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HE'S OFF TO AMERICA



Mr. John Koh, former a Singaporean representative of United States Information Service in Malaya. Although he is in Malaya, Mr. Koh will leave for America soon.

BRUNEI AIRPORT PAGEANT

BRUNEI AIRPORT, Kuala Lumpur, today held a pageant to mark the opening of the airport. The pageant was held at the airport and was attended by the Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, and other officials.

They bring back many good ideas

The prominent Singaporean representative of United States Information Service, Mr. John Koh, today returned to Malaya after a visit to America. He brought back many good ideas for the development of Malaya.

RADIO. General Program

RADIO MALAYA

General Program, Radio Malaya, today broadcast a special program to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Malayan Union.

Regional

Regional news, Radio Malaya, today reported that the Malayan Communist Party has been active in various parts of the country.

It's never smooth, the birth of a nation. And it was evident as Malaya got ready for nationhood 50 years ago. The following is the lead story from a page in *The Straits Times*, March 25, 1957

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"Without money the Communists would find it difficult to continue the fight," he told a mass rally here, "so I appeal to you, especially the estate owners, not to support them."

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He said the Communists had been levying taxes — "even in protected estates"

— to finance their war.

"I fear they will not stop this extortion, even after they come out from the jungle," he said.

He reiterated that his terms given to the Malayan Communist Party secretary-general, Chin Peng, at Baling in December 1955 "still stand".

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"The terms offered by the Communists in their latest letter will not be accepted," the Tengku said, adding that he had not lately received any letter from the Communists.

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