

OPERATION "GOOD CITIZEN"

WHAT IS TRUE LIBERTY?

Tun Razak at an Alliance Rally at the Dewan Tunku Abdul Rahman. Kuala Lumpur, on 23rd July. 1967, called for higher principles and deeper motives for the citizens of Malaysia to forge ahead and make the country a really prosperous nation. Parts of his speech follow—

Mr Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was the declared policy of the Alliance Government, when we attained Independence, to set about with vigour and determination on the task of developing our country, the task of building a sound economic infra-structure with all the essentials for future growth and prosperity by building better schools with a better educational system; by building better hospitals and clinics with a more efficient health service; by building better roads and opening up new land for greater output and greater prosperity; and also implementing many hundreds of other projects, too numerous to mention. They are all essential to enable Malaysia to prosper.

We must also make these achievements *secure*, we must *consolidate* our gains and protect them from destruction, if we are to ensure that Malaysia will further progress in the next ten years. We therefore, must let no one attempt to destroy the firm foundation, the firm rock of our development base which, with our own labours and our own resources, we have already firmly established.

These achievements can be destroyed *over-night* by irresponsible action on the part of a selfish minority who by their illegal actions and their resorting to irresponsible and undemocratic methods, and Communist tactics, can lower our status, can lower our standing and our reputation throughout the world, and turn away from Malaysia the fine prospect of prosperity which already lies so clearly ahead of us!

This irresponsible minority who are definitely disloyal to Malaysia also provide a fertile area within our shores on which

the seeds of subversion can thrive and thus threaten our sovereignty and our security which we have been at pains for the last ten years to make absolutely safe from both internal and external aggression.

Independence means liberty, and there is an abundance of liberty both in our Constitution and in our country, but these minorities of unruly people do not understand the meaning of liberty; "Liberty is the right to do what the laws *allow* and if a citizen can do what the laws *forbid*. then there will be no longer liberty because all others will have the same powers to break the laws; in other words, free will is not the liberty to do whatever one likes, but the power of choice to do what is *right* and what ought to be done for the benefit of our nation".

When we talk about good citizenship and when we mention this word, it does not imply that we are in any way disputing the loyalty of our people—the loyalty of the Chinese, the Malays and the Indians who are true Malaysians.

What in fact is the motivation behind each and everyone's individual life here in Malaysia? Apart from the obvious motives of keeping ourselves alive, providing for ourselves and our children and our grand-children, and trying to be successful in our own particular walk of life, there must be deeper motives, and higher principles if we, as citizens of Malaysia, are going to forge ahead and make Malaysia, the Malaysia of the future, into a really prosperous nation!

As I see it, the basic essential is first on the part of all of us to acquire a *spirit of dedication*, to the principles for which our country stands; dedication to the democratic way of life which we practice, and *dedication to the development* of our country.

The second essential is to have both the *determination and courage* to stand by everything *we know* to be right for the benefit of our country; in other words, the courage to choose what we know in our hearts is right and to stand by it through thick and thin, and in no way allow ourselves to be influenced by irresponsible subversive elements.

The third essential of a good citizen is to be honest not only with himself, but in all his dealings with his *fellow citizen* because the *only substitute* for honesty is corruption. Nations have fallen apart and disintegrated in which honest policies did not exist and corruption took the place of honesty.

By corruption. I do not only mean corruption in the practice of government. After all, it is a corrupt public who are really responsible for the corruption of potentially dishonest government servants. Unless we build up a clean and pure public consisting of really honest citizens, there will always be the danger of the nation becoming corrupt as a whole.

Therefore, it is the *duty* of every good citizen to *practice honesty* in his daily life, and so acquire the *quality of integrity*. Then we will have built up a nation which can add to its other many good qualities—the quality of national *integrity!*

The next essential which is of vital importance to us in Malaysia, and this is perhaps the most important quality required to be practised by our present-day citizens—the quality of tolerance, the ability for each and every one of us, irrespective of our racial origin to live in harmony each with one another—because without harmony there will be no unity, without unity there will be no progress, and without progress there will be no prosperity!

Let us determine, therefore, to be good and tolerant citizens, and achieve this harmony and unity which deep in our hearts we all so ardently desire.

True citizenship must come *from within*. from the *motivation* of our own hearts!

Tun Tan Siew Sin mentioned the National Flag and the National Anthem. Let us go back in history to the origin of flags.

Hundreds of years ago, the "Flag" or "Standard" was the rallying point in the battle-field for soldiers to rally, unite, and fight!

Our National Flag is our *rallying* point for unity, not to fight wars, and not to be aggressive in battle; but it is the rallying point to fight for unity, for harmony, for development, and to win the battle for progress and prosperity, united together with one aim and one purpose—the purpose of making a better Malaysia!

And the National Anthem, like our Flag, is a *similar symbol* of unity, the only difference being it is in words and music, but it is nevertheless symbolic of our unity. Let us respect both our flag and our anthem and always remember the national significance of both!

Let us hope, therefore, that this Operation "Good Citizen" will xi us thinking, and when every citizen stands before our Flag

or for our National Anthem, he will be able to say. "Malaysia *first* and self *second*: Malaysia is part of me because I am part of Malaysia!"

MALAYSIA—A HORIZON OF HOPE

TIME FOR SINCERE AND HONEST LOYALTY"

Tun Razak broadcast over Radio Malaysia. Sabah. on 10th September. 1965. assuring the people of East Malaysia of the concern of the Central Government for their development and prosperity and its clear understanding of the problems that beset the peoples of Sabah and Sarawak.

There is no change in the concept and position of Malaysia. Malaysia still exists. Malaysia is still a horizon of hope and prosperity.

Doubts in the minds of the people of Sabah—doubts about the future of Malaysia and doubts whether Malaysia is still a viable and independent nation were born from false rumours, from trouble-makers and from other people who for their own personal gain tried to "crash-in" on the crisis which they thought had been created by the separation of Singapore.

In reality the feeling of the great majority of the people of Sabah is that they not only stand by Malaysia and the concept of Malaysia but also—since the separation of Singapore—have renewed and redoubled their support and are determined as all true Malaysians are to be united and together to move forward towards the creation of a happier and more prosperous Malaysia.

Political opportunists who can in no way be regarded as loyal to our country, could—if they persist in trying to mislead our people destroy the harmony of our unity. They are not only working against the true interests of Malaysia but, knowingly or otherwise, actually helping our enemies.

The Central Government is convinced that a time of national crisis, such as we are now passing through is not a time for politicking. It is not a time for personal political gain; it is not even a time when we should think of ourselves. This **is** a time for sincere and honest loyalty. This is a time to unite and in uniting to understand, and in understanding, to make sure that