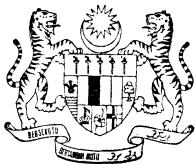


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*Saturday, 28th January, 1967*

*The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.*

PRESENT:

- The Honourable Mr (Deputy) Speaker, TUAN SYED ESA BIN ALWEE, J.M.N., S.M.J., P.I.S. (Batu Pahat Dalam).
- „ the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Minister of National and Rural Development, TUN HAJI ABDUL RAZAK BIN DATO' HUSSAIN, S.M.N. (Pekan).
- „ the Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Justice, TUN DR ISMAIL BIN DATO' HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN, S.S.M., P.M.N. (Johor Timor).
- „ the Minister of Finance, TUAN TAN SIEW SIN, J.P. (Melaka Tengah).
- „ the Minister of Transport, TAN SRI HAJI SARDON BIN HAJI JUBIR, P.M.N. (Pontian Utara).
- „ the Minister of Health, TUAN BAHAMAN BIN SAMSUDIN (Kuala Pilah).
- „ the Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, TUAN SENU BIN ABDUL RAHMAN (Kubang Pasu Barat).
- „ the Minister of Agriculture and Co-operatives, TUAN HAJI MOHAMED GHAZALI BIN HAJI JAWI (Ulu Perak).
- „ the Minister of Lands and Mines, TUAN ABDUL-RAHMAN BIN YA'KUB (Sarawak).
- „ the Assistant Minister of National and Rural Development, TUAN SULAIMAN BIN BULON (Bagan Datoh).
- „ the Assistant Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, DATO' ENKGU MUHSEIN BIN ABDUL KADIR, J.M.N., S.M.T., P.J.K. (Trengganu Tengah).
- „ the Assistant Minister of Education, TUAN LEE SIOK YEW, A.M.N., P.J.K. (Sepang).
- „ the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, TUAN IBRAHIM BIN ABDUL RAHMAN (Seberang Tengah).
- „ the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, TUAN ALI BIN HAJI AHMAD (Pontian Selatan).
- „ the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister, TUAN CHEN WING SUM (Damansara).

- The Honourable TUAN ABDUL GHANI BIN ISHAK, A.M.N. (Melaka Utara).
- „ TUAN ABDUL KARIM BIN ABU, A.M.N. (Melaka Selatan).
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- „ TAN SRI FATIMAH BINTI HAJI HASHIM, P.M.N.  
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- „ TUAN S. FAZUL RAHMAN, A.D.K. (Sabah).
- „ TUAN GANING BIN JANGKAT (Sabah).
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- „ TUAN HAJI HAMZAH BIN ALANG, A.M.N., P.J.K. (Kapar).
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- „ TUAN HUSSEIN BIN SULAIMAN (Ulu Kelantan).
- „ TUAN HAJI HUSSAIN RAHIMI BIN HAJI SAMAN  
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- „ TUAN IKHWAN ZAINI (Sarawak).

The Honourable **TUAN ISMAIL BIN IDRIS** (Penang Selatan).

- „ **TAN SRI SYED JA'AFAR BIN HASAN ALBAR**, P.M.N. (Johor Tenggara).
- „ **TUAN KADAM ANAK KIAI** (Sarawak).
- „ **TUAN KAM WOON WAH**, J.P. (Sitiawan).
- „ **TUAN THOMAS KANA** (Sarawak).
- „ **TUAN EDMUND LANGGU ANAK SAGA** (Sarawak).
- „ **TUAN LEE SECK FUN**, K.M.N. (Tanjong Malim).
- „ **DATO' LING BENG SIEW**, P.N.B.S. (Sarawak).
- „ **DR LIM CHONG EU** (Tanjong).
- „ **DR MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD** (Kota Star Selatan).
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- „ **TUAN JOSEPH DAVID MANJAJI** (Sabah).
- „ **TUAN MOHD. DAUD BIN ABDUL SAMAD** (Besut).
- „ **TUAN MOHAMED IDRIS BIN MATSIL**, J.M.N., P.J.K., J.P. (Jelebu-Jempol).
- „ **TUAN MOHD. TAHIR BIN ABDUL MAJID**, S.M.S., P.J.K. (Kuala Langat).
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- „ **DATO' HAJI MUSTAPHA BIN HAJI ABDUL JABAR**, D.P.M.S., A.M.N., J.P. (Sabak Bernam).
- „ **TUAN MUSTAPHA BIN AHMAD** (Tanah Merah).
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- „ **TUAN HAJI OTHMAN BIN ABDULLAH** (Hilir Perak).
- „ **TUAN OTHMAN BIN ABDULLAH**, A.M.N. (Perlis Utara).
- „ **TUAN HAJI RAHMAT BIN HAJI DAUD**, A.M.N. (Johor Bahru Barat).
- „ **TUAN RAMLI BIN OMAR** (Krian Darat).
- „ **TUAN HAJI REDZA BIN HAJI MOHD. SAID**, P.J.K., J.P. (Rembau-Tampin).
- „ **TUAN SANDOM ANAK NYUAK**, A.M.N. (Sarawak).
- „ **TUAN SEAH TENG NGIAB**, P.I.S. (Muar Pantai).
- „ **TUAN SIM BOON LIANG**, A.B.S. (Sarawak).
- „ **TUAN SIOW LOONG HIN**, P.J.K. (Seremban Barat).
- „ **TUAN SNAWI BIN ISMAIL**, P.J.K. (Seberang Selatan).
- „ **TUAN SOH AH TECK** (Batu Pahat).
- „ **TUAN SULAIMAN BIN ALI** (Dungun).
- „ **TUAN SULAIMAN BIN HAJI TAIB** (Krian Laut).
- „ **PENGIRAN TAHIR PETRA** (Sabah).

- The Honourable TUAN TAJUDDIN BIN ALI, P.J.K. (Larut Utara).  
 „ TUAN TAI KUAN YANG (Kulim Bandar Bharu).  
 „ TUAN TAN CHENG BEE, J.P. (Bagan).  
 „ TUAN TAN TOH HONG (Bukit Bintang).  
 „ TUAN TAN TSAK YU (Sarawak).  
 „ TUAN TIAH ENG BEE (Kluang Utara).  
 „ TUAN YEH PAO TZE, A.M.N. (Sabah).  
 „ TUAN HAJI ZAKARIA BIN HAJI MOHD. TAIB, P.J.K. (Langat).

ABSENT:

- The Honourable Mr Speaker, DATO' CHIK MOHAMED YUSUF BIN SHEIKH ABDUL RAHMAN, S.P.M.P., J.P., Dato' Bendahara, Perak.  
 „ the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Y.T.M. TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ, K.O.M. (Kuala Kedah).  
 „ the Minister of Works, Posts and Telecommunications, TAN SRI V. T. SAMBANTHAN, P.M.N. (Sungei Siput).  
 „ the Minister of Education, TUAN MOHAMED KHIR JOHARI (Kedah Tengah).  
 „ the Minister of Commerce and Industry, DR LIM SWEE AUN, J.P. (Larut Selatan).  
 „ the Minister for Welfare Services, TUAN HAJI ABDUL HAMID KHAN BIN HAJI SAKHAWAT ALI KHAN, J.M.N., J.P. (Batang Padang).  
 „ the Minister for Local Government and Housing, TUAN KHAW KAI-BOH, P.J.K. (Ulu Selangor).  
 „ the Minister for Sarawak Affairs, TAN SRI TEMENGGONG JUGAH ANAK BARIENG, P.M.N., P.D.K. (Sarawak).  
 „ the Minister of Labour, TUAN V. MANICKAVASAGAM, J.M.N., P.J.K. (Klang).  
 „ the Minister for Sabah Affairs, TUN DATU MUSTAPHA BIN DATU HARUN, S.M.N., P.D.K. (Sabah).  
 „ the Assistant Minister without Portfolio, TUAN HAJI ABDUL KHALID BIN AWANG OSMAN (Kota Star Utara).  
 „ the Assistant Minister of Finance, DR NG KAM POH, J.P. (Teluk Anson).  
 „ the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, TUAN LEE SAN CHOON, K.M.N. (Segamat Selatan).  
 „ WAN ABDUL RAHMAN BIN DATO' TUANKU BUJANG, A.B.S. (Sarawak).  
 „ TUAN HAJI ABDUL RASHID BIN HAJI JAIS (Sabah).  
 „ DATO' ABDULLAH BIN ABDULRAHMAN, S.M.T., Dato' Bijaya di-Raja (Kuala Trengganu Selatan).  
 „ O. K. K. DATU ALIUDDIN BIN DATU HARUN, P.D.K. (Sabah).  
 „ DR AWANG BIN HASSAN, S.M.J. (Muar Selatan).  
 „ TUAN AZIZ BIN ISHAK (Muar Dalam).  
 „ TUAN CHAN CHONG WEN, A.M.N. (Kluang Selatan).  
 „ TUAN CHAN SEONG YOON (Setapak).  
 „ TUAN C. V. DEVAN NAIR (Bungsar).

The Honourable DATU GANIE GILONG, P.D.K., J.P. (Sabah).

- „ TUAN STANLEY HO NGUN KHIU, A.D.K. (Sabah).
- „ PENGHULU JINGGUT ANAK ATTAN, Q.M.C., A.B.S. (Sarawak).
- „ TUAN KHOO PENG LOONG (Sarawak).
- „ TUAN AMADEUS MATHEW LEONG, A.D.K., J.P. (Sabah).
- „ TUAN LIM KEAN SIEW (Dato Kramat).
- „ TUAN LIM PEE HUNG, P.J.K. (Alor Star).
- „ TUAN PETER LO SU YIN (Sabah).
- „ DATO' DR HAJI MEGAT KHAS, D.P.M.P., J.P., P.J.K. (Kuala Kangsar).
- „ TUAN MOHD. ARIF SALLEH, A.D.K. (Sabah).
- „ DATO' HAJI MOHAMED ASRI BIN HAJI MUDA, S.P.M.K. (Pasir Puteh).
- „ ORANG TUA MOHAMMAD DARA BIN LANGPAD (Sabah).
- „ TUAN MOHD. ZAHIR BIN HAJI ISMAIL, J.M.N. (Sungei Patani).
- „ TAN SRI NIK AHMAD KAMIL, D.K., S.P.M.K., S.J.M.K., P.M.N., P.Y.G.P., Dato Sri Setia Raja (Kota Bharu Hilir).
- „ TUAN ONG KEE HUI (Sarawak).
- „ TUAN QUEK KAI DONG, J.P. (Seremban Timor).
- „ RAJA ROME BIN RAJA MA'AMOR, P.J.K., J.P. (Kuala Selangor).
- „ TUAN D. R. SEENIVASAGAM (Ipoh).
- „ DATO' S. P. SEENIVASAGAM, D.P.M.P., P.M.P., J.P. (Menglembu).
- „ TUAN SNG CHIN JOO (Sarawak).
- „ TUAN TAMA WENG TINGGANG WAN (Sarawak).
- „ DR TAN CHEE KHOON (Batu).
- „ TUAN TAN KEE GAK (Bandar Melaka).
- „ TUAN TOH THEAM HOCK (Kampar).
- „ TUAN STEPHEN YONG KUET TZE (Sarawak).

## PRAYERS

(Mr (Deputy) Speaker *in the Chair*)

## THE SUPPLY (1967) BILL

### Second Reading

Order read for resumption of debate on Question. "That the Bill be now read a second time." (27th January, 1967).

**The Deputy Prime Minister (Tun Haji Abdul Razak):** Mr Speaker, Sir, throughout the debate on the Budget one cannot help noticing, especially we on the Government side, that even the Opposition had found little to criticise this year's Budget. The Honourable Member for Bungsar has found the Budget sound, realistic and sober. As a result of this realistic

Budget, most of the Opposition Members had, throughout the debate, said little about the Budget itself, but spent much of their time talking on issues quite strictly are unconnected with the Budget.

A good example of this is the Honourable Member for Ipoh. He spoke, and made a debate on the Budget, as if it were a debate on the language issue. But I expected this from him. Now, Sir, it is heartening to know that the Opposition have found little fault about the Budget but still they must criticise, otherwise they cannot justify their position on the Opposition Bench. Honourable Members had commented and criticised several issues, some of them did so through misunderstanding, some others

through perpetual, what I would say, muddled thinking. On this I can do little, Sir, to help them. A few of the observations are quite legitimate and we will try our best to answer them, and even correct some of them.

