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EXTENSION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL OPENED

Enche Aminuddin bin Baki, Chief Adviser for Education, on behalf of the Minister of Education, this morning (June 2) officially declared open a new \$60,000 extension building of the Kampong Perchai National School in Kuala Pilah district, Negeri Sembilan.

Enche Aminuddin told those present that it was the policy of the Government to build new schools when necessary so as to bring them at par with other schools. Priority was accorded to National schools in view of the fact that Malay is the National language of the country.

Speaking of the present status of the National language in education, he said that from time to time revision of the Education policy had resulted in the existence of secondary schools of education in the National language.

This year, the Cambridge School Certificate examination will also be held in the National language; which will testify to the fact that the National language has the same status as English.

Enche Aminuddin called upon the parents to give proper education to their children through the medium of the National language which will be given the same status as the English language for education at higher levels.

(di-keluarkan pada pukul 1.30 petang)

Kuala Lumpur,
2hb. June, 1962.

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HOW TO TEACH SCIENCE 14 OCT 1962 IN 15 OCT 1962 S.M. MALAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. — The standard of teaching science in the national language in Malayan schools is to be improved, according to the Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin bin Haji.

The pace has been set by a small group of science teachers now taking a course that will enable them to explain some of the more difficult scientific terms in Malay.

Shortage of qualified teachers, particularly teachers with a knowledge of Malay, has been a problem for many secondary schools.

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This was brought out in the Rahman Taliq education review report of 1960. The report said the key to the whole problem of making more use of the national language was the supply of qualified teachers.

To increase this supply, it recommended that inducements be offered to qualified teachers already in schools to study it and ultimately to teach through the medium of the national language.

Early this year, the Federation Government decided to launch a "pilot" course for teachers with science qualifications and some knowledge of Malay.

Fifteen teachers applied for this advanced course, but only 10 were selected for training at the Language Institute in Pantai Valley here.

Successful

In between studies, these "pioneers" went back to their schools for practical teaching in Malay.

They are now nearing the end of the course, which the Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin, has described as "highly successful".

Education Minister's first overseas trip

M.M. 22.10.1962

22 OCT 1962 M.M.

KUALA LUMPUR, Monday. THE Minister of Education, Tuan Haji Abdul Hamid Khan, is going to Britain early next month to get a "first-hand account" of the progress in implementing the recommendations of the Ismail Commission Report.

He will be accompanied by a high-powered team from his Ministry, comprising the Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin bin Baki, the Deputy Secretary, Tuan Sheikh Abdullah bin Sheikh Ibrahim, and the Director of Teacher Training, Mr. Chang Min Kee.

The quartet will later go to Paris to represent Malaya at a UNESCO conference.

This will be Tuan Haji Abdul Hamid's first overseas trip since he took over the Education portfolio last week. He is expected to be away for a month.

M.M.

Reorganized

The Commission's report published in March last year, contains more than 50 recommendations, some of which are to be implemented at this and.

They include the raising of scholars' allowances, creation of a Careers' Board and an association of parents in the Federation with the Government taking the lead.

The Malayan Students Department in London has since been reorganized and is now reported to be ready to implement the recommendations which are aimed at improving the welfare of Malayan students in Britain and Ireland.

'Priority'

Little information, however, has been forthcoming from the Ministry as regards what steps are being taken in respect of certain recommendations.

The Information and Cultural Affairs Officer to the Ministry, Inche Majid Othman, would only say: "Some recommendations have been implemented. Some are being implemented. The rest depends largely on priority."

The man who

headed the
Inquiry

S.T. 3*

MALAYA'S Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin bin Baki, who headed the nine-member committee which inquired into the big number of failures among Malay school pupils in the Malayan Secondary School Entrance Examinations.

Inche Aminuddin, 37, was born in Perak and had a distinguished academic career at the Anderson School, Ipoh, and the University of Malaya.

He was Malaya's Queen Scholar in 1951 and was appointed to his present post last year.

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Malay: A question-blitz

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16 NOV 1962

S.T.

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The sub-committee for commerce and industry will be headed by the Assistant Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Mr. V. Manickayagam. Members are Senator T.H. Tan, Senator S.O.K. Ubaidullah, Senator Lim Hee Hong, Mr. P.P. Narayanan, Mr. Khoo Teck Puat, Mr. Kahng Kock Seng, Syed Zainal Abidin, Syed Nasir and Inche Bujak bin Rahiman.

The third sub-committee will be under the chairmanship of Dato Ahmad bin Perang, general manager of Malayan Railway.

Members include Dato Osman bin Talib, chairman of CEB Board, Raja Zainal, deputy general manager of CEB, Haji Ismail bin Panjang Aris, Commissioner for the Federal Capital, Syed Nasir and Syed Zainal Abidin.

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Govt to recruit teachers
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3.11.1962 S.T.

THE MALAY SCHOOLS GET A NEW DEAL

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat.

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The "new deal" for national school includes:

- ① Refresher courses for teachers and headmasters of Malay schools;
- ② Two-thirds of teachers from training institutions to be sent to national schools;
- ③ Plans to build well-equipped national schools to be speeded up;
- ④ Nine non-Malay science teachers to be sent to the Languages Institute for a special course in Malay so that they may be able to teach science in the Malay medium;
- ⑤ Special courses for boards of management of national schools; and
- ⑥ Inspectors of Schools to be encouraged to learn the national language. Some are now proficient enough to give lectures to Malay teachers.

The Ministry also disclosed that it will intensify its "Operation Torch" campaign designed to show to the public, especially parents, the advantages of education in the Malay medium up to university level.

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Adviser appeals to teachers

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'DO NOT STIR UP N-LANGUAGE DISCORD' CALL

8 AUG 1963

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wednesday.

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"Therefore, in our endeavour to make Malay the sovereign language in the country, we must not do anything which will make others refuse to cooperate with us."

"If you have any criticism, please do not hesitate to convey it to the Ministry of Education. Please do not wait for another symposium to be held for you to express your opinions."

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He said that many non-Malay teachers who were graduates of Day Training Centres and were now teaching the language were not fluent in Malay.

Because of the lack of national language teachers, untrained teachers were now teaching the language in non-Malay schools.

During the workshops, which discussed the teaching of the national language at secondary and post-secondary levels, there were complaints of the lack of teachers and suggestions that more trained teachers be recruited.

Other recommendations made by the workshops were:

A CENTRAL committee should be set up to select Malay and national language textbooks.

MORE BOOKS on foreign literature should be translated for use in secondary schools.

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18.8.1963 SUN.T.

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18 AUG 1963

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This, it was said, had caused difficulties to teachers, for they could only guess the intention behind the contents of the syllabus, which does not clearly define the Malay and national language subjects to be taught at different class levels.

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THE PERIOD of teaching Malay and the national language should be increased.

SUPERVISORS for the teaching of Malay and the national language should be appointed in each State.

JAWI SCRIPT should be retained in schools.

17 AUG 1963 Refresher course

PENANG, Bat.—The Adviser on Education, Inche Aminuddin bin Baki will declare open a Refresher course for American Peace Corps and teachers at the Malayan Teachers' College, Bukit Glugor at 9 a.m. on Monday.

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Speaking at the two-day annual delegates' conference of the union, which was opened today by the Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin bin Baki, at the La Salle English School in Bentul, Inche Ahmad asked:

"Why are these teachers not allowed to teach the National Language though their qualification is recognised by the Ministry of Education?"

He added: "If they are given the opportunity to teach the National Language, this would be an encouragement to the non-Malays and thus help to spread the use of the language."

Inche Ahmad denied

allegations that his union only catered for Malay teachers. The union was open to all teachers irrespective of race, he said.

Inche Aminuddin advised teachers' unions not only to fight for the improvement of their salaries and conditions of service, but also to improve the standard of education.

In the past, he said, most of the unions only brought up the questions of improving salaries and conditions of service but never discussed ways and means of improving the education of their pupils.

FOOTNOTE: One of the resolutions to be discussed at the conference tomorrow by the 80 delegates concerns a salary scheme.

Oh! So much work at this Ministry

S.M. 20.10.1963

20 OCT 1963

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says AMINUDDIN BAKI

Chief Education Adviser

LIFE in the air-conditioned rooms of Federal House seems to the members of the public to have made Ministry of Education officials listless and oblivious to events outside.

If only the public knows that the Ministry deals with more than 50,000 employees who belong to not less than 20 different categories

Also that it deals with matters concerning the future of 1,400,000 children—one-fifth of the population of the States of Malaya—who are related in one way or other as sons or daughters, nephews or nieces, brothers or sisters of every adult member of the population.

The Ministry is one of the very few, if not the only Ministry whose responsibility extends almost to everyone and whose decision for better or for worse affects nearly everyone in the whole country.

Supervision

It supervises the affairs and welfare of thousands of youths studying overseas by remote control, deals with the affairs of more than 5,300 schools of various types and has to make about 60,000 individuals who are members of boards of managers-governors contented.

It has to supervise annually three major examinations, besides 20 to 30 other minor ones of various levels of education, and to deal with an annual recurrent budget of \$230 million—nearly a quarter of the national budget this year—incidentally the largest for any single Ministry.

It has to ensure the construction of classrooms under a development plan



costing about \$40 million a year distributed among hundreds of small projects sited right to the remotest areas in the country.

Is it a wonder therefore that the Ministry of Education has become so vulnerable?

My intention in giving these figures is merely to impress the magnitude of the problem—its quantitative aspect—which is sometimes forgotten or tends to be taken for granted by many.

'Inevitable'

It is not my intention to give excuses for the oversight—some of it inevitable oversight—which the Ministry has committed.

I gave these figures with the view of showing that our Ministry—we who are entrusted with the future of the rising generations of Malaysians—our own children and through them

the future of our beloved country—has undergone a change—an unprecedented change in the history of education in this country.

Only ten years ago in 1953—the number of pupils was 777,094—today that number has doubled.

Whereas the number of schools was 4,783, today it has risen by about a thousand more. Whereas the amount of recurrent spending was \$81,873,799, today the expenditure has risen by 21 times.

OCT 1963 Doubled

Whereas the capital expenditure was only \$13,304, 182, today it has risen by three times.

Whereas the number of teachers was 24,233, today it has doubled itself.

These changes by leaps and bounds have not only been experienced quantitatively but also in the quality of education provided.

