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LEE TEE TONG

The Government has released LEE TEE TONG on Pulau Ubin under a Suspension Direction today. One of the conditions of the Direction prohibits LEE to leave the island without the prior approval of the Director, Internal Security Department. However, LEE can work, move freely and receive visitors on the island.

LEE TEE TONG had participated in communist-inspired students' riots in MAY 1954. He was the paid Secretary of the communist-controlled Singapore Bus Workers' Union and Treasurer of the unregistered Singapore Association of Trade Unions. In these capacities LEE manipulated the trade unions to further the aims and objectives of the Communist Party of Malaya. LEE was arrested on 8 OCT 63 when he and others called a two-day general strike by 37 communist-controlled trade unions.

LEE TEE TONG cannot be released unconditionally on Singapore Island as he has refused to give any undertaking that he will not resume his subversive activities. However, the Internal Security Department assesses that he can be released to Pulau Ubin without undue risk.

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TIME RELEASED: 1300 HOURS