SPEECH BY MR. LEE KUAN YEW AT A RALLY AT PAUL STREET'S CHILDREN PLAYGROUND, SEREMBAN, ON 21ST APRIL, 1964.

The professional anti-Communist

There is no sadder commentary how Singapore used to fight Communism than the broadcast made by the former Director of Special Branch, Mr. Khaw Khai Boh. As a professional anti-Communist he has done well for himself. He wangled expatriate abolition terms giving himself a few hundred thousand dollars compensation and a pension, all by persuading the former Secretary of State for the Colonies that this life and career was in jeopardy because he was a special branch officer. Even without waiting to see whether the Communists won in Singapore and before the general elections in 1959, he picked up is abolition terms and quit.

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The government's chief adviser on how to fight the Communists and Communism could have shown a little more loyalty and courage to the cause for which he said he was pledged to serve.

Pro-, non-, anti-Communist

Mr. Khaw Khai Boh has now joined some cranks in the S.F. saying that the word "non-Communist" is vague and equivocal. One must either be a pro-Communist, or anti-Communist. This was what a former American Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, said. He denounced as morally wrong Nehru's neutralist stand in the conflict between the East and the West. But his views did not prevail in history. It was Nehru and Nasser during the acute East-West conflict of the late 1950s who rallied the Afro-Asian nations on a non-aligned, non-Communist stand. Afro-Asian national interests did not necessarily coincide either with the West led by the Americans, or the East led by the Russians. So they refused to pledge their support beforehand to either side. They formed a non-aligned group of non-Communist nations. Their stand each specific issue in the East-West conflict was decided by the merits of each case and by where their national interests lay. Nehru and Nasser were the first non-Communists in an Afro-Asia where the anti-Communists were Chiang Kai Shek of Formosa, Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam and Sygman Rhee of South Korea.

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The anti-Communist

The anti-Communist is a person who is anti the Communists in everything the Communist does, whether it is right or wrong, good or bad. So Mr. Khaw Kai Boh is anti-Communist in this way. So he recently denounced the PAP has a neo-

Communist party because we are also competing against the Communists for mass following and support for what he calls "pandering to mass emotions". In other words, in his view, because the Communists try to win mass support by manipulating mass emotions, therefore the anti-Communists must be against this technique. Hence, the MCA does not worry about mass emotions with the result that today they have got no mass following.

Non-Communists, more effective

"Non-Communist" means that internationally we are not committed either to the East or to the West. Internally, it means what it says, not Communists. Like Nehru and Nasser, we have no hesitation in countering the Communists within our country.

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Mr. Khaw has made two astonishing propositions about the PAP First, that it is still Communist at heart, second it is still under Communist influence. He has not given any evidence to support this. But for his position as former Director of Special Branch, Singapore, his statement would not have drawn any comment. The simple answer to Mr. Khaw is that the Director of Special Branch, Malaysia, the Inspector-General, and the Minister of Internal Security do not think so. If they did, then they would have been guilty of a reckless breach of security in

giving the Singapore government crucial information regarding Communist activities and Indonesian saboteurs, information which led to the arrests of over 30 saboteurs in just four months ago in December 1963.

Communists know who can fight them

The people who are best qualified to judge who counter the Communists effectively in Singapore are the Communists themselves. And they preferred the SPA/MCA to win in Singapore as against the PAP. They knew that these SPA/MCA types like Tun Lim Yew Hock and other now wealthy professional anti-Communists would have meant insensitive and crude policies which would have swelled the ranks of the discontented and antagonised the neutrals, leading to a collapse of the regime. They hated the PAP because they knew we knew them and their tactics and could counter them. We are the only party whose rallies they have disrupted. They know who can expose them. They have experienced how we have countered Communism by intelligent economic and social policies, whilst being sensitive and discriminating in security actions, leaving aside the Chinese chauvinists and others manipulated by Communists and tackling only the Communists.

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Alliance confidence in Khaw Kai Boh

Mr. Khaw says that the PAP was attacking the MCA because "it was afraid and jealous of the confidence the Alliance have in us". This is an interesting statement. By it Mr. Khaw admits that the Alliance means UMNO. Sub-consciously, he has betrayed the truth by his turn of phrase.

We are concerned that some very curious men have got into high positions of influence through no discernible or explicable reason. Men like Senator T.H. Tan, one time business associate of Mr. Khaw and Tun Lim Yew Hock, to mention only a few, these are men who do Malaysia harm. Tun Lim recently appointed High Commissioner to Canberra told the Australian press that the mutual defence pact with Britain was a great blunder. I wondered whether he was paid to speak for Malaysia or for our enemies.

Those who love Malaysia and want to see it succeed can do no better than to save the country from these men. They are a bane on our political life.

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