

"LEST WE FORGET"

The immense help that Australia gave during the dark days of the Pacific War, during the Emergency in Malaysia and during the Indonesian confrontation was recalled by Tun Abdul Razak in his address at the South East Asia and South West Pacific Veterans Conference at the National Headquarters of the Returned Servicemen's League of Australia in Canberra on 14th April, 1967. Extracts of his speech follow.

Today I have come to pay tribute to you; to thank you, on behalf of my country, for rallying to our defence when we were sorely tried by powerful enemies. But my tribute would not be complete if I did not mention all those gallant comrades-in-arms who have made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of Malaysia's freedom. We, Malaysians, salute them for their heroic self-sacrifice. We will always be indebted to them.

Today, therefore, we are renewing old ties forged in the heat of battle. Today we are renewing our dedication to the principles of freedom and justice. Today we look forward to the future of our region with new hope and new confidence.

Today there is a spirit abroad in Southeast Asia. It is the spirit of co-operation and friendship among the nations and peoples of Southeast Asia. It is a spirit born of the conviction that mutual isolation can never bring security, happiness and well-being to our region or to any country belonging to it. On the contrary, mutual isolation will only encourage the common enemy to step up his efforts to divide, to disrupt and, eventually, to dominate.

In our common struggle against aggressive communism, it is imperative that the bonds of friendship and co-operation that exist between our two countries should continue to be strengthened. In the military sphere my Government looks forward to increasingly fruitful collaboration with the Australian Government in terms not only of assistance in the development of the Malaysian Armed Forces and of the Australian assistance in Malaysia's defence arrangements but also of closer consultations on other problems. One of these is the problem of providing for the welfare of our war veterans.

Finally, I would like to wish your conference every success in its deliberations. We owe an immense debt to you and to those who have made the supreme sacrifice for the defence of our region against the forces of tyranny and oppression. For without your sacrifices we would not be standing, as we are today, on the threshold of a new era of hope and progress, of happiness and peace, in this important part of the world to which we all belong.

THE COMMON POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY — AND HOW TO MEET THREAT OF COMMUNIST EXPANSION

How to meet and master the main problems of Southeast Asia -the constant threat of militant communist expansion—was explained by Tun Abdul Razak when he addressed the members of the Australian—Malaysia Association in Sydney on 19th April, 1967. His remarks are given below

You know what exists in Malaysia for which we are renowned. For example, there is a lot of rubber, there is a lot of tin and plenty of timber. You know all about this by looking at the world stock market where you see the prices of rubber and tin fluctuating from day to day!

But there is one thing in my country, Malaysia, which is equally abundant as rubber and tin but not recorded in the world stock market. Even if it were recorded this commodity, if you can describe it as such, does not fluctuate from day to day but remains at a high level. That thing is the abundance of goodwill we have for Australia and you Australians. Tin, as you know, is produced by diggers and rubber by planters.

The main producers of goodwill in Malaysia towards Australia are the thousands of students who have already graduated at your colleges and Universities and have returned to my country fully equipped to play their part.

The kindness and hospitality which they received not only on the campus but in the homes of honest to God, decent living and