Now, Sir, before I reply to some of the points raised by the Honourable Members of this House on the Budget, I would like to speak on the question of the National Language which had been referred to by the Honourable Member for Ipoh. The Honourable the Prime Minister had made a reply yesterday and made the position of the Government quite clear on this issue. The question of language in a country like ours, consisting of people of different racial origins with so many different languages, is controversial and sensitive. Therefore it is the responsibility of all of us, Members of this House, as well as political leaders, to be responsible and objective in our approach on this issue and not to make this language issue for political gains. Any one who does this is clearly playing with fire, and any one who plays with fire will get his fingers burnt. We, in the Alliance Government, are always conscious about our responsibility to the people of this country. We always have the true interests of our people at heart. We know that if trouble breaks out because of the language issue, it is the ordinary people of the country, the ordinary men and women, who will suffer. It is our duty to protect the interests of these people and to look after their safety and their wellbeing. This language issue can and will be resolved by the Alliance Government. In fact, it has already been resolved in our Constitution which, while declaring Malay as the National Language and official language from 1st September this year, also guarantees the use and study of the languages of the other communities; and the Alliance Government, being a just and fair Government, while taking measures to expand the use of the national language, also provides assistance to Chinese and Tamil schools, in order to enable the study of these languages to be carried out more effectively. That is why, Sir, we have advised all the people not to

play on the sentiments of this language issue because we know, as the Prime Minister explained yesterday, the tragedies which have taken place in some countries, because of irresponsible leaders making use of the issue and playing with the sentiments of the people; and if that happens no one will benefit. In fact, all will suffer, in particular the poor people. As I said before, the language issue can and will be settled by the Alliance Government but our people, particularly the leaders, must always be objective and responsible.

Now, the Honourable Member for Ipoh alleged that I told the Press not to overplay the language issue. It is true, Sir, I did this. At a meeting with the Press, with the editors and the journalists, I made it quite clear that, we the Alliance Government, upheld the freedom of the Press. I only appealed to the editors of the various newspapers to be responsible and, as responsible citizens, to assist in projecting a balanced and sane picture about the language issue and to be careful and responsible in reporting such statements on the language issue. The Honourable Member for Ipoh himself admitted that, when one section of the community started shouting on the language issue, there would be invariably reaction from the other section. So, obviously, if we are responsible leaders, and if we have the interest of the country at heart, the safety and welfare of our people, then it is our duty to discuss this issue intelligently, objectively, soberly and with moderation.

At the meeting with the editors of the newspapers, I appealed for their co-operation and, to their credit, these editors listened to what I had to say attentively and none of them, as alleged by the Honourable Member, stood up to assert their rights, because there is no question of interfering with their rights. I was only appealing to their good sense and sense of responsibility, and I am very pleased that the editors and publishers of the newspapers fully appreciated what I said and have given their co-operation to the Government. There is no doubt that there are a few

political leaders in this country, who want to make use of this language issue to obtain support. But I must warn these people that if, because of their irresponsible approach on this controversial issue, they bring trouble and unrest to this country, they must be held fully responsible.

However, Sir, the people of this country of all races have enough intelligence and common sense to know that, under the leadership of the Alliance Government, their just and rightful aspirations will always be safeguarded. It has never been the intention on our part to eliminate the use of any language, but rather we want to preserve and sustain the use and study of the other languages, while accepting Malay as the National and Official Language; and this policy is embodied in the Constitution and it will be there for all time. I have no doubt that the Alliance Government, under the leadership of our Prime Minister, will resolve this question satisfactorily and in the spirit of our Constitution.

Sir, if you would permit me, I would now like to direct my attention to the Honourable Member for Batu. In his traditionally rambling way, the Member for Batu this year has not much to criticise the Government, or the Budget. Perhaps, Sir, this may be a sign of the improvement that he has achieved in understanding the Government policies and the machinery of the Government. The Member for Batu criticised the expenditure of nearly \$1,919,009 for consulting work on the proposed Batu Balek Kampong-Aur Rompin Road. To start with, the Honourable Member was wrong when he said the road was from Rompin to Kampong Aur. It is, in actual fact, from Batu Balek to Kampong Aur to Rompin. The length of the proposed road is about 70 miles. The proposed road is of great economic value, because when constructed it will provide a useful forest access and also opportunities for opening up vast areas of virgin jungle, and also the construction of this road would provide an alternative route from Pahang to Johore.

Sir, speaking on the recent flood, the Government will be taking measures, including a request to the United Nations to help us with experts to reduce and control the danger of floods in our country. It will obviously take time and will cost a lot of money to prevent the nature's catastrophe, but we will try as best as we can. In the meantime, efforts will be made to make our people living in the riverine areas flood-conscious and to make them prepared for the occurrence of big floods such as we just had, and by doing all these it will be possible to minimise the losses. Also efforts will be made by Government Departments, particularly the Drainage and Irrigation Department, to take measures to prevent erosion of rivers, which is one of the causes of the flood. Damages caused by the recent flood had been great in certain areas. Government will do everything possible to help rehabilitate these unfortunate people many of whom have lost everything that they had.

In Perak and Trengganu, the two State Governments are doing extremely good jobs to assist the flood victims. In Kelantan, where the damage is considerable, the Central Government will have to provide assistance and to help the rehabilitation work by the State Government. The State Government has very limited resources. I would, Sir, like to take this opportunity to express the sincere gratitude of this Government to the people of various races, firms, banks, etc., and to friendly foreign Governments for having come forward with generous contributions to our National Flood Relief Fund. Even today, money and materials still keep pouring in; and our people and also voluntary organisations have made special efforts to collect money. I would also like to make special mention here of the people of Singapore, who are making special efforts to collect funds for the flood relief. Also, Sir, I would like to thank the Press in the country for the help and the co-operation they have given in the launching of this National Flood Disaster Fund.

Sir, I would now like to reply to the Honourable Member for Batu on the

question of the Malaysian Centre for Development Study and why it should not be merged with the Development Administration Unit, as suggested by the Honourable Member. As every one knows, the Alliance Government is a modern and forward looking Government. The creation of these two new Divisions are, in fact, in keeping with modern times. We are, as I said, living in a modern and specialised world, which demands improved techniques and up-to-date machinery of Government, and, in keeping with the independent status of our country, it is the intention of the Government to continue to improve the machinery of Government in the techniques of development and continue to streamline our whole administrative machinery. The two Units, Sir—the Malaysian Centre for Development Study and the Development Administration Unit—are created and designed to perform specific and specialised functions. They are entirely two different organisations and are concerned with two entirely different functions. The Centre for Development Studies is concerned with organising seminars among developing countries, particularly Afro-Asian nations on national development and also concerned with research of studies on economic, social and political development of the country, while the D.A.U., or the Development Administration Unit, is primarily concerned with the improvement in the administrative machinery of the country. The studies that the D.A.U. will undertake are not related to economic issue of social and other development programme, but are related to the question of how the administrative machinery could further be improved and made more efficient. Obviously, the functions of the two units are different, and it is not possible to merge the two. As Honourable Members are aware, the Malaysian Centre for Development Study is conducting seminars on national development for personnel of Afro-Asian countries, and it is in this way that we hope to share experience in development techniques with friendly countries and in this way strengthen the ties of international friendship through development. The Centre does not under-

take the studies in applied economics, which has been done by the Faculty of Economics, but is concerned as I said, with the techniques of development and with studies in the development programme; and it is the intention of this Centre to conduct seminars. Generally, expenses for conducting the seminars are being reimbursed from grants from agencies from friendly countries. So, it is, therefore, clear that it is not possible to merge these two units which have distinct and separate functions.

The Development Administration Unit is concerned with studying the machinery of Government, and it is our intention to streamline further the machinery of our Government, compatible with our position as independent, forward-looking and modern nation.

Now, Sir, I come to the criticism by the Honourable Member for Batu. He said that I had made an assurance that MARA would not repeat the mistake of RIDA. Sir, I feel that it is necessary for me to explain about these two organisations. RIDA was established under different circumstances in 1951, when we were still under colonial rule, and RIDA had quite an impact in the country at that time, and was, perhaps, the correct organisation, or set-up, during the pre-Merdeka day. However, looking at the conditions pertaining now, it was necessary that RIDA should be reorganised. That is why, it is, necessary for us to form a completely new organisation, with new methods and new spirit and new techniques, in keeping with the spirit manifested by the Congress Ekonomi Bumiputra in June this year. I can assure the Honourable Member for Batu that MARA will not repeat the mistakes made by the former RIDA and MARA is undergoing a major change in policy, and objective and functions, and we hope to confine the activities of MARA solely to encourage greater participation of Bumiputra in this country in commerce and industry, and to assist the development of industrial and commercial enterprise in which the bumiputra can participate. I am confident, Sir, with the programme undertaken by MARA

now, and with the training of qualified staff, MARA will be able to fulfil its responsibility and task entrusted to it.

Now, Sir, the Honourable Member for Ipoh alleged that there was deterioration in the efficiency of the Civil Service and that the officers are demoralised. I think, Sir, this is a very unfair remark, because I know better than anyone about the civil servants and the Civil Service, and I find that our civil servants in this country are second to none. They are always loyal to the Government of the day and they are doing all they could to help the people, and doing all they can to carry out Government development programmes; indeed, the success in the implementation of our development programmes for the last six years has been due to the devotion and loyalty of our civil servants. In fact, they have done so well that we have been able to carry out development plans successfully, and I have no doubt that they will be able to implement our First Malaysia Plan with greater efficiency and success than the previous two Malaysia Plans.

Now, Sir, I would like to pay tribute to all the civil servants for the fine job that they have done, and I do hope with the establishment of the Development Administration Unit, we will be able to improve further the machinery of our government.

Here, Sir, I would like to take this opportunity to correct the reports made in the Press about my announcement of what they said—"the freezing of new posts". I would like to explain, Sir, that the Government had appointed a Committee to review the staffing in all Government Departments to see whether redundant staff could not be diverted to do more useful job; and this Committee was asked to undertake the job urgently and it is hoped that the report of this Committee will be available in one or two months' time. I have advised Heads of Departments that until the report of the Committee is available, they should not try and fill in the new posts—new posts that have been approved for 1967. It will be possible that certain posts of officers,

particularly, in the general administration and general clerical service could be diverted to fill some of the vacant posts. Perhaps, on technical posts there is very little likelihood of this, but on the Administrative and the Clerical Service, there is this possibility and that is why it is necessary not to fill these posts for the time being, in a matter of one or two months, but normal recruitment for training to fill in ordinary wastages should continue. So, there should be no difficulty in this, and I knew that the Heads of Departments who attended the meeting understood what I meant, and also I must correct about the instances I gave in regard to Perak.

The Perak Government had agreed to reduce their Assistant Secretaries from 5 to 3 not to 2, and I think they have done very well indeed to reduce five officers to three. They have shown co-operation, and I do hope they will be able to do more on this side and would be able to set an example to other States in respect of what can be done in trying to streamline the administration or reduce cost.

On the question of election in Sarawak, the Honourable Member for Ipoh claimed that Sarawak is slowly and steadily moving out of Malaysia. I do not know on what basis he has formed this opinion but, obviously, Sir, we all know that the majority of the people in Sarawak support Malaysia and wish to remain in Malaysia, and these include even the members of SNAP.

We, the Government, are satisfied that it is the desire of the people of Sarawak to remain in Malaysia, and we will stand by the wishes of the people of Sarawak. As the Prime Minister said yesterday, it is not our intention to force them to do anything against their will and it will be our intention to hold this election in Sarawak as soon as the machinery can be set up, and that election in Sarawak will be held this year, and the Polling day will be in April.

Now, Sir, the Honourable Member for Ipoh accused the Alliance Government preaching communalism in the

Kampong Bahru by-election. This, of course, is quite untrue, for if anybody has been harping on this theme and is trying to cause a split among the various Communities, it is the Honourable Member himself. Although the Alliance candidate in the Kampong Bahru by-election happened to be a Malay, he campaigned just as hard in non-Malay areas as in the Malay Kampong—Kampong Bahru. Now, in all his campaign, he was assisted by M.C.A. and M.I.C. members, and I would like to correct the misconception that most of the people in Kampong Bahru is predominantly Malays. The whole constituency consists of more than 50 per cent of non-Malay voters, and the Malay voters only form 45 per cent of the electorate. Now, the Alliance candidate won the election not only on their votes alone but on the votes of other races. On the other hand, there is evidence that the votes for the DAP candidate were exclusively Chinese, as a result of DAP exploitation of racial issues.

Now, in a poor effort to deceive the people, the DAP preached multi-racial co-operation openly but privately in the house to house campaign we have enough evidence to show that the DAP campaigned and exploited racial differences. The DAP is to some extent multi-racial in character but racial in its political approach, and I even doubt whether the structure of the DAP is multi-racial. Now, we in the Alliance, as Honourable Members know, are represented by three parties—the UMNO, the M.C.A. and the M.I.C.—and we have always pledged to work for racial unity, harmony and co-operation.

Now, Sir, coming to the Honourable Member for Dato Kramat, I do not know why he criticised the building of the mosque at Penang Hill—he said that it was a waste of money. It is necessary to have this mosque. It was built largely on contribution from the public. The mosque cost \$72,000 and not \$242,000 and the public contributed \$42,000 and the Government contributed \$30,000. It is necessary, Sir, to have this mosque, which is suitable to the

surroundings, and I do not think that the expenditure of \$70,000 is a waste of money.

