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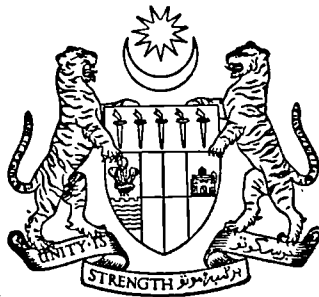
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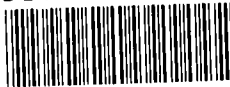


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FOREWORD

MEMBERS of the public are asked to accept this first edition of the Federation of Malaya Year Book with all due reserve. Although the material on which it is based came originally from authoritative sources it has not been possible within the time available to clear the re-written text with all concerned. For that reason, there will inevitably be a number of lacunae, errors and inconsistencies in this edition; in future editions, these will be corrected and a number of chapters re-written altogether. Readers are accordingly requested to note the limited disclaimer by the Minister of the Interior on pages 1 and 2.

Local terms have, wherever possible, been translated into English. This is for the convenience of readers abroad. For instance, the terms “Merdeka”, “Merdeka Day” are widely used and understood in Malaya for “Independence” and “Independence Day”, but in this text the latter have invariably been used.

In compiling a completely new work of this nature, it was thought prudent to follow a well-established model. The one chosen was the official British Handbook*. There were two principal reasons for this choice: firstly, the British Handbook is recognised as one of the most complete national surveys in the world today; and secondly, many of our political, legal and governmental institutions have been adopted or adapted from practices evolved over the centuries in the United Kingdom. Students of political economy would be well advised to read the present work in conjunction with the British Handbook as the latter throws considerable light on the origins of those practices in the United Kingdom which have been borrowed by the Federation of Malaya.

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It is once again emphasised that the contents of this volume are not exhaustive; future editions should show a progressive improvement as experience founded on criticism accumulates.

* *Britain—An Official Handbook* (Reference Division, Central Office of Information London; published annually in the Autumn by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London).



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ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA

Page 88, lines 1 and 2—

Omit the words “and Canada”.

Pages 93 and 94—

Since the note on the legal profession was written, both the Federation and the Singapore Governments have accepted the University of Malaya law degree as a basic qualification to enter the profession. It should be noted that Commonwealth lawyers who qualify outside the United Kingdom do not qualify for admission to the Malayan Bar unless they hold a practising certificate issued under the Colonial Solicitors Act of 1900 or the Solicitors Act of 1932.

Page 122—

The Federal Capital Act referred to in the third paragraph came into force on 1st April, 1961, and the former Municipal Council has thus ceased to exist.

Page 152, line 15—

Figures will be found at Table 42 on page 477.

Page 158, footnote—

For Chapter XI read Chapter XII (page 307).

FURTHER CORRIGENDA

Plate opposite page 49—

His late Majesty died on 1st September, 1960.

Page 87 line 14—

the year should read 1957.



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