As a result of the implementation of the national policy, we have launched a programme of educational expansion, both ver-

tical and horizontal by providing, amongst other things:

Universal free primary education; raising of the school-leaving age to 15; expansion of the teacher training programmes; introduction of an educational guidance scheme; diversification of vocational and technical education courses; provision of special education for the blind and the deaf; extension of the further education programme; expansion of education at the higher professional and technical levels.

All these are based on the national educational objectives:

(a) providing equal educational opportunities for all;

(b) diversifying contents of education with the view to catering for technical and economic efficiency at all levels of endeavour;

(c) establishing a system of education the contents and character of which would truly cater for the social, economic, political and cultural needs and aspirations of our people; and a coverage ne-

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EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS THIS YEAR

Aminuddin fund awards for varsity students

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THE Aminuddin
Baki Scholarship
Foundation is offer-
ing eight scholar-
ships to Malay stu-
dents who have
been accepted for
universities here or
abroad.

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To students in Malay-
sian universities, the
scholarships will be worth
\$2,500 for science and
\$2,000 for arts.

In the case of students
in foreign universities,
the foundation will meet
their tuition fees, lodging
and other expenses.

The foundation's secre-

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun.

tary, Encik Yusoff Suhaimi bin Haji Yatim, said today payments would be made direct to the universities concerned at the beginning of every academic session.

Application forms

The offer is open to poor students who have high academic qualification and some leadership experience.

Successful candidates are required to sign an agreement with the foundation and offers would be withdrawn anytime the foundation's

board finds that they have required not achieved the standard of academic achievement.

Encik Yusof said application forms could be obtained from him at the GPME's secretariat, 49, Jalan Tandok, off Jalan Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. Out-station applicants should enclose self-addressed stamped envelopes measuring 9" by 4".

Closing date

Encik Yusof said the closing date for applications is two weeks after the start of the first academic session. Selected candidates would be called for interview at a date to be announced later.

The foundation, formed in 1968 and named after the former chief education adviser, is aimed at raising the standard of education among Malays.

Last year was the first time it started giving scholarships to university — two for science and one for arts.

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Do not belittle the Govt: Ismail

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.—Tun (Dr.) Ismail today criticised a "group of people" for belittling the Government's achievements to gain the sympathy of youth and Malays.

"This is a negative activity and can create an uneasy situation, particularly when the issues are sensitive," the acting Prime Minister said, when opening the four-day silver jubilee celebrations of the Federation of Ma-

lay Students' Union (GMSB) here.

"Issues such as poverty, the backwardness of the Malays, spiralling prices, shortage of rice and religious matters have been raised to get the support and sympathy of youth and the Malay community," he said.

'Only Guests'

"We must ensure that the public is not influenced by such tactics," he added.

The action of such people, he said, would only create doubts in the

minds of the people on the Government's capability and undermine their confidence in the administration.

The Government had chalked up many achievements but there were still problems which remained to be solved. However, these problems were always magnified by the critics to "drown our success" in the eyes of the people.

Their aim was to create the impression that nothing had been done for the people and the nation since independence.

Tun Ismail said: "We

are aware that in running the Government, we have several weaknesses and shortcomings in fulfilling our aims. Part of this is caused by factors beyond our control."

"As such, there is no shortage of issues on which the critics could harp upon to get support."

Tun Ismail said the Government had always taken into consideration the "multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious" character of the nation when formulating its policies.

"This must be understood by the old and young alike," he added.

Tun Ismail said he had always regarded youth as a force which could make or break the Government.

CONTINUATION

*continuation***'Don't pick'**

He called on them to be "programme and action oriented" and not to pick issues with the Government.

He hoped all youth had the same motivation to co-operate with the Government in making Malaysia a happy and prosperous nation.

Tun Ismail said the Government was prepared to increase aid for students activities though it had been criticised for enforcing the University Act.

This year, \$76,000 had been set aside for this purpose compared to \$40,000 last year.

He called on the GPMS to have a "programme of action" to identify problems facing Malay students in both the urban and rural areas.

More aid

Besides expanding guidance classes, efforts should also be made to have more private educational centres like the Ababi College to increase the number of qualified Malays.

Tun Ismail promised more aid to the GPMS for its guidance classes. This year the Government gave \$15,000.

Later, he presented Aminuddin Bakri Education Prizes to 25 students who had done well in the MCE, HSC and university exams.

3.8.1973 S.T.

Ismail to launch union's silver jubilee

2 AUG 1973
KUALA LUMPUR

Wed. — Deputy Prime Minister Tun (Dr) Ismail will launch the silver jubilee celebration of the Federation of Malay Students' Unions at the Sultan Sulaiman Club here tomorrow.

The four-day celebration will begin with a rally where a collection for the Aminuddin Bakri Foundation Fund will be launched.

On Friday, an exhibition will be held at the Museum Negara.

The Federation's annual meeting will be opened by the Minister for Culture, Youth and Sports, Datuk Hamsah Abu Samah on the same day at the Jalan Stony Secondary School.

The silver jubilee dinner will be held at the Dewan Tuanku Abdul Rahman that night.

On Saturday night there will be a cultural show at the Panggong Anniversary, Lake Gardens.

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DONATION TO AMINUDDIN BAKI FOUNDATION

The Kampong Segai Youth Club Rantau, today (October 5) donated a sum of \$80 to the Aminuddin Baki Foundation.

The contribution is part of the money raised by members of the club at a recent dramatic display.

The donation was handed over by the club's Secretary, Enche Ismail bin Daud to the Acting Menteri Besar, Negri Sembilan, Enche Abdul Samad bin Idris at his office for onward transmission to the chairman of the Foundation, Tuan Syed Nasir bin Ismail in Kuala Lumpur.

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KUALA LUMPUR, (di-keluarkan-pada pukul 1.15 tengah hari)
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Inche Aminuddin bin Baki, today called on all heads of schools to be more vigilant to ensure that subversive elements did not gain a foothold in their institutions.

He said: "Subversion is a real threat to the security and national unity of our country."

Racial harmony

Speaking at the opening of the second annual delegates conference of the National Union of Heads of Schools here, Inche Aminuddin said:

"Subversive elements are ready to infiltrate into schools and destroy the racial harmony and tolerance among the students."

"You should be watchful to detect subversive activities."

Inche Aminuddin said the danger was not only from communism but also communalism which was much more dangerous in a multi-racial population.

He said that the heads of schools could play a vital part in helping the Government to maintain racial harmony, tolerance, and understanding.

He urged the heads of schools to uphold the ideals of a Malaysian educator and teach the pupils matters of national interest and treat all pupils, irrespective of race, colour or creed, equally.

Inche Aminuddin said that the Government was striving to improve and develop the education system in accordance with national needs and aspirations.

Resolution

The conference unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the Government to consider seriously the possibility of integrating the various schools in the rural areas to promote better understanding among the various races and more efficient administration in the schools.

The meeting also passed a resolution supporting the Government's policy towards Indonesia.

It called upon its members to report to the proper authorities any subversive activities.

Mr. Lum Kin Tuck was re-elected president.

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Graduate teachers can help boost comprehensive schools

7 AUG 1964 N.M.

THE Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin bin Bakri, yesterday referred to fears that mass recruitment of teachers for the proposed comprehensive schools system could lead to a drop in the standard of education.

Inche Aminuddin, who was speaking at the opening of the annual delegates conference of the National Union of Graduates Teachers, was replying to some of the points raised by the union president, Mr. Teeras Ram, in his opening address.

The standards he said,

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could be maintained if education was given to only a selected few in the country, but the Government had decided to give education for all.

He was confident that, "with the assistance and guidance of the graduate teachers, we will be able to maintain an appreciable standard." It could even be raised later on, he said.

Education received priority treatment from the Government and the "job freeze" announced a few days ago did not affect the Ministry.

On the question of recognition of foreign degrees, Inche Aminuddin said that he was not in a position to comment.

He added that the Government would indicate its views on such qualifications "one way or another" soon. Holders of such degrees should be patient as the "matter is under active consideration," he said.

Inche Aminuddin said that the educational system in Malaya had so far been academic.

The comprehensive schools would be different.

They would cater for both those with academic ability as well as those without.

The academic aptitude of the pupils would be assessed and those who were academic minded would be guided into the academic streams.

The examination which pupils would take at the end of nine years of study will be a modified form of the lower Certificate of Education examination.

Pupils would be placed in appropriate post comprehensive schools on the result of their performance.

A few teachers would be given special training in educational guidance and counselling in the comprehensive schools.

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Need to review physical, health education in Malaysian schools

12 DEC 1963 N.M.

THE teaching of physical and health education in Malaysian schools has to be reviewed, the Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin Baki, said here at the opening of the first Malaysian Physical Education Association conference at the Specialist Teachers' Training Institute.

"We have to develop a system of physical and health education of our own which not only would serve to meet the physical and environmental needs of our rising generations but also would assist in the preservation and sustenance of the culture of our different peoples," he added.

Health education or hygiene should be given more emphasis and be taught directly as a subject, which could then play their role more effectively in bringing about a re-orientation in the attitude of the people.

In reconstructing this young nation and striving to search for Malaysian identity befitting with the status of a sovereign nation, the establishment of a Malaysian system of education, including that of physical education, was most essential, he said.

Compatible

Such a system should be based on the following principles:

- Retaining those aspects of the present system, inherited through historical accidents, which are suitable and compatible with the growth and progress as a nation;

- Not hesitating to discard any aspect incompatible towards the growth, social and cultural and which will undermine the national identity;

- Broadening the horizon by learning from countries other than

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those to which during the pre-independence era Malaya was made to attach. This will enrich the system by adopting whatever are found suitable to help its national growth and progress;

● Adapting the system of others not just blindly but in accordance with Malaysia's financial means; and

● Incorporating into the national system something of Malaysian cultures.

Main tasks

"In order to achieve freedom in culture, for which we as educators are the guides and the main agents, the Ministry of Education has started to review into the common content syllabuses which as you are well aware was formulated in a hurry in 1956," said Inche Aminuddin.

In this review, the Ministry has, wherever applicable and possible, guided itself by the four principles stated earlier.

On top of this, the Ministry is considering the establishment of a local inspectorate of schools and a proper cadre of organisers of schools so that the teaching of special subjects, including physical education, can be given proper supervision.

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thursday.

ALL teachers' training colleges are to be re-organised from next year, the Chief Education Adviser, Inche Aminuddin bin Baki, said here.

At the prize-giving ceremony of the Malayan Teachers' Training College, Pantai Valley, here, Inche Aminuddin said:

"In this college, one year supplementary courses will be introduced for the teaching of English, history, geography and music."

