

'BUY MALAYAN — THAT'S HELP WE'D WELCOME'

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Minister's call as he leaves for US

THE "biggest and most welcome" help any foreign country can extend to independent Malaya will be to boost her trade, the Federation Minister for Commerce and Industry, Dr. Ismail bin Dato Abdul Rahman, said yesterday.

Dr. Ismail, ambassador-designate to the United States, left Singapore yesterday by BOAC Britannia for Washington, where he will search for accommodation for the proposed Malayan embassy there.

Dr. Ismail announced that the first trade commissioner to the United States will be the Federation's controller of trade division, Inche Ismail bin Ali.

World Bank

Dr. Ismail also announced that Malaya was seeking admission as a member of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund after merdeka.

The Minister of Finance, Col. Sir Henry Hau Shik Lee, will leave for Washington in September to hold talks with top officials of these two bodies.

While in America Dr. Ismail will also visit the United Nations headquarters with a view of establishing a permanent office when Malaya is admitted to this world forum.

When he is ambassador to the United States he will return to Malaya every six

months to attend meetings of the Federal Council.

This will enable him to retain his seat in the council as provided for under the new constitution.

Talks soon

In KUALA LUMPUR yesterday Col. Sir Henry Hau Shik Lee today confirmed that Malaya had applied for membership of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruc-



tion and Development after merdeka.

"I shall go to Washington in September to put Malaya's case for admission and to find

out what subscriptions we have to pay to be admitted," he said.

Malaya's application to join these two bodies after merdeka was made recently.