Sir, the Honourable Member for Dato Kramat, as usual, in his rambling way, has concluded that the people of Sabah and Sarawak are not happy with Malaysia, and that there are people in West Malaysia also who are not happy with Sabah and Sarawak remaining in Malaysia. I do not wish to harp on this any more, Sir, but we in the Central Government know fully well that the people of these two territories have decided to remain with us, and we stand by them. It is only the Labour Party which has been against Malaysia, and obviously it is the wish of the Honourable Member to disintegrate and liquidate Malaysia. But we will stand by these people, and we will continue to look after their interests, and to make them happy in our country.

Now, Sir, Honourable Member has also said that we are neglecting the peasants, the poor people. I do not have to rebut this allegation, Sir, because it is clear to everyone in this country that our rural development plans have changed the country side, in fact, the whole country, and the success of our plans is known not only to the people of this country but throughout the world.

Now, Sir, I come to the question of defence expenditure. A few Honourable Members from Sarawak criticised the level of our defence expenditure and said that we should try and reduce our defence expenditure. Well, Sir, as I have explained, although confrontation has ended, we have still the remnants of the communist terrorists in Sarawak. There are still thousands of hard-core communists in Sarawak, and it is necessary for us to maintain sufficient armed forces and Police to defend our country, particularly East Malaysia, from the enemies from inside and if the Honourable Members from Sarawak and in particular, the members of the S.U.P.P., would have courage to stand up against these communists and to prevent these communists from subverting and infiltrating

into political parties, then, perhaps, we may be able to reduce some of our defence expenditure. But so long as they allow or tolerate the presence of the communists in their organisation, it is obvious that the task of the Government will be made more difficult, and it is necessary for us to continue to carry out operation and maintain our armed forces in Sarawak.

It is alleged also that these armed forces are forces from Western Malaysia. It is not true, Sir, because our armed forces are Malaysian and there are people of Sabah and Sarawak, who have now joined our armed forces. We have four battalions of the Malaysian Rangers, which consist largely of members from Eastern Malaysia, and it is our intention to include in our armed forces people from all areas of the country, not necessarily from one part of the country.

Now, Sir, as regards the Territorial Army, the volunteer forces, I think, the Honourable Tuan Ong Kee Hui suggested that we should expand our volunteers and reduce our regulars. Sir, it is necessary, as I have said, to maintain sufficient number of regular forces to defend our country. We do continue to maintain our volunteers but, with the ending of confrontation, they have a less important role to play, and we have to reduce our expenditure on defence. That is why we have to reduce some of the volunteers and those who are on call-up duties have now reverted back to their normal peacetime duties.

Now, Sir, the Honourable Member for Bungsar, I think, did not understand why the estimates on defence do not show a reduction but show an increase of 7% in personal emoluments. As I have explained, Sir, it is necessary for us to continue to increase the strength of our regular forces, although we do our best to reduce the less important expenditure. So, there is actually a decrease of 3½% in personal emoluments due to reduction of civilians as well as military staff concerned with the training of Local Defence Corps, and also a reduction in the

training of national servicemen—otherwise, Sir, it is necessary to continue to increase our regular armed forces.

Now, the Member for Sitiawan has suggested that the youths of this country should be called up for military training. This is a very good idea, indeed, but again this will cost a lot of money and that is why we had to disband the training for call-ups, because we have to reduce our expenditure. Obviously, if we have to maintain our defence expenditure at a certain reasonable level with the present security situation, it is necessary for us to reduce expenditure in the training of call-ups and in our volunteer forces.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, ada beberapa Ahli<sup>2</sup> Yang Berhormat membuat pandangan terutama sa-kali Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Johor Bahru Barat mengatakan, dia sangat kesal kerana pendaftaran pengundi<sup>2</sup> di-Kampung Bahru tidak begitu memuaskan hati, daripada 40,000 orang pengundi<sup>2</sup> hanya 12,000 orang sahaja di-daftarkan.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, pehak Surohanjaya Pilehan Raya sedang mengkaji satu sistem yang baru untuk menyenangkan pengundi<sup>2</sup> hendak mendaftar. Jadi, pada masa yang lalu buku<sup>2</sup> pendaftaran ini di-buka pada 1hb September hingga 12hb September. Di-harapkan buku<sup>2</sup> ini dapat di-buka pada masa yang lebih lanjut lagi supaya menyenangkan pengundi<sup>2</sup> mendaftarkan diri mereka itu. Soal ini sedang di-kaji oleh pehak Surohanjaya Pilehan Raya.

Ahli Yang Berhormat dari kawasan Muar Utara ada mengatakan patut-lah Kerajaan menambahkan elaun Ketua<sup>2</sup> Kampong kerana mereka itu di-kehendaki membuat pekerjaan lebih banyak di-bawah Gerakan Maju. Soal elaun Ketua Kampong ini soal Kerajaan Negeri. Tuan Yang di-Pertua, sungoh-lah dengan ada-nya Gerakan Maju, Ketua<sup>2</sup> Kampong, dan bukan sahaja Ketua<sup>2</sup> Kampong bahkan semua Pega-wai<sup>2</sup> Kerajaan, semua Ketua<sup>2</sup>, Wakil<sup>2</sup> Ra'ayat pun termasuk, di-kehendaki bekerja dengan lebih giat lagi untuk hendak menanam dan memasokkan

semangat dan jiwa pembangunan yang sangat di-kehendaki di-dalam negara kita yang sedang menghadapi pembangunan yang besar ini. Jadi, dengan sebab itu-lah bukan sahaja Ketua<sup>2</sup> Kampong yang di-kehendaki bekerja dengan giat, semua pehak di-kehendaki bekerja. Jadi, soal elaun Ketua Kampong terpulang-lah kepada Kerajaan Negeri.

Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Muar Utara dan juga dua tiga orang Ahli yang lain mengatakan bahawa dalam lapangan Pertahanan patut-lah kita mengkaji sa-mula Perjanjian Pertahanan dengan Britain ini dan patut-lah kita membuat Perjanjian Pertahanan dengan negeri<sup>2</sup> yang berdekatan dengan kita seperti negeri Thai dan negeri<sup>2</sup> yang lain.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, dalam lapangan Pertahanan, seperti saya selalu terangkan kepada Dewan ini, tidak ada satu negara melainkan barangkali Amerika dan juga Russia yang boleh berdiri di-atas kaki-nya sendiri. Kita sa-bagai negeri yang kecil mustahak-lah mendapat bantuan daripada negara sahabat dalam lapangan Pertahanan jika kita di-serang oleh pehak dari luar. Dengan sa-berapa boleh kita akan mengadakan tentera yang cukup bagi menjaga Pertahanan dalam negeri, tetapi sa-bagaimana banyak pun kita akan membelanjakan wang dalam lapangan Pertahanan, tentu kita tidak dapat mempertahankan negara kita dengan sempurna jika kita menghadapi serangan dari luar.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya fikir inilah bahagian daripada jawapan saya kepada tegoran<sup>2</sup> yang di-datangkan oleh Ahli<sup>2</sup> Yang Berhormat. Rakan<sup>2</sup> saya Menteri<sup>2</sup> yang lain terutama sekali Menteri Kewangan akan menjawab berkenaan dengan hal Budget. Tetapi, Tuan Yang di-Pertua, sa-belum saya duduk nyata-lah kepada kita semua bahawa tahun 1967 ia-itu tahun yang ka-sepuluh kita mencapai kemerdekaan dan negara kita Malaysia ini di-bawah pimpinan Kerajaan Perikatan telah-lah meningkat maju dari satu masa ka-satu masa dan telah mendapat nama yang harum dalam semua lapangan termasuk lapangan

pembangunan. Ra'ayat negeri ini dari semua bangsa telah dapat menekmati kema'amoran, kebahagiaan yang mereka itu belum pernah nekmati lagi di-negara kita ini. Jadi dengan sebab pentadbiran yang jujur dan ikhlas, dasar yang sa-benar<sup>2</sup>-nya memberi faedah kepada ra'ayat negara kita ini mereka telah menekmati faedah<sup>2</sup> itu semenjak sa-puluh tahun kita mencha-pai kemerdekaan. Dengan sebab itu-lah mereka telah memberi sokongan yang penoh kepada Kerajaan Perikatan semenjak tahun 1955 dan saya yakin mereka itu akan terus memberi sokongan kepada Perikatan. Dengan itu negara kita dan ra'ayat-nya akan terjamin untuk mencapai kemajuan dan kema'amoran dan kesejahteraan yang berlebeh<sup>2</sup> lagi pada masa yang akan datang. Terima kaseh (*Tepok*).

**The Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Justice (Tun Dr Ismail):**

Mr Speaker, Sir, whenever Parliament meets, Members of the Opposition, without fail, always accuse the Government of not practising democracy, or, if they are in a generous mood accuse the Government of whittling democracy in this country, and they quote various examples of why and how democracy is not working and how the Government is whittling democracy.

Now, Sir, these examples, I would like to inform the Honourable Members, are abhorrent to the majority of the public in this country. In fact, I am getting very worried, because whenever I talk to members of the public—the large section of the public we represent in this Parliament, because we have a very big majority in this House—the large section of the population in this country ask me as Minister of Internal Security and Minister of Home Affairs, why should I be so tolerant to these Honourable Members, who keep on abusing democracy in this country? They say that if I allow these Honourable Members to keep on abusing democracy in this country, they will demand that we don't have democracy in this country, because they say for democracy to work, it is not only for the Government to follow democratic practice but the Members of the Opposition themselves should be responsible

and play a part in making democracy work in this country. I am not saying this to intimidate the Honourable Members of the Opposition, but I say this because I am getting deeply concerned, because the public say that we have had democracy for 10 years, and from the manner the Members of the Opposition behave, and the members of the intellectual section of our community in this country regard democracy, they regard it purely to further their own ends, to isolate themselves from the conditions in this country, then let us not have democracy in this country if that is how Members of the Opposition and intellectuals are trying to regard democracy in this country.

Sir, this is a very serious growing public opinion on this question of democracy, because if you look at the newly emergent countries one country after another had given up parliamentary democracy and resorted either to one-party government, or to some form or other forms of Government. Now, we, in the Alliance Government, believe in this democracy, and we are trying to make it work, in spite of the non-cooperation from Members of the Opposition, and from the so-called intellectuals of this country. Now, Sir, after all, we in the Alliance Government are politicians, practical politicians. We cannot ignore forever the demand of a large section of the public. What we can do here is to try to guide public opinion, we try to convince public opinion that democracy is the best form of government. But if we do not get the co-operation from the Members of the Opposition, and from the intellectuals in this country, who seem to regard democracy as a means whereby they can abuse it or whereby they can live in ivory towers, then I am afraid it is very heavy going for the Alliance Government; and there may come a time when we may not have such liberal leaders as the Alliance are having now. So, I would advise Honourable Members of the Opposition and intellectuals in this country to be more responsible in their concept of democracy, taking into consideration the conditions prevailing in this country.

Now, Members of the Opposition know as well as I do that it is enshrined in our Constitution that there is such a thing as the power given to the Government to enact emergency powers, and one of these Acts that has always been criticised by the Members of the Opposition in this House is the Internal Security Act. They give an ingenious twist to the working of this Act. Honourable Members of the Opposition know why it is necessary for a fledgling democracy like Malaya to have this Internal Security Act—it is because our freedom was won when communist subversion and militant communism were trying to destroy in this country and trying to hoist a Fascist form of communism in this country—and they know as well as we do on this side that, if we want to have democracy in this country, we must have the power to protect the fledgling democracy to see that it grows and mature into a fully fledged democracy. But during this period, where we have been harassed by the communists, the militant form of communists, and where we are being harassed by the subversionists in this country, and until lately where we have been harassed by an enemy, who tried to conquer us, what do we get from Members of the Opposition? They keep on trying to play politics in a dirty way to further their own ends. Here, I am giving the Members of the Opposition an advice: that far from convincing the public that there is no democracy in this country, they are themselves trying to persuade the public not to have democracy in this country by their very antics.

Now, let us see, as an example, what the Honourable Member for Ipoh has to say. Sir, the Honourable Member in his speech quoted the case of Enche' Ahmad Boestamam. I shall paraphrase what he said rather than quoting him. Now, the Honourable Member enquired as to why it was necessary, to impose certain conditions on the release of Enche' Ahmad Boestamam, when the Honourable Member felt that the main reason for the release was that Enche' Ahmad Boestamam was no longer considered to be a security risk—the Honourable Member for Ipoh regarded

the imposition of security restrictions as a blatant and gross deprivation of personal freedom and liberty.

