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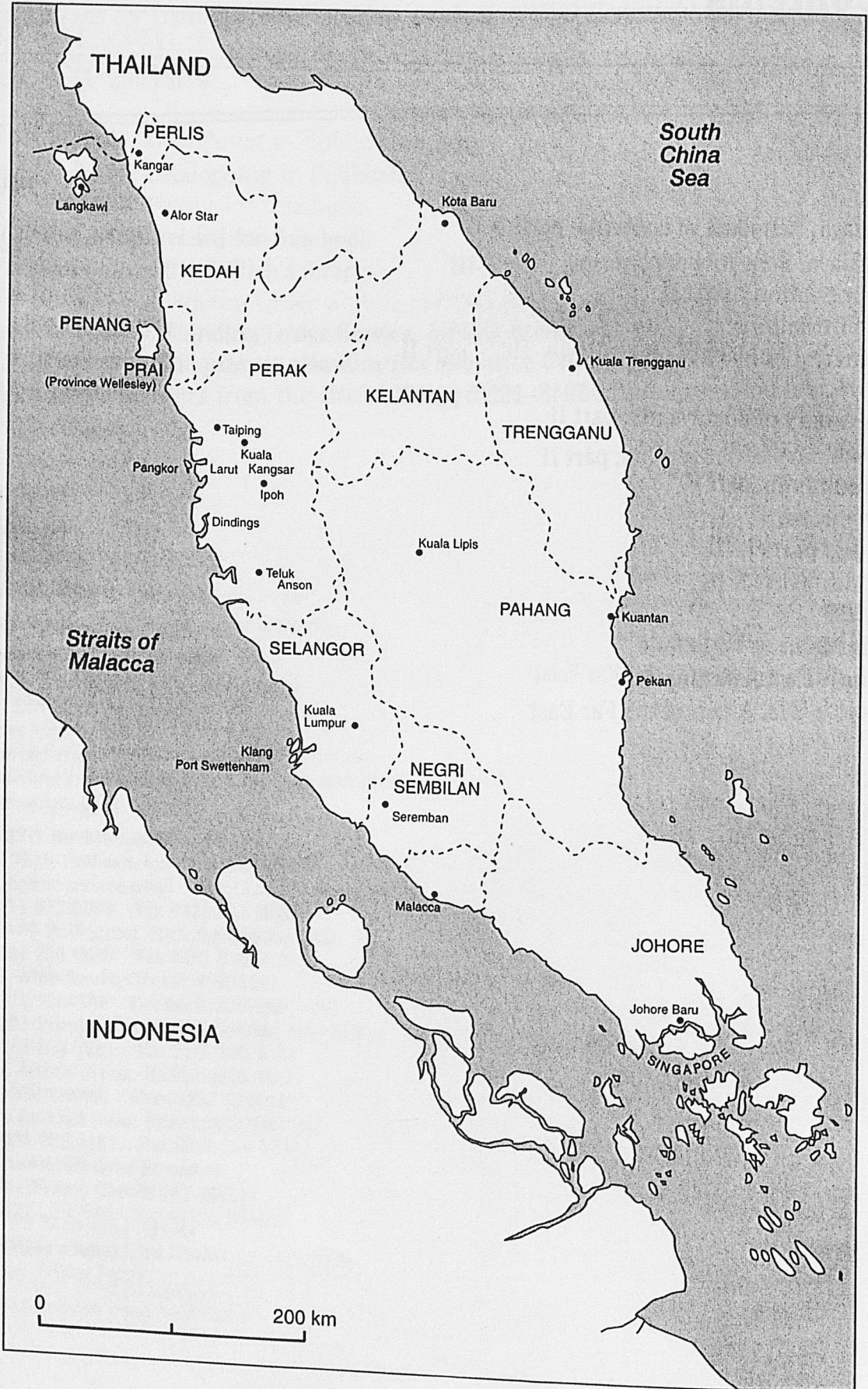
