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SPEECH BY THE FIRST LADY, MRS. B.H. SHEARES, AT THE
OFFICIAL OPENING OF CHRISTMAS FAIR 1972 AT THE
VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL ON SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER,
1972 AT 10.00 A.M.

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It gives me great pleasure to be present here this morning.

The Christmas Fair 1972 is the culmination of many months of hard work by so many of you present here.

Your desire to help the needy and the less fortunate is most commendable. The joy and the gratitude of the under-privileged and the handicapped which you will evidence are the best reward for the organisers and the participants in this Fair.

A good organisation needs an able leader. In Mrs. Diana Eu, the Chairman of the Organising Committee for this mammoth project, we have a person of acknowledged ability and leadership.

However, one of the perennial problems faced by the volunteer organisations in Singapore is that not enough new volunteers come forward to share the work with the existing voluntary workers. There is therefore a need for an injection of fresh blood to carry on the good work of these organisations.

I am sure there must be resources which have hitherto not been tapped and relentless efforts must be made to reach them. I appeal to all such people to come forward and give a little of their time. Any community with a social conscience cannot afford to turn a blind eye on the under-privileged and less fortunate among its midst.

In conclusion, I thank all those responsible for bringing this project into fruition and have much pleasure now to declare the Christmas Fair 1972 open.

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