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TEXT OF AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
SIR WILLIAM GOODE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESEN-
TATION OF LETTERS PATENT OF KNIGHTHOOD TO SIR
GEORGE OEHLERS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1958

Sir George Oehlers has a long record of public service. He was first appointed a Municipal Commissioner in 1936, and, except for the period of the Japanese occupation, served continuously until 1954, when he relinquished his appointment as a Member of the City Council on being selected as the first Speaker of the Singapore Legislative Assembly.

At that time he was the senior City Councillor and had done excellent work which was recognised by Her Majesty the Queen by honouring him with the award of an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. His selection as the first Speaker met with universal approval.

He has performed the duties of Speaker with exceptional ability, firmness and tact, and commands the sincere respect of all Members of the Assembly. He has made an outstanding contribution to the development of Parliamentary procedure in Singapore.

Sir George Oehlers is a member of an old Singapore family, was a notable athlete in his youth and is an acknowledged leader of the Eurasian community. His services to Singapore have been of exceptional value.

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