

## SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ON UNITED NATIONS DAY OVER RADIO MALAYA ON OCTOBER 24TH 1960

Monday, the 24th of October, is United Nations Day. It is a day which has been celebrated during the **past** fifteen years by people throughout the world in honour of the occasion when the United Nations was founded in San Francisco, and is a day which will continue to be observed as long as there are men of peace and goodwill on this earth.

The Federation of Malaya had the honour of becoming a member of this great world organisation soon after it achieved **Merdeka** in August 1957, and this is the fourth United Nations Day we will be celebrating as an independent nation.

On this day let us this country re-affirm our unwavering faith and hope **in** the United Nations and the ideals for which it **stands**.

Since joining the United Nations Organisation we in Malaya, in concert with other smaller nations, have striven to play our fullest part possible to ensure that the work of the United Nations is a continuing success.

Less than a month ago, on 4th October, we bade farewell and goodspeed to the Malayan Special Force, which left our shores for duty with the United Nations Command in the Congo. We are proud that our offer of **help**, small though it may be, in the task of maintaining world peace and order, has been accepted by the United Nations, and this is the first time our troops will be serving away from home under the flag of the United Nations in the cause of **peace**. Now as I speak our troops are still on the high seas, nearing their destination.

You will have read in the newspapers or heard over the radio that our Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, who is now visiting Canada, has offered to mediate in the West Irian dispute between Indonesia and Holland. He is reported to have said that he would place his proposals before the United Nations

Secretary General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, and that a solution to the problem would be sought within the framework of the United Nations.

I know the people of Malaya—as, indeed, peace-loving men and women all over the world—will join me in praying that the Tunku's efforts for peace will meet with the success they deserve.

Malaya is proud to participate in the world-wide celebrations of United Nations Day, alongside with other countries, large and small alike. We take this opportunity of reiterating in clear, unequivocal terms our great faith and confidence in the United Nations, particularly at a time when powerful and unscrupulous forces are trying to hinder and destroy the work of the United Nations and the World organisation itself. We admire the way in which the present Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjöld in the recent General Assembly stood firmly in defence of the principles of the United Nations in the face of strong attempt to undermine such principles. We feel that now is the time for all nations who desire peace and realise the utter futility of war, to speak out, and speak out clearly, in support of the United Nations and everything for which it stands.