These courses were for graduate teachers pursuing specialist courses in any of the subjects.

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He reminded them that the East Coast of today was different from that of 10 to 20 years ago.

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21 DEC 1965

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He said the survey showed that Malaysia lacked trained personnel for industrial and economic expansion and it was necessary for this country to increase output in certain key positions.

Teachers

"Our schools — primary, secondary and higher institutions — have to deliver the goods both in quantity and quality.

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Khir leads team to education conference in Iran

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — The Minister of Education, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari, will meet the Iranian Minister of Education in Teheran to discuss the drawing up of a cultural agreement and a student exchange programme between the two countries.

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Inche Khir left today for Teheran to attend a 12-day congress of ministers of education on the eradication of illiteracy.

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PINGAT PERINGATAN MAJLAYSIA

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Received Pingat Perak on 2nd Malaysia Day 31.8.65.
Government Gazette dated 8.9.65.

Advice to teachers on union work

25 NOV 1965

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for school S.T.

SUNGEI PATANI, Tues.
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Inche Aminuddin left a wife and three children. A Queen's Scholar, Inche Aminuddin was educated at Anderson School in Ipoh, the University of Malaya (now Singapore) and London University. He started his career in the Government in 1941, and was Chief Education Officer in Negri Sembilan. He was appointed Chief Education Adviser in 1961, the first Malaysians to hold this post. Inche Aminuddin was chair-

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The Minister of Transport, Dato Sardon bin Haji Jubir, led the crowd at the funeral, yesterday at the Muslim cemetery in Ampang Road.



AMINUDDIN
first Malaysian to hold the post

S.T.
27.12.1965

WANG GUNGWEI
Professor of History,
University of Malaya,
Kuala Lumpur

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Aminuddin 51
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Inche Aminuddin left a wife and three children.

A Queen's Scholar, Inche Aminuddin was educated at Anderson School in Ipoh, the University of Malaya (now Singapore) and London University.

He started his career in the Government in 1963, and was Chief Education Officer in Negri Sembilan.

He was appointed Chief Education Adviser in 1961, the first Malayarn to hold this post.

Inche Aminuddin was chairman of the committee which inquired into the large numbers of failures among Malay students in the secondary school entrance examination, and also set up the teacher education planning committee.

SUNGAI PATANI, Tues. — The board of governors of the Sungai Patani National Secondary School has decided to change the name of the school to Aminuddin Baki Secondary School.

The decision was taken in memory of the late Inche Aminuddin Baki, Chief Education Adviser, who died suddenly at his home in Kuala Lumpur on Dec. 24.

The director of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Syed Nasir bin Ismail, has also proposed that the Kampong Pandan National Secondary School in Kuala Lumpur change its name to Aminuddin Baki Secondary School.

project belongs to all of us—the teachers and the pupils on the one hand, and to Television Malaysia and the Ministry of Education which are producing this programme, on the other."

It was therefore important that they all worked as a team to ensure its success.

The pilot project was an attempt to find out the problems involved—both technical and professional—in presenting Malaysian subject lessons on television.

In many countries where TV had become a permanent audio-visual medium in education, it had been found that greater interest in learning was generated among the pupils.

Acute shortage

This in turn had led to greater intellectual curiosity, active participation and greater appetite for knowledge and initiative to creative work, he said.

This pilot project was therefore launched by Television Malaysia and the Ministry of Education to enable the technicians, programme officers and teachers to have some experience as to what it was like in preparing and presenting a TV lesson.

Inche Aminuddin said the theme of the programme—"The Air Around Us"—was chosen for various reasons.

From the production point of view, the science subject not only represented a verbal lesson but also provided ample opportunity for practical demonstration and graphic presentation.

Another reason was that in Malaysia, it was in the field of science teaching that there was an acute shortage of qualified teachers and lack demonstration facilities such as laboratories and equipment.

Finally, there was also the important need for the people to convince themselves fully of the practicability of teaching science through the medium of the national language which would be

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used in this project, along with English.

He said advance lesson notes had already been sent to the teachers and pupils.

Removal of Remove classes was necessary because pupils from Malay, Chinese and Tamil language primary schools entering the English medium stream were not conversant enough in the language to study in Form One.

that Remove classes must be phased in time to come," said Inche Aminuddin.

Prediction

He predicted it would take the demand for trained teachers for Remove classes will increase within the next few years because more children will be entering the English medium stream of education in the lower secondary schools.

Teachers in Remove classes would therefore have a more important role to play in the present set-up of the education system.

"I admit that yours is a difficult job, and I am most happy to note that there are so many of you who have volunteered to teach Remove classes," he said.

Inche Aminuddin called on the teachers not to stick rigidly to the methods outlined for Remove classes during the course, but to adapt themselves and evolve methods of their own to suit local conditions.

School signboards row is settled

15 JUN 1965

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Inche Aminuddin Baki this morning.

The trouble arose over a circular issued by the Chief Education Officer, Perak, Mr. J. E. B. Ambrose, directing Chinese schools to change their signboards.

The delegation told the Assistant Minister that the directive had caused "great concern" to the people.

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Aminuddin Fund for scholarships set up

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — A scholarship fund board named after the late Inche Aminuddin Baki, the former Chief Education Adviser, has been set up here.

Syed Nasir bin Ismail, Director of the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, was elected at a meeting yesterday to head the six-man pro-tem board of trustees.

The board aims at raising the standard of education

of Malay children by remedying their weaknesses and providing scholarships to those from poor families.

As a start, the Federation of Malay Students' Unions, which the late Inche Aminuddin founded while he was an undergraduate in the University of Malaya, contributed \$3,000 to the fund.

The board will meet Malay organisations which have their own special scholarship funds on Feb. 5 to discuss the setting up of a central organisation to manage these funds.

Aminuddin Foundation: Already support by many—Khir

7 FEB 1966 S.T.
NON-MALAYS have shown a keen interest and assured their full support to the Aminuddin Baki Scholarship Foundation designed to help poor Malay children.

Stating this today, the Minister of Education, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari, said: "There comes this ready support to the foundation because the late Inche Aminuddin Baki won the hearts of not only the Malays but also of the non-Malays."

"He had a very infectious smile and won the admiration of many for his hard work and dedication to the education of our nation's children," Inche Khir added.

Speaking at the launching of the foundation at the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, he said: "When it was first proposed to start the foundation, I was approached by several people who expressed their desire to be associated with the organisation. Q.T.

His idea

"It is to the memory of a fine son of Malaysia that this foundation has been started. His untimely death has left us to accomplish what he had set out to do in educational advancement."

Inche Khir suggested that the Aminuddin Baki Foundation should provide scholarships for technical studies because the late Inche Aminuddin was the person responsible for the comprehensive system of education.

This idea should be more feasible, Inche Khir said, because there was already another foundation — the Tengku Abdul Rahman Foundation — catering for general studies.

Inche Khir added that the late chairman of the

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awarded scholarships so that they could have "the fine education their father had."

Earlier, the Director of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Syed Nasir bin Ismail, in his capacity as chairman of the pro-tem committee, said that the time had come to "co-ordinate efforts into one central body to cover the needs of all Malay children."

Syed Nasir said that he too, had received support for the foundation from non-Malays. He disclosed that several people had already made donations.

Contributions

Two expatriate officers, Dr. J.E.D. Lewis and Mr. N.J. Ryan, now in retirement in England, have contributed toward the foundation.

A director of Far Eastern Publishers, Mr. Cho Jock Kim, had agreed to contribute \$300 every month for three years.

A young Malay writer, Inche Abdul Samad bin Said, had promised to donate all the royalties from his latest novel "Bulan Ta' Bermadu di Fatehpur Sikri" (No Moon at Fatehpur Sikri) to the foundation.

Khir flees from 'madhouse of Kuala Lumpur'

TELUK ANSON, Sat.—The Minister of Education, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari, said here yesterday that he was glad to get away from the "madhouse of Kuala Lumpur" and seek peace and tranquility.

The Minister, who came here to present prizes in the annual sports of the Sultan Abdul Aziz Primary School, also paid a tribute to the late Inche Aminuddin bin Baki, the Chief Education Adviser.

13 Dedicated

Receiving a cheque of \$200 for the Aminuddin Baki Scholarship Foundation from the Dir-

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istrict Officer, Lower Perak, Dato Mohamed bin Ibrahim, Inche Khir said Inche Aminuddin "was a very dedicated officer who literally worked himself to death."

The donation, the first to be made in the district, was by the organising committee of a social held in connection with the school sports.

Congratulating the committee for their efforts in collecting the fund Inche Khir said: "Perhaps Inche Aminuddin might not have died so prematurely, had he found a little time to

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family: 8.1.
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An appeal

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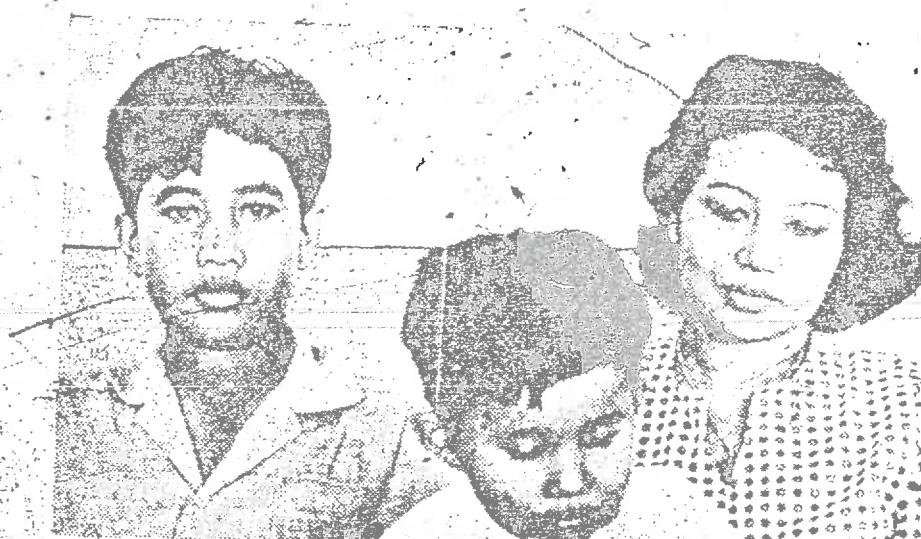
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18 APR 1966

