

"A MALAYSIA IN MINIATURE

DOUBTERS MUST SEE MALACCA

The process of nation-building must not be polluted as we go through the fires of adversity; it must not be weakened by the production erf "synthetic" racial differences. This warning was given by Tun Razak when he spoke to the Students Union and Fatuity members oj Singapore University on 24th July. 1965.

In a nation of sensible people, such as Malaysia, with good government and good political leadership, it is not so much what matters *front stage*; more important is the hard work, sound thinking and action which is carried out *back stage*.

Take our neighbour for instance -Soekarno—who since 1945 has been trying to run a country; keep it together, and develop it. without success, on one method alone—on speeches, empty slogans, words, promises; all *shallots' and hollow*. with no action, and no results! —except a *reduced* standard of living for his people.

I know that the great Greek philosopher, *Plato*. said that "Rhetoric is the art of ruling men" but you must remember that in the days when Plato was alive there were no universities which produced people who could think for themselves; and it is my view that to *rule by rhetoric* as suggested by Plato, and as practised by Soekarno. one can only *succeed* with illiterate, ill-educated and down-trodden masses.

But we as a nation. Malaysia, arc fast becoming a highly educated set of people with a first-class educational system, *good universities* and. with plans to double and treble the output of our university education. Therefore, we are not a nation that can be misled and misguided merely by words and slogans. We will continually be guided by good sense and logical thinking!

I think it was Kipling who said that "*Words arc the most powerful drug used by mankind*" and drugs in the modern world nowadays are mostly *synthetic*!

I think that at this very moment in Malaysia, our new nation, thereis another threat *not* from the production of *synthetic rubber* but from the production of *synthetic* racial differences and tension.

Our *natural* national tendency since the days of Hang Tuah and the days of the old Kapitan² China has been a *natural* tendency towards harmony, unity and goodwill between all races. Since "Merdeka Malaya" and "Merdeka Malaysia" we have gone further, and further forward, towards becoming a united people; with the differences between our racial groups *diminishing from day to day*.

I say openly, frankly and categorically that anyone who tries to divide us, disrupt our *natural* national unity is merely creating a *synthetic* problem, a *synthetic* separation, a *synthetic* racial difference which at present does not exist but is a *synthetic* creation to win popular personal political power. So, I say to all of you and to all true citizens of Malaysia, beware and be *on your guard*.

It is the duty of our soldiers, our airmen and our sailors to guard our boundaries, our shores and our beaches, but it is also the duty of every true citizen of this country to be *tm his guard*. not to be misled by a *wanton »sedge of words* about racial disharmony, words which can only *widen* the way for Soekarno's subversive schemes to sabotage our sovereignty!

Before coming here recently I spent two days in Malacca and every time I go there I cannot help feeling and believing that Malacca is a "Microcosm of Malaysia". m

In other words "a Malaysia in miniature" where all races. Malays. Chinese. Indians and Eurasians have blended over the last 400 years into a very happy peaceful and peace-loving people and I say to anyone who doubts the success, harmony and unity of our Malaysia to go to Malacca and see for themselves.

Given patience, time and tolerance on everyone's part, and with the grace of God. in a few years to come we will all have forgotten our original racial origin and all be true Malaysians.

Let us now look to the future. My Government is determined, in spite of Confrontation and. in spite of having to spend more money on Defence, that Development will go ahead with the same speed, the same energy, and the same determination, as has been applied to our present Five-Year National Development Plan (1961-65).

As you know, preparations are in hand now. for the launching of the First Malaysia Five-Year National Development Plan,

which will begin next year, 1966. The target figure of expenditure will be in the region of approximately \$6,000 million.

With the lessons we have learnt, the techniques and skills we have developed, and experience gained, in the implementation of this present Five-Year Development Plan, I am sure, and I know, that with the support of the whole nation, the implementation of our first Malaysia Five-Year Development Plan will take our country further forward in economic progress so that it may take its rightful place in the economy of the free world.

The main aims of the Plan will be to advance on two main roads to progress—*intensified agricultural diversification* on the one hand, and *intensified industrialization* on the other.

The underlying principle of our policy is one of levelling up the imbalance of the various sectors of our economy, and of *levelling up* the standard of living of all our people.

One of the mainstays of our Constitution is the protection of the rights and property of every single Malaysian citizen and we stand by our Constitution.

We aim at a property-owning Democracy, and an example of our success so far can be seen from the many land development schemes throughout the Federation where the settlers, on these schemes, of all races, have been given their own land, their *own homes* and the opportunity of a higher standard of living; with *pride* in their *hearts*. *pride* in their *homes*, *pride* in their *property* and *pride* in the results of their *own efforts* to better themselves!

We are a new nation and *immediately* after our birth we were confronted by aggression from outside. Let not this deter us. but let us determine to turn the present situation to our *own* advantage. Let me explain.

Take for example the modern industrial process of converting iron-ore into the *strongest metal* in the world—high quality steel. purest ore. and the highest quality steel, is produced from the *hottest* furnace.

Adversities and difficulties which face us now as a new nation not throw us into an attitude of despair or despondency. No.

They present to us a challenge! We as a Nation can go through the *furnace* of adversity and come out after the process *stronger*.

if we are to become a nation of the same quality of a strong resilient metal like steel, the ingredients necessary for the chemical composition of making J strong and united nation must all be of the very purest quality.

CONSTITUTION: EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL

"Our Constitution has been so drafted as to make Malaysia a meaningful and purposeful concept within the needs of all people of all races in order to make them happy and contented," said Tun Razak when he addressed the Debating Union. University of Malaya on 20th July. 1965. Opportunity was taken by him to deny the allegation that the Alliance Government believes in the supremacy of one race over the other.

Since independence in 1957. Malaya and now Malaysia, had made tremendous progress in the field of development. We have achieved more and developed more than could be attained in seventy years of rule by a colonial power. In every corner of our country today, there is on the land in our kampongs. in our new villages, in our towns and in our cities, hundreds of projects. We can rightly be proud of what, as a new and young nation, we have achieved in the years since independence. All of you will remember the period before independence when critics and doubters said that we were not yet ready to govern ourselves and that independence would probably be the beginning of the end of prosperity and stability in Malaysia.

Merdeka to all of us has meant the beginning of the beginning of bigger and better days, the foundation of the furthering of our stability and security within our shores; steady progress towards a better way of life in both the rural and the urban areas. All these things have amazed and brought praise from every other free nation in the world today. The countless visitors to our country have been warm in their appreciation and admiration of what we have achieved in the years since independence.