

Speech at the dinner given by the
visiting Prime Minister of Sri Lanka,
Madame Sirimavo Bandaranaike,
on 6th Nov. 1976.

1. your Excellency, Madame Sirimavo
Bandaranaike,
Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.
2. Honourable ministers.
3. your Excellencies.
4. Distinguished Guests.
5. Ladies and Gentlemen.

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1. I thank you for your kind words

and share your sentiments, especially with

regard to maintaining the existing cordial

and friendly ties between our two countries.

As we both said last night, the relationships

between the peoples of our ^{two} countries is not

of recent origin but went back to

centuries. Sri Lanka and Malaysia have

cooperated with each other very satisfactorily

in ^{matters} international and regional ~~forums and~~ ^{countries and produce}

~~conferences~~. Both are developing ~~and~~ ^{agricultural} ~~commodities~~

~~commodity producing~~ countries. The economy of

Madam Prime Minister

both our countries are subject to violent
fluctuations of the prices of our products
which we are powerless to prevent or
influence.

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step forward in promoting the economic

interests of non-aligned and other developing

countries and in encouraging economic

cooperation among them. The Summit

forum highlighted and gave due

consideration to economic problems facing

the developing countries. The Summit

Economic Declaration highlighted those

problems.

Madam Prime Minister.

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The 5th Non-Aligned Summit Conference

at Colombo, although it had caused some uneasiness and apprehension among some of the member countries as regards certain political issues, nevertheless had made a positive step forward in promoting the economic interests of non-aligned and other developing countries, and in encouraging economic cooperation among them. The Summit focussed, highlighted and gave due consideration to economic problems facing the developing countries. The Summit Economic Declaration analysed those problems.

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Further, the Summit did to some extent succeed in giving an added push

to the efforts of the developing countries

for a better deal in their dialogues with

the developed countries. The adoption of

the Action Programmes and the various

resolutions bear witness to the seriousness

with which the non-aligned countries

give to these matters. However, the

Summit also has its limitations. It only

can go that ^{far.} ~~far~~ ~~in giving its support.~~

The translation of those measures into

action has to be taken up separately,

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either individually or collectively by member

countries, at conferences such as the one

in Mexico, and with the developed

countries under the UNCTAD programme.

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malaysia is quite satisfied that due weight has been given by the Summit to the commodity problems. we hope that the recommendations on the implementation of the Integrated Programme, including the Common Fund, and the strategy accepted for the implementation of the Special Fund and the Producers' Association, will be vigorously pursued and agreements obtained as expeditiously as possible.

5. madame Prime minister.

often of the
 we have heard ~~had infinitum~~ our
anxiety and concern for world peace,
for human dignity, for the poor and
the less fortunate. All these ~~conditions~~
 do not depend on our circumstances, but
 on ourselves. more nations have ruined
ever
themselves than have been destroyed by
 others: more lives, houses and cities have
 perished at the hands of man, than
 storms, floods or earthquakes have ever
 destroyed. It is sad to note that
some powers or nations spend much of
their time and energy making the ~~rest~~ others miserable.

6. Madame Prime Minister.

As you know, Malaysia is a multi-racial, multi-religious and multi-cultural country. We have ^{accepted} ~~later~~ ~~recognized~~ ~~of~~ this fact as a great challenge to us. Since our independence, we have put all our efforts and energies towards achieving national unity. We intend to achieve this through our new Economic Policy which seeks to eradicate poverty among all Malaysians, irrespective of race, and to restructure our society so that the identification of race with economic

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function and geographical location is reduced and eventually eliminated.

Both these objectives will be realised through rapid expansion of the economy

a period of over time. The new Economic Policy

constitutes a positive commitment

by the Government to the task

of creating a united, secure, socially just and progressive nation. We

implement this policy by our development plans. Currently, we are implementing

the Third Malaysia Development Plan

of which you were given a briefing

yesterday.

7. Lastly, may I thank you, madame
 Prime minister, for the honour in inviting
 my wife and I to this dinner, may I
 say again how glad we all are in
 having you with us. After all, it is
 not often that we are honoured with
 a visit ^{by} ~~from~~ a woman Prime minister.
 And
~~But~~ there are only two women Prime
 ministers in the world at the moment!