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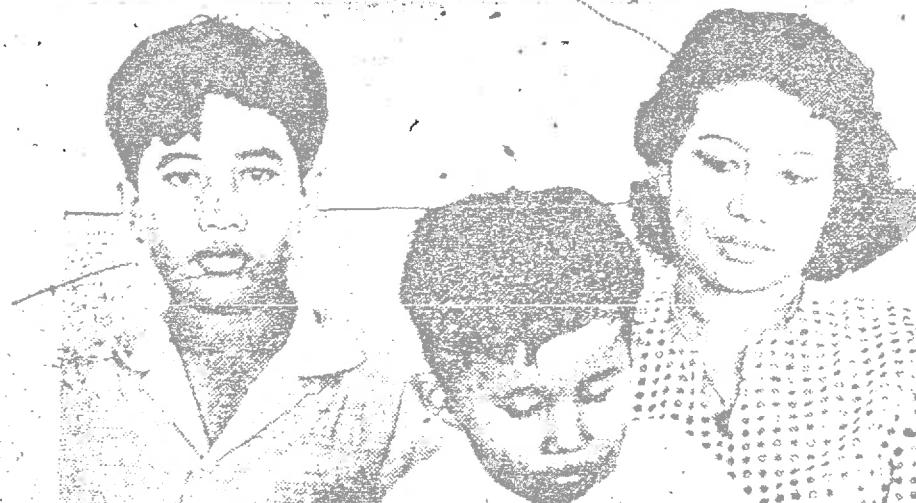
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ANONYMOUS

Kuala Lumpur



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**\$100 STARTS
SPECIAL
FUND FOR
MUAR S.T.
23 MAY 1966
LABOURER**

SINGAPORE, Sun.—A donation of \$100 from Mr. Chee Soon Keng of Singapore has started a special fund for Ische Ahmad bin Shanat, 37, a Muar labourer who had his legs amputated after being stricken with a disease nine years ago.

So far four contributions amounting to \$308 have been sent in to the Straits Times.

**23.5.1966
Schools aid S.T.**

They are from John Tan Chor-Yong \$100, Lillian Bradford, Singapore \$5, Robert T. H. Goh and staff of Alliance HQ, KL \$200, and Teo Peng, Muar \$1. The Aminuddin Bakri Family Fund now stands at \$1,971.60 including latest donations totalling \$795.25.

The donations came from: Director, La Salle School, Klang '60, staff of State Treasury, Lang \$75, National Conference Heads of Secondary Schools '60.25, staff of Bukit Bintang Secondary School, \$110, and Lee Kooi Jong, Penang \$10.

Convent S.T.

Girls of Secondary HIB Marymount Convent and S. Vindasamy have given \$32 & \$15 respectively for Husin Mat.

A \$18 donation from anonymous of Singapore and \$30 from the Penang Indian Association of Raub brings the fund Chong Kiam Moy to \$6.30.

The Lembaga Kebajikan Perpaduan Islam Melayu has collected \$50 for Milah binte Oth-

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Wahidah binte Md. Hussain has given \$100 from Mr. Govindasamy, Kuala Lumpur \$15, total \$75.

Abdul Aziz, Omnipotent Raja Taib, Penang \$10, total \$20.

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Singapore \$100 Principal.

**Dance in aid
of foundation**

17 JUN 1966 S.T.

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.—A dinner and dance, under the patronage of the Minister of Education, Ische Mohamed, Khif al-hari, will be held here at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Proceeds from the dance will go to the Aminuddin Bakri Foundation. The Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, and Cabinet Ministers have been invited.

**MORE DONATIONS FOR
LANDSLIDE WIDOW**

STRAITS Times readers during the past week have given another \$145 to Tan Ah Klow, a mother of seven, whose husband was killed in a landslide near Kuala Kubu Bahru. Her fund now totals \$367.

Donations were from: Secondary Three, St. Theresa Convent, Singapore, \$30; Boey family KL, \$6; Anonymous KL, \$30; A. P. Wong KL, \$30; S. K. Chan Ipoh, \$10; Yap Seng Kee KL, \$15 and Anonymous \$25.71.

The fund for Lim Ah Bah, the Penang trisha rider bedridden after an accident, has been increased by \$34 to a total of \$1,986.35.

Latest donations came from Andrew Tan KL, \$3; Boey family KL, \$5; Y.C.B. Convent Light Street, Penang, \$21; and Saya, Singapore \$5.

Four donations totalling \$100 were received for the

SINGAPORE, Sunday

legless Muar labourer, Ahmad bin Shanat, bringing the total of his fund to \$458.

They were from postmaster and staff of Post Office, Jerantut, \$15; A. P. Wong KL, \$20; William Goon, Ipoh, \$10 and Messra Yau Siong Kee KL, \$15.

The Straits Times has also received a \$10 donation from Miss Lee Kooi Jong of Penang for the Aminuddin Bakri Memorial Fund bringing it to \$1,041.65.

**The Times
charity
box**

11 AUG 1966

SINGAPORE, Wed.—The Straits Times has received further donations totalling \$436 for Ische Akbari bin Sha'ban, the "hole-in-the-heart" teacher who urgently requires surgical operation in Australia.

His fund now stands at \$450.

Donations came from: Principal and staff of HIB Marymount Secondary School, \$100; A. P. Wong, \$100;

Abdul Aziz, Omnipotent

Raja Taib, Penang \$100;

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School donation

19 AUG 1966

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.—The donation of \$50 to the Aminuddin Bakri Memorial Fund published in the Straits Times on Aug. 11 was from the National Type Secondary English School, Japan.

19.8.1966 S.T.

A donation of \$15 from M.S. Govindasamy, Tanjong Rambutan, has been received for Husin bin Mat, bringing his fund to \$121.10.

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**Straits
Times
charity
box gifts**

18 JUL 1966

SINGAPORE, Sun.—Straits Times readers have given another \$40 to Lim Ah Bah, the Penang trisha rider who is bedridden after an accident. His fund now stands at \$2,086.35.

Donations come from anonymous KL, \$10, anonymous Singapore \$10, Y.C. Chua, KL, \$10, and LSW, Ipoh \$10.

The fund for Tan Ah Klow, mother of seven, whose husband was killed in a landslide near Kuala Kubu Bahru, now totals \$427.71 with donations from L. S. W. Ipoh \$10, Yip Man Ling \$5, and Y.C. Chua, KL, \$10.

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Other donations:
For Husin bin Mat from Mr. S. Govindasamy, Kuala Lumpur \$15, total \$73.

For Aminah binte Osman from Haji Tabar bin Haji Baki \$2, total \$252.

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The Times charity box

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Donations to other funds:
Aminuddin Baki Memorial Fund, Raki Tangan Pelajar, \$107; Headmaster, staff and pupils, National Type Sec. English School, \$93.

The fund stands at \$2,231.64.
Ahmad bin Sharaf Fandi, Anonymous, K. L. \$68.30

Mdm. Tan Ah Kiew, Fred, V. K. Kuala Lumpur, \$10.
The Aminah, \$10.
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PENYATAAN SISTEM PELAJARAN KEBANGSAAN DI-MALAYSIA



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• Terlanjur saya menyebut perkara pembohong negara Malaysia, maka suka-lah saya menarik perhatian tuan2 dan puam2 sakalian kapada so'al sistem pelajaran di-negera baharu kita itu. Sud-sunggoh-nya ada-lah menjadi harapan kita sakalian, segala perubahan yang berlaku dari segi politik itu akan mengakibatkan sistem pelajaran kita yang sa-lama ini terbatas di-kawasan Tanah Melayu ini sahaja akan meliputi pula kawasan2 negara anggota yang lain. Akan tetapi harapan kita itu tidak akan terlaksana atau lambat merupakan kenyataan. Ini ia-lah di-sebabkan oleh ada-nya bermacam2 sistem pelajaran yang berjalan di-negeri2 anggota yang baharu masuk menjadi keluarga negara Malaysia ini akan kekal berjalan seperti sa-belum Malaysia juga.

Untuk menchopai hasrat kebangsaan dalam usaha menyatu dan menyamakan sistem pelajaran ini, kaum guru terutamanya Guru2 Melayu yang telah banyak berjasa di-dalam perjuangan menchopai kemerdekaan tanah ayer dahulu ada-lah di-harap akan sa-kali lagi tampil hadapan mempelopori perjuangan untuk melaksanakan satu sistem pelajaran kebangsaan yang terpakai di-seluruh tanah ayer dan dapat di-jadikan sa-benar2 alat untuk membentuk satu bangsa yang sa-benar2-nya bersatu dan kuat. Bila saya berchakap mengenai kebangsaan maka ia ada-lah merupakan peringkat perjuangan yang meliputi muslihat seluruh negara dan bangsa yang akan mencherminkan keperibadian-nya sendiri.

Oleh itu saya rasa, sa-barang tolak ansor yang merugikan muslihat kebangsaan itu walau apa pun chorak dan bentok-nya jangan-lah hendak-nya ada, apa lagi kalau pula di-jadikan amalan di-masa hadapan. Bahkan pengertian tolak ansor itu sendiri pun pada fikiran saya sudah-lah sampai masa-nya untuk di-kaji sa-mula supaya dengan ada-rya pengkajian sa-mula itu dapat-lah di-ambil satu kesimpulan yang kukoh lagi tegas barung di-mana dan bila masa-nya yang paling sesuai dan patut menggunakan tolak ansor itu."

- Syed Nasir bin Ismail,
Pengurah Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka.

sungguh pun jumlah perbelanjaan yang di-kehendaki banyak sa-kali, tetapi tidak-lah dapat di-ragukan lagi, sahaja wang yang di-belanjakan untuk pelajaran itu ada-lah suatu penanaman m-fal untuk kemahiran dan kesentosaan negara kita.

-- Y.B. Menteri Kewangan.

Perkembangan politik dan kebudayaan dalam abad yang ke-20 ini, khususnya sa-lepas Perang Dunia II, merupakan suatu caharan kepada dasar dan sistem pelajaran lama. Baik di-Eropah, di-Amerika, apa lagi di-Asia dan Afrika yang anak negeri-nya di-didek menerusi dasar pelajaran penjajahan, mas'alah pelajaran memerlukan pengkajian serta penyusunan sa-mula.

Tujuan pelajaran kita untuk mendapatkan rakyat yang si-wat, cergas dan sempurna tuboh badan ikal fikiran-nya, tidak lagi dapat memenuhi kehendak2 kebangsaan. Oleh itu tujuan untuk menumbuhkan semangat kebangsaan dan faham demokrasi serta persaian ta'tat setia kepada negera telah menjadi tambahan yang penting kapada tujuai2 yang sedia ada itu, terutama kapada negara2 yang baharu menchopai kemerdekaan.

