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On May 2, 1971, the Government had in a security action arrested four top executives of the Nanyang Siang Pau, namely Lee Mau Seng, Shamsuddin Tung Tao Chang, Ly Singko and Kerk Loong Sing. Under interrogator these persons have admitted their responsibility for implementing the Nanyang Siang Pau's policy of glamourising the Communist system and also working up communal emotions on issues over Chinese language and culture.

They have acknowledged that they knew the launching of this campaign would generate communal strife and lead to political instability in Singapore. The Government considers their detention necessary and has, therefore, issued orders of detention under the Internal Security Act.

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Date: 22nd May, 1971.

Time released: 1630 hours.