PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT DINNER GIVEN BY GOODWILL COMMITTEE OF QUEENSTOWN ON 15TH AUGUST 1964.

Here in Queenstown where about 10% of the flat-dwellers are Malays (there are 4,800 about of 50,000 Housing Board dwellers) there were no disturbances. What is the difference between the people of Queenstown and Geylang Serai? The outlook to life. If we can give to Geylang what we are succeeding in giving to Queenstown -- hope for the future for themselves, a new outlook, a new breadth of vision --- then I think a lot of all this communal mumbo-jumbo can be dispelled. Finally, we've got to make up our minds whether we want to make Malaysia succeed, or we want to let it drift by and collapse. Split up by default. We spend two-and-a-half years thinking about it, calculating it, working out all the terms and conditions. There was nothing else what we could have done which was as right as Malaysia.

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You know, if you go back right to 1961 and work all the steps backwards, it is still correct. This is still the way which would gives us the best chance to survive. Any other way is very hazardous. If tomorrow we say scrap Malaysia, break it up, all right, it can be done. No trouble. Have you solved your

problems, our problems, with Indonesia? Are they going to stop shooting. Ar they going to give up their ambitions to absorb us?

You know, we've had to impose a curfew on the harbour area. It's a loss of earnings to our lighter workers, to our fisherman, everybody. We don't do these things for fun. The central government is in charge of defence we're in charge of our own harbour. If we get frogmen coming in blowing up ships, and no ships dare to come into Singapore, they put up insurance and freight, it's a lot of trouble. These are facts we've got to face. Even tomorrow we say okay, no Malaysia, go back to old Singapore, so what? So they'll put the screws on us just the same.

This is a test we've got to survive. And, if we survive this test 2 years, 3 years, 4 year, 5 years, then I say we see daylight and we begin to have a secure basis for long-term prosperity.

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Finally, I hope that in the weeks to come you will see all extremists all people who preach hatred, ill-will , who say things which will work up the feelings of one race against another, you will see them turned off. If we don't do that, then this country will go down the drain. No one side can win. I'll tell you quite frankly. There are equal numbers of Chinese and Malays in Malaysia.

And, there are 20% Indians and others. So no one side, no communal side, can win. It is one of the strong points of Malaysia. It is one of the weakness in that it has so many races. But the races are so composed that if any one race tries to suppress the other, it is not possible. And there is a built-in incentive for non-communal policies to be implemented.

Finally, I say this to all of you. We have spent a lot of time to create this, we knew it was right, and I say we still know it is right, so let us have the confidence to see this thing through, whatever the temporary difficulties. Two years, three years, four years from now we'll be out of the woods, and we'll be able to look back on this and say "thank god we have enough good sense to keep our tempers and keep our spirits up and plug on, press on, progress". Industrial development, prosperity, and fair shares for all. Thank you.

15th August, 1964.

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