Di-Tanah Melayu, si-tahun sabelum kemerdekaan di-clapai, suatu jawatan-kuasa telah di-bentok bagi mengkaji dan menyusun sa-mula suatu dasar dan sistem pelajaran baharu yang dapat memenuhi kehendak2 tersebut. Penyata Pelajaran 1956, hasil usahai jawatan-kuasa ini kemudian-nya di-semirk sa-mula, dan hasil-nya terbit-lah Penyata Jawatan-kuasa Penyejmak Pelajaran 1950.

Tambahan baharu dalam tujuan dasar pelajaran ia-lah yang meriumbulkan berbagai mas'alah dalam sistem pelajaran kita. Kerana dalam usaha hendak membentuk dasar pelajaran kebangsaan yang baharu itu, kita terpaksa pula menghadapi suatu kenyataan lain, bahawa negara kita yang mempunyai ra'ayat berbilang bangsa ini sa-sunggoh-

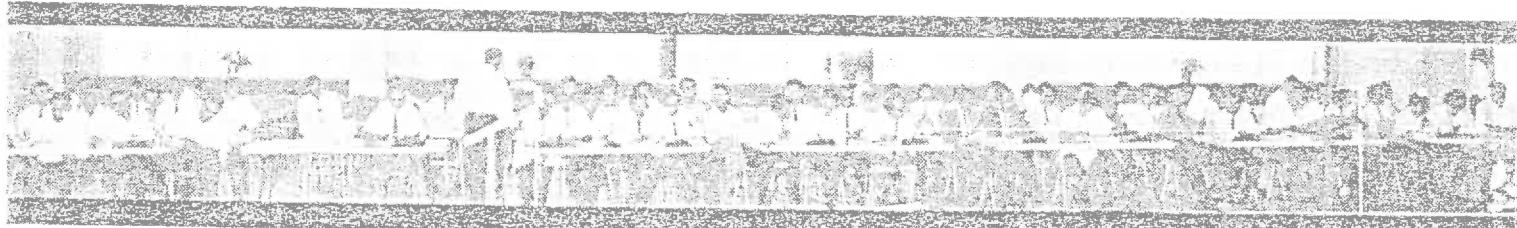
nya belum mempunyai suatu rupa kebangsaan menurut sharat2 sa-buah negara. Dan kita juga belum mempunyai suatu bahasa yang dapat mengantikan bahasa Inggeris untuk di-jadikan bahasa negara.

Oleh kerana itu dasar pelajaran kita yang baharu ini ada-lah juga bertujuan untuk membentuk suatu rupa bangsa Malaya baharu yang terdiri dari berbagai2 bangsa, yang sa-lama ini hidup menurut landasan perkauman berkiblatkan negara nenek moyang mereka China dan India. Sedangkan satu aliran lagi berkiblatkan England, di-samping bangsa Melayu yang terus menerus mengakarkan sifat2 kemelayuan-nya.

Membentuk Bangsa ...

Mas'alah hendak membentuk satu bangsa yang baharu menerusi satu sistem pelajaran dengan menggunakan bahasa Melayu (bahasa kebangsaan menurut perlembagaan) ini, yang pada dasar-nya ia-lah suatu mas'alah pelajaran, telah menjadi suatu mas'alah politik. Parti2 politik yang sedang berkembang dengan pesat-nya pada waktu itu, bahkan masa ini juga, telah menjadikan mas'alah pelajaran suatu platform perjuangan yang utama. Mas'alah pelajaran telah menjadi suatu so'al pokok yang menentukan keutuhan sa-sabuah parti politik. Mas'alah pelajaran telah menimbulkan pertentangan2 sengit antara golongan2 yang memperjuangkan kehendak2 kebangsaan dengan kehendak2 perkauman.

Maka sekarang mas'alah dan keadaan yang sama juga sedang kita hadapi



apabila kita berusaha untuk mengadakan suatu dasar dan sistem pelajaran bagi seluruh Malaysia, malah dengan ada-nya kuasa ekonomi bagi Singapura dan hak menentukan sendiri bagi Sabah dan Sarawak, kesulitan ini akan menjadi lebih berat lagi, jika mas'alah ini tidak di-hadapi dengan tenang dan dengan semangat Malaysia yang sa-benar-nya.

Pada asas-nya, sa-tiap ra'ayat yang sedar betapa penting-nya peranan pelajaran bagi sa-sbuah negara, terutama bagi negara baharu seperti Malaysia ini, telah bersetuju, bahawa dasar dan sistem pelajaran kebangsaan yang satu hendak-lah di-adakan bagi seluruh Malaysia. Ini-lah juga salah satu keputusan yang di-chapai dalam Persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia, yang di-hadiri oleh wakil2 Tuanku Melayu, Singapura, Sabah dan Sarawak baharuz ini. Akan tetapi beberapa so'al pokok, termasuk hal tarikh bagi rohtaksaan dan sistem baktari itu di-sarap wilayah Malaysia, maseh menimbulkan pertengangan pendapat yang agak tegang.

Di-Singapura, Sabah dan Sarawak terdapat kechenderongan yang lebih kuat untuk mengekalkan terus dasar dan sistem pelajaran yang sedang dipakai sekarang hingga ka-suatu masa yang belum dapat di-tentukan.

Jika di-tilek dari segi kepentingan kebangsaan dan peroses perubahan yang

sedang berlaku di-sakeliling kita sekarang ini dan juga bahaya2 yang akan timbul dari dasar dan sistem yang berbedaz2 itu, maka nyata-lah persetujuan hendak mengadakan sistem pelajaran kebangsaan yang satu itu hanya-lah suatu keputusan untuk menyedapkan hati sahaja; kerana nyata sa-kali kechenderongan yang tersebut di atas itu dan apa yang sedang serta akan di-amalkan nanti bertentangan sa-kali dengan keputusan yang bijaksana itu.

Kita semua bersetuju, bahawa sa-barang perubahan yang besar, seperti mas'alah pelajaran ini, tidak-lah boleh di-laksanakan sa-chara tergesa2, banyak segi dan mas'alah yang mesti di-per-timbangkan demi kepentingan kebangsaan juga. Akan tetapi kita juga sa-pakat, bahawa dalam so'al2 kebangsaan yang penting bagini, kita mesti-lah bertindak tegas dan pantas sesuai dan sa-laras dengan perubahan serta se-mangai pembangunan yang sedang kita alami. Sejak kemerdekaan ini sahaja, pengalaman telah mengajar kita, bahawa so'al2 kebangsaan seperti ini akan menjadi bertambah2 sulit, malah ada kemungkinan akan menimbulkan kekacauan kira-nya kita tidak bertindak segera, kira-nya kita terlalu banyak bertoikansor, sa-hingga sikiran2 yang bertentangan dengan chita2 dan kepentingan kebangsaan pun terpaksa di-

berikan tempat-nya.

Memang-lah benar, di-samping mengamalkan terus dasar dan sistem pelajaran yang ada itu usaha2 akan di-jalankan untuk menuju ka-arah penyatu suatu dasar dan sistem pelajaran, umpama-nya usaha2 mengajarkan bahasa kebangsaan. Akan tetapi saperti yang sering kita alami, usaha2 bagini, di-atas suatu dasar yang berbedza, akan mengambil masa yang terlalu lama untuk sampai ka-matalamat yang kita tuju, bahkan tidak mungkin pula mata-lamat yang di-tuju itu tidak akan dapat di-chapai dengan sa-penoh-nya. Dalam so'al bahasa kebangsaan umpama-nya, apabila bertambah lama dasar multilingualism (penggunaan berbagai bahasa) di-amalkan makin akan bertambah kuat dan penting-lah kedudukan lain2 bahasa itu dalam kehidupan ra'ayat sa-hari2. Demikian pula-lah dengan kedudukan bahasa Inggeris di-Sabah dan di-Sarawak, (menurut wakil2 Sabah dan Sarawak dalam persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia yang lalu dasar pelajaran Sabah

Wakil Persekutuan Guru2 Melayu Brunei (kiri) dan wakil Persatuan Graduates Batu Lintang, Kuching yang menghadiri Persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia yang pertama.





Tengku Abdul Rahman

MALAYSIA ia-lah sa-buah negara yang baharu, yang dahulu-nya telah berkurun2 diuok di-bawai penjajahan dan sa-lama itu pula mempunyai sistem dan chorak pelajaran yang berbau kolonial. Di-dalam masa yang singkat ini, lebeh2 lagi di-negeri2 yang baharu masuk dalam lengkongan Malaysia, yang sistem pelajaran-nya belum dapat di-samakan dengan sistem yang ada di-Tanah Melayu ini, maka sadikit sa-banyak-nya pengaruh sistem pelajaran kolonial itu masih belum dapat di-hapuskan.

Dari semenjak Tanah Melayu beroleh taraf pemerentah sendiri dalam negeri pada tahun 1955, so'al pelajaran telah mendapat perhatian yang utama dari Kerajaan. Kerajaan sedar peri mustahak-nya dasar pelajaran negeri ini mesti di-ubah menjadi dasar yang berchorak nasional. Dengan kerana itu Kerajaan telah melantek sa-buah jawatan-kuasa khas yang di-pengerusikan oleh Tun Abdul Razak untuk mengkaji susunan dan "structure" pelajaran negeri ini, dengan tujuan supaya ia-nya

di-ubah dan di-pinda sesuai dengan bangsa kita yang merdeka.

Pendek kata Kerajaan telah dan sedang menjalankan dengan sa-daya upaya bagi menghasilkan chita2 yang besar ini. Satengah2 dari dasar pelajaran kebangsaan yang terkandong dalam kedua2 penyata itu telah dapat di-laksanakan, tetapi maseh banyak lagi yang perlu di-jalankan. Dalam hal ini, guru2 dan pegawai2 pelajaran boleh memainkan peranan yang penting untuk melaksanakan dasar2 pelajaran kebangsaan itu, kerana tuan2 boleh-lah di-sifatkan sa-bagai jurutera dan juruteknik yang boleh membaki dan merombakkan sa-sabuah injin.

