

# Salvage shaky joint ventures, tycoons told

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# 'Redeem' call to Indians

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged Indian industrialists tonight to redeem and uphold their image by "salvaging" Malaysian-Indian industrial joint ventures which were floundering.**

He said adverse developments experienced by a number of well-publicised Indian joint ventures in Malaysia had

tended to cause a measure of reluctance on the part of Malaysians to be partners in Indian-sponsored projects.

The Deputy Prime Minister was speaking at a dinner given in his honour in New Delhi by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The text of his speech was released here.

He said that from what he had seen of industrial developments in the Indian economy and the technological advances made

in a number of fields by Indian industrialists, he was confident that the shortcomings of Malaysian-Indian ventures in the past could be surmounted.

If some of the weaknesses of Indian joint ventures could be resolved and if top flight management could be provided by the Indian partner, "I have no doubt that some of the unhappier experiences Malaysia has had with Indian joint-venture partners can be avoided,"

Dr George Nichopoulos was also placed on probation for three years by the Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners.

But the board unanimously acquitted Dr Nichopoulos of two charges involving unprofessional conduct and "gross incompetence, gross ignorance and gross negligence."

In connection with Presley, the five doctors who comprise the board said their judgement was based on prescriptions issued for the singer during the 20 months that preceded his death on August 16, 1977.

The board made no official statement on the cause of death, which the Shelby County medical examiner had ruled was due to a heart attack.

## Pain killer

Testimony during the six-day hearing indicated Presley had a preoccupation with medicines, had received them from several sources and had been addicted to at least one drug — Demerol, a pain killer.

Defence witnesses said Dr Nichopoulos had tried to limit Presley's drug intake during the 11 years the singer was his patient.

Board Secretary Dr Howard Foreman said: "I found no evidence of Dr Nichopoulos' negligence in the care of this patient, even up to the time of his demise. Based on the facts, he is guilty, but there are very extenuating circumstances." — Reuter.