STATEMENT FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

APPOINTMENT

The Prime Minister has appointed Mr Lau Ping Sum as Political Secretary to the Minister for Health with effect from 6 April 1981.

RESIGNATIONS

To enable the Prime Minister to make further fresh appointments, several present Ministers of State and a Parliamentary Secretary have submitted their resignations to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister has accepted their resignations. The following will relinquish their appointments after 30 April :-

a) Mr Rahim Ishak, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. He has been offered a diplomatic posting which he will take up in the middle of the year.

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b) Mr Chai Chong Yii, Senior Minister of State for Culture.

c) Mr Sia Kah Hui, Minister of State for Labour.

d) Mr Bernard Chen, Minister of State for Defence. Soon after the last elections, he had intimated his intention to go into the private sector.

e) Dr Ow Chin Hock, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education. He has offered, and the Prime Minister has accepted his offer, to continue as Chairman of the Promote the Use of Mandarin Campaign Committee until a new Chairman is appointed.

The Prime Minister wishes to record his appreciation for their valuable services.

PROMOTIONS

The following Parliamentary Secretaries have been promoted Senior Parliamentary Secretaries with effect from 1 May :-

a) Mr Chin Harn Tong

b) Mr Lee Yiok Seng

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