

Govt to act against

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pro-Red students

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — The Government will act against Malaysian students in Australia known to be sympathisers of the communist cause, the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, said today.

Such action would be taken when they returned.

Dr. Mahathir was commenting on a recent statement by Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew's charge in Melbourne recently that a central group, made up primarily of Malaysians, was spearheading the recruitment of Singapore and Malaysian communists in Australia.

Dr. Mahathir said the Government had information of Malaysian ex-student leaders, now in Australia, being involved in pro-communist activities.

The Government could not take action against them until they returned, he said.

Dr. Mahathir was speaking to reporters after receiving a handbook on the proceedings of a seminar on drug abuse prevention education from the George Town Lions Club.

The chairman of the seminar organising committee, Dr. P. P. Shah, accompanied by other members, handed the book to Dr. Mahathir

who is also Education Minister and chairman of the Government Committee on Drugs.

The book which contains a comprehensive report on drug abuse, is to be translated into Bahasa Malaysia and is being considered by the Ministry for distribution.

Dr. Mahathir said the Government was relying on voluntary bodies and service clubs to help fight the drug problem.

The war against drugs was a costly and sophisticated one and the involvement of the public was of primary importance.

After-care was important and the cured addict needed society's tolerance and understanding if he was not to revert to his old ways.