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SPEECH BY LADY BLACK AT THE OPENING OF THE 4TH
ANNUAL BAZAAR AND FUN FAIR ORGANISED BY THE CHURCH
WORKERS' ASSOCIATION AT WOODSVILLE ON SATURDAY,
JULY 27, 1957, AT 11.30 A.M.

It is a great pleasure to be present today to declare open the Fourth Annual Bazaar and Fun Fair which the Church Workers' Association of the Church of the Ascension is organising.

The Association intends to use the funds which it hopes to raise not only for a Church but also for a Kindergarten School and a community hall, together with the enlargement of the existing free health clinic. The outcome of this planning means that you will have here a centre of community life in many of its aspects for both old and young and it will be a centre which has been brought into existence by your own efforts.

I am informed that the target for the project is \$150,000 of which the Association has already raised \$30,000 in previous combined efforts. This means that there is still a very large sum to be collected and the Association has set as its target for today \$75,000. I very much hope that all those who are present today will support the effort and spend as generously as they can.

In Singapore there are many groups of people working on behalf of charitable and social welfare and community organisations - organisations which they believe will help the worried and the harrassed, the aged and the infirm, the poor and the under-privileged. It is not possible to praise too highly the work which these people voluntarily undertake for their fellow-citizens in this crowded city of ours. Their work is an important feature of the community's life and a positive contribution to its happiness.

I am sure that their goodwill, sense of obligation and enthusiasm will be transfused through the community to our general advantage quite apart from the material results flowing from their efforts.

The Church Workers' Association of the Church of the Ascension at Woodsville has foreseen the need for a Centre and has set itself the task of raising the necessary money with some degree of confidence in the sort of voluntary help to which I have just referred. I wish the Association all success for its efforts and it gives me much pleasure now to declare open this Bazaar and Fun Fair.

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