Negara Malaysia yang muda ini maseh memerlukan orang2 yang pakar dalam berbagai2 lapangan untuk membawa negeri ini ke-arai kemajuan yang lebeh2 lagi. Saya sukachita melihatkan bahawa semangat menchari ilmu sa-hingga terpaksa pergi ku-uegeri2 lain yang jauh, telah pun terdapat di-kalangan anak uegeri ini."

-Tengku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj,
Perdana Menteri.

dan Sarawak nyata sa-kali bertujuan menjadikan ra'ayat kedua negara itu sa-bagai Inggeris (Timor). Akibatnya besar kemungkinan chita2 satu bahasa untuk negara Malaysia akan tinggal menjadi impian sa-golongan ra'ayat sahaja.

Dasar Pelajaran

Dalam so'al penyatuhan pelajaran ini perkara pertama yang perlu di-

tentukan ia-lah polisi atau tujuan dasar pelajaran itu. Mas'alah matlamat yang di-tuju, sukanan pelajaran dan kedudukan bahasa kebangsaan, bahasa China, Tamil, Inggeris dan lain2 bahasa bumi-putera di-Sabah dan Sarawak ada-lah perkara2 penting yang mesti-lah ditentukan dalam polisi atau tujuan sistem pelajaran itu. Oleh yang demikian sabelum membicarakan so'al penyatuhan sistem bagi seluruh Malaysia elok-lah kita tinjau dahulu dasar2 pelajaran

yang sedang di-pakai sekarang ini.

Di-Tanah Melayu, Penyata Pelajaran Razak telah menyatakan, bahawa tujuan utama penyata

Sa-beleh kiri ia-lah wakil Gabongan Pelajar2 Melayu Semenanjong dan di-sabelah kanan pula ia-lah wakil Badan Sasterawanis Angkatan 63 yang menghadiri Persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia yang pertama.



"Mulai pada tahun 1962, pelajaran rendah perchuma telah di-adakan dalam empat bahasa ia-itu Bahasa Melayu, Inggeris, China dan Tamil. Pemilihan untuk mengantarkan anak-anak ke sekolah rendah, terpulang-lah kepada kebijaksanan ibu bapa murid2 itu sendiri.

Pelajaran melalui bahasa pengantar Melayu ada-lah di-beri dengan perchuma di-semua peringkat dari tingkatan rendah hingga ka-tingkatan menengah. Bagi menciptakan suatu bangsa yang bersatu padu, sukaian pelajaran yang sama ada-lah di-gunakan di-semua jenis sekolah dan dengan jalan ini apabila murid2 besar ketak, mereka akan dapat menumpahkan ta'atsetia mereka kepada negeri ini. Pada masa sa-belum merdeka, pelajaran dalam Bahasa Melayu hanya di-beri di-tingkat rendah sahaja dan murid2 yang ingin melanjutkan pelajaran mereka ka-tingkatan menengah terpaksa-lah menyambongkan pelajaran mereka itu ke Sekolah2 Inggeris. Tetapi dalam tahun 1958, Kementerian Pelajaran telah memulakan Darjah2 Menengah Kebangsaan yang mengandungi sa-rumai 600 orang murid2, tetapi pada hari ini, murid2 yang mengikuti kursus dalam sekolah2 menengah sudah meningkat menjadi lebih kurang sa-

ramai 24,000 dan bilangan ini akan bertambah pada tiap2 tahun. Pada masa ini, kita mempunyai sa-banyak 10 buah Sekolah2 Menengah Kebangsaan, dan sa-banyak 13 buah lagi sedang di-bina dan akan siap pada pertengahan tahun 1964. Ada-lah ilu-jangka lebih daripada 10 buah Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan akan di-bina dalam tahun 1965 bagi mengisi keperluan2 yang terdapat di-duerah2 ilu-mana murid2 yang lulus di-dalam Pepercossaan Masuk ke-Sekolah Menengah makin bertambah. Pada akhir tahun 1962, pada pertama kali-nya, Pepercossaan Sijil Persekutuan telah di-adakan dalam Bahasa Kebangsaan dan dengan ada-nya pepercossaan ini, pelajaran melalui bahasa pengantar Melayu di-tingkatan menengah telah mengambil tempat-nya yang udang dan mutlak di-dalam sistem pelajaran kebangsaan kita. Pada permulaan tahun 1963, Darjah2 Pre-Universiti melalui bahasa pengantar Melayu telah di-mulakan dan ada-lah di-jadualkan dalam tahun 1965, murid2 ini manakala mereka dapat memenuhi sharat2 yang di-kehendaki bagi memasuki Universiti Kebangsaan kita, dapat-lah mereka berbuat demikian. Kita tidak dapat menyangkal lagi bahawa Bahasa Kebangsaan kita sedang menchapai kemajuan yang ti-



Captain Abdul Hamid Khan

dak ada tolak banding-nya di-dalam sejarah perkembangan bahasa2 di-dalam dunia ini?"

- Captain Haji Abdul Hamid Khan,
Menteri Pelajaran.

balal dari tiap2 kumpulan kebudayaan yang terbesar dan bermastautin di-

Sa-belah kiri ia-lah wakil Persatuan Guru2 Kuching dan di-sabelah kanan wakil2 Angkatan Gaya Baru Sabah yang menghadiri Persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia yang pertama.





Tun Abdul Razak
Timbalan Perdana Menteri

Tanah Melayu ini dan mestilah memberikan peluang bersekolah bagi semua kanak2 yang lahir di-negeri ini."

"Keperluan yang pertama telah di-penuhi dengan mengadakan lagi sementara pelajaran rendah dalam bahasa sendiri dengan perbelanjaan-nya di-bayar daripada wang negara. Dalam pada itu, meluas serta mengekalkan perbedaan perkauman itu bagi seluruh sistem pelajaran yang di-belanja dengan wang orang ramai, tentu-lah tidak akan sesuai dengan sa-suatu dasar pelajaran yang bertujuan menimbulkan kesedaran kebangsaan dan menjadikan bahasa Melayu bahasa kebangsaan."

"Oleh itu kami mengeshorkan ia itu pelajaran pada tingkatan menengah yang di-bayar pérbelanjaan-nya dari-pada wang negara hendak-lah di-jalankan terutama-nya dengan salah satu daripada dua bahasa rasmi, dengan tujuan pada akhir-nya akan menggunakan bahasa kebangsaan sa-bagai bahasa pengantar yang utama, kechualikan bahasa2 kesusasteraan lama boleh-lah di-ajar dan di-pelajari dengan bahasa pengantar-nya sendiri."

Sa-terus-nya Penyata 1956 itu menyatakan bahawa "tujuan dasar pelajaran di-dalam negeri ini ada-lah hendak menyatukan budak2 daripada semua bangsa dalam negeri ini di-bawah satu sistem pelajaran yang meliputi semua bangsa dengan menggunakan bahasa kebangsaan sa-bagai bahasa pengantar yang

DILAKUKAN Negara kita yang muda ini, yang mengandungi penduduk2 daripada berbagai bangsa, pelajaran ada-lah satu perkara yang sangat penting dan mustahak. Dasar pelajaran yang di-perbuat oleh Kerajaan Perikatan pada tahun 1956 ada-lah menjadi asas dasar pelajaran kebangsaan kita untuk menyatukan penduduk2 negara ini daripada semua bangsa supaya mereka itu sa-penoh2-nya mempunyai semangat ta'at setia yang tiada berbelah bagi kapada negara kita dan supaya mereka itu sa-henar2-nya menjadi warga negara yang berguna. Dasar pelajaran ini menunjukkan mustahak-nya kita mempunyai satu sistem pelajaran kebangsaan: kanak2 mempelajari mata pelajaran yang sama. Semenjak tahun 1956 Kerajaan Perikatan telah berjaya membentuk satu sistem pelajaran kebangsaan dan di-harap negeri2 yang baharu masuk Malaysia dapat bersama2 menerima sistem pelajaran kebangsaan ini.

Sungguh pun kita telah mencapai kejayaan yang besar dalam lapangan pelajaran di-Tanah Melayu ini, akan tetapi banyak lagi perkara2 yang dapat di-jelaskan

kan. Mutu pelajaran di-sekolah2, buk di-peringkat rendah atau pun menengah amatlah mustahak-nya di-perbaiki dan ditinggikan lagi. Perkara2 ini bergantong-lah kapada usaha dan tenaga guru2 yang bertanggong-jawab di atas hal ini. Oleh itu saya berharap dalam persidangan ini, guru2 yang mengambil bahagian dapat menyatukan usaha dan tenaga mereka itu bagi meninggikan taraf mutu pelajaran kebangsaan kita.

Saya suka menegaskan di-sini bahawa guru2 dan ahli2 pendidikan mempunyai tanggong-jawab yang amat penting dan berat untuk membentuk dan mendidik kanak2 hari ini supaya mereka menjadi ra'ayat dan ibu bapa yang berguna dan herbakti kapada tanah ayer pada masa hadapan. Saya berseru kapada tuan2 dan puuan2 sakalian supaya bersunggoh2 menanam bencuh dalam hati murid2 dengan semangat kebangsaan, akhlak yang mulia, cintakan kemerdekaan dan demokrasi."

Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Hussin,
Timbalan Perdana Menteri.

utama, sungguh pun kami mengaku bahawa perkara ini tiada dapat di-laksanakan dengan serta-merta melainkan hendak-lah di-perbuat dengan beransor2."

Di Singapura, menurut suatu laporan Kementerian Pelajaran Singapura, antara lain menyatakan "Sungguh pun polisi pelajaran Kerajaan Singapura menggunakan empat aliran persekolahan ia itu Inggeris, China, Melayu dan Tamil menurut perinsip penyata yang di-buat oleh Jawatan-kuasa Laporan Semua Parti mengenai pelajaran China 1955, tetapi matalamat polisi ini ia-lah untuk membentuk satu bangsa Malayan. Dengan tujuan ini Kerajaan telah bersetuju, sebagai tambahan, menerima bahasa Melayu sa-bagai bahasa kebangsaan negeri ini. Semua sekolah, apa jua bahasa pengantar-nya sa-kali pun, mempunyai bentuk pelajaran yang sama, menggunakan sukatan pelajaran yang sama, yang di-bentuk bagi memelihara kesedaran semangat Malayan dan untuk memenohi kehendak2 chabaran masa dan perubahan zaman dengan mengutamakan pelajaran kira-mengira dan sains. Dan dalam waktu yang sama, di mana yang bolch, mengadakan peperekesan yang sama untuk chalun2."

