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(SOCIAL AFFAIRS) AND MP FOR JALAN DESAR, AT THE BALLOTING
CEREMONY AT FRENCH ROAD CONTRACT 1 APARTMENT BLOCKS 601
AND 602 ON 5 OCTOBER 1978 AT 11.30 AM

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We will witness today the balloting of the first 100 units of 3-room flats in this latest HDB development in Jalan Desar constituency - the French Road Complex which is bounded by King George's Avenue, Horne, Jellicoe, French and Kitchener Roads. Also completed together with these 100 units are 20 shops with living quarters, 1 eating house with living quarters and 16 lock-up shops.

As you can see around, construction is still underway for the major part of French Road Complex. Under construction now are 180 1-room units, 176 2-room, 264 3-room and 96 5-room flats. Together with more than 100 shops, these units are expected to be ready around mid 1980. The HDB also has proposals for another 350 units of 3- and 4-room flats for this complex together with another 100 or so shops.

If these proposals are carried out, the entire French Road Complex will have a gross commercial area of some 25,000 m² with about 250 shops of various types and a total of 1,160 units of flats. French Road Complex in fact would be the first public housing project in the constituency with 5-room flats.

We have thus come a long way from the early days when the only public housing units around were the SIT flats in Jalan Desar estates. The URA has also built some units in Syed Alwi, Potain, French and Maude Roads, but the HDB developments here in the French Road Complex and Kelantan Centre near Rocher Canal are to date the most ambitious projects ever.

We, who are intimately associated with this constituency, should strive towards a more gracious way of living. Given a better environ we should work hard to create for ourselves a bright new image. Slovenliness and shoddy habits should be discarded. Residents must realise that good neighbourliness must accompany highrise living. Let us all take pride in keeping our constituency clean and litter free, making it a harmonious and pleasant place to call our own.