

direction of the steering wheel. It keeps the ship on a steady course.

There is a definite connection between the *rotating* movement of a Gyroscope and the movement of Rotary International in Malaysia. They both have the same effect except that one stabilises a ship and the other helps to stabilise the community.

Because, as I foresee the development of Malaysia in the future within the frame-work of our democratic way of life, the more stabilising institutions we have, and the more stabilised are our *electorate* who can judge for themselves sound commonsense approaches to progress, then the less will be the chances of our country falling into the cold-blooded hands of Communist leadership on the one hand, or on the other, of falling into the hoc-headed hands of irresponsible leadership!

## FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

I wish to emphasize that our willingness to give you the necessary co-operation to suppress what is regarded by your country as smuggling is made in good faith and the sincere belief that relations between our two countries could thereby be enhanced and be strengthened. We do this despite loss of revenue to our country and despite the risk of unemployment to the State of Sabah. This trade has been with us for many decades and as far as Sabah is concerned, it was a legal trade. The traders did not violate Malaysian laws. However, despite all these, we agree to co-operate with your Government in the belief that as friends and neighbours, we should understand each other's problems and should try to help each other as much as we could and one should not endeavour to prosper at the expense of the other.

— *Tun Abdul Razak said this after signing the Anti-Smuggling Agreement with the Philippines in Kuala Lumpur on 1st September, 1967.*