

SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST ON 28TH JULY, 1965

It is with the deepest regret that I have to record the death of Sir Edgeworth David, the Rubber Growers Association's representative in Malaysia and a member of this Council.

Although he had not been connected for long with the Trust before his untimely death, Sir Edgeworth took a great interest in our affairs and only a short while ago acted as intermediary when he obtained permission from the R.G.A. for the use of some of the capital in their fund for the building of new Instructors Quarters at the School.

Once again I am very pleased to be able to report a successful year for the Trust and the School which it supports. Last year for the first time in our history, the number of trainees exceeded 500; in the year under review, this record has been exceeded again with a total attendance of 527. This is indeed a gratifying result and an indication of the growing strength of the Outward Bound movement in Malaysia.

The Management Committee is responsible for running the School and under the chairmanship of Mr. V. M. Hutson met regularly during the year to deal with the many administrative and other problems which require attention. I am sure that all members will join with me in expressing our appreciation of their good work.

Undoubtedly of course, the success or failure of an undertaking such as the Outward Bound School depends very largely on the day to day efficiency of the staff. In this respect, we have been very fortunate, and I am pleased to report that the Warden, Mr. Fuller, the Deputy Warden Mr. Tucker and all other members of the staff have carried out their duties at the School throughout the year, with the same high degree of efficiency and dedication to which we have become accustomed.

It gives me very real pleasure therefore to record our appreciation for the hard work done by them.

During the year, the usual ten courses were run at the School with an average attendance per course of 52. This is a most gratifying result when compared with averages of 50 per course in 1963, 46 in 1962 and only 40 in 1961. A large part of the credit for the increased members must go to the Warden, whose public relations work, visiting potential sponsors in both the States of Malaya and Singapore has been in so small way responsible for the increased attendance.

It is of interest to note the breakdown by industries of the various sponsors who sent 527 boys to the School during 1964:

Sponsors	No. of Students
Government and Public Bodies	346 (335)
Commerce	87 (93)
Rubber Industry	53 (41)
Tin Industry	18 (23)
Shipping	15 (11)
Private	8 (6)
	527 (509)

(Note: The figures for 1963 are shown in brackets)

As in former years, the income from the R.G.A. Endowment Fund was used to provide scholarships for specially selected under-privileged youths and a total of 22 scholarships were granted. I would like to place on record the Trust's appreciation to all sponsors for giving so many boys an opportunity of attending the School, which might otherwise have been denied to them.

I would like also, to appeal once again to the many organisations and individuals in this country who have not, so far, made use of the facilities provided at the School, to sponsor young men for a course. I have said on many occasions in the past, that Malaysia needs leaders at all levels of our society, we need good leaders and we need good followers too. The Outward Bound School provides a training ground, where the best qualities in our young men are brought to the surface and developed. In this way, it helps our youth to be good and responsible citizens and ensures a continuation of the enlightened and dedicated leadership which our country enjoys today.

In this connection, it gives me very great pleasure to record that from the recent 10th Anniversary Subscription Dinner held here in Kuala Lumpur, which was so loyally supported by many of the Trust's well wishers, a profit of \$3,900/= was realised. The Management Committee has decided to use this money in the national interest and the Chairman has addressed letters to the Menteri Besars of all the States of Malaya, the Chief Ministers of Penang and Malacca, and the Prime Minister of Singapore inviting them to nominate one member of the Vigilante Corps from each of their respective States, who will be given a free course in leadership training at our School.

In my address last year, I mentioned that steps were being taken to provide better accommodation for the School staff. The new building

which was completed in November, contains 6 bedrooms, a large lounge and dining room and has a large verandah. It was officially opened last February by His Highness the Sultan of Perak who honoured the School by attending the passing out parade of the 100th Course which marked the 10th Anniversary of the Trust. During his visit His Highness presented the Merit awards to the successful trainees on that memorable course.

Also in connection with the 10th Anniversary celebrations, our Prime Minister, Yang Teramat Mulia Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, consented to give his name to a special award to be presented annually to the trainee who, either during a course or after his course, by a single act or a collection of actions, most exemplifies the Outward Bound spirit. Mr. Hutson has agreed to donate a medal each year for this award. The selection of the recipient will be carried out by a special committee composed of members of the Management Committee, the Warden and the School staff.

The audited accounts for the year under review have now been in your possession for some time and you will have had an opportunity of studying them. You will note that although there is again an excess of expenditure over income, the figure is considerably less than that recorded last year, i.e. \$6,416.91 compared with 513,000/= in 1963. The reduction is the result of the slight increase in course fees which was introduced in July and with savings which are being introduced during the current year and the recent highly successful membership drive, I can forecast that there will be an excess of income over expenditure in the accounts at our next annual general meeting.

In connection with the membership drive I wish to place on record the further thanks of the Trust to Mr. Fuller who has been largely responsible for the success of the drive. Since January this year, there have been increases of 11 Life Members and 58 Ordinary Members. In addition, some 114 extra places have been booked for 1965 which should give us an all time record attendance this year.

The actual cost of training a boy at the School during 1964 was S288/= which compares with \$284/= in 1963. The cost of a course at our School is still by far the lowest in the Outward Bound world and every effort is at all times being made by all concerned to maintain this position.

As many of you know the warden, Mr. G.W. Fuller, retires shortly, after 10 years service with the Trust. Mr. Fuller came to this country in 1954 at the invitation of the first Council to advise them on the

setting up of an Outward Bound School. He very quickly impressed them with his obvious dedication and boundless energy. He was invited to stay in Malaya and accept appointment as the School's first Warden. This I am pleased to say he agreed to do, and the Trust has been extremely fortunate to have had the benefit of his wide experience ever since. In his recent birthday honours, His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, singled out Mr. Fuller for the award of Honorary Kesatria Mangku Negara and you will all wish to join me in congratulating him on this signal honour.

I would like to place on record, the thanks of the Trust to Mr. Fuller for the many years of devoted service he has given to the Outward Bound movement in this country. His example has been an inspiration to hundreds of young Malaysians and others in this part of the world, who have had the benefit of his instruction and advice. I am sure you would all wish to join me in wishing him every success and happiness wherever the future may take him.

His place at Lumut will be taken by Mr. Tucker, who has been Deputy Warden for some time and I am sure that we can look to him to maintain the very high standards set by his predecessor.

To conclude, I think it will be agreed that the Outward Bound Trust of Malaya is soundly financed and well managed. The School is well equipped to give the youth of this country the type of training which will turn them into responsible citizens and future leaders of our nation.

I take this opportunity of again asking all concerned, both Government and private bodies to make greater use of the excellent training facilities which the School provides. At this time of crisis for our country the School's motto: "To serve, to strive, and not to yield", assumes greater importance than ever before. It is our duty as the older members of the community to see to it that our youth have this motto engraved in their hearts.

Finally I would like to thank Messrs. Barlow & Co, (Malaya) Ltd., the Secretaries and Treasurers, for their efficient service over the year.