

**SPEECH BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE TO
OFFICERS AND CADETS OF THE FEDERATION
OF MALAYA AIR TRAINING CORPS AT THE
KUALA LUMPUR AIRFIELD ON DECEMBER 14,
1960**

Officers and Cadets of the Federation of Malaya Air Training Corps,

I would like to congratulate you on your very smart turn out and bearing on parade today. It is the visible sign of your keenness, enthusiasm and pride of service, and it is evident that a great deal of hard work and energy has been expended in achieving the precision and standard you have shown on this occasion.

The FMATC was formed ten years ago with the object of encouraging the youth of Malaya to take an interest in the Air, to foster comradeship and team spirit, and to train them to be good citizens. Every day we hear of unrest in the world and of the decline in the morals of young people and the rise in juvenile delinquency. This presents a gloomy picture and against this sombre background we see here today an example of what is being done in Malaya to instil into our young men a pride of country, self-reliance and a sense of discipline which, as they grow older, will fit them to take their places in the community as good citizens. The 200 young men on parade here today are smart, alert and well disciplined, and you are living proof that we in Malaya have the right material on which to build a firm and enduring constitution.

It is encouraging to know that all this has been achieved by voluntary efforts and it reflects great credit upon the officers and cadets whose time, energy and unselfish devotion to their work has made this possible.

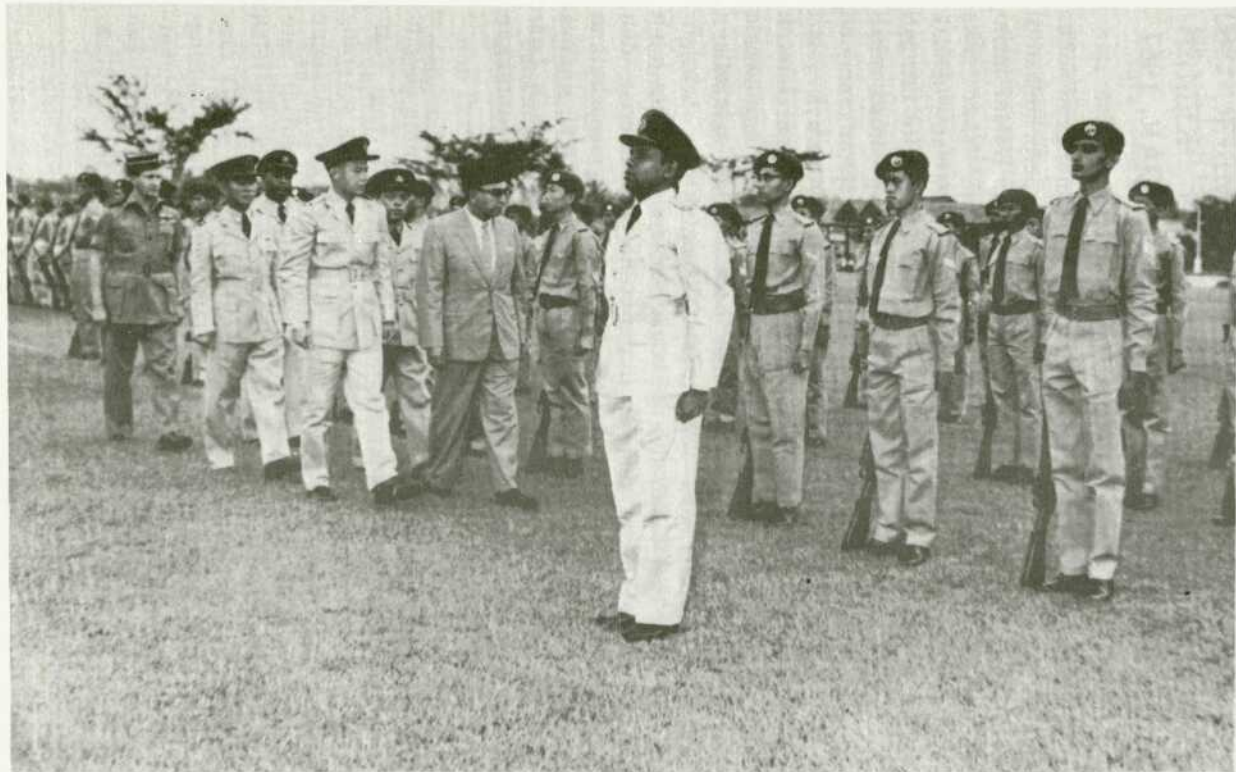
This is the last camp at which we shall see the Penang and Ipoh Squadrons. These Squadrons will disband at the end of this

year but I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that their disbandment is no reflection upon the efficiency and usefulness of the FMATC. This has become necessary for reasons of economy and ease of administration.

The FMATC is a youth movement and will continue in a slightly different form as the Air Section of the new Combined Cadet Corps which is to be formed next year. When the Combined Cadet Corps is formed most schools in Malaya will have their Air Section and members of the FMATC will have the opportunity to transfer and of continuing their valuable activities in this new movement.

You can all look back on your service with the FMATC with pride and in the knowledge that the team-spirit and comradeship which you have learned to value in the Air Training Corps are just as important in civil life. This training and experience will therefore stand you in good stead, whatever careers you follow in later life. Malaya is rightly and justly proud of the Air Training Corps and I shall watch its future in the Combined Cadet Corps with interest.

Good luck to you all.



Tun Abdul Razak sebagai Menteri Pertahanan sedang memeriksa kehormatan Tentera Udara Persekutuan Tanah Melayu di Padang Angkatan Tentera Udara Di Raja, Kuala Lumpur di upacara Perbarisan Perkhemahan Tahunan pada 14hb Disember. 1960.