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FEDERATION OF MALAYA
DEWAN NEGARA (SENATE)
Official Report

Second Session of the First Dewan Negara

Wednesday, 29th June, 1960

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

- The Honourable Mr. President (DATO' HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN BIN MOHAMED YASIN, S.P.M.J., P.I.S.) (Johore).
- „ the Minister of Justice (TUN LEONG YEW KOH, S.M.N.) (Appointed).
- „ TUAN HAJI ABBAS BIN HAJI MOHAMED (Trengganu).
- „ ENCHE' ABDUL HAMID BIN MAHMUD, J.M.N. (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' AHMAD BIN SAID, A.M.N. (Perak).
- „ ENCHE' A. M. ABU BAKAR, J.M.N. (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' ABDUL WAHAB BIN IDUS, P.J.K. (Negri Sembilan).
- „ ENCHE' AMALUDDIN BIN DARUS (Kelantan).
- „ ENCHE' CHEAH SENG KHIM, J.P. (Penang).
- „ DATO' DR. CHEAH TOON LOK, J.M.N., J.P., Dato' Maha Kurnia (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' CHOO KOK LEONG (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' J. E. S. CRAWFORD, J.M.N., J.P. (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' DA ABDUL JALIL BIN HAJI AWANG (Trengganu).
- „ ENCHE' HASHIM BIN AWANG, J.P. (Penang).
- „ ENCHE' KOH KIM LENG (Malacca).
- „ DATO' LEE FOONG YEE, J.M.N., P.P.T., J.P. (Negri Sembilan).
- „ ENCHE' MOHD. SALLEH BIN MOHAMED ARIFF (Malacca).
- „ ENSKU MUHSEIN BIN ABDUL KADIR, J.M.N., P.J.K. (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' ATHI NAHAPPAN (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' S. P. S. NATHAN (Appointed).
- „ ENCHE' NIK HASSAN BIN HAJI NIK YAHYA, J.M.N. (Appointed).
- „ TUAN HAJI NIK MOHD. ADEEB BIN HAJI NIK MOHAMED (Kelantan).
- „ TOK PANGKU PANDAK HAMID BIN PUTEH JALI, P.J.K. (Appointed).
- „ RAJA RASTAM SHAHROME BIN RAJA SAID TAUPHY (Selangor).
- „ DATO' SHEIKH ABU BAKAR BIN YAHYA, D.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P. (Johore).
- „ DATO' G. SHELLEY, P.M.N., J.P. (Appointed).

The Honourable TUAN SYED AHMAD BIN SYED MAHMUD SHAHABUDIN, J.M.N. (Kedah).

- .. TUAN SYED BAHALDIN BIN SYED NOH, J.P. (Perlis).
- .. DATO' E. E. C. THURASINGHAM, D.P.M.J., J.P. (Appointed).
- .. ENCHE' S. O. K. UBAIDULLA (Appointed).
- .. ENCHE' WAN AHMAD BIN WAN DAUD, P.J.K., J.P. (Perlis).
- .. DATO' WAN IBRAHIM BIN WAN TANJONG, J.M.N., J.P., Orang Kaya Indera Maharaja Purba Jelai (Pahang).
- .. ENCHE' YAP KHEN VAN, A.M.N., J.P. (Pahang).

ABSENT:

- The Honourable ENCHE' CHAN KWONG HON, A.M.N., J.P. (Selangor).
- .. ENCHE' LIM HEE HONG, A.M.N. (Appointed).
- .. ENCHE' MOHD. ZAHIR BIN HAJI ISMAIL (Kedah).
- .. ENCHE' T. H. TAN, J.M.N. (Appointed).
- .. ENCHE' YEOH KIAN TEIK (Perak).

PRAYERS

(Mr. President *in the Chair*)

ANNOUNCEMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. President: Ahli² Yang Berhormat satu perutusan telah di-terima daripada Dewan Ra'ayat berkenaan dengan Rang Undang² yang tertentu yang telah di-luluskan oleh Dewan Ra'ayat. Setia Usaha Dewan ini akan membachakan utusan itu.

(*The Clerk reads the Message*)

"Mr. President,

The House of Representatives has passed the following Bills:

- (1) to amend the Income Tax Ordinance, 1947,
- (2) to provide for the internal security of the Federation, preventive detention, the prevention of subversion, the suppression of organised violence against persons and property in specified areas of the Federation, and for matters incidental thereto,
- (3) to enable the Federation of Malaya to become a member of the International Development Association by acceptance of the Articles of Agreement for the establishment and operation of the International Development Association,

- (4) to consolidate the law relating to statutory declarations,
- (5) to amend and consolidate the law relating to arms, imitation arms and ammunition,
- (6) to amend the Police Ordinance, 1952,
- (7) to amend and consolidate the law with respect to naval, military and air forces of certain other countries visiting the Federation, and to provide for the apprehension and disposal of deserters or absentees without leave in the Federation from the forces of such countries, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid,
- (8) to indemnify public officers and other persons in respect of acts done under the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1948, and to provide for certain other matters arising out of the cesser of such Ordinance pursuant to the provisions of Article 163 of the Constitution,
- (9) to amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, 1952,
- (10) to amend the Prevention of Crime Ordinance,
- (11) to implement an Agreement between the Government of the Federation of Malaya, the States of Singapore and Brunei

and the Colonies of Sarawak and North Borneo relating to Currency and for matters incidental thereto

and transmit them to the Senate for its concurrence.