Now, Sir, unfortunately, the Honourable Member quoted a very bad case. We all in this House know that even before the confrontation, Enche' Ahmad Boestamam was found conspiring with the enemy of the State. Now, in any other country, with another form of government, Enche' Ahmad Boestamam would no longer be here—in this world; but we in this country, believing as we do in democracy and acting according to the powers given to us by the Constitution, we isolated Enche' Ahmad Boestamam from trying to threaten the security of the country. Why do we isolate him? What is the purpose of this isolation or, as the Opposition Member would like to call it, detention? Sir, the purpose of detention is to prevent a person acting in a manner prejudicial to the security of the country. Now, the period of detention—or I would like to call it by a better term protective custody, because to protect the culprit from the public and also the public from the culprit—the period of protective custody is determined by the degree of threat posed by that particular person. It may happen that even a person may not have undergone any substantial change of heart—while in detention the degree of threat he poses may be reduced but not entirely eliminated as a result of the improvement in the overall security situation. Under such circumstances, the Government has no intention—mark these words—the Government has no intention of imposing undue hardship on a person by continuing to keep him in detention, and so he is released.

But at the same time the Government has a duty to protect the interest of the people by ensuring that such a person does not, upon release, resort to his old ways. For this reason, the Government has to impose such conditions as are necessary to prevent a person from becoming once again a serious threat to security. These conditions are reviewed from time to time, and if the Government is satisfied that

the person released is no longer a risk to security, then the conditions are removed together. Therefore, the case of Enche' Ahmad Boestamam will have to be viewed in this light. It is on this case of Enche' Ahmad Boestamam that people have asked me: Why are we so generous to these people who have been trying to help the enemy against the State? Why are we so generous to these communists who try to destroy us and causing hardship to this country? Why are we so tolerant to Honourable Members, who seem to work together with the communists? These are the things that the people of this country are asking, and why we are not doing our duty to them.

Then, the Honourable Member for Ipoh, just to give an example that there was no freedom in this country, quoted the case of where the Registrar of Societies wrote to all guilds and associations on 14th November, 1966, asking these guilds that since their membership were not confined to citizens they should not enter into controversy over the language issue. Now, the Honourable Member for Ipoh disputed that this is an accepted principle that only citizens may take part in the political affairs of a country. Here again, Sir, this is the sort of thing that the people of this country are asking now. Are we going to allow foreigners to interfere in the affairs of our country? Once you have foreigners taking part in the politics of this country, then trouble starts. Political parties that are weak tried to make use of the communists to bolster them up; political parties that are almost bankrupt try to get the support of foreign capital to support them. That is why I say that in a newly emerging country, where we are going to establish democracy, it is necessary that the politic of the country should be confined to the citizens of the country. We are not preventing societies, whose membership is confined to the citizens of the country, from debating this language issue in a reasonable and democratic manner. But what these people are trying to do in regard to this language issue is that they are trying to stir up trouble in this country, trying to cause disturbance so that, as the Prime Minister said, there will be bloodshed

and all that associated with rioting in this country.

Now, Sir, I really commend it to Honourable Members of the Opposition to think very carefully before they try to quote examples and make statements that there is no democracy in this country, that this Government is whittling democracy, because I, as Minister of Home Affairs, we feel the pulse of public opinion in this country. There is a growing section of public opinion that democracy may not be suitable to this country.

Then we have, of course, the Honourable Enche' Stephen Yong, Member from Sarawak, and he stated that it would be quite easy to play up the threat of incursionists in Sarawak under the present combined border operation. Subversion, according to the Honourable Member, needs the battle of the mind to counter and not by force. Mass media, says the Honourable Member, like the Radio and T.V., should be used for this purpose. He said that in Sarawak men and women had been arrested in the name of security. He said that the people in Sarawak are at the moment asking for the rehabilitation programme in respect of these detainees; the Government, he said, has a negative attitude on this issue. More funds would be needed to counter subversion.

Sir, first of all I do not agree that subversion should be countered only by winning the battle of the mind and not by force. If we were to follow this advice, this country would be already in the hands of the communists of this country. However, I agree with the Honourable Member that the battle of the mind also plays a very important part. In this connection, I would like to add that in addition to the suggestion made by the Honourable Member about mass media like the radio and T.V. should be used, I will go further and say that political parties themselves, if they consider that the subversionists are enemies of the country, should play their part in winning the battle of the mind of the people of this country—and not spending their energies in trying to win communists to subvert this country. With respect, I think it is really

regrettable that neither the Honourable Mr Stephen Yong, nor the Labour Party of Malaya, made any statement—I never heard any statement condemning those communists for subverting this country. And, here, the Honourable Member is advising us to win the hearts and minds of the people and not to use force when he himself has never condemned the very communists who have been doing havoc to Sarawak. Could we call the Honourable Member a patriot?

Now, as regards rehabilitation, Government has taken a positive step to secure the services of experts in the field of rehabilitation. This is a specialised form of work and after enquiry, I am happy to say that Government has already received certain recommendations in respect of individuals who are experts in this field, and it is hoped to employ this specialised officer in the very near future.

Now, Sir, the Honourable Mr Ong Kee Hui, I think, he belongs to the same political party as Mr Stephen Yong. The Honourable Member has said that very little has been done by Government to rehabilitate political detainees in Sarawak, and that repressive measures are still the order of the day. Sir, I do not accept the assertions of the Honourable Member that very little has been done by the Government to rehabilitate the detainees in Sarawak. I said "detainees," because I do not regard that we have any political detainees in this country. People, who are detained in this country, are not detained because they are politicians but because their actions are threatening the security of the country. Sir, as I said, I do not regard this protective custody as repressive measure. I regard it as a form of isolation—I think the Honourable Member opposite me who smiles at me, being a doctor, knows that when a person is afflicted with a disease it is better to isolate him, rather than to cause undue inconvenience to members of the public. This protective custody is a form of isolation and when we find that contagion is getting attenuated, to use a medical expression, Sir, we gradually release these people, who are taken into protective custody for their own safety and for the safety of the public.

Now the Honourable Member for Ipoh, being a learned member, of course, brought up the question about the courts in this country. He mentioned a particular instance and I quote him in respect of an assumed case of corruption—he said:

“One day you go to the Court—assuming you are accused of, say, corruption—you are told,

“You come, you will be tried in Court No. 3. Now, when your case comes up, you go to Court No. 3. You sit and sit, nothing happens. Suddenly a policeman comes along and says, ‘well, you didn’t appear in Court No. 5. Here is a warrant of arrest. I am now arresting you.’ The man goes to Court No. 5, and says, ‘You told me last time that it is Court No. 3’, and he says, ‘Sorry, it is now Court No. 5. Anyway, I excuse you. Next time don’t be without turning up!’ Whose fault is it? You tell him, ‘Court No. 3’; you change your mind and go to Court No. 5, and then you arrest that man.”

Sir, this is a very dramatic way of putting things, and what I am told is that the present practice is that in summon cases there have been put in the numbers of Courts in the summons itself, in order to avoid complication, but in this case it was an arrest case, where the accused had been brought to the police station and released under bail. Therefore, no proper instruction could have been given by the Police as to which particular court the accused should go to, except the usual direction that he should go to Court Hill. The accused should have approached the proper person, that is the Court Clerk in any of the Courts and he would have been given the correct instructions, because all penal cases have always been heard in Court No. 3, and this Court has never been loaned. The reason for this complication is that there is a shortage of court houses and action is being taken to remedy the situation by putting up two more court rooms. Sir, I do not agree with this reply given by my officials, and I will give instruction that members of the public must not be inconvenienced because the officials cannot get on with one another. I will see to it that remedy is effected at once.

Sir, I will now try to reply to observations of Members on this side of the bench. I replied to Members of the

Opposition first, not because I am giving them priority, but because I think it is better to dispose of the views made by the Opposition and then concentrate myself to observations made by Members of my own Party, because I am told that this is the practice of parliamentary democracy—that we should reply to the observations made by Members of the Opposition first.

Ahli dari Perlis Utara telah menyentoh perkara pendaftaran pelawat yang sekarang ini sedang di-uruskan oleh Kementerian Hal Ehwal Dalam Negeri. Ahli Yang Berhormat itu menyatakan yang pendaftaran ini adalah satu tindakan yang bagus tetapi tidak-lah lengkap dan mengshorkan supaya bidang pendaftaran itu di-perluaskan untuk memasukkan ka-dalamnya kawasan<sup>2</sup> luar bandar. Dia juga mengshorkan supaya rumah<sup>2</sup> di-kawasan<sup>2</sup> luar bandar di-beri nombor<sup>2</sup> dengan chara bilangan bersiri (series) dan juga supaya rumah<sup>2</sup> itu di-beri ‘alamat tetap. Dia juga telah mengshorkan supaya semua-nya pengundi<sup>2</sup> di-daftarkan. Satu yuran yang kecil, kata-nya katakan-lah sa-ringgit, patut di-kenakan.

Langkah<sup>2</sup> yang di-shorkan oleh Yang Berhormat itu di-samping mengemas-kan lagi tujuan pendaftaran itu dari segi keselamatan akan juga menolong pehak berkuasa Jabatan Pos menyampaikan surat<sup>2</sup> kepada mereka yang tinggal di-kawasan<sup>2</sup> luar bandar. Mengikut beliau di-kawasan<sup>2</sup> luar bandar, surat<sup>2</sup> biasa-nya di-hantar dan di-simpan di-kedai<sup>2</sup> untuk di-pungut oleh mereka<sup>2</sup> yang berkenaan dan juga untuk di-pungut oleh Jabatan Pos yang di-hantarkan ka-‘alamat yang di-tujukan.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, mengikut kehendak Undang<sup>2</sup> Peratoran Pendaftaran Pelawat<sup>2</sup> hanya-lah hotel<sup>2</sup> dan rumah<sup>2</sup> tumpangan atau rumah<sup>2</sup> persinggahan sahaja yang wajib menepati-nya. Tidak-lah di-kira di-mana letak-nya hotel<sup>2</sup> atau rumah<sup>2</sup> tumpangan itu sama ada di-kawasan bandar atau pun luar bandar. Untuk memperluaskan lagi undang<sup>2</sup> ini dengan tujuan ke-semua-nya rumah<sup>2</sup> di-kawasan luar

bandar menepati kehendak peratoran<sup>2</sup> tersebut, bagaimana yang di-chadangkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat itu, pada pendapat saya, akan juga meliputi kesemua rumah<sup>2</sup> dalam kawasan<sup>2</sup> bandar. Langkah ini ada-lah sa-rupa dengan tindakan yang telah di-ambil oleh Kerajaan sa-masa dharurat dan juga sa-masa konferansi Indonesia dahulu. Itu mengikut Undang<sup>2</sup> Peratoran Pendaftaran Pengundi<sup>2</sup>. Pengshoran yang telah di-buat oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat itu ia-lah suatu perkara yang tidak mungkin di-laksanakan kerana ia-nya akan memerlukan kakitangan dan jumlah wang yang besar, dan Kerajaan tidak-lah dapat melaksanakan-nya memandangkan kapada keadaan kewangan negara pada masa sekarang.

Ahli Yang Berhormat, ia-itu wakil ra'ayat dari Perlis Utara mengemukakan satu pandangan berthabit dengan kera'ayatan orang<sup>2</sup> yang berasal dari negeri<sup>2</sup> asing. Di-sini saya suka-lah memberi keterangan ia-itu atas perkara ujian bahasa: Orang<sup>2</sup> yang telah di-lahirkan dalam negeri asing yang memohon kera'ayatan dengan chara kewarganegaraan chara kemasokan—"Citizenship by Naturalization"—di-bawah Fasal 19 Perlembagaan, di-kehendaki, antara lain, mempunyai pengetahuan yang cukup di-dalam bahasa Melayu. Mengikut Peratoran 8 dalam Peratoran Kewarganegaraan tahun 1964, tiap<sup>2</sup> sa-orang yang memohon untuk menjadi ra'ayat di-bawah Fasal 19 Perlembagaan akan di-sifatkan atau di-anggap sa-bagai sudah mempunyai pengetahuan yang lengkap dalam bahasa Melayu, jika sa-kiranya Lembaga Bahasa berpendapat bahawa sa-saorang itu faseh bertutor dalam bahasa Melayu, dan jikalau tidak mempunyai kechachatan penglihatan atau kechachatan badan untuk membaca dan menulis dalam bahasa kebangsaan dengan tulisan Jawi atau Rumi.

