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SPEECH BY THE MINISTER FOR LAW, MR. E.W. BARKER, AT THE OPENING OF THE INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL SAFETY FIRST POSTER EXHIBITION AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ON 17TH DECEMBER 1964 AT 10 AM.

This Safety First Exhibition takes place at a time when there will be more cars, scooters, bicycles, refrigerators, television sets, etc - modern gadgets and appliances which unless handled well pose a danger to life and limb.

Although the Government of Singapore is, and will be doing its best, to reduce the risks involved in congested streets and electrical appliances by widening narrow roads, building flyovers and promulgating laws to ensure the correctness of electrical installations, yet all these will be of little use if the public is not safety first conscious.

It is disturbing to know that many accidents, the fatal as well as the less serious, occur through carelessness and lack of consideration for others.

This means that accidents can be avoided if people will only change their road outlook and realise that death and danger are always present on the road.

It is the purpose of this exhibition to instil a keener awareness of the dangers which face motorists and pedestrians through carelessness and thoughtlessness.

It is with all earnestness that I wish for the success of this exhibition.

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