

ward off militant aggression during the emergency. We have shown our ability to cope with it effectively during the period of Confrontation.

It seems to me, ladies and gentlemen, there is a parallel here. Government fundamentally has positive plans with which to serve its citizens, but in the past we were forced, by circumstances, to take patch-work action to meet a negative situation, instead of having a full opportunity to go ahead with positive social welfare development

Social welfare traditionally has confined itself primarily to the narrow concept of public assistance. We must go beyond this.

As in the case of our positive economic development, we have a positive programme and a definite direction in which we are moving. So also in our social welfare programme we must be more creative and produce more positive plans. It seems to me that social welfare must think creatively and constructively about a fresh positive role for itself.

This, I say, is the task for your conference. I regard our present national and human endeavour as vital, not only to bring about change for the sake of change, but to bring about change for the well-being and prosperity of our people. Thus the battle for Democracy which is being fought in every Malaysian home and in the hearts of all our citizens will be won!

## **THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUTHS**

ULTIMATE AIM: TO CREATE ONE PEOPLE

*At the Chinese Assembly Hall, Kuala Lumpur, on 25th February, 1966, Tun Razak called upon the Malayan Chinese Association youths to work hand in hand with the U.M.N.O. and M.I.C. youths to bring about unity of purpose. unity of thought and unify of achievement.*

The basis of the Alliance policy is to bring about goodwill, understanding and unity among the various races who have made this

country their home. We were once under colonial rule and then we became independent. We are now the masters of our country and it is for us to make it or mar it. You all here are young men and women who will soon be taking over responsibilities from us to lead our party and to lead the country. Our

future and everything that we have now and stand for will soon be in your hands, that is why it is very important that for **the** future of our party that our Youth Section. should be **strong** because the future of our party and the country lies in their hands.

It has been our avowed aim to serve our people of various races, to give everyone of them a proper and rightful place in our country and to give them a decent standard of living compatible with a civilised society. No doubt we had a number of difficulties, controversial, delicate and sensitive issues to **be** resolved.

We shall be able to resolve all the difficulties in a spirit of goodwill, understanding and friendship.

Everyone thought that it was not possible to bring together **the** various types of schools with different languages together under one national system of education but with patience, understanding and goodwill we were able to produce a national education policy, a national system of education formulated to give our children **the** best education possible to make them useful and loyal citizens of our country. Under our education policy every type of **schools** has been brought under our national system of education and has been given equal treatment.

Also we faced two Emergencies. The first Emergency was brought to an end within two years of our independence and our closest neighbour, Indonesia, decided to confront us and for more than two years we had to face another emergency. However due to the loyalty of our people, the courage and bravery of our Armed Forces and the Police assisted by our friends in the Commonwealth we were able to defend our borders and our shores. Despite all these troubles our Government has been able to carry our development plans so that our people of various races can enjoy better amenities of life and a better and higher standard of living.

Our Second Five Year Plan was implemented so successfully that we have even exceeded the target we set ourselves in 1961.

What is more, now.

The future of our country depends on one important thing, **that** is on the unity of our people of various races. Under the **Alliance** our people, Chinese, Malays and Indians have learned to regard one another as friends, brothers and sisters.

It is our duty to continue to build on this unity, to strengthen it so that ultimately there will emerge a really united nation from our people of diverse racial origins.

We belong to this country. This is our home and it is our determination to make this country a happy, prosperous country for all of us. Quite naturally because we belong to different racial origins there are points of difference among us, among Malays, Chinese, Indians and others. Let us try to minimise these differences. Let us focus our attention on matters on which we all agree, on our similarities.

Now under our national education policy, children of all races are being educated under the same roof, learning the same thing in the same way. You young people must try to do things together, things that would strengthen the unity, the goodwill and understanding of our people.

Our people of various races Malays and Chinese in particular know that they need each other, they depend on each other and that is why co-operation and harmony between them are so vital to the future peace and happiness of our country. If there is trouble, there is racial differences, racial animosity, we all shall suffer, irrespective of what we are. The richer will suffer more than the poor but all will suffer and not one will benefit

Our other objective must be to defend our beloved country Malaysia. Our Armed Forces have shown courage, bravery and loyalty in the defence of our country. I have no doubt that if you all continue to stand together we shall win over any confrontation. If the 10 million Malaysians are determined to live and survive as free and independent people then no force in the world can stop them.

We have also to continue with economic development to give our people a fair deal, a better and higher standard of living—a fair and just society in which everyone has a rightful place. During the last five years we have done much in this field, we have developed techniques of carrying out development which are appreciated by nearly all countries of the world. Our techniques have produced results beyond our expectation. As you all can see there have been changes, progress and development in every part of our country. There is still much to be done, most of our people in the rural areas have not yet enjoyed the standard of living that desire them to have. Some of our people in the town are not

earning enough to live a decent life. Some of them have no homes of their own. It will be our duty to provide them with all this, and we are determined to do all this.

But our ultimate aim must be to create one people, one nation out of our people of various races. We intend to do this through democratic processes upholding the principle of democracy in which we strongly believe. While we march forward towards this ultimate goal we will continue with our policy of economic development of giving a fair deal to our people, of making adjustments here and there so that everyone of our citizens has a just and rightful place in our society.

## ONE OF THE MAIN BRIDGE-HEADS

### NEW ORGANISATIONS TO HELP THE BUMIPUTRA

*With the establishment of the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority and the Bank Bumiputra the Government has broken new grounds in its endeavour to reduce the economic imbalance between the rural and urban sectors and to give the rural producers a greater share from the fruits of their labour. This is revealed in the accompanying speech delivered by Tun Abdul Razak at the launching of these two organisations on 30th September, 1965 at National Development Operations Room in Kuala Lumpur.*

You will recollect that the Government held the Konggeres Ekonomi Bumiputra in June for the purpose of getting ideas, positive suggestions and views on how to help the Bumiputra to participate actively and effectively in the economic life of the country, especially in the field of commerce and industry. The Konggeres went through all the aspects of the problems and suggested certain steps to be taken so as to enable the Bumiputra