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SPEECH BY THE ACTING CHIEF MINISTER, MR. J.M. JUMABHOY,  
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Today is a great day for Singapore. It is a day of rejoicing for we can now look forward to the future with hope and in the confidence of being able soon to direct our own affairs, of being masters in our own home.

Hand in hand with rejoicing, this day should also be a day of thanksgiving and resolve - thanksgiving for the success and safe return of our delegation - resolve for unity amongst us so that we can work together harmoniously as but one unit for the successful realisation of the Merdeka that these champions of ours have achieved for us. It is now for us to face the challenge of tomorrow to see that all our efforts are channelled towards one purpose - a better Singapore in every in every respect.

The members of the delegation have set a splendid example of unity and steadfastness of purpose whilst in London. We know they have not had an easy time. They have had to match their wits with persons well experienced in hard bargaining. It is to the credit of the Chief Minister and his colleagues in the delegation that they have come through it with success.

The people of Singapore congratulate them and are grateful to them. We welcome back and say "Well done" to our Chief Minister, Mr. Lim Yew Hock, and his colleagues, Inche Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat, Mr. Chew Swee Kee, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew and Mr. Lim Choon Mong, and would like to hear them. I shall therefore ask the leader of the delegation our Chief Minister, the Honourable Mr. Lim Yew Hock to speak to us now.

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