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KANGAR, NOV. 29 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY WHICH FOLLOWED THE COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE WERE FREE TO FORM POLITICAL PARTIES, COMMUNIST PARTIES HAD BEEN BANNED SINCE BEFORE MERDEKA.

THE BAN WAS IMPOSED BECAUSE THEIR IDEOLOGY WAS CONSIDERED TO BE OPPOSED TO THE WISHES AND BELIEFS OF MALAYSIANS.

PARTIES BASED ON OTHER IDEOLOGIES SUCH AS SOCIALISM WERE NOT PROHIBITED PROVIDED THEY DID NOT INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT OR TRY TO SEIZE POWER BY ARMS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

+THIS IS WHY SOCIALIST PARTIES HAVE EXISTED SINCE MERDEKA AND ARE NOT BANNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON GROUNDS OF IDEOLOGY+, HE ADDED WHEN ADDRESSING PERLIS PARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS HERE.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH UMNO AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO SPECIFIC IDEOLOGY, THEY NEVERTHELESS HAD NEVER ACCEPTED SOCIALISM AS AN IDEOLOGY FOR THE PARTY OR NATION. --BERNAMA MORE 1845/5Y

ACCORDING TO DR. MAHATHIR, THE POLITICAL STAND OF THE GOVERNMENT AND UMNO WAS FOUNDED ON THE NATION, RELIGION AND THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UMNO AND THE GOVERNMENT GENERALLY BELIEVED IN A CONTROLLED FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IN WHICH THE PEOPLE COULD DO BUSINESS AND SEEK WEALTH WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, UMNO AND THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF STATE ENTERPRISE.

SINCE MERDEKA, THE RAILWAY, PORTS, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, RADIO AND TELEVISION, AVIATION AND ELECTRICITY WERE UNDER THE STATE.

TO THESE WERE LATER ADDED FELDA, STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS, MARA SUBSIDIARIES, FAMA, FIMA, PERNAS, PETRONAS AND OTHERS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT COOPERATIVES WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT THE CAPITALISTS DID NOT CONTROL ALL TRADE AND INDUSTRY. THE GOVERNMENT FIRMLY SUPPORTED THE COOPERATIVES AND AIDED THEM DIRECTLY.

HE SAID: +INDUSTRIES AND TRADES RUN BY THE STATE AND COOP. PATIVES WERE CREATED BY THE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS.+ - BERNAMA MORE 193
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+BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF MALAYA AND MALAYSIA HAD BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE SOCIALISTS OR COMMUNISTS SINCE 1957.

+IN THE SAME WAY THAT ADOPTING THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM DOES NOT MEAN WE HAVE BECOME A CHRISTIAN NATION, THE USE OF METHODS CREATED BY THE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE SOCIALISTS OR COMMUNISTS.

+WE HAVE STATE ENTERPRISES IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY AND RELIGION,+ SAID DR. MAHATHIR.

BUT HE SAID THAT UNRESTRAINED FREE ENTERPRISE WAS A CAPITALIST SYSTEM WHICH CONFERRED WEALTH TO A FORTUNATE FEW WHO WERE EITHER GOOD IN DOING BUSINESS, FINFLUENTIAL OR IMMORAL.

TO MOST OF THE POPULATION, UNLIMITED FREE ENTERPRISE MEANT OPPRESSION AND POVERTY BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT.
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DR. MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CREATED STATE ENTERPRISES BECAUSE PART OF THE WEALTH COULD BE OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEOPLE.

THIS WAS DUE TO HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND A BELIEF IN FAIRNESS AND DID NOT MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT OR UMNO HAD BEEN INFLUENCED BY SOCIALISM, HE SAID.

ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS NOT RIGHT FOR MALAYSIA TO BE ASSOCIATED DIRECTLY WITH ANY BLOC.

+RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS DO NOT MEAN THAT MALAYSIA HAS ACCEPTED THE COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY, NOR DO RELATIONS WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES MEAN THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED CAPITALISM AS OUR SYSTEM OF IDEOLOGY, + HE SAID.

+OUR POLICY IS THAT EACH COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO PRACTISE ITS OWN SYSTEM AND NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANY COUNTRY, + HE ADDED. - BERNAMA MORE 1942/17

SO FAR, MALAYSIA HAD SUCCEEDED IN MAINTAINING A STABLE ECONOMY AND THWARTING ANY ATTEMPT BY THE COMMUNISTS TO GAIN POWER, DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

THERE WAS NO REASON FOR THIS POLICY AND PRACTICE TO BE TERMINATED, HE ADDED.

+A POLICY OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, A POLICY OUTLAWING COMMUNISM, A POLICY OF ALLOWING POLITICAL PARTIES TO PRACTISE FREELY, A POLICY OF USING WHATEVER METHOD WAS USEFUL AND GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE AND AN EQUIDISTANT AND NON-ALIGNED POLICY WERE DRAWN UP SINCE INDEPENDENCE, + HE SAID.

THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN OPERATING SUCCESSFULLY BY PRACTISING THESE POLICIES AND WOULD CONTINUE THEM, TO DO SO. HE SAID. - BERNAMA 1945/BW