

**SPEECH BY THE CHIEF MINISTER AT THE
OPENING OF THE NEW FEDERATION
ARMY BARRACKS AT SUNGEI UDANG,
MALACCA ON 8TH JUNE, 1957**

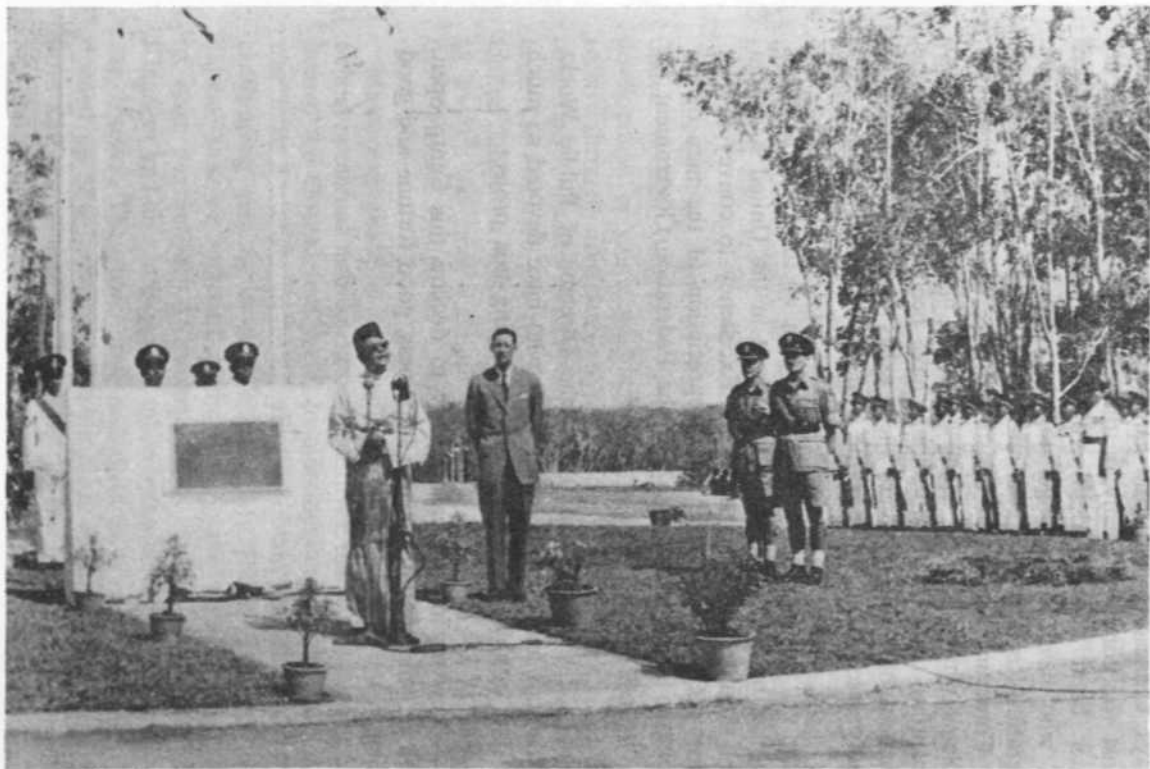
Your Excellency, Col. Law,¹ Ladies and Gentlemen,

I was very pleased to receive the invitation of the Commanding Officer of the First Battalion of the Federation Regiment to open these Barracks today. These buildings will provide a real home for the Federation Regiment and it is hoped that the officers and men of the Federation Regiment will regard Sungei Udang in the same way as the officers and men of the Malay Regiment regard Port Dickson.

Until now the Federation Regiment, which was raised during the height of the Emergency, has moved through a succession of temporary camps and has not, therefore, been able to form a particular attachment with any one part of Malaya. But they will now have this fine new camp. They and their wives and families will enjoy here the amenities of a settled life. By this I do not, of course, imply that the Battalion will not continue as at present to be employed in the Emergency Operations in which it is playing so distinguished a part. It will, however, be a source of great satisfaction to the soldiers of the Federation Regiment while they are engaged in fighting the war in the jungle to know that their wives and families are safe and well cared for and that when the time for leave comes, they will be able to return to Sungei Udang to see them.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the excellent progress made by the Federation Regiment. Since the Regiment became operational in 1955, they have achieved a fine record of kills and captures. I am confident that this record of success will be maintained until the time comes for the last round to be fired in this struggle against Communism. As the first Chief Minister of the Federation of Malaya, I also see the

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Y.T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra sedang berucap merasmikan pembukaan Kem Rejimen Persekutuan di Sungai Udang, Melaka pada 8hb Jun, 1957

Federation Regiment as a symbol of the unity of the various races which make up the people of Malaya. In this battalion Malays, Chinese, Indians and Eurasians are fighting side by side against the common enemy of their heritage. There can be no greater bond of comradeship than that which exists between men who have faced danger together and I am sure that the Federation Regiment will continue to play a great part in dispelling that Communalism which constitutes one of the most difficult problems which the new Malayan nation has to face. It is also appropriate that this Camp should have been constructed in the Settlement of Malacca where there exists so long a tradition of friendly association between the various Malayan peoples.

You will be aware that the entire cost of these Barracks has been met by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and I should like to request Your Excellency to convey to Her Majesty's Government the deep appreciation of the men of the Federation Regiment and also of the Federation Government for this most generous gift.

Finally, I should like to thank the Director of Public Works and his staff and also the contractors who have devoted so much time and trouble to planning and executing this project.

It is now my most pleasant duty to declare this Camp open. I wish all who shall serve here happiness, good fortune and good hunting.