVE LEARNT.

+BUT RUSSIA IS LESS LIKELY TO LET NATIONS SUFFER MILITARY CONQUEST.

+RUSSIA'S FEELING TOWARDS CHINA IS WELL-KNOWN AND IT MUST BE IN RUSSIA'S INTEREST TO SEE TO IT THAT SOUTH-EAST ASIA DOES NOT SOLIDIFY INTO A CHINESE-DOMINATED REGION THREATENING HER REAR AND SOUTHERN FLANKS.+ - BERNAMA MORE

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PARLIAMENT-DEBATE 11 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT AUSTRALIA'S ATTITUDE WOULD MAKE MALAYSIA +DISMISS HER AS A LIKELY FRIEND IN NEED.+

HE ADDED: +ANY POWER CONTROLLING SOUTH-EAST ASIA MUST EVENTUALLY THREATEN AUSTRALIA.

+BUT THE AUSTRALIANS THINK THEY SHOULD PUT AS GREAT A DISTANCE AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE COLLAPSING DOMINOES.

+AUSTRALIA WANTS TO STATION HER TROOPS IN SINGAPORE AND VAGUELY THREATENS TO LEAVE US IF WE DO NOT CO-OPERATE WITH SINGAPORE.

+THIS ATTITUDE DOES NOT SEEM PROMISING AND WE MIGHT AS WELL DISMISS AUSTRALIA AS A LIKELY FRIEND IN NEED.+

ON THE AMERICAN INTERFERENCE IN MALAYSIA'S ATTEMPT TO BUY THE FRENCH MIRAGE, DR. MAHATHIR ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. WAS SO NAIVE NOT TO KNOW THAT IF MALAYSIA COULD NOT PROCURE PLANES FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES +WE CAN GET THEM FROM THE EAST.+ -

BERNAMA MORE

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PARLIAMENT-DEBATE 12 KUALA LUMPUR

+IF ANYTHING IS CALCULATED TO PUSH US INTO THE ARMS OF THE RUSSIANS, IT CERTAINLY IS THIS STUPID INTERFERENCE OVER THE PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.+

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT MALAYSIA MUST REORIENTATE HERSELF TO THE CHANGING PATTERN OF THE TIME.

+THE SOFT CUSHY LIFE THAT HAS CHARACTERISED THIS NATION IN THE EARLIER DAYS FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE AND THE DEFEAT OF THE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY IS OVER,+ HE ADDED.

+THE CHANGES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE DEMAND A MUCH GREATER SACRIFICE ON THE PART OF EVERYBODY.

+MONEY MUST BE FOUND TO FINANCE A WHOLE NEW SET OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

+A MUCH GREATER EFFORT IS REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS NATION MORE COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF FINANCIAL HELP FROM ABROAD.

+INDIVIDUAL SELFISHNESS AND THE SELFISHNESS OF GROUPS OF PEOPLE MUST BE RELEGATED TO THE BACKGROUND. - BERNAMA MORE
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+THE FURTHER BIDDINGS THAT CHARACTERISE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE WORKERS AND THE CONSTANT GRIPING OF THE WELL-TO-DO COMMERCIAL PEOPLE MUST NOT BE TOLERATED.

+THE NEED IS FOR A MORE RESILIENT SOCIETY ABLE TO ADAPT TO THE CHANGING SITUATION.

+WE FROM THE GOVERNMENT BENCH WILL IDENTIFY OURSELVES COMPLETELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONAL EFFORT.

+WE HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE TOO WILL DO THE SAME AND WILL GIVE THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

+ONLY A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAKE THE CHANGES IN EMPHASIS OVER OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME NECESSARY CAN SAVE US.

+I AM SURE WITH THE LEADERSHIP WE HAVE WE WILL COME THROUGH TRYING TIMES WITH FLYING COLOURS. - BERNAMA MORE
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EARLIER, HE SAID THAT ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE FAST CHANGING WORLD +IS THE RAPID EMERGENCE OF COMMUNIST CHINA AS A MILITARY AND INDUSTRIALISED POWER -- AGGRESSIVE AND CRUDE.+

HE ADDED THAT CHINA CAST A DARK MENACING SHADOW OVER SOUTH-EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IF CHINA WERE TO SUCCEED IN VIETNAM SHE WOULD TURN AN AVARICIOUS LOOK AT MALAYSIA.

MALAYSIA, HE STRESSED, AS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY WHICH BELIEVED IN PEACE, WAS AWARE OF THE GROWING DANGER OF CHINA'S EXPANSIONIST POLICY.

HE SAID THAT IN THE TURN OF EVENTS IN VIETNAM WITH THE MILITARY DEFEAT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MALAYSIA WOULD BE FACED WITH SEVERAL DISTINCT POSSIBILITIES.

FIRST, IT WAS POSSIBLE BUT HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT VICTORY IN VIETNAM WOULD SATISFY THE AMBITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA. - BERNAMA MORE 1625

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+SECONDLY, THE DOMINO THEORY WHEREIN THE NATIONS OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA WILL FALL ONE BY ONE IN THE FACE OF THE CHINESE ONSLAUGHT WILL CEASE TO BE PURELY ACADEMIC AND GO ON TO BEING A PAINFUL REALITY.

+AND THIRDLY, THE HEADY WINE OF VICTORY MIGHT SUFFICIENTLY TIP THE BALANCE BETWEEN SANITY AND MADNESS AMONG CHINESE LEADERS AND WE WILL BECOME THE VICTIMS OF A TOTAL WAR TO COMPLETE CHINA'S IMPERIAL AMBITIONS.

+LET US HOPE THAT SANITY PREVAILS AND A PERIOD OF PEACE ENSUES FOLLOWING VIETNAMESE VICTORY.

+IF THIS HAPPENS THEN WE SHOULD SEEK OUT THE NEW RULERS IN SAIGON AND HANOI AND CO-OPERATE WITH THEM.

+WITH THE OTHER NATIONS OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA, WE SHOULD CO-OPERATE IN THE CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS.

+WE SHOULD ESCHEW MILITARY PACTS IN ORDER THAT WE WILL NOT UNNECESSARILY ANTAGONISE CHINA.

+WITH OUR SO-CALLED FRIENDS WE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE LESS THEY INTRUDE INTO THIS REGION, THE BETTER.+ - BERNAMA MORE 1633

PARLIAMENT - DEBATE 16 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR STATED THAT IF ANY COUNTRY +WISH FOR PEACE IT HAS TO PREPARE FOR WAR.+

IN VIEW OF THIS, HE ADDED THAT IF MALAYSIA WANTED PEACE IT HAD TO PROVIDE ITSELF WITH THE MEANS FOR MAKING WAR. - BERNAMA 1634