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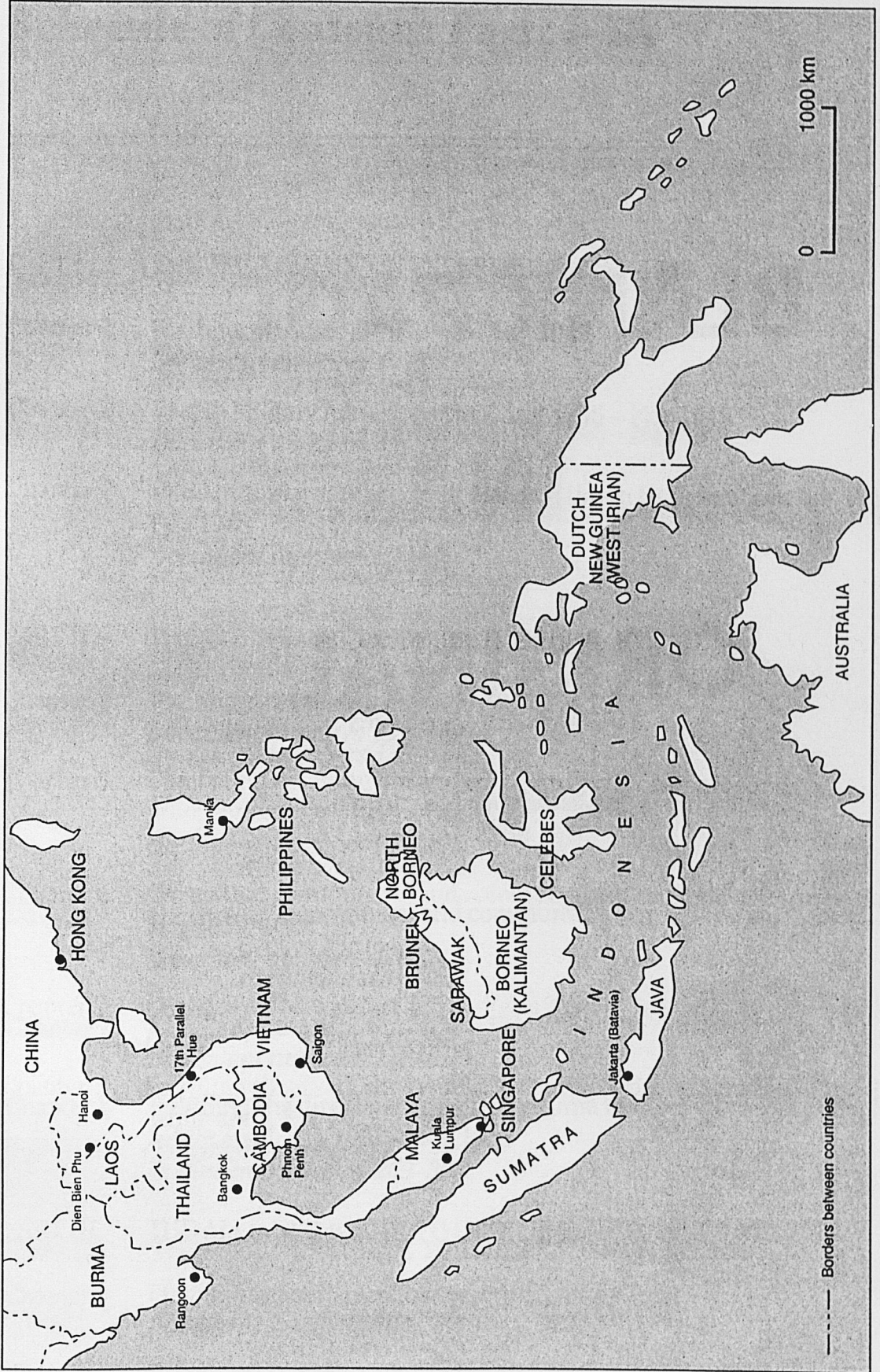