Sistem Lama

Di-Sabah dan Sarawak sistem pelajaran yang di-pakai sekarang ia-lah sistem lama yang di-buat dalam zaman

penjajahan. Oleh itu jelas sa-kali sistem itu berusaha hendak menjadikan ra'ayat di-kedua2 wilayah itu sa-bagai ra'ayat yang ta'at setia kapada Kerajaan Baginda Queen dengan mengutamakan pelajaran yang beraliran Inggeris. Sedang bahasa anak negeri, termasuk bahasa Melayu, tinggal terbiar. Menurut wakil2 Sabah dan Sarawak yang menghadiri Persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia yang baharu lalu sistem pelajaran yang ada sekarang ini hendak menginggeriskan seluruh sekolah2 di-kedua2 wilayah tersebut. Akan tetapi di-Sarawak umpama-nya, di-sabalek penekanan terhadap sekolah yang menggunakan bahasa anak negeri, terdapat sekolah2 China yang agak maju dari sekolah rendah hingga ka-sekolah menengah.

Menurut perjanjian Malaysia, Singapura mempunyai kuasa otonomi dalam so'al pelajaran dan menurut Penyata Jawatan-kuasa Antara Kerajaan Berkempen Dengan Malaysia (1962) "sungguh pun pelajaran akan menjadi perkara Persekutuan, tetapi dasar dan susunan pertadbiran pelajaran yang ada sekarang di-Borneo Utara dan Sarawak (termasuk Undang2 mereka yang ada sekarang) tiada boleh di-ganggu dan akan terus di-kawal oleh Kerajaan Negeri itu hingga Kerajaan Negeri itu bersetuju lain dari-pada itu. Khas-nya:

i) dasar yang ada sekarang di-Negeri2 Borneo mengenai pemakaian bahasa

"Memandang kapada keselurohan dasar dan tujuan pelajaran kebanyakan negeri2 maka perlu-lah bagi sa-sabuah negeri itu mempunyai satu dasar dan sistem pelajaran-nya.

Chita2 kebangsaan tidak akan tercapai sa-lagi ra'ayat di-sabuah negara itu tidak di-didek melalui satu saloran dasar pendidikan kebangsaan.

Dalam satu2 pergolakan bagi pembangunan bangsa dan negara mesti-lah ada pengorbanan. Tidak ada pengorbanan tidak-lah ada pembinaan. Maka demikian juga dalam pergolakan pembangunan Malaysia. Tidak akan tercapai tujuan akhir pendidikan dan petajaran Malaysia kalau tidak meninggalkan, membuat, menokok dan menambah akan dasar dan sistem pelajaran yang ada di-tiap2 negeri dalam Persekutuan Malaysia itu dan di-satukan dia menjadi dasar dan sistem pelajaran Ma-

laysia pula. Di-sini-lah duduk-nya pengorbanan dan dengan chara iotik unsur, memberi dan menerima mas'alah besar itu akan dapat di-atasi.

Dengan hormat-nya di-bentangkan di-bawah ini pendapat dan shor2 bagi dirimbangkan oleh pehak2 yang berkenan:

- 1) Bagi hendak mencipta satu bangsa Malaysia - mendapatkan perpaduan dan perhubungan yang erat bagi semua ra'ayat hendak-lah Persekutuan Malaysia mempunyai satu dasar dan sistem pelajaran.
- 2) Di-samakan semua jenis2 mata-pelajaran dan sukanan-nya di-semuanya sekolah2.
- 3) Di-samakan aturan pepereksaan dan di-jalankan dalam satu masa."

— Ahmad Rahman,
Yang Di-pertua KKGSK.



- ii) "Inggeris di-gunakan lagi;
pengetahuan bahasa Melayu tiada boleh di-jadihkan satu kelayakan bugi mendapat apa2 peluang pelajaran hingga suatu masa manakala Kerajaan Negeri yang berkenaan memikirkan bahawa kemudahan telah chukup di-adakan untuk mengajar bahasa Melayu di-semuanya sekolah dalam negeri itu."

Berkenaan dengan bahasa, sa-bagi satu aspek yang rapat sa-kali hubongannya dengan pelajaran dan usaha membentuk satu rupa bangsa, maka Tanah Melayu, menurut perlumbagaan-nya, akan menggunakan bahasa Melayu sa-bagi bahasa rasmi dan bahasa kebangsaan yang tunggal mulai tahun 1967, dengan sharat mendapat kelulusan Parlimen. Sedang Singapura tetap menggunakan empat bahasa dengan bahasa Melayu di-di-pitraf sa-bagi bahasa kebangsaan, yang pada peraktik-nya sains sahaja dengan bahasa2 yang lain. Dan di-Sabah serta Sarawak pula, "sa-lama 10 tahun sa-lepas Hari Malaysia dan kemudian daripada itu, hingga Dewan Undangan Negeri menentukan lain daripada itu, bahasa Inggeris hendak-lah menjadi satu daripada bahasa2 rasmi dan boleh di-gunakan dalam Dewan Undangan Negeri itu sama ada bagi maksud Persekutuan atau Negeri, termasuk surat-menyerat dengan Kementerian2 dan Jabatan2 Persekutuan." Dengan lain perkataan bahasa Inggeris tetap menjadi bahasa utama di-negeri2 tersebut.

Kedua2 negeri Sabah dan Sarawak

tetap menempatkan bahasa Inggeris sebagai bahasa pengantar utama di-sekolah2 bahkan di-Sarawak kalau-lah tidak di-adibahkan oleh buku-buku sekolah2 rendah China, maka boleh di-katakan pelajaran di-seluruh negeri itu ada-lah dalam bahasa Inggeris. Di-kedua2 negeri tersebut bahasa Inggeris di-anggap sa-bagi faktor penyatuhan ra'ayat, berbeda dengan Tanah Melayu yang menjadikan bahasa kebangsaan sa-bagi faktor penyatuhan ra'ayat dan menempatkan bahasa Inggeris sa-bagi bahasa kedua sahaja.

Berhubung dengan sukanan pelajaran pula, sementara Singapura menggunakan satu sukanan pelajaran menerusi berbagai bahasa pengantar, maka di-Sabah dan Sarawak tidak-lah ada sukanan yang sama melainkan bagi Sekolah Rendah di-Sabah dan Sekolah Menengah Rendah di-Sarawak dan Tanah Melayu pula mempunyai sukanan-nya sendiri yang sama bagi semua jenis sekolah.

Maka nyata-lah sekarang, kita sedang mengamalkan empat sistem pelajaran dalam sa-buah negara. Dan untuk menyatukan sistem2 ini kita terpaksa menghadapi banyak mas'alah dan yang terbesar-nya ia-lah mas'alah bahasa. Saya timbulkan mas'alah bahasa kerana pada hemat saya mas'alah2 lain saperti matalamat yang kita tuju, pertadbiran dan so'al mengadakan satu sukanan pelajaran tidak-lah lagi sa-harus-nya menjadi mas'alah kerana kita semua telah bersetuju hendak membentuk satu bangsa dan satu negara.

Dalam Persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia Kali I yang bersidang di-Lembah

Pantai dari 19 hingga 23 Disember 1963 yang lalu, Bahagian B telah di-tentukan bagi membincangkan mas'alah "Penyatuan Pelajaran Dan Pendidikan Bagi Negera Malaysia." Sayang-nya Bahagian B ini telah menggunakan tiga suku dari masa persidangan-nya untuk beros'al jawab dan mendengar penerangan dari wakil2 dan pembuat2 kertas kerja sahaja. Akibatnya Bahagian ini telah tidak dapat mengemukakan suatu rumusan yang tepat dan lengkap bagi menyelesaikan mas'alah penyatuhan pelajaran ini. Sa-balak-nya Bahagian A yang membincangkan "Peranan Pelajaran Dan Pendidikan Dalam Perkembangan Negara Malaysia" telah mengemukakan dua rumusan bagi memecahkan mas'alah tersebut. Sidang ini telah mengemukakan dua rumusan kerana ahli2 sidang-nya tidak dapat membuat kata sa-pakat dalam mas'alah tersebut.

Rumusan I

Memikirkan bahawa di-Malaysia terdiri daripada golongan2 yang mempunyai latar-belakang kebudayaan, pelajaran dan bahasa yang berlainan; Memikirkan bahawa dalam masa yang telah sudah dasar pelajaran tidak di-galakan untuk menchapai tujuan membentuk satu bangsa yang bersatu padu;

Dan memikirkan bahawa pelajaran itu boleh menjadi suatu alat yang penting untuk mengintegrasikan rupa bangsa;

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“Saya telah membuat penjelasan ringkas ini semua-nya dengan penoh kesedaran bahawa apa yang telah saya katakan dan akan saya katakan, akan menjadikan saya sasaran keritik ramai kerana telah memijuk buntut yang membahayakan. Tetapi sa-bagai sa-orang juru pendidek yang cuba memandang perkara ini sa-chara objektif, saya berasa tersangat

kechewa dan khawatir bila memandang berlainan-nya jalan yang sekarang di-lalui oleh negeri2 anggota Malaysia dalam usaha membentuk negara dan satu rupa bangsa menerusi pelajaran. Sa-bagaimana rencana pengarang, Straits Times bertarikh 16hb. Disember, 1963, telah tepat menyatakan bahawa jalan penyatuan Malaysia ada-lah mula di-bilok2 darjah, Malang-nya dasar pelajaran kita, susunan pelajaran dan isi pelajaran Negeri2 Malaysia ini berlainan hal-nya dan berlainan tujuan-nya, ini pada liwat saya telah pun menjadi demikian rupa kerana terpaksa-nya di-adakan tawar-menarar dan tolakansor hasil daripada tuntutan2 yang berlebihan2 daripada kaum2 penduduk negara ini dan juga di-sebabkan keadaan sa-masa dasar2 itu di-tentukan dan desakan keadaan ketika itu. Walau pun ada tolak anjur itu, maka malang-nya hari ini masih di-dapati banyak lagi mas’alah2 pelajaran kita belum selesai dengan sa-baik2-nya. Bahkan bertambah hari so’al dan mas’alah pelajaran bertambah menjadi perkara perbalahan umum dan menjadi pertarungan siasah dan penentuan beberapa pilihan raya.

Berapa lama-kah lagi kita mesti membiarkan pendidekan keturunan yang akan datang itu terus tidak tetap, terus bertukar dari sa-masa ka-samasa hasil daripada keknatan dan tekanan sa-suatu golongan dan tidak berasaskan kepada kebenaran, penyesuaian dan pemikiran yang objektif? Sa-bagai sa-orang juru pendidek saya memandang negeri keadaan

yang tidak selesai ini.

