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TEXT OF RADIO SINGAPORE TALK BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. LEE KUAN YEW, ON THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 3, 1959.

Today we begin Loyalty Week. At 10 this morning our Yang di-Pertuan Negara, Enche Yusof bin Ishak was sworn and installed in office. Thousands representing all sections of our people gathered at the Padang to participate in this joyous occasion. Many tens of thousands more gathered to watch and cheer.

The ceremony this morning initiated a whole week of festivities to mark this memorable occasion. We have called it Loyalty Week to emphasise the most important quality we must develop in large measure if we are to forge ahead as a united, coherent, purposeful people. Without this quality, we shall never build the foundations of a stable society for ourselves and our children.

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Few people in the world have ever been asked to undertake a more difficult task. In the centre of a Malaysian archipelago inhabited by about 90-million Indonesians and Malays living mostly in a peasant economy, Singapore is a city of 1 1/2 million Chinese, Malays, Indians, Ceylonese, Eurasians and

others. A city of traders and merchants and workers living a sophisticated city life. Only less than half our adult population was born and bred in Singapore.

The others have come from the Federation, from China, India, Ceylon and Indonesia as immigrants. And immigrants they would have remained all their lives but for the tremendous upheavals throughout Asia in the last 10 years. The immigrants have decided to stay and make this their home. They have taken Singapore citizenship, acquired the rights and privileges of being a citizen, and promised to share the responsibilities of the State. Diversity of race, language and culture is part of the richness of Singapore. But in one thing, we cannot afford diversity - diversity of loyalty. If our new citizens are loyal not to Singapore but to the countries of their origin, then the state will run into difficulties. To emphasise this paramount need for singleness of loyalty, we have called our Week of rejoicing Loyalty Week.

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Since the PAP Government took office exactly six months ago, the emphasis has been on hard work, for without sustained effort, there can be no progress. But all work and no play makes for a dull life. We must never overdo things. Whilst we live and work and sacrifice for the next generation, let us not banish all pleasure and happiness from our own. So let us make this a week of rejoicing and relaxation.

One feature of the way in which we hope to rejoice is significant and worth mentioning. For the nature of the festivities reflects the character of our people and of the Government which leads it. First, there is no lavish extravagance. There are no private glittering occasions for the privileged few. The Government and the mass of the people rejoice together. Post-war Asia has been notable for the mass movements of its people seeking freedom and a life better than the hard one they have patiently endured for centuries.

And after achieving freedom, the better life is only possible by mass effort. And so it is fitting and proper that entertainment and enjoyment in Loyalty Week should be for the mass of the people.

Another notable feature is that no energy or money is unnecessarily wasted on flashy, ephemeral things, the thrill and pleasure for the passing moment, to beguile the people. The emphasis is on lasting values. Hence the desire to gather most of the money that might have been spent on sound and spectacle, to build something permanent in a National Theatre.

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I hope you will remember the week following December 3rd, 1959, as a happy and memorable one. Let it be a week of joy to mark a step forward in our struggle for a more just and equal society.

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