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TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AND COMMUNICATIONS, MR. LIM KIM SAN, AT THE FINAL OF THE
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR THE LIM KIM SAN CUP AT CAIRNHILL
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1976 AT 8.30 P.M.

This basketball competition in which 22 teams took part have come to a successful conclusion. It is now my pleasure to congratulate and present the Cup to the winners. As for the other participants, I hope they have enjoyed the competition and broadened their experience and I wish them better luck next time.

There is another contest going on now which will end on December 23. I am referring of course to the coming general election. You all know that the PAP has formed the Government for the last 17 years during which together with our hardworking people, we have brought prosperity and stability to Singapore. Our people enjoy a standard of living in Asia second only to Japan. We have solved our housing problem and today the Government have accommodated 51 per cent of the population in houses built by the HDB and other statutory boards. Every child now has a place in school to study and there is full employment notwithstanding the dampening effects of the recent worldwide economic recession.

Backed by the experience of 17 years of public service, I am standing again as the candidate for Cairnhill. My opponent is an Independent who has no record of public service at all. What is worst he either cannot get his facts straight or he is trying to mislead you. For in his very first public statement he said I was unopposed in Cairnhill in 1972 and was automatically given a seat in Parliament. To set the records straight, I stood against a UPF candidate in the 1972 election and the voters in Cairnhill gave me a majority of 6,464 votes over my opponent.

He goes on to talk about freedom, nationalism, democracy and good morals but nowhere did he give any constructive suggestion

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in his proposal to work for the people of Cairnhill and Singapore.

I have worked for the people of Cairnhill and Singapore for 17 years. I am part of the team which built houses to accommodate 51 per cent of Singapore's population, which have brought industries to give employment to some 700,000 people. I am also Chairman of the Board responsible for the supply of water, electricity and gas so that both the people of Cairnhill and Singapore need not be inconvenienced by the lack of these important essentials.

My Ministry is responsible for the building of roads and schools, development of parks, beautification of Singapore and planning which has made Singapore into a modern city. These are some of the things I have done and I don't believe the voters of Cairnhill have difficulty in deciding who can do more for this constituency and Singapore. You are all level headed people who do not fall for airy fairy promises, or vote a candidate simply because he uses high sounding phrases such as freedom, nationalism, democracy etc. but has given no constructive suggestion to improve your life.

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