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Abbreviations: Part II

ABM	Association of British Malaya
ADO	assistant district officer
AMCJA	All Malayan Council of Joint Action
AOC	air officer commanding
AP	auxiliary police
APC	armoured personnel carrier
API	Angkatan Pemuda Insaf (youth movement for justice)
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BDCC(FE)	British Defence Co-ordinating Committee (Far East)
BDEEP	British Documents on the End of Empire Project
BMA	British Military Administration
CAB	Cabinet
CCP	China Communist Party
CDC	Colonial Development Corporation
CD(&)W	Colonial Development and Welfare
C-in-C	commander-in-chief
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CIGS	chief of the imperial general staff
CLC	Communities Liaison Committee
CO	Colonial Office
comm-gen	commissioner-general
COS	Chiefs of Staff
COSSEA	Chiefs of Staff South-East Asia
DDO	deputy director of operations
Dept	Department
D of O	director of operations
DWEC(S)	district war executive committee(s)

ECA	Economic Commission for Asia
ECAFE	Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
ER	Emergency Regulations
EXCO	Executive Council
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FARELF	Far East Land Forces
FMS	Federated Malay States
FO	Foreign Office
FOA	French Overseas and Associated Territories
FRWLU	Federation of Rubber Workers Labour Unions
GHQ	general headquarters
GMC	General Motors Company
GOC	general officer commanding
GOC-in-C	general officer commanding in chief
HC	high commissioner
HH	His Highness
HM	His/Her Majesty
HMG	His/Her Majesty's Government
HMS	His/Her Majesty's Ship
<i>H of C Debs</i>	House of Commons Debates
<i>H of L Debs</i>	House of Lords Debates
HQ	headquarters
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICI	Imperial Chemical Industries
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trades Unions
IF	Imperial and Foreign (Division, Treasury)
IMP	Independence of Malaya Party
INDYL	Indian New Democratic Youth League
JPS	Joint Planning Staff (Ministry of Defence)
KAR	King's African Rifles
KL	Kuala Lumpur
KMT	Kuomintang

LMG	light machine gun
MBDC	Malaya and Borneo Defence Committee
MCA	Malayan Chinese Association
MCP	Malayan Communist Party
MCS	Malayan Civil Service
MDU	Malayan Democratic Union
memo	memorandum
MIC	Malayan Indian Congress
MNP	Malay Nationalist Party
MPAJA	Malayan Peoples' Anti-Japanese Army
MRLA	Malayan Races' Liberation Army
MTUC	Malayan Trades Union Congress
NCO	non-commissioned officer
NDYL	New Democratic Youth League
OAG	officer administering the government
OC	officer commanding
OCPD	officer commanding police district
OCTU	officer cadet training unit
OSPC	officer superintending police circle
PEA	People's Education Association
PETA	Ikatan Pembela Tanah Ayer (patriotic league; Communist Party's Malay front)
PIJ	Political Intelligence Journal
P/Lt	police lieutenant
PMFTU	Pan-Malayan Federation of Trades Unions
PMR	Pan Malayan Review (of intelligence)
PRC	People's Republic of China
PUTERA	Pusat Tenaga Raayat (lit. centre of people's strength: Malay movement for justice)
PWD	Public Works Department
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAF	Royal Air Force
RGA	Rubber Growers' Association

RI	rigorous imprisonment
RIDA	Rural and Industrial Development Authority
RM	Royal Marines
RN	Royal Navy
RNVR	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
RWAFF	Royal West African Frontier Force
SCA	secretary for Chinese affairs
SEA	South-East Asia
SEACOS	South-East Asia Chiefs of Staff
SHLU	Singapore Harbour Labour Union
S of S	secretary of state
SWEC(S)	state war executive committee(s)
TUC	Trades Union Congress
UK	United Kingdom
UMNO	United Malays National Organisation
UNO	United Nations Organisation
UPAM	United Planters' Association of Malaya
US(A)	United States (of America)
VCIGS	vice-chief of the imperial general staff
VHF	very high frequency
WO	warrant officer
WRAF	Women's Royal Air Force

Principal Holders of Offices 1948–1953: Part II

UNITED KINGDOM

1. *Ministers*

(a) *Labour governments (26 July 1945 – 26 Oct 1951): prime minister Mr C R Attlee*¹

S of S colonies	Mr A Creech Jones (4 Oct 1946) Mr J Griffiths (28 Feb 1950)
Chancellor of Exchequer	Sir Stafford Cripps (13 Nov 1947) Mr H T N Gaitskell (19 Oct 1950)
S of S foreign affairs	Mr E Bevin (27 July 1945) Mr H S Morrison (9 Mar 1951)
S of S defence	Mr A V Alexander (20 Dec 1946) Mr E Shinwell (28 Feb 1950)
S of S war (office not in Cabinet)	Mr E Shinwell (7 Oct 1947) Mr J Strachey (28 Feb 1950)
Minister of state, CO (junior minister)	Earl of Listowel (4 Jan 1948) Mr J Dugdale (28 Feb 1950)
Parliamentary under-secretary of state, CO (junior minister)	Mr D R Rees-Williams (7 Oct 1947) Mr T F Cook (2 Mar 1950)

(b) *Labour government Cabinet Committees*

Cabinet Malaya Committee

The Committee sat between Apr 1950 and July 1951. S of S defence (chairman), S of S colonies, S of S war, S of S Commonwealth relations (Mr P C Gordon Walker), FO minister of state (Mr K Younger).