Pemohon<sup>2</sup> yang bermastautin di-negeri Tanah Melayu pada Hari Merdeka tidak-lah di-kehendaki mengambil ujian membaca dan menulis dalam bahasa kebangsaan—mereka hanya-lah di-kehendaki mengambil ujian bertutor sahaja. Untuk menepati

tujuan ini, mereka mesti-lah boleh mengambil bahagian dalam perbincangan, mithal-nya, tentang kejadian<sup>2</sup> sa-tempat yang baharu sahaja berlaku dengan cukup untuk menjelaskan apa yang di-maksudkan dan juga untuk memahami apa yang di-perchakapkan kapada-nya; dalam perkataan lain, mereka mesti-lah faseh bertutor dalam bahasa kebangsaan. Tidak-lah ada buku<sup>2</sup> bahasa atau kertas<sup>2</sup> ujian khas yang di-tetapkan dalam ujian bahasa kebangsaan itu.

Sharat<sup>2</sup> dan kelulusan yang di-kehendaki untuk mendapatkan kera'ayatan di-bawah Fasal 19 bagi pemohon<sup>2</sup> yang di-lahirkan di-negeri asing, pemohon<sup>2</sup> itu mesti-lah tidak kurang daripada 21 tahun umur-nya dan mesti-lah satu, bermastautin di-dalam Persekutuan selama, pukul-rata, tidak kurang daripada 10 tahun daripada 12 tahun sebelum tarikh dia mengemukakan permohonan-nya. Jangka masa ini termasuklah masa 12 bulan sa-belum tarikh itu. Dan yang kedua, jika sijil kera'ayatan itu di-beri, berhajat untuk bermastautin di-negeri ini dengan tetap. Dan ketiga, berkelakuan dan berperangai baik dan mempunyai cukup pengetahuan dalam bahasa kebangsaan.

Semua pemohon<sup>2</sup> kewarganegaraan chara Kemasokan ada-lah di-tapis oleh pihak polis untuk menghindarkan mereka<sup>2</sup> yang tidak di-ingini daripada mendapat kera'ayatan. Pemohon<sup>2</sup> untuk mendapatkan kera'ayatan dengan chara Kemasokan mesti-lah juga mengadakan dua orang penyokong<sup>2</sup> yang terdiri daripada warganegara untuk menjamin bahawa pemohon<sup>2</sup> itu berkelakuan dan berperangai baik dan ta'at setia.

Satu sijil kera'ayatan chara Kemasokan hanya akan di-beri kapada pemohon jika Kerajaan Persekutuan yakin dan berpuas hati yang ia-nya telah menchukupi kehendak<sup>2</sup> yang tersebut tadi.

Atas soal perluchutan kera'ayatan berdasarkan kesalahan<sup>2</sup> berat. Mengikut kuat-kuasa 25 (i) (c) Perlembagaan, Kerajaan Persekutuan berhak memerintahkan kera'ayatan tiap<sup>2</sup>

warganegara yang mendapatkan kewarganegaraan chara Kemasokan diluchutkan jika sa-kira-nya Kerajaan berpuas hati yang ia-nya dalam masa lima tahun, mulai dari tarikh pendaftaran atau pengeluaran siji itu, di-hukum penjara oleh mahkamah didalam negeri di-mana sa-kali pun salama tidak kurang dari 12 bulan atau di-denda sa-banyak tidak kurang daripada \$5,000 atau jumlah yang sa-laras mengikut mata-wang negeri itu—dan yang tidak dapat ampun daripada kesalahan yang menyebabkan ia-nya di-hukum itu. Jadi, itu-lah jawapan saya kapada Ahli Yang Berhormat itu.

Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Melaka Utara—Ahli Yang Berhormat men-chadangkan orang<sup>2</sup> yang di-buang daerah di-tempatkan di-Pulau Besar, Melaka, supaya orang<sup>2</sup> itu tidak dapat mempengaruhi orang<sup>2</sup> lain. Saya suka-lah menyatakan, orang<sup>2</sup> yang di-buang daerah itu sa-benar-nya-lah di-buang dari satu daerah di-mana ia telah melakukan sa-suatu kesalahan di-bawah Undang<sup>2</sup> Penchegah Jenayah, “Prevention of Crimes Ordinance” dan Undang<sup>2</sup> Menghadkan Tempat Kediaman, “Restricted Residence Enactment”, dan pembuangan mereka itu ia-lah dengan tujuan supaya pengaruh mereka dapat di-batas dan tidak berkembang. Chadangan Yang Berhormat supaya di-adakan satu daerah khas, mithal-nya, pulau yang di-chakapkan-nya itu, tidak dapat dilaksanakan kerana ini ada-lah berlawanan dengan Perlembagaan. Sunggoh pun demikian, Kerajaan pada masa ini, ia-itu Kementerian saya, ada-lah sedang memberi pertimbangan yang berat untok mengadakan satu ranchangan tanah khas, di-mana orang<sup>2</sup> saperti ini bukan sahaja dapat di-tempatkan bahkan dapat mereka men-chari nafkah, mudahan<sup>2</sup> dengan chara ini mereka akan berubah sikap mereka dan menjadi warganegara yang jujur. Di-sini saya suka menegaskan, ada-lah menempatkan mereka itu dengan ranchangan yang saya telah nyatakan tadi hanya dapat di-laksanakan dengan persetujuan orang<sup>2</sup> itu sendiri.

The Honourable Member for Penang Utara suggested that legislation on anti-corruption be tightened. Now, Sir, it so

happens that we have finished our report on how to tighten up the Anti-Corruption Agency to make it more efficient and, no doubt, very soon Members of this House and members of the public will see a more efficient Anti-Corruption Department. Further than that I will not go, because the report has just been handed to me and I am convinced that once we implement that report the Anti-Corruption Agency would be a very effective agency of the Government.

The Honourable Tuan Geh Chong Keat—I think this is my last reply, and I am sorry to have taken so much time—refers to the Societies Act. Now, Sir, according to him, under this law the maximum sum that would be paid to the beneficiary of a deceased member is \$600. He stated that in Penang some benefit societies paid out only \$150 as advance for funeral expenses and the balance held back for final payment at a later date. He argued that this is a meagre sum for funeral expenses and as a result the family of the deceased would suffer financial hardship. He mentioned that there are some benefit societies in Kuala Lumpur which paid out advance at a higher rate, that is \$400. Now, Sir, societies accepting as members persons up to the age of 55 years are permitted to pay a maximum of \$150. In respect of members, who have contributed more than \$150 before they die, the benefit to be paid on the death of such member may be the actual amount contributed by him plus a percentage—let us say, 10 per cent—of the total contribution as bonus. For example, if a member contributed a total sum of \$180 to a society, the benefit to be paid in this case will be \$180 plus \$18 as bonus making a total sum of \$198. The average life expectancy of a person of the age of 55 years is 15 years. The average amount of contributions that will be paid by members entering a society at the age of 55 years is about \$150, after deducting expenses for the working of the society.

Now, about the society in Selangor, alleged to have been permitted to pay a maximum of \$400, this must be one

of those societies which collects a contribution of \$2 per month from every member and does not admit persons above the age of 45 years. I can assure the House that it is not the Registrar of Societies' practice to discriminate unfairly between societies: no favour has been shown to any society.

Sir, that is about all I have to reply to in regard to the Ministries for which I am responsible.

**Mr (Deputy) Speaker:** Meshuarat ini di-tangguhkan sa-lama 15 minit.

*Sitting suspended at 11.21 a.m.*

*Sitting resumed at 11.40 a.m.*

*Debate resumed.*

**The Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives (Tuan Haji Mohamed Ghazali bin Haji Jawi):** Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya chuma mengambil peluang menjawab satu perkara yang di-bangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kelantan Hilir. Beliau hendak mengetahui mengapa-kah Lembaga Pemasaran Hasil Pertanian tidak mengambil langkah yang tegas bagi melawan atau pun menghapuskan orang<sup>2</sup> tengah yang pada masa ini, kata-nya, sangat kuat. Kata-nya mengikut keterangan daripada akhbar, saya telah pun melancarkan *Marketing Rice Board* di-Tanjong Karang dan chuma di-sana sahaja. Beliau ingin mengetahui mengapa-kah Perbadanan ini tidak di-adakan di-tempat<sup>2</sup> yang lain. Dan beliau juga telah pun menegor ia-itu Lembaga ini tidak menjalankan langkah<sup>2</sup>-nya dengan jaya.

Sa-bagaimana Ahli Yang Berhormat sedia ma'alum FAMA atau Lembaga Pemasaran Hasil Pertanian Persekutuan telah pun di-tubuhkan dengan tujuan supaya chara<sup>2</sup> pemasaran yang 'adil dapat di-jalankan dan petani<sup>2</sup> menerima harga<sup>2</sup> yang baik bagi barang<sup>2</sup> pengeluaran mereka.

FAMA telah pun di-tubuhkan pada akhir tahun 1965 dan pengambilan pegawai<sup>2</sup>-nya telah pun di-jalankan pada awal tahun 1966. Sa-lepas pegawai<sup>2</sup> di-ambil, maka latehan telah

pun di-beri kapada pegawai<sup>2</sup> FAMA dan pada pertengahan tahun sudah pegawai<sup>2</sup> ini telah pun menjalankan tugas mereka menyiasat dan mengkaji berkenaan dengan pemasaran hasil pertanian di-dalam negeri ini ia-itu dalam masaaalah pemasaran padi, ikan, lada hitam, sayoran<sup>2</sup> di-Sabah dan kopi di-Kuala Langat.

Hasil daripada penyiasatan itu, laporan<sup>2</sup> telah pun di-sampaikan kapada Lembaga Pemasaran, dan Lembaga Pemasaran telah pun menatap dan mengkaji serta membuat satu keputusan ia-itu pemasaran ini hendak-lah di-adakan di-beberapa buah tempat. Mereka telah menchadangkan, pada permulaan ini, perbadanan pemasaran ini di-adakan daripada segi pemasaran padi dan ranchangan<sup>2</sup> pemasaran telah pun di-chadangkan bagi Tanjong Karang, Krian, Pulau Pinang-Seberang Prai dan Perlis. Manakala ranchangan<sup>2</sup> itu di-persetujukan menurut Undang<sup>2</sup> FAMA, terpaksa-lah di-siarkan di-*Warta Kerajaan* dan perbicharaan berkenaan dengan itu terpaksa di-adakan. Perbicharaan atau pun *hearing* telah pun di-adakan dan hasil daripada itu Lembaga itu telah pun membuat chadangan kapada saya berkenaan dengan penubohan badan<sup>2</sup> pemasaran ini. Sa-telah mengkajikan chadangan<sup>2</sup> dan recommendations itu dan saya telah pun mempersetujukan bagi pertama kalinya, kita akan mengadakan satu pilot scheme ia-itu pemasaran yang penoh akan di-adakan di-Tanjong Karang berkenaan dengan hasil-mahsul padi dan ranchangan chuma memberi lesen dan kawalan akan di-adakan bagi tiga kawasan yang lain ia-itu di-Krian, Pulau Pinang-Seberang Prai dan di-Perlis.

Saya juga bersetuju ia-itu langkah ini tidak-lah sa-bagitu deras atau pun keras sa-bagaimana yang di-kehendaki oleh kebanyakan Ahli<sup>2</sup> dan juga petani<sup>2</sup> dalam negeri ini, kerana sa-boleh<sup>2</sup>-nya saya perchaya perbadanan itu di-tubuhkan sa-rentak di-seluruh negeri kita ini. Tujuan, sa-bagaimana Ahli<sup>2</sup> Yang Berhormat sedia ma'alum, perkara ini adalah satu perkara yang rumit dan kita tidak ingin melihat ranchangan<sup>2</sup> yang kita jalankan ini akan menerima jalan

buntu atau kegagalan. Maka terpaksa lah kita mengadakan rancangan permulaan atau pun pilot scheme dan sa-kira-nya rancangan itu berjaya kelak, maka ini, akan dapat kita bawa atau kita luaskan di-seluruh negeri kita.

**Tuan Mustapha bin Ahmad (Tanah Merah):** Tuan Yang di-Pertua, nam-pak-nya meshuarat kita tidak chukup bilangan ahli—tidak chukup quorum.

*(Divisional Bell rung; House coun-  
ted; 26 Members present).*

**Tuan Haji Mohd. Ghazali bin Haji Jawi:** Untuk pengetahuan Ahli<sup>2</sup> Yang Berhormat, perancangan perbadanan pemasaran padi bagi Tanjong Karang dan tiga kawasan yang lain itu akan di-jalankan pada 1hb Februari tahun ini dan pembelian padi yang mula akan di-jalankan di-kawasan Tanjong Karang ia-lah sa-masa padi di-tuai dalam bulan Mach tahun ini. Sunggoh pun dalam masa itu juga kita tidak akan alpa dan tidak akan lalai daripada menjalankan siasatan dan kajian berkenaan dengan hasil<sup>2</sup> yang lain dan dari satu masa ka-satu masa kita akan melancarkan rancangan ini, bersama<sup>2</sup> kita menumpu dan memerhatikan kejayaan dan ber-sama<sup>2</sup> kita berdo'a ka-atas kejayaan-nya *(Tepok)*.

