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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 28 (BERNAMA) -- THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CAN BE CONTROLLED BY ANY PARTY OTHER THAN THE ALLIANCE.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED IN A TALK ON +MALAYSIAN POLITICAL PARTIES+ TO 83 ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS ATTENDING A SIX-WEEK BASIC TRAINING COURSE AT THE GOVERNMENT STAFF TRAINING CENTRE IN PETALING JAYA.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE COMBINATION OF UMNO, MCA AND MIC IN THE ALLIANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO GAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT.

HE ADDED: +THE SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL PARTY IN MALAYSIA IS THE ALLIANCE. THEIR SUCCESS IS BECAUSE THEY ACCEPT REALITY.+

THE ALLIANCE, HE SAID, HAD ALSO MADE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FUTURE WHEREBY COMMUNAL SENTIMENTS WOULD LESSEN AMONG THE PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1928/HS

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DR. MAHATHIR WAS OF THE OPINION THAT WITH ITS SYSTEM OF DIRECT MEMBERSHIP, THE ALLIANCE WAS THE SUITABLE POLITICAL PARTY AT ALL TIMES AND SITUATIONS.

HE ALSO GAVE HIS OPINION ON OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES, INCLUDING:

• THE PEOPLES' PROGRESSIVE PARTY - THE PPP, HE SAID, IS A REGIONAL PARTY AND ITS POLITICS IS ANTI OR NEGATIVE, OPPOSING EVERYTHING BY EXPLOITING RACIAL SENTIMENTS AND CLOSING ITS EYE TO REALITY.

THE PPP HAD STOOD FOR ELECTIONS IN THREE GENERAL ELECTIONS AND HAD MADE SOME ACHIEVEMENTS. ITS PRESENT LEADER IS MODERATE SO MUCH SO THAT IT WAS ABLE TO SPONSOR THE ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION FROM ANOTHER PARTY WHICH SHOULD BE ITS CLOSEST RIVAL.

• THE DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY - SIMILAR TO THE PPP WITH NEGATIVE POLITICS, HE SAID. ITS SUCCESS WAS NOT AS SIGNIFICANT IN THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AS IN THE DEWAN RAAYAT.

THE GERAKAN, WHICH HAS LESS REPRESENTATION IN THE DEWAN RAAYAT, HAD INSTEAD BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE A STATE. - BERNAMA MORE 1943/HS

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THEIR SUPPORTERS WERE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DAP WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CAPTURE ANY STATE AND THIS HAD LED TO DISPUTES BETWEEN DAP REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.

+THERE IS NO INDICATION TO SHOW THAT THE DAP WILL ACHIEVE MUCH SUCCESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

+THE PMIP -- IT HAD ESTABLISHED A FOUNDATION IN KELANTAN AND THERE HAD BEEN NO INDICATION THAT THIS COULD BE DISRUPTED BY OTHER PARTIES, DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

+THE GERAKAN -- ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT A COMMUNAL PARTY, COMMUNAL SENTIMENTS WERE STILL RIFE AMONG ITS LEADERS AND MEMBERS.

+PEKEMAS -- IT WAS NOT A NEW PARTY BUT A NEW POLITICAL MACHINERY FOR POLITICIANS WHO HAD LOST THEIR INFLUENCE.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO FELT THAT THE SYSTEM OF COALITION GOVERNMENT IN PENANG WOULD BE CONTINUED BY THE ALLIANCE.

THIS SYSTEM WOULD, MORE OR LESS, CHANGE THE POLICIES OF THE ALLIANCE, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1947/ZCM

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HE SAID THAT IF THE ALLIANCE WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE SUPP AND THE GERAKAN IN SARAWAK AND PENANG RESPECTIVELY, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT IT WOULD ACCEPT THE PMIP IN KEDAH, PERLIS AND TRENGGANU.

HE ALSO SAID THAT POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE COUNTRY WERE NOT WELL ORGANISED TO ALLOW THE EXISTENCE OF A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTERS ALSO DID NOT ENABLE SUCH A SYSTEM TO EXIST IN THE COUNTRY.

THIS SITUATION, HE ADDED, WOULD GRADUALLY WEAKEN POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE COUNTRY SO THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY PARTY WHICH WAS ABLE TO FORM A STRONG GOVERNMENT. -
BERNAMA 1945/HS