

AND THEN A PRAYER . . .

In the course of an extremely humorous speech at a dinner given by the Students Union of Singapore University at the Rosee D'or in July 1965. Tun Razak said:

Some of us, politicians, are sincere, and fairly humble people, although occasionally our public image is distorted by the Press and by our opponents.

I am extremely happy, and I mean this sincerely, to be able to meet you all here tonight, for the second time not so much the first time, earlier in the evening, when I was *stuck up* on a stage like one of your lecturers, like a Member of your Faculty!

I am happy to be here with you in the Rosee D'or, where we can relax and make use of our *other faculties* which are much more *pleasant faculties* than those in your campus!

I am not being insulting to your professors or lecturers!

All I am saying is. that if I had to finish my speech with a prayer. I would say. "God give us good faculties in our Universities to teach us to learn and to be better and more intelligent people."

I would also add:

God give us the finest faculties necessary for a happy Malaysia!

— the faculty of knowing how to enjoy life,

- the faculty to be able to mix with each other.

— the faculty to be friendly to our fellowmen (and women!)

and the faculty to preserve our freedom as free Malaysians!

My only wish—you may call it a birthday wish if you like—is to see the country progress and to see all races live in friendship and goodwill.

— *Tun Razak on the eve of his 47th birthday on March // . 1969.*