**The Minister of Transport (Tan Sri Haji Sardon):** Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like to reply to the Honourable Member for Dato Kramat, in respect of the observations and criticisms he made on the Railway Administration, touch-ing on the advice of Justice Syed Sheh Barakbah on the revision of salary scales of the Railway Administration. He said that the advice given was not adhered to and nothing has been done, that in 1966 we had the Malayan Rail-way Economic Mission recommending certain changes of policy for improve-ments, and that too was not imple-mented, and instead we are now writing for experts from the United Nations to find ways and means of improving the Railway Administration. He also ex-plained the unsatisfactory situation of the Prai terminal, where passengers have to use the ferry to the railway station. He also quoted delays by train for several hours and said that nothing was

done to remedy repetition of this in spite of public protest.

Now, Sir, I would like to make it clear, as far as this Railway Adminis-tration is concerned, Sir, that it is obvious to me that the Honourable Member from Dato' Kramat has not read Justice Syed Sheh Barakbah's Report, nor the Railway Economics Commission Report. It is clear also that he is not at all aware of the actions the Railway Administration has taken on these reports. In other words, he has not bothered to check his facts and, therefore, he has in fact been talking on subjects, which he does not know anything about.

Sir, Tuan Justice Syed Sheh Barakbah was appointed in December 1962 with terms of reference to inquire into the causes and the circumstances of the trade dispute between the Malayan Rail-way Administration and those of its employees as represented by the Rail-waymen's Union of Malaya and the availability of machinery for the settle-ment of such dispute, the use made of such machinery in this instance and to report. This Report has been acted upon by the Malayan Railway Administra-tion.

The Railway Economic Commission Report was appointed in March 1961, with terms of reference to inquire into the financial and economic position and prospects of the Malayan Railway, and to make recommendations regarding the role which it should play in the future economy of the Federation, whether in deciding such a role it could pay its way and if not how, if any, the defi-ciency should be met, its capital struc-ture and the terms in which loan funds should be provided by the Government. All the recommendations of this Com-mission except those relating to the renewals provision and the conversion of the Railway into a Corporation Aggregate has been acted upon by the Railway Administration. The recom-mendation regarding renewals contribu-tion was referred to the Government and the Treasury rejected the Commission's recommendation on this. The Railway agrees with the Government's rejection, and here it must be pointed out that

none of the three men members from India are accountants and as such they are not qualified to make such recommendations.

As regards the Commission's recommendation to convert the Railway into a Corporation Aggregate, this has been accepted by the Government, but has not yet been implemented, as there has been a lot of dispute as to the status of Railway employees until recently. In spite of that, my Ministry and the Railway Administration and the Legal Draftsmen have completed the final stage of the Bill. In view of the advice from the World Bank expert who probably is prepared to help the Railway, if this Bill will incorporate a Corporation Aggregate to give more power to the Railway Administration, as it is not today, where the Government because of pressure by RUM, because of the Court of Arbitration was sitting, because of the salary award to increase the salaries, as Railway employees are Government employees automatically their pays and relevant positions were also considered, and the Railway Administration has to find money and pay them; but the Railway Administration is not in a position to impose taxes like the Government. The Railway Administration can borrow from the Government but still it has to repay the loan back with interest.

Talking about this Bill, I hope the final amendment to this Bill will soon be completed and referred to the Government and I hope my colleagues in the Cabinet will support me to approve the final amendments of the Bill. The sooner this Corporation Aggregate is put into implementation the better will be the running of the Railway Administration, as this is the recommendation by the Railway experts to look into the economics future of the Railway, who had been here in 1962. This has been delayed since 1962 and now it is 1967—almost four to five years.

Now, regarding the Prai terminal, the Honourable Member for Dato Kramat coming from Penang as he does, should be aware that the Railway is changing

its terminal to Butterworth. The new railway station at Butterworth is under construction and the progress is very satisfactory—I think it is almost completed now. In any case, anybody wishing to cross over to Penang will still have to cross by the ferry for the time being.

There has been some confusion and misunderstanding about the true position of Malayan Railway Administration. This has been referred to in the debate where the Honourable Member for Ipoh speaking on the 24th January, 1967, criticised that the Minister of Transport is not taking early action in getting the Railway Administration to lessen probably the deficit and make a profit and to make the Railway Administration efficient and not as it is today, running with a deficit of \$9.4 million. I have taken the trouble to get Malayan Railway Administration officials to prepare statistics and to give every year's return for the last five to ten years; and in fact in my reply recently it went to five pages, but these Honourable Members of the Opposition, so is the Honourable Member for Batu, they never rely on statistics for explanation, but instead they burst out in this Honourable House where they have the privilege to say anything under the sun, even to hit a person, who is not able to reply, under the belt. The Member for Batu, I remember, asks me to sack the General Manager. For what reasons? I have given five pages of explanation that the fault is not with the Malayan Railway Administration, the fault is not with the General Manager, but that the fault is with the spiralling rise of salaries of the railway employees. The Minister of Finance when introducing the Budget here explained that the cost of Government administration of 32 per cent has risen up to 40 per cent—8 per cent increase. Here, the Government can impose taxes to try to balance the Budget, to try whatever it can do, but on the other hand Malayan Railway Administration—whatever rise in the Government salaries is automatically a rise in salaries in the Railway Administration also but the Malayan Railway Administration cannot impose taxes.

I have already explained this. Therefore, the Railway Administration, particularly the General Manager and the senior officials, and those who are conscientious in their work had done their best to put the Railway to running condition which is of national importance, should be congratulated not criticised and not asked to resign for no fault of theirs.

Sir, I appeal, particularly to the leaders of the Opposition in this House, as my Honourable friend the Minister for Internal Affairs did just now, who has mentioned that democracy must be coupled with responsibility. If leaders of the Opposition are not responsible, then democracy is a mockery and probably we have to go for guided democracy, or whatever democracy—I do not know; I for one do not want any other form of democracy, but the true democracy we understand in this House which is to respect the right of person who has got no chance to reply in this House should not be mentioned here, leave alone to be charged of something of a serious nature, and asking me to sack that person.

The General Manager, according to the Railway Enactment, Section 2, is appointed by His Majesty the King on the recommendation of the Railway Services Commission. So, if there is any gross negligence or a serious offence committed by the General Manager, do not blurt it out here: write to the Prime Minister, write to me, disclosing what offences have been committed. This is where, I say, democracy is being abused in this Honourable House. The same thing with the Honourable Member for Ipoh who said, "I ask the Minister of Transport to resign". I quote here what he says on page 55 of the proceedings—"Mr Speaker, Sir, I think the whole answer boils down to one word—'failure' and as a consequence of that, will the Minister of Transport resign?" For what? Just to satisfy him as the leader of the P.P.P.? cheap publicity. "Sardon asked to resign"—for what? This is the kind of thing, when we have given five pages of explanations in detail as to

why the Railway Administration has a deficit of \$9.4 million.

Mr Speaker, Sir, all these years, even since 1961, except for the decline in the iron ore traffic, because many of the big mines have closed down, the Railway has been increasing its traffic and revenue every year. In fact, I did mention that this year we made \$2 million, but how can we make it commensurate the payment of salaries which have gone skyhigh? Is this inefficiency of the management? People may ask, why the deficit? I have explained in pages and pages. Sir, I do hope Members of the Opposition, particularly the leaders of the Opposition, will give due respect to those hard-working people, who try to keep our Railway going and serve Honourable Members—many of them are travelling by railways. Instead of helping we only hear all these allegations without any evidence whatsoever.

Now, as I said just now, I get the impression that many people, including some members of the public—I have referred to the two leaders of the P.P.P. and leaders of the Labour Party—seem to think that the Railway Administration is a Government Department financed and controlled by the Government. This is not so—not a cent is given by the Government. Whatever the Railway borrows from the Government, the Railways has to pay with interest. In fact, they have got no say—there is no Government expenditures involved in Railway Administration as it is on autonomous authority. I would like to repeat and clarify that the Railway is not a Government Department. It is corporation sole established under the Railway Ordinance, 1948, under which the General Manager is defined as the corporation sole. In other words, the General Manager is the Railway Administration, and he expects all his senior officers to help him, to guide him—and this includes all the railway employees, all the members of RUM who have been grumbling instead. Everything they want, they have got and I appeal to them to give their best

co-operation to make the Malayan Railway a success.

Sir, a few days ago I mentioned in this House that the Railway Administration should be complimented for managing the Railway so creditably, despite the serious problems and difficulties which it has to face from this year onwards. I repeat that it is only right and proper that the General Manager and his top lieutenants and those who have really and honestly given hard work and co-operation to make this Railway run should be complimented, for the problems and difficulties they are facing are indeed enormous. Some Honourable Members even made outcries, as I have already mentioned just now, asking me to consider sacking the General Manager and all the rest of it, and asking me to resign and all the rest of it. I take this as a man, I take this as a politician, I take this as a Member of Parliament; and everything said here I will reply, but in the case of anybody who has no right to be here to reply, please abstain from alleging anything against them. I do not think that is fair. In fact, I have been informed by the General Manager that the Honourable Member for Batu rang him up and apologised. Also the Member for Ipoh the other day when he saw me, told me, "I am just pulling your leg," I said, if you dare, cut off from the estimate the sum \$36,000 salary for Minister of Transport for the year 1967". I am waiting when the time comes.

Now, Sir, I would like to clarify again here in regard to the Railway Administration for purposes of record. I would like to appeal to such Honourable Members to check all their facts first before forming hasty judgments or making any irresponsible outcries and allegations in this House: after all, they are Members of Parliament, they are given all the facts and figures from the Ministers, from the officials if they were to ask for them before they actually put up any questions, or before they speak in this Honourable House.

Now, let me clarify the various problems and difficulties which are faced

by the Railway Administration at present.

First, there is the problem of anomalies in the responsibility and authority. The General Manager of the Railway Administration as a corporation sole is charged with all responsibility of management but, on the other hand, he does not have the necessary powers to discharge that responsibility. For example, he has no authority to appoint or promote a staff he thinks suitable for the various posts; as far as discipline is concerned, whatever disciplinary action he wants to take, or he may make, might also be revoked by another authority—the explanation is that promotion, taking in of new hands, have to go through the Railway Services Commission. The General Manager is not given that power as it was before.

Secondly, the Railway Administration is not a Government Department and, as such, it has to find and earn revenue to meet all its expenditures. Now that the Railway employees have been declared as Government servants, the Railway Administration has no more say whatever as to what salaries or allowances are to be paid to the staff, or what increases are to be given to them from time to time. The rate of increase of salaries of Railway staff is now determined by the Government; their services are governed by the Government General Orders; but responsibility to find the money to pay staff their salaries, or whatever increases in salaries or allowances, is thrust upon the General Manager. I would like to repeat here the amount of salaries and allowances, that is excluding pensions and provident fund, during 1961 and 1962—the two years before the strike—and during the two more recent years in 1965 and 1966: 1961—\$29.6 million; 1962—\$29.6 million—static; they made surplus in 1960; 1965—\$36.4 million (it has jumped up almost by \$7 million); 1966 (this is the last year with a deficit of \$9.4 million)—\$40.1 million. Thirdly, the General Manager is also expected to take public and social interests into account in the planning for train services.

Some of the services are quite unprofitable, yet the Railway is not compensated for these losses.

Now I come back to the Honourable Member for Dato Kramat who criticised the Government for wasting expenditure by building lavish Government buildings and luxury types of construction which do not meet the present needs. He then quoted Subang Airport, our new Kuala Lumpur International Airport, for example, which was expected to meet the needs of 20 or even 30 years to come. The Honourable Member is not aware of, or I think he is so ignorant about, the supersonic age we are coming to: the jumbo-jets which will take 500 passengers are coming through this way in another 2 years' time; and I am sure he is not aware that many countries now are short of landing strips which are not strong enough to take all these supersonic aircraft and jumbo-jets. These countries will have to be rushing, planning, spending fortunes when they are pressed for time.

After about six years of operation of the old airport near Salak South, it was found that it was not sufficient to meet the rapidly growing needs of civil aviation, civil air traffic, that there was no space to expand the old site. Taking all factors into consideration, it was decided to build a completely new modern International Airport on the present site that would meet the needs of the country for at least 20 years to come—it is not only 20 years but the type of aircraft that we expect to come this way, and therefore bringing more international flights, bringing more revenue, bringing more business people, bringing more tourists and therefore developing, economically and generally, the whole country of Malaysia.

