

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
THIRD SESSION

SINGAPORE, WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1958

No. 10

10.00 a.m.

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Minister for Education—
Education (Amendment) Bill.
[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.] (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified immediately before proceeding upon the Second Reading.*)
 2. The Minister for Education—
Nanyang University Bill.
 3. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Pioneer Industries (Relief from Income Tax) Bill.
 4. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Industrial Expansion (Relief from Income Tax) Bill.
 5. The Minister for Labour and Welfare—
Employment Agency Bill.
 6. The Chief Minister—
Notaries Public Bill.
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ORDER OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(*Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.*)

- 1. University of Malaya (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 6.]
The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.
2. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—
That this Assembly approves the Improvement Rate of 2 per centum on the annual value of all houses, buildings, lands and tenements within the City of Singapore, fixed by the Singapore Improvement Trust under subsection (1) of section 22 of the Singapore Improvement Ordinance (Cap. 259) for the year 1959.

3. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$415,138 shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 34 of 1958.

4. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

That this House deplores the inept and incompetent manner in which the Minister for Health and his Ministry have dealt with the current polio epidemic.

5. Mr. LIM KOON TECK (Member for Paya Lebar) to move—

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Good Shepherd Nuns Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 16 of 1958, be adopted.

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 7 (9)):—

Mr. Lee Kuan Yew (Member for Tanjong

Pagar) ...

... Radio Malaya and its future.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Chief Minister to state—

- (a) the names of the experts and/or advisers who visited Singapore at the Government's invitation between May 1955 and 30th September 1958, giving their countries of origin, the type of work they did, with particulars of their remuneration, duration of stay and the sums of money spent on account of each of them;
- (b) the particulars of the recommendations or reports submitted by them; and
- (c) the actions taken by the Government to implement such recommendations or reports.

2. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare—

- (a) what are the total number of members and the total incomes of each of the Seamen's Unions mentioned below, as declared in their annual returns to the Registrar of Trade Unions for the periods ending 31st March in each of the years from 1956 to 1958:—

Chinese Seamen's Union (Singapore Branch);

National Chinese Seamen's Union;

Malay Seamen's Union of Singapore;

Malayan National Seamen's Union;

Pakistani Seamen's Union of Singapore;

Singapore Chinese Seafarers' Association;

Singapore Ship Workers Union;

National Seamen's Union of Pakistan;

Malaysian Mariners' Union;

All Races Seamen's Union; and

- (b) on what dates did each of the Unions submit their returns.

3. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare to state the total number of Trade Unions affiliated to the Singapore Trades Union Congress, giving the total number of members of each Union and the income derived as affiliation fees from such affiliated Unions as shown in the annual returns submitted by the Congress to the Registrar of Trade Unions for the periods ending 31st March in each of the years from 1956 to 1958.
4. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare—
- (a) whether the Seamen's Council of Action is a registered organisation; and what are its aims and objects;
 - (b) whether the Council of Action is a federation of Seamen's Unions; and
 - (c) who are the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council of Action.
5. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare to state—
- (a) the total number of Trade Unions registered in Singapore as at 30th June, 1958;
 - (b) how many of these Unions failed to submit to the Registrar of Trade Unions their annual returns for the year ending 31st March, 1958, on or before 30th June, 1958;
 - (c) how many of these Unions were served with notice as required under section 15 (1) (b) (v) of the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 154) for not submitting their annual returns before 30th June, 1958, and the dates on which these Unions were served with such notice;
 - (d) how many Unions have not submitted their annual returns as at 30th September, 1958, and for what periods; and
 - (e) how many Secretaries of Unions have, to date, been prosecuted under section 44 (5) of the Trade Unions Ordinance, for failing to submit their returns and the results of such prosecutions.
6. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry to state how many proprietors of Seamen's Lodging Houses were prosecuted between January, 1946, and 30th September, 1958, for—
- (i) overcrowding the premises;
 - (ii) overcharging lodgers;
 - (iii) using the premises as brothels,
- classifying the number of such proprietors by races.
7. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry what are the charges for admission to the cinema shows at Connell House (European Seamen) and Asian Seamen's Club (Asian Seamen), and to state the reasons for any differences in such charges.
8. Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether, before legislation for incorporating the Seamen's Registry Board was introduced, his Ministry had approached the employers' organizations in the shipping industry and the Seamen's Unions to set up a body for the registration and engagement of seamen to be operated by them at their own expense; and what was the result of such an approach.

9. Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry to state, from the establishment of the Seamen's Registry Board to 30th September, 1958—

- (i) the fees paid to the Chairman and each of the Members of the Board;
- (ii) the income and expenditure (giving details) of the Board; and
- (iii) the number of Seamen's Registration Cards issued by the Board.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1958		<i>Date ordered to be printed</i>
L.A. 16	Report of the Select Committee on the Good Shepherd Nuns Bill	10th October, 1958.
L.A. 17	First Report from the Public Accounts Committee	20th October, 1958.
L.A. 18	Eighth Report from the Committee of Selection (Third Session)	27th October, 1958.
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		<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 28	Annual Report of the Board of Film Censors, 1957	28th October, 1958.
Cmd. 34	Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	28th October, 1958.
Cmd. 36	Report of the Commissioners of Currency, Malaya and British Borneo, 1957 ...	30th October, 1958.
Cmd. 37	Annual Report of the Postal Services Department for the year 1956 ...	31st October, 1958.
