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US should look at own faults before criticising others

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IN June 1952, US President Harry Truman authorised the Department of Justice to offer a non-US-owned oil company, the Iraq Petroleum Company, to produce certain documents. The British Government considered it an outrage of British sovereignty and an assertion of extraterritoriality by the US.

The British Government firmly told the company not to co-operate. The Dutch and French Governments also refused to co-operate. Finally, the matter was dropped because of "national interest".

If the US Government finds Petronas guilty of infringement of their laws, does it intend to bar Malaysian products from entering the US market as Petronas is the national oil company?

Does this mean that electronic hardware made by US-owned companies in Malaysia would be barred from entering the US? Would American companies be barred from buying our commodities such as rubber and tin?

And would Malaysia allow US naval ships to use the Straits of Malacca? And if they also find Indonesia guilty, would they be able to use the Indonesian side of the Straits?

Out of the 34 American Congressmen who signed the motion to ask Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to apologise or step down from office, I wonder how many know the location of Malaysia.

I am sure upon travelling on the North-South Expressway, visiting Kuala Lumpur, Penang and other Malaysian cities, they would think they are back in the US.

They would be surprised at how developed we are. The Malaysian palm oil market in the US was ruined by American soya bean growers by calling our palm oil "jungle grease".

But what goes around comes around as the US soya bean growers have been badly affected by cheaper South American soya bean oil. And today, our palm oil industry has grown by leaps and bounds.

I agree with Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, when he said the Congressmen who signed the motion were racists.

They called Dr Mahathir a racist, but what about them apologising to their non-white citizens first for racial discrimination in the US?

The white Americans like to preach to other countries about human rights but look at the way they treat prisoners in Texas, shackling them in Alabama to work on the roadside, exposing them to the hot sun and traffic? And who use cheap prison labour to make licence plates?

And how about the "glass ceiling" applied to coloured people and women executives in US corporations?

Come on, look at yourselves in the mirror first before criticising others. Remember, Malaysia is not a client state of the US or a "banana republic", so don't come advising or meddling in our affairs!

In conclusion, allow me to quote from the Bible: "Take the speck out of your own eye first before"

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