In planning the airport, considerable foresight was shown by constructing a runway 11,400 feet—actually it should be 12,000 feet long, but to show that we need probably just 11,400 feet we were prepared to cut off 600 feet. The length is there—you can always lengthen it any time. That shows that we are looking on the economic side of the whole construction to be capable

of accepting supersonic aircrafts, which at that time were in the planning stage. The airport is also capable of accepting the jumbo-jets which will take, as I said, 500 passengers. It will be in operation in America and Europe in 1968/1969, and which no doubt will operate through this region in the next few years. In fact, Kuala Lumpur has the longest runway in South-East Asia which is at a time capable of accepting the supersonic Concord aircraft which is expected to fly in 1968/1969. Being aware of the rapid development of air travel, it would have been very shortsighted and very foolish indeed, and indeed uneconomic, of the Government to build an airport to meet only present needs, and later to have to expand it at greater costs and to keep it up with development. I am sure the Honourable Member for Dato Kramat, who just came back from Canada, after attending the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference must have stopped at so many of the airports which have been extended and improved. The Subang Airport was built with the object of seeing to it that before the whole scheme was completed it would not be obsolete, in that it was too short and it was incapable of taking the number of passengers carried by all these big planes. I think, instead of criticising the Government, he should at least congratulate the Malaysian Government, particularly the Prime Minister, our beloved Tunku, who was the father of this particular international airport at Subang.

Mr Speaker, Sir, now I come to the next controversial subject. This is not from the Opposition this time but from one of our backbenchers. This is pertaining to the criticism levelled at the Penang Port Commission's engagement of the consultants. In this session of the Dewan Ra'ayat on the 26th January, 1967, the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang raised the question on the appointment of management consultants for the Penang Port Commission. In answer to the question raised, I give below the necessary information which will no doubt satisfy the Honourable Member and also clear

any doubt and misunderstanding on the appointment.

I would appeal to my backbenchers, as Minister of Transport of the Alliance Government, that we are always accessible. They should be sure about the facts, rather than putting up something in Parliament the facts of which are wrong or out of date, as they always put me in an embarrassing position to put things right; but all the same, I give an assurance to all the Members for the future that I am here to clarify and in spite of all explanations and clarifications if they still have anything to say, by all means raise it. We are not going to stop you talking in this Parliament, because you have every right to voice your opinions, your views, and we would certainly respect constructive observations, and, if possible, we would certainly implement them.

Now, Sir, the Commission is employing not two experts—they are not “experts”—I am only repeating what the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang said: the Commission is employing Messrs W. D. Scott & Co., a large firm of international management consultants, to investigate and report on the organisation and methods of the Penang Port Commission but not the construction, of ports—for goodness sake, don’t forget that! They have got their engineers too to advise them how best to work the Port. This Company is at present also conducting assignments in Australia for the Commonwealth Government Department of Navy; in addition, they are concurrently conducting investigations into the workings of a New South Wales Maritime Services Board, which operates in the ports of Sydney, Newcastle, Botany Bay and Port Kemmer. This particular firm, therefore, has a background of port organisation and methods and this is one of the reasons why it was selected for a similar investigation in Penang, and it is not two Australian experts being engaged by the Penang Port Commission. I would like to make that observation. Please correct the facts.

Now, the Company carried out free of charge a preliminary investigation in Penang during March, 1966, as a result of which they indicated from the results of their preliminary investigation only the possibility of economies of the order of \$450,000 per annum. That is a conservative estimate—just only a preliminary survey. They indicated that a proper investigation of the Penang Port Commission would last up to two years and would involve employment for various lengths of time of at least six specialists and that the lump sum fees, including air passages, air accommodation, would be \$430,000—not as stated by the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang, per annum, and not paying one man \$14,000 which is more than the salary of our Prime Minister. Why all this vituperation? The Member for Bukit Bintang knows that some of these experts in the world are sometimes paid 10 times more than many of the Prime Ministers. So, do not compare this with our Prime Minister. It is a shame! (*Interruption*). Other senior executives of the company participate regularly in the programme and the consultants are supported by a Malaysian management expert resident in Kuala Lumpur and a world-wide organisation of people with various managerial skills, including economics or market research, staff and even engineers.

As at the 31st December, that is, after five months work in Penang, the management consultants have achieved positive economies amounting to \$164,000. Please, Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang, make a note of it, will you—(*Interruption*)—the money that we have spent, and the money that we have saved in just a matter of few months? It has indicated savings of the order of \$535,000. Most of these economies will be annually recurrent—it is very, very important for any authority which is not financed by the Government that it should see to this. Thus the economies already achieved, or envisaged, outweigh the total cost of investigation. Up to the present time, two management consultants of the total team of six have been working

in Penang and have applied themselves to the organisation and working of the Traffic Department. One consultant is a Bachelor of Science with Honours from Melbourne University and he has had wide managerial experience in a large Australian public utility concern, where he was responsible for cost production and economic analysis. The other is a qualified accountant, like the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang himself, a cost accountant and company secretary with wide experience in financial matters, clerical work simplification and costing with his parent company, and he has held a senior executive appointment in Australia and Hong Kong. It is not correct that the engagement period of the total investigation has been increased by three months.

At the middle of last year, a difficult position was created in the Commission by the resignation of one Mr Tan Seng Gin, the Chief Accountant and his Deputy, Mr Chan Heng Seng. The Commission endeavoured to fill these posts by public advertisements without success. As a stop-gap arrangement, the Commission had discussion with the firm of Messrs Tan Teh Hua & Co., whom Mr Tan Seng Gin has joined, with a view to this Company carrying on with the accountancy work of the Commission until a new Chief Accountant could be appointed. The terms put forward by this firm of accountants were considered at a meeting of the Commission held on the 10th November, 1966, but it was decided that the fees asked by this firm were high. The Commission thereupon asked the Management Accountant to co-ordinate the activities of the accounting department until the appointment of a new Chief Accountant and this arrangement, had it continued, might have resulted in the period of engagement being extended, but not the time as suggested. However, as a matter of fact, other arrangements were made within the Commission at the end of last year to sub-divide the work of the Accounts Branch, and it is not likely that the need for extending the period of engagement of the Management Consultants will arise.

I will now deal with the visit of the General Manager and one of the Management Consultants to the United Kingdom and Europe at the beginning of this year. Sir, Honourable Members of this House will be aware that the Penang Port Commission is now in the process of constructing six deep water wharves at Butterworth. These wharves were designed to meet the requirements of the ships of the type which have called at Penang for many years. However, during the last year, shipping lines serving Malaysia and the Far East have been engaged in studies with a view to bringing into service container ships, which are now in service on the Atlantic and elsewhere in the world. The introduction of these ships will completely revolutionise shipping and will necessitate substantial alterations in the layout of the port which they will serve. The wharves have to be strengthened to carry the load weight of the containers and also, if the need arises, to carry a large crane which will weigh up to 400 tons. In addition large areas will be required to accommodate containers on the landward side of the Port. It, therefore, follows that if the new Port at Butterworth is to meet the requirements of the ships of the future, substantial modifications in engineering design and physical layout to the new wharves and port area are essential. The Commission plans to modify Berths 4 and 5 at Butterworth to meet these requirements, and a decision must be made not later than March or April of this year and communicated to the Consulting Engineers and the contractors. If delay is occasioned to the contractors, the Commission will be involved in very heavy penalty fees. The Commission, therefore, decided to send the General Manager and one of the Management Consultants on a quick visit to Europe with the following objectives: to ascertain the views of the shipping companies as to the extent to which the layout in Penang should be modified; to visit container ports already in operation in Great Britain and Europe to assist in the formulation of ideas for a suitable layout in Penang. In addition, if any substantial alteration in layout is necessary, the

approval of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is necessary since this Government advances a substantial loan for this project. The Penang Port Commission team, having satisfied itself that the Commission would be failing in its duty if it did not plan for the future, called on the German Credit Bank to give preliminary notice to the organisation of the possibility that these plans would be amended. The team met and had very useful discussions with the members of the German Credit Bank on its way back from Europe. The team did not visit Europe with a view to instructing itself in conventional port operations but to acquaint itself with the new system of port operations, which have not yet been seen or operated in this part of the world or the Far East including Japan.

Sir, in appointing this firm of management consultants, the Penang Port Commission has acted all through with a great sense of responsibility, in order to ensure that the Port of Penang will meet the future requirements of shipping and that its operations are conducted with the maximum efficiency and economy which, in due course, will be reflected in port charges. In his Budget speech, the Honourable Minister of Finance emphasised this need in our Government service, and I am pleased to say that a statutory authority, like the Penang Port Commission within my Ministry, is one of the first in the country to take appropriate steps to achieve this end.

Sir, while I am talking on this, I must as well also . . . .

**Tuan Tan Toh Hong:** On a point of clarification, Mr Speaker, Sir, Doubt has been raised in this House whether the two experts had sufficient experience in port organisation, administration and operation so as to justify the big sums paid. While the firm of Australian Management Consultants mentioned by the Honourable Minister, W. D. Scott, may be an old and established one, what the issue is whether the experts sent to do the work on the spot are experienced enough in port matters as

to justify the large sums of public money spent on them.

The other point, under Standing Order 36 (9), since an ulterior motive is imputed on me as the Honourable Minister has seen fit to mention the name of Tan Toh Hua & Co., which is my brother's firm, I ask, under Standing Order 35 (4), that I may be heard again to offer explanation.

What the Honourable Minister has brought up is completely irrelevant to the point at issue. Tan Toh Hua & Co. was never and has never been a party to securing the contract for the improvement of the Port administration, organisation and operations. If any one says so, it is obviously blatantly untrue. However, in late September, 1966, long after the Australian experts had been appointed, out of the blue, the General Manager of the Port Commission himself personally rang up a partner of this firm to go to Penang for the purpose of discussing professional assistance to the Commission and the Management Consultants, the foreign Management Consultants, to clear up the accounting difficulties. This firm has never asked for the job, and I have correspondence here to prove it.

Sir, I understand that in the early part of 1966, two firms of Management Consultants were asked to look into the improvement of the Port organisation, administration and operations. One as the Honourable the Minister has said, is W. D. Scott of Australia, and the other I understand is the Associated Industrial Consultants represented by Messrs Hanafiah, Raslan and Ong, but the firm, represented by the reputable local firm Hanafiah, Raslan and Ong, was not selected to do the job. Subsequent to the appointment of the Australian Management Consultants, two local senior staffs of the Port Commission namely, the Chief Accountant and the Deputy Chief Accountant resigned. In the meantime, arrears and complications of accounting work in the Commission kept on piling up. Some time late in September, 1966, Tan Toh Hua & Co. was approached by the Manager of the Port Commission personally to help them for a year to

sort out the arrears that had accumulated and, in addition, to do the day-to-day accounting administration and duties that were previously done by the two senior local accountants of the Commission. In addition, this firm undertook to train the accounting staff. For all these accounting and extra services, this firm undertook to do so at a fee of \$6,000 a month without any other additional benefits or pension rights. The two resigned senior accountants have already cost to the Commission \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month or perhaps more including pension rights and other benefits.

I must repeat that Tan Toh Hua & Co. has never asked for this job. It was all done and initiated by the Port General Manager. As I have said, I have correspondence here to prove this. In addition to the above services, this firm was also asked to assist the Australian Management Consultants from Australia, to render assistance to the Australian Management Consultants in respect of accounting matters arising out of the implementation of the various projects as stated in the Preliminary Report of the Australian Consultants submitted to the Commission. Sir, any reasonable businessman will agree with me when I say that appropriate fees were suggested and that there is no justification or reason for this local firm to provide free services and assistance to a foreign firm of consultants which are paid very handsomely. The firm's proposals were not accepted. We have here an ironical example of foreign experts paid very handsomely to do a job by the Commission, which now suggested to this local firm of accountants to assist this team of so-called foreign experts.

Sir, as I have said in the debate on this matter on 26th January I have disclosed my professional interest as an accountant and that I have complied with Standing Order No. 35 (7).

The question, Sir, that we should all ask is since the Commission is an autonomous body—the Minister is not involved or responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Commission—is to ask the Port Commission to

explain and say whether what has been said in my speech the other day about the foreign consultants and the Commission is true or not true. To establish truth, perhaps the Honourable Minister may like to have a Commission of Inquiry to look into the whole matter. Thank you.

**Tan Sri Haji Sardon bin Haji Jubir:**

Mr Speaker, Sir, I am obliged to the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang. I understand that he disclosed his interest, but I was not in the House, when he made the speech. I am here not to impute any motive to anybody at all. Whatever has been forwarded to me is based on the Port Authority's report and instructions and, certainly, I will check into these and will communicate to the Honourable Member, Sir. However, I do not know whether this House got jurisdiction over this Port Authority, which is not a Government Department, but I will certainly enlighten the Honourable Member here. In fact, I give an undertaking, if it is possible, for the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang, who is my friend, together with the Port Management and all the members to have a clarification on all these things. I am not imputing any motive. In fact, I confirm, Sir, what the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang said—that the Manager did send for Mr Tan, who was a former Chief Accountant, thinking that as he was a former Chief Accountant of Penang Port, he could help as he knew the work. But the question arose about the fees and other arrangements, and I am not concerned about the business transaction. I certainly can give an assurance to the Honourable Member for Bukit Bintang that we will meet—we should have met before he made observations in this House, and nothing would have happened.

