

A MERDEKA MESSAGE BY THE DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF
DEFENCE, FOR THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY
OF MERDEKA 31ST AUGUST, 1960

Within three years of the Proclamation of Independence in 1957, the people of this country have defeated Communist terrorism and it was, therefore, possible to declare the end of the Emergency on July 31st this year. This Third Anniversary of Merdeka is, therefore, a particularly happy one as not only can we celebrate the attainment of Independence three years ago but we can also rejoice in the proud knowledge that the Emergency is no longer with us.

The people of this country who have, for twelve years, been engaged in the fight against Communist terrorism will remember that, even with the end of the Emergency and victory over terrorism, the fight against Communism is not yet over; the dangers of subversion remain with us and we must in all walks of life be on our guard against this aspect of Communism. A happy people and a prosperous country are the best answers to these dangers; with the increasing speed on our country's development—both economic and social—I am confident that we shall achieve victory again.