Saya hanya berharap kapada semua golongan2 dalam negeri ini sama ada golongan perkauman, siasah atau kebudayaan supaya mengadakan gerchatan perang mulut dalam so’al pelajaran dan menjadikan segala mas’alah berhubung dengan pendidekan ra’ayat masa depan ini sa-bagai perkara suci dan di-jauhkan daripada perbalahan sa-hari2 sa-bagaimana yang ada hari ini. Sa-bagai ganti hendak-lah di-adakan satu kajian yang objektif berhubung dengan ranjang dan susunan pelajaran yang sesuai dengan berlatar belakangnya dasar: (a) pembinaan masyarakat dan ikhtisad kita sa-bagai suatu bangsa, (b) penyatuan masyarakat kita yang berbilang bangsa dan membentuk satu keperibadian Malaysia, ketia-tuan setia dan perasaan tanggong-jazab kapada-nya, (c) penglaksanaan bahasa Melayu sa-bagai bahasa kebangsaan; (d) pemupukan kebudayaan dan bahasa ra’ayat yang berbilang bangsa dalam negeri ini.

Bila kajian tersebut telah selesai di-buat, maka pada hemat saya semua golongan yang bertentangan pada hari ini harus-lah menjadikan dan memandang-nya sa-bagai ranjang dan susunan pelajaran kebangsaan kita untuk di-laksanakan dengan tidak di-kechualikan di-setiap wilayah Malaysia ini.”

-Aminuddin Baki,

Ketua Penasihat Pelajaran.

Maka Sidang Bahagian A berpendapat bahawa dasar pelajaran Malaysia hendak-lah di-susun sa-bagitu rupa untuk menjadi asas yang kukoh bagi membentuk satu rupa bangsa Malaysia yang bersatu padu yang tidak berbelah bagi ta’at setia-nya;

Dasar pelajaran ini hendak-lah di-salorkan melalui:

- Pembentukan satu sistem pelajaran yang sama bagi seluruh negara Malaysia;
- Penggunaan bahawa kebangsaan sa-bagai bahasa pengantar dengan sharat bahasa2 lain di-galakkkan dan
- Isi dan sukatan pelajaran yang sama, sesuai dengan kehendak2 masyarakat di-Malaysia.

Rumusan II

Memikirkan bahawa pelajaran ada-

lah satu faktor yang penting untuk membangunkan satu masyarakat yang bersatu di-Malaysia;

Memikirkan bahawa semangat perpaduan bangsa dapat di-kembangkan melalui isi dan sukatan pelajaran yang sama, tanpa menggunakan bahasa pengantar yang sama;

Maka Sidang ini mengusulkan supaya:

- Isi dan sukatan pelajaran yang sama hendak-lah di-susun bagi semua sekolah2 di-Malaysia;
- Sekolah2 yang menggunakan berbagai jenis bahasa pengantar hendak-lah di-benarkan berkembang di-Malaysia;
- Rahasa kebangsaan hendak-lah di-ajar sa-bagai bahasa yang wajib dalam semua jenis sekolah di-Malaysia.

Berbagai2 Bahasa

Kedua2 usul ini telah menjadi perbinchanan yang agak hebat dalam Sidang Penoh. Sa-bahagian besar wakil2 dari Tanah Melayu cuba mempertahankan Rumusan I sedang wakil2 dari Singapura dan Sabah serta Sarawak lebih bersetuju dengan Rumusan II dan beberapa orang dari wakil2 dari ketiga2 wilayah itu telah mengemukakan beberapa pindaan dan tambahan berhubung dengan para (b) dan (c) dalam Rumusan II itu. Pada umum-nya pindaan2 dan tambahan2 itu hendak menegaskan bahawa persetujuan para (b) itu ia-lah “untuk sementara waktu” dan pada para (c) di-tegaskan “usaha bagi mengembangkan peniakan bahasa kebangsaan di-jalankan dengan lebih giat lagi di-ketiga2 wilayah tersebut.”

Tetapi sa-telah di-undi, suara terbanyak telah menyokong Rumusan I dan suara terbanyak itu ia-lah suara2 dari perwakilan badan2 di-Tanah Melayu,



Pengerusi Persidangan Pelajaran Malaysia, Tuan Syed Nasir bin Ismail tersebutnya penuh harapan sebagai pernyataan hasrat seluruh guru2 menyampaikan rumusan2 persidangan tersebut kepada Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Tun Abd. Razak, yang menyambutnya dengan rasa gembira.

gunaan berbagai bahasa itu perlu di-teruskan. Kerana keputusan menerima bahasa Melayu sa-bagi bahasa kebangsaan itu tidak-lah bererti kita-nya keadaan seperti yang berjalan sekarang ini maseh di-teruskan juga. Rasa-nya tujuan hendak membentuk satu bangsa Malaysia seperti yang kita chita2kan itu tidak-lah akan tercapai kira-nya anak2 kita maseh didek di-bawah empat jenis bumbong sekolah yang berbeda jiwa-nya walau pun sukanan pelajaran-nya sama.

Sa-benar-nya kalau kita teliti kedua2 Rumusan ini, pertentangan yang timbul hanya-lah tentang so'al bahasa sahaja. Singapura ingin terus mempertahankan dasar penggunaan berbagai2 bahasa-nya, sedang Sabah dan Sarawak mempertahankan dasar menggunakan bahasa Inggeris di-samping penggunaan bahasa China dan lain2 bahasa bumi-putra.

Rumusan I itu tentu akan mendapat persetujuan yang lebih ramai, kalau pun tidak sa-bulat suara, kira-nya pada para (b)-nya di-tegaskan, "bagi Singapura, Sabah dan Sarawak penukaran menjadikan bahasa kebangsaan sa-bagi bahasa pengantar itu di-jalankan sa-chara beransor2 dengan mengambil masa selama 10 tahun dari tarikh penubuhan Malaysia" sesuai dengan apa yang termaktub dalam Penyata Jawatan-kuasa Antara Kerajaan Berkaitan Dengan Malaysia, Cheraian 28 berhubung dengan Bahasa Kebangsaan.

Akan tetapi keputusan ini pun tidak-lah akan memberikan apa2 erti atau per tolongan kapada chita2 hendak mengadakan satu sistem pelajaran itu, sa-kira-nya wakil2 yang dudok dalam Dewan Negeri Singapura, Sabah dan Sarawak tidak dapat menerima usul2 tersebut, kerana Singapura mempunyai kuasa otonomi dan Dewan2 Negeri Sabah dan Sarawak mempunyai kuasa menentukan keputusan sendiri. Jadi sekarang, wakil2 yang menduduki Dewan2 Negeri yang tersebut itu-lah yang perlu menimbang sa-mula so'al ini dan membuat suatu keputusan yang tegas sesuai dengan kebendak2 kebangsaan dan peroleh per-

bahan yang sedang berjalan bagitu pesat dalam berbagai lapangan penghidupan di-negeri ini.

Perlu Di-fikirkan

Buat lagi mas'alah yang perlu difikirkan ia-lah masa sa-lama 10 tahun yang di-untokkan bagi wilayah2 itu membuat penentuan tentang so'al penggunaan bahasa kebangsaan. Di-tilek dari segi perubahan2 yang sedang kita hadapi sekarang ini, nyata-lah tempoh 10 tahun itu agak terlalu lama. Tanah Melayu menentukan tempoh sa-lama 10 tahun kerana pada waktu itu keadaan bahasa Melayu terlalu jauh ketinggalan dan masa 10 tahun itu di-untokkan bagi memaju dan memperengkap serta meluaskan pemakaian bahasa itu. Maka sekarang usaha melengkapkan bahasa itu sudah jauh maju ka-hadapan dan mas'alah kekurangan bahasa serta kekurangan buku2 dalam bahasa kebangsaan sedang di-atasi dengan bersunggoh2. Buku2 Melayu dalam berbagai mata pelajaran sedang bertambah dengan pesat. Penting mas'alah guru, sunggoh pun di-Tanah Melayu sendiri masih belum chukup memuaskan, tetapi jika usaha melatih guru2 bahasa di-lipat gandakan dan Maktab Perguruan Bahasa itu ditumpukan sa-mata2 untuk melatih guru2 bahasa sahaja, seperti tujuan-nya yang asal, maka mas'alah ini akan dapat di-atasi dengan masa yang pendek sahaja. Dari itu ada kemungkinan masa yang 10 tahun itu dapat di-percepatkan.

Bagi Singapura khusus-nya, perlulah membangunkan sa-mula, apa-ka lau mula memanaki Malaysia, dalam peng-

Sabah dan Sarawak hendak-nya tidak-lah akan menggunakan kuasa yang ada pada Dewan Undangan Negeri itu untuk kepentingan wilayah masing2 sahaja, kerana kita sekarang telah terkong-kong dalam suatu negara yang lebih besar. Sunggoh pun dengan menerima satu sistem pelajaran kebangsaan yang baharu itu Sabah dan Sarawak, juga Singapura terpaksa menemui beberapa kesulitan, namun untuk meneruskan chita perjuangan kebangsaan di-bawah satu bendera, kemungkinan2 itu wajiblah kita hadapi bersama. Sa-bagaimana di-Tanah Melayu, maka demikian pula-lah di-wilayah2 yang lain bahasa dan kebudayaan bumi-putera, China dan India tetap terpelihara.

Oleh yang demikian, suatu tindakan, bagi mengkaji dan menyusun sa-mula suatu dasar dan sistem pelajaran bagi seluruh Malaysia hendak-lah di-laksanakan sa-chebat mungkin. Untuk menubahkan usaha mengkaji dan menyusun sa-mula itu di-jalankan dengan chara yang objektif, maka panduan2 yang tegas, berdasarkan tujuan2 pendidekan yang sesuai dengan perlembagaan negara dan demi untuk kepentingan kebangsaan, perlu-lah di-tentukan, juga sa-chara objektif. Dan dalam masa menyusun suatu dasar dan sistem kebangsaan yang baharu itu sistem pelajaran yang di-pakai di-Tanah Melayu sekarang ini amat-lah sesuai di-jadikan sa-bagi dasar-nya, bahkan jika persetujuan dalam so'al2 pokok-nya telah di-chapai, beberapa tambahan salaja kapada Penyata Pelajaran Tanah Melayu itu sudah chukup untuk menarohi kehendak2 kebangsaan kita.