(c) *Conservative government (from 26 Oct 1951): prime minister Mr W L S Churchill (KG 24 Apr 1953)*²

S of S colonies	Mr O Lyttelton (28 Oct 1951)
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¹ Details from Mar 1948.

² Details to Aug 1953.

Chancellor of Exchequer	Mr R A Butler (28 Oct 1951)
S of S foreign affairs	Mr R A Eden (28 Oct 1951)
Minister of defence	Mr W L S Churchill (28 Oct 1951) Earl Alexander (1 Mar 1952)
Minister of state, CO (junior minister)	Mr A T Lennox-Boyd (2 Nov 1951) Mr H L D'A Hopkinson (7 May 1952)

(d) *Conservative government Cabinet Committees*

Cabinet Malaya Committee

The Committee met only once in Jan 1952 to consider the recommendations made by Mr Lyttelton in his report on Malaya (see documents 257 & 266). Lord privy seal (Lord Salisbury, chairman), S of S colonies, home secretary (Sir David Maxwell Fyfe), minister of housing and local government (Mr M H Macmillan), chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Viscount Swinton).

2. *Civil servants*

(a) <i>Secretary to the Cabinet</i>	Sir Norman Brook (1947–1962)
(b) <i>Colonial Office</i>	
Permanent under-secretary of state	Sir Thomas Lloyd (1947–1956)
Deputy under-secretary of state	Sir Sydney Caine (1947–1948) } Sir Charles Jeffries (1947–1956) } } joint Sir Hilton Poynton (1948–1959) } } joint
Assistant under-secretary of state, with superintending responsibility for Eastern Department, South-East Asian Department from 1950	J J Paskin (1948–1954)
Assistant secretary, head of Eastern Department, South-East Asian Department from 1950	H T Bourdillon (1947–1948) J D Higham (1948–1953)

SOUTH-EAST ASIA

British territories in South-East Asia

Commissioner-general	Mr M J MacDonald (1948–1955)
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MALAYA**(a) *Federation of Malaya***

High commissioner	Sir Edward Gent (Feb–June 1948) (died in plane crash, 4 July 1948)
	Sir Henry Gurney (6 Oct 1948) (assassinated, 6 Oct 1951)
	Sir Gerald Templer (7 Feb 1952)
Deputy high commissioner	Sir David MacGillivray (7 Feb 1952)
Chief secretary and officer administering the government	(Sir) Alexander Newbould (1948–1950) (Sir) M V Del Tufo (1950–1952) (Sir) David Watherston (1952–1957)

(b) *Rulers of Malay States*³

Johore	HH Ibrahim (1873–1959) Accession 7 Sept 1895
Pahang	HH Abu Bakar (1904–1974) Accession 23 June 1932
Negri Sembilan	HH Abdul Rahman (1895–1959) Accession 3 Aug 1933
Selangor	HH Alam Shah (1898–1960) Accession 4 Apr 1938
Perak	HH Abdul Aziz (1886–1948) Accession 1938
	HH Yussuf (1890–1963) Accession 31 Mar 1948
Kedah	HH Badlishah (1894–1958) Accession 15 May 1943 (position confirmed by British in 1945)
Perlis	HH Syed Putra (b 1920) Accession 4 Dec 1945

³ Rulers are listed in order of seniority, not with their full titles but with the name by which they are normally referred to.

Kelantan	HH Ibrahim (1897–1960) Accession 21 June 1944 (position confirmed by British in 1945)
Trengganu	HH Ismail (b 1907) Accession 16 Dec 1945

SINGAPORE

Governor	Sir Franklin Gimson (3 Apr 1946) (Sir) John Nicoll (21 Apr 1952)
Colonial secretary	P A B McKerron (1946–1950) W L Blythe (1950–1953)

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