

**MESSAGE BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE TO THE ARMED
FORCES ON 1ST AUGUST, 1960**

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all ranks of the security forces of all races for their unswerving devotion to duty which has been responsible for the great victory over the evil forces of communist terrorism. It has been a long struggle and I am keenly aware of the sacrifices which all ranks have willingly made to ensure the destruction of those forces which sought to overthrow the established government of the Federation. In this hour of victory we do not forget those of all races who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and the many now retired from the security forces who bore the brunt of the emergency when the outlook was indeed dark and unpromising. I particularly wish on behalf of the people of the Federation of Malaya to thank all those Commonwealth Forces who came to our help and made the cause of the people of the Federation their cause until victory was achieved. Their help will always be remembered with gratitude. To the security forces of the Federation I would say that the pride and gratitude of your fellow citizens is your greatest reward. The united effort of all races in the Armed Forces, the Royal Federation of Malaya Police and the Home Guard has forged a sense of common purpose and comradeship irrespective of race which not only made an immense contribution to ending the emergency but which is also a happy augury for the integrity of the Federation of Malaya. You deserve well of your country. To all who bore arms against the enemies of the Federation I say "Thank you well done".