Since I am on this, Sir, may I continue a bit more to clarify about Port Swettenham, because Port Swettenham is also looking into the efficiency of the running of the port and saving expenditure as an autonomous authority, Sir. The Port Swettenham Authority has appointed Messrs W. D. Scott & Co., the same firm as is employed by the

Penang Port Commission. This Company made a preliminary survey free of charge in April, 1966, and advised the Authority that there were substantial areas in which economy could be effected. The consultant estimated that a complete investigation would take about 15 to 18 months and would cost approximately about half a million dollars. In appointing this firm, the Port Swettenham Authority appreciated the need for setting up the Port organisation on the line suitable to port operation as distinct from the railway set-up under which the Port had worked since its inception. During the period of intensive congestion at Port Swettenham, efficiency and economy had frequently to be sacrificed under the pressure of intense day-to-day working and organisation, and the procedure had become somewhat cumbersome. At the end of 1966, the consultants had achieved, or indicated, economies of approximately \$196,000. In both Penang and Port Swettenham, the Management Consultants organisation has paralleled them by the setting up of organisations which will be manned exclusively by the port staff, who will be trained by the consultants on such matter as organisation and methods, work duty, procedures, and co-ordinating planning. Thus the benefit of the experience of the Management Consultants will be passed on to the local authorities on a continuing basis.

Now, Mr Speaker, Sir, will you give me a few more minutes to reply to a few observations of my back benchers? The Honourable Member for Perlis Utara has asked for more quotas for taxis. He can refer this to the State Advisory Taxis Committee which meets at least twice a year, it can make any recommendations on the number of taxis required in Perlis. However, I must point out that there are already 64 taxis operating in a small State like Perlis and there are two bus services, one of which is owned by the Co-operative Transport Organisation with *bumiputra* 100 per cent capital. If more taxis are allocated, then these bus companies would get less profit and probably they will be losing money.

Saya minta ma'af kerana saya berchakap Inggeris Berkenaan dengan

Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Perlis Utara, saya minta-lah berhubung dengan pehak Majlis Penasehat Kereta<sup>2</sup> Taxi di-Perlis—berapa hendak tambah tetapi sekarang ada 64 buah dan dua buah Sharikat bus ada disana; sa-buah bus itu daripada modal 100 peratus wang bumiputra sendiri. Kalau banyak taxi, semua akan rugi, yang rugi itu bukan siapa anak bumi-putra sendiri.

Berkenaan dengan gerabak keretapi yang lain memang-lah keretapi tiap<sup>2</sup> tahun bermillion ada di-untokkan. Tinggal lagi kalau ada apa<sup>2</sup> chadangan yang baik, tolong-lah berhubung dengan Manager Keretapi, kita akan jalankan ikhtiar.

Berkenaan dengan Ahli dari Johor Bahru Barat, berkenaan dengan hendak minta pelabohan, sudah pun saya jawab. Kita sekarang menunggukan pakar<sup>2</sup> berkenaan dengan pelabohan<sup>2</sup> supaya menyiasat bukan sahaja di-negeri Johor tetapi di-Pantai Timor. tempat<sup>2</sup> yang sesuai supaya tidak kita belanjakan banyak wang kemudian tidak boleh di-gunakan dan tidak ada kapal yang masuk di-situ. Dan saya telah berusaha berhubung dengan Kerajaan Negeri Johor. Sa-buah jawatan-kuasa telah pun di-taja dan tidak berapa lama lagi akan bermeshuarat merundingkan macham mana yang baik hendak di-rundingkan berkenaan dengan pelabohan di-Johor Bahru kerana banyak ada barang<sup>2</sup> muatan atau pun gudang<sup>2</sup> yang hendak men-chantumkan motokar<sup>2</sup> macham Fiat di-Tampoi dan lain<sup>2</sup> gudang<sup>2</sup> dan faktori<sup>2</sup> lagi.

Saya faham itu sahaja-lah, Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya patut jawab. Saya ucapkan banyak terima kaseh kepada Ahli<sup>2</sup> Yang Berhormat yang telah memberi pandangan dan sokongan. Bagitu-lah Kementerian Pengangkutan ini penoh dengan segala soalan<sup>2</sup> tetapi insha' Allah kita bekerja bersama<sup>2</sup>, kita mendo'akan perhubungan didalam negeri Malaysia ini. Kita berani berchakap di-sini lebih baik daripada negeri<sup>2</sup> yang ada barangkali di-sekeliling negara kita ini, kalau tak perchaya pergi-lah melawat ka-negara<sup>2</sup>

jiran<sup>2</sup> kita dan apabila balek banding-kan sendiri. Terima kaseh.

**Tuan Abdul Rahman bin Ya'kub:**  
Mr Speaker, Sir, I have only one or two points to reply to.

First, in regard to the question of fragmentation of estates raised by the Honourable Member for Ipoh, I would like to say that it is not strictly correct that up-to-date no legislation exists to control sub-division of estates. In fact, as envisaged in Command Paper No. 29 of 1963, we have embodied in the National Land Code, in the form of section 135 and section 136 of the National Land Code, powers to control sub-division of estates, and the States in West Malaysia—Selangor, Perak, Johore, Trengganu and Kelantan—have already exercised these powers and have issued the necessary directions. I feel, Sir, that the request for the introduction of a fresh or a new legislation to stop or control fragmentation of estates is not quite justified at this stage, until we have fully satisfied ourselves that the present provisions in the National Land Code are inadequate.

Here, I would like to clarify one point, again, Mr Speaker, Sir namely, the use of the words “fragmentation” and “sub-division” of estate. There has been confusion as to the meaning of “fragmentation” and also “sub-division”. I would like to adopt the words used in Command Paper No. 29 of 1963, which were borrowed from Professor Ungku Aziz's study of the problems in Malaya. He calls “fragmentation” thus: “fragmentation” is taken to refer to the possession by a single owner of two or more pieces of land which are located so far apart that they cannot be run economically as one unit”. The phrase “sub-division”, on the other hand, taken in the light of its context in our terms of reference, is aptly defined by the Professor as the “process of dividing up one piece of land into several pieces”. It would appear that many Honourable Members have been using the word “fragmentation” in the sense defined just now, namely, they should have correctly used the

word “sub-division” rather than “fragmentation”. We are watching this problem very carefully, and every month we receive returns from the Ministry of Labour as to the effect of sub-division of estates. In this connection, I would like to draw the attention of Honourable Members to a very illuminating article, or rather editorial, in the *Eastern Sun* on the 6th of January, 1967.

I think that is all I have got to say on fragmentation or sub-division of estates.

Berkenaan dengan masalah<sup>2</sup> yang di-timbulkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Jitra-Padang Terap, baru sahaja pagi ini tadi saya telah mengadakan meshuarat dengan beberapa orang pembalak<sup>2</sup> Melayu merundingkan bagaimana chara mereka itu boleh di-bantu. Jadi, nampak-nya banyak kerumitan<sup>2</sup> timbul tentang bagaimana pembalak<sup>2</sup> kecil yang ada 500 ekar, 1,000 ekar dan lain<sup>2</sup> dapat di-bantu oleh Kerajaan. Polisi Kerajaan kita sa-benar-nya ia-lah lebeh elok sa-saorang itu mendapat kawasan<sup>2</sup> yang besar<sup>2</sup> 5,000, 6,000 ekar supaya senang dapat di-kerjakan, tetapi apabila chuma dapat 600 ekar, 500 ekar satu unit yang bukan *economic*, susah-lah kita hendak membantu. Sama ada mereka patut di-benarkan untuk mengexport kayu<sup>2</sup> balak-nya keluar negeri atau pun tidak ada-lah memandang kapada keadaan prodaksi kayu<sup>2</sup> balak dalam negeri ini, jikalau ada *surplus*-nya harus kita melonggarkan sedikit atoran kita itu, tetapi jikalau negeri kita sendiri berkehendakkan semua kayu<sup>2</sup> balak itu untuk *sawmill* untuk *plywood* and *veneer factory* dan lain<sup>2</sup>, maka peratoran yang ada sekarang ini ya'ani kita tidak menggalakkan *export* kayu balak keluar negeri, akan terus kita jalankan.

Bagaimana pun saya akan memanggil satu meshuarat pembalak<sup>2</sup> kecil berjumpa dengan saya untuk menimbang-kan masalah ini daripada segi jangka yang panjang.

Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Bachok, Kelantan, telah berseru supaya kita

jangan membenarkan *export* kayu ka-Singapura lagi kerana ini tidak akan menguntongkan kita, kita mengexport kayu ka-Singapura tidak mendapat *foreign exchange*, jadi, elok-lah di-export menerusi tempat yang lain, tetapi nampak-nya fahaman Ahli Yang Berhormat itu bertentangan dengan fahaman Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kelantan Hilir yang telah complain di-dalam Dewan ini menyatakan *Railway administration* tidak ada wagon<sup>2</sup> yang boleh membawakan kayu balak ka-Singapura ini menyebabkan kesusahan<sup>2</sup> pembalak<sup>2</sup> daripada Kelantan yang mahu menghantar kayu mereka ka-Singapura. Jadi, saya suka-lah menerangkan di-sini ia-itu kita diperengkat ini tidak ada berniat untuk menyekat export kayu ka-Singapura kerana kita tahu jikalau di-buat demikian banyak-lah kayu<sup>2</sup> di-sini tidak dapat di-keluarkan di-mana<sup>2</sup> tempat pun, sedangkan *port facilities* kita di-Malaya ini tidak begitu mencukupi untuk membenarkan semua pembalak<sup>2</sup> di-sini mengexport daripada Malaya ini.

Chuma sedikit sahaja yang hendak saya sentoh lagi mengenai seruan Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Sarawak ia-itu Yang Berhormat Enche' Edmund Langgu supaya jikalau, kata beliau, saya ada kehormatan lagi patut-lah saya meletakkan jawatan kerana ra'ayat Sarawak tidak ada keperchayaan pada saya. Jadi, kalau untuk menggunakan darjah kehormatan yang di-gunakan oleh Parti SNAP itu, maka saya tidak ingin akan menurunkan diri saya ka-level "*standard of honour*" yang ditetapkan oleh SNAP kerana saya per-chaya ketua<sup>2</sup> SNAP sendiri mempunyai *standard of honour* mereka sendiri yang membenarkan pemimpin<sup>2</sup> mereka mabok di-khalayak ramai sa-hingga kapada mengeluarkan perkara yang bukan<sup>2</sup> (saperti menunjok *private part* kapada pegawai<sup>2</sup> Kerajaan dan saterus-nya). Jadi, *standard* itu tidak guna kapada kita dalam Malaysia ini, boleh-lah di-gunakan dalam hutan<sup>2</sup> rimba. Tetapi untuk negara yang telah *civilise*, yang telah merdeka, kita tidak menggunakan *standard* saperti itu.

Satu perkara lagi juga kebanyakan daripada Ahli<sup>2</sup> daripada SNAP ini mempunyai sedikit sahaja undi dalam pilihanraya yang lepas tadi sunggoh pun mereka telah terpilih, mithal-nya, Yang Berhormat Kadam Kiai mendapat 369 undi. Maka daripada menda'awa mereka itu dapat mewakili seluroh ra'ayat Sarawak, sa-benar-nya dia dapat mewakili chuma 369 undi sahaja. Stephen Kalong Ningkan chuma mendapat undi 532 *vote*, kemudian pula Dato' Dunstan Mendawi 478 *vote* berbanding dengan undi yang saya dapat 553 *vote*. Beberapa orang Ahli Yang Berhormat lain daripada Sarawak itu yang menang dalam *Local Council* chuma mendapat 75 undi, 60 undi, 80 undi. Ini-lah chara *District Council* punya pilihan dahulu yang telah di-ator oleh Kerajaan British supaya kebanyakan daripada mereka yang naik ka-dalam Council Negri ada-lah terdiri daripada mereka yang dapat di-pusing<sup>2</sup>kan kepala, di-mainkan<sup>2</sup> oleh pihak pegawai *expatriate*. Saya memang terpaksa akan berhenti daripada jawatan apabila sampai masanya, tetapi kalau berhenti kerana hendak menyenangkan hati pihak Yang Berhormat itu, maka tidak-lah akan saya buat (*Tepok*).

## ADJOURNMENT

### (MOTION)

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Tuan Senu bin Abdul Rahman):** Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move.

That consideration of the business before the House be deferred and that the House do now adjourn.

**Tuan Abdul-Rahman bin Ya'kub:** Sir, I beg to second the motion.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved,

That consideration of the business before the House be deferred and that the House do now adjourn.

**Mr (Deputy) Speaker:** The House is adjourned till 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 30th January, 1967.

*Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.*