DATO' HAJI MOHAMED NOAH,
Speaker."

ADJOURNMENT TO A LATER DAY

(Motion)

The Minister of Justice (Tun Leong Yew Koh): Sir, I beg to move,

That this House, after adjourning at the close of business this day, shall reconvene pursuant to Standing Order 11 (2) at 10 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, 6th of July, 1960.

Engku Muhsein: Sir, I beg to second the motion.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved,

That this House, after adjourning at the close of business this day, shall reconvene

pursuant to Standing Order 11 (2) at 10 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, 6th of July, 1960.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

The Minister of Justice (Tun Leong Yew Koh): Mr. President, Sir, I beg to give notice that the following Bills will be read a second and third time at the next meeting of the Senate:

1. The Internal Security Bill
2. The Arms Bill
3. The Police (Amendment) Bill
4. The Visiting Forces Bill
5. The Emergency Regulations (Indemnity) Bill
6. The Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill
7. The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill
8. The International Development Association Bill
9. The Currency Bill
10. The Prevention of Crime (Amendment) Bill
11. The Statutory Declaration Bill.

Adjourned at 10.07 a.m.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Grants-in-aid

1. Enche' Da Abdul Jalil bin Haji Awang asks the Prime Minister to state the numbers and types of grants-in-aids, whether in cash, experts, scholarship, educational training and other facilities, received by the Federation Government from the Colonial Development Welfare Fund, The Colombo Plan countries and the United Nations Organisation during 1959 and 1960.

The Prime Minister: The number of grants-in-aids, whether in cash, experts, scholarship, educational training and other facilities received are as follows:

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(a) Experts and fellowship (Technical Assistance) ...	71
(b) Scholarships and training awards ...	195

The monetary value of experts and fellowships received under the United Nations Technical Assistance programme amount to \$835,500 in 1959 and \$766,000 in 1960.

II—COLOMBO PLAN

(a) Cash aid ...	\$2,142,750
(b) Experts ...	31
(c) Scholarships and training awards ...	195

With the attainment of Independence the Federation Government ceased to be eligible for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund and therefore in 1959 and 1960 no assistance was received under the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.

2. Enche' Da Abdul Jalil bin Haji Awang asks the Prime Minister to state the numbers of these various types of grants-in-aids which have been awarded to the State Nationals of the under-developed East Coast States particularly the State of Trengganu.

The Prime Minister: As far as Colombo Plan and United Nations

training awards are concerned, the number of such awards granted to officers from the States of Kelantan and Trengganu during 1959 and 1960 (to-date) is as follows:

(a) Trengganu ...	4
(b) Kelantan ...	10

The selection of officers for such training awards is not necessarily based on an allocation by States, but by the qualifications and suitability of officers who apply for them.

3. Enche' Da Abdul Jalil bin Haji Awang asks the Prime Minister to state the number of students and Government Officials of the State of Trengganu who has been awarded scholarship granted from the organisations mentioned in 1 above, and to give the full statement showing the distributions of these various scholarships to each State.

The Prime Minister: The answer to part 1 of this question is given in the reply to question 2. Where training awards are concerned, scholarships received by the Federation under the Colombo Plan or other auspices are not distributed according to States. Candidates are required to be Citizens of the Federation of Malaya (or eligible for such Citizenship) before they are considered for such scholarships. These candidates come from over the Federation and must have the necessary academic qualifications.

Chinese Affairs Officers

4. Enche' Da Abdul Jalil bin Haji Awang asks the Prime Minister to state the functions, duties and responsibilities of the Government Officials known as the Chinese Affairs Officers and their number who are still in employment at present.

The Prime Minister: A review of the posts held by Chinese Affairs Officers in the Federation has recently been conducted which reveals that the duties which are allotted to these officers vary from State to State. It does appear in general however

that these duties are mainly concentrated upon advising Local Councils and acting as Liaison Officers between the Chinese populace and District Officers. There are also Chinese Affairs Officers employed in Secretariats, both at State and Federal level, in special posts in Ministries and Department, where a knowledge of spoken and written Chinese is essential for the duties undertaken. There are 49 Chinese Affairs Officers in employment at present.

5. Enche' Da Abdul Jalil bin Haji Awang asks the Prime Minister to state the necessity of the continued employment of the Chinese Affairs Officers in view of the considerable success achieved by the Government toward

the establishment of one common Malayan Nationality and Language.

The Prime Minister: A further assessment is being made of the duties and responsibilities of Chinese Affairs Officers in the light of present circumstances and consideration is being given to the question whether the service should be continued in its present form, or otherwise; State administrations are being consulted on this matter and it is hoped to complete the review as soon as all the data required for this assessment are available. All Chinese Affairs Officers appointed after 11th January, 1957 are required to pass the Malay Government Examination Standard I (excluding Jawi) as a condition of their service.