



**FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Labour whether (a) Government would consider tabling a White Paper on the Report of the Committee on Minimum Standards of Livelihood (Cmd. 5 of 1957) and the Report to the Government of Singapore on Social Security Measures (Cmd. 56 of 1957); and (b) he will indicate what measures Government has in mind for this Session in the fields of social security and unemployment insurance.
- *2. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance what is (a) the actual revenue for 1960 compared with that for 1959; and (b) the estimated revenue for 1962 compared with that for 1961.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

1. Acting Leader of the House:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND POWERS) BILL: That the following Members be added to the Select Committee on the Legislative Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Bill:—

- (1) Mr. S. Rajaratnam
- (2) Mr. David Marshall.

● 2. MERGER (SINGAPORE/FEDERATION OF MALAYA):

Motion made and Question proposed (20th November, 1961), "That, whereas it has always been the avowed objective of all nationalists of Malaya to achieve the reunification of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya and to remove the artificial division created by the British by their policy of "divide and rule", this House affirms and declares that the first objective of all true patriots of Malaya is to achieve the reunification of these two territories in a merger of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya."—(Minister for Labour).

Amendment proposed (21st November, 1961), to leave out from "a" in the second last line to the end and insert:

"genuine merger of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya, with Singapore entering the Federation as the twelfth state and with all its Citizens automatically becoming Federal Citizens on Merger Day".—(Dr. Lee Siew Choh).

Resumption of Debate on Question (21st November, 1961), "That the words proposed to be left out, be left out."

3. Prime Minister:

FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA: That, in pursuance of this national objective of a united Malayan nation, enlarged and strengthened by the addition of our brothers in the Borneo territories, this House declares its

support in principle for the plan proposed by the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, and agreed to in principle in the Federation Parliament on 18th October, 1961, for the establishment of the Federation of Malaysia, comprising the eleven States of the present Federation, the States of Singapore and Brunei, and the territories of Sarawak and North Borneo.

4. Prime Minister:

WHITE PAPER ON REUNIFICATION OF SINGAPORE AND FEDERATION OF MALAYA: That this House accepts the heads of agreement set out in the White Paper Cmd. 33 of 1961 agreed to between the Governments of the State of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya as a working basis for a reunification of the two territories.

5. Prime Minister:

YANG DI-PERTUAN NEGARA'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS): That the following Address in reply to the speech of the Yang di-Pertuan Negara be agreed to:—

“We, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Singapore, express our thanks to the Yang di-Pertuan Negara for the speech which he delivered on behalf of the Government at the opening of the present session of this Assembly.”

Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):

As an amendment, “at end, to add—

‘but regrets that the Government is pursuing a “merger” policy of unequal rights contrary to the interests of the people of the two territories, and urges the Government to re-orientate its policy in conformity with the ardent desires of the people for genuine unification’.”

6. Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):

Mr. Chan Sun Wing (Member for Upper Serangoon):

POLITICAL NEPOTISM—COMMISSION OF INQUIRY: That this Assembly calls upon the Government to appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of at least one High Court Judge and two retired Civil Servants to investigate political nepotism and improper political interference with the Civil Service and employees of Statutory bodies and to make recommendations.

7. Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):

Mr. Low Por Tuck (Member for Havelock):

MERGER AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE (SINGAPORE): That this Assembly views with grave concern and anxiety the exclusion of the Opposition Parties in the current ‘merger’ negotiations, and demands that the Government convene forthwith an All-Party Conference to discuss and to agree on all basic questions on the constitutional future of Singapore; and failing agreement, demands that the Government seek without delay a new mandate from the people.

8. Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):

Mr. C. H. Koh (Member for Joo Chiat):

EDUCATION POLICY: That this Assembly calls upon the Government to recommend the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the Government's Education Policy, its content and administration in all fields other than vocational and technical education, and to make recommendations.