I am sure that the men are wondering whether
~~I wonder what the men will say of~~
there will be many more women Prime ministers!
~~There are many more.~~ I have heard
 madame Prime minister, if I may say so, the
~~the men say that~~ three worlds that we
 have now are enough. I don't think the men
~~they don't want~~
 would want
 a fourth world, that is, the women's
world. To-morrow, you will be continuing

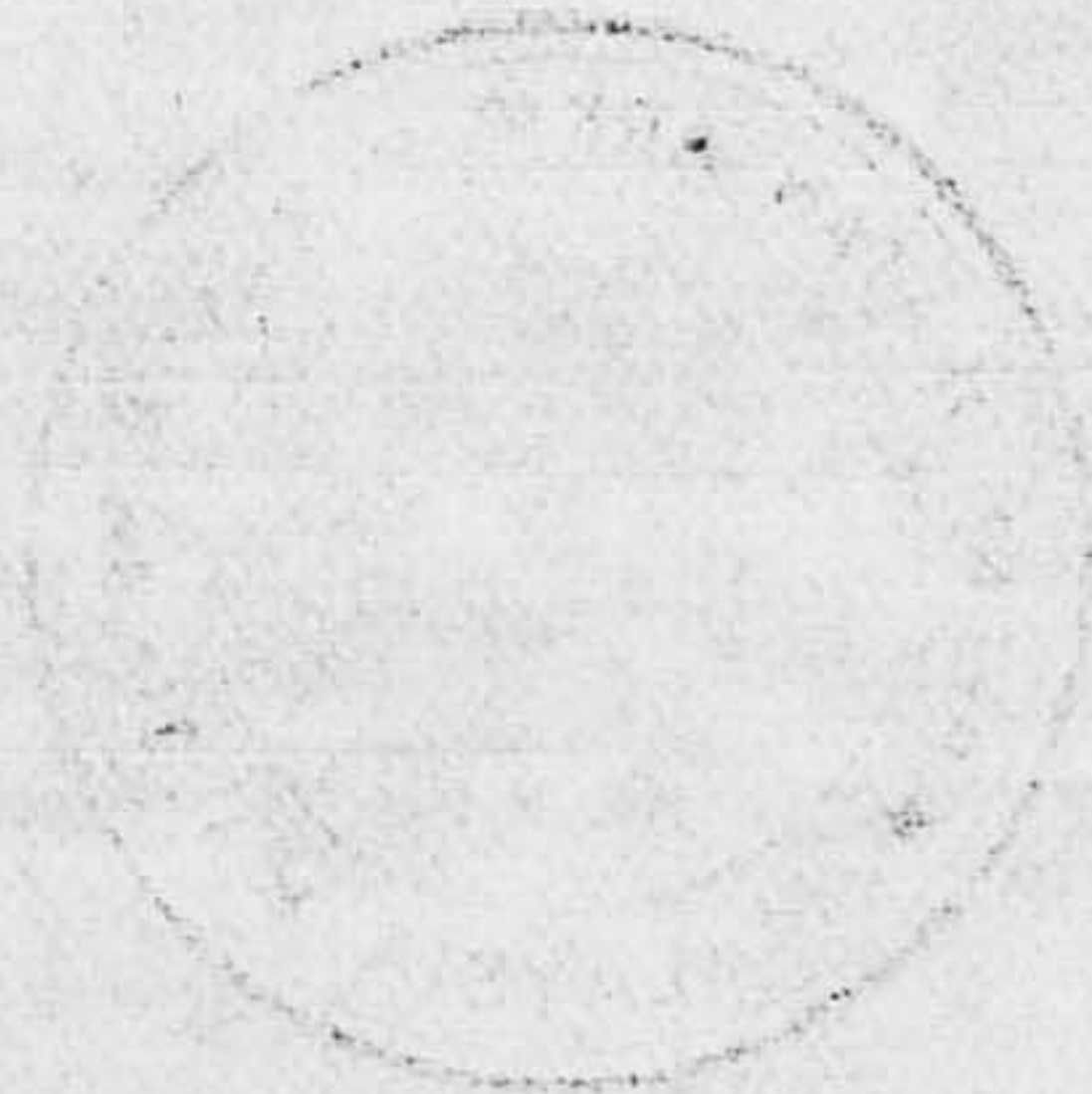
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your journey to Manila and then to

Tokyo. ^{good luck} we wish you ~~well~~ in all your
efforts and endeavours.

Before I sit down, may I ask you,
Ladies and Gentlemen, to rise and drink
with me in a toast to His Excellency,
The President of the Republic of Sri Lanka.

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