

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1968

No. 20

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Defence to what extent the People's Association has encouraged the organisation of residents' associations in Housing and Development Board housing estates.
- *2. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what has been the total enrolment for 1968 in the kindergarten classes run by the People's Association; (b) what are the media of instruction; and (c) whether he is satisfied with the progress made.
- *3. **Enche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) how many Singapore Citizens had enlisted in the Malaysian Armed Forces during the time when Singapore was in Malaysia; and (b) how many of them have applied to the Ministry of the Interior and Defence for transfer to the Singapore Armed Forces.
- *4. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether he proposes to take steps to prevent teenage children from selling evening newspapers carrying results of big sweep draws (*Mahpiewpo*) at major road junctions as this practice not only causes danger to the children themselves, but also impedes the flow of vehicular traffic.
- *5. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Government plans to build a proper police station at the Toa Payoh Housing Estate to replace the present Police Post located on the ground floor of one of the blocks of flats in the Estate.
- *6. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) how many persons who were arrested for detention under the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance, 1955, were thereafter soon charged and prosecuted in court during the period 1st January, 1967, to 30th June, 1968; (b) how many of such prosecutions resulted in convictions; and (c) how many of such convictions were the result of the accused pleading guilty.
- *7. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Police have deemed it necessary to look into the matter of the growing number of agencies offering social escort services in Singapore; and whether he considers any legislation necessary in this regard.
- *8. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Culture (a) what is the total amount of donations by members of the public to the Singapore Arts Council Building Fund up to 31st October, 1968; and (b) when the

construction of the National Art Gallery and the Academy of the Arts building will commence.

- *9. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Culture (a) by what standards does the National Library decide on the proportion of professional and non-professional staff; and (b) why do some professional staff in the National Library have to spend much time in non-professional work, such as stamping, issuing and shelving books, and whether steps will be taken to remedy the situation.
- *10. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Culture (a) how many officers of the National Library have been sent overseas for professional training since 1959; (b) in what way is the professional training so acquired made use of, and what recognition is accorded to the officers for the professional qualifications they have acquired; and (c) how many trained officers have left the National Library, either by resignation or by transfer, and the reasons therefor.
- *11. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Culture (a) if he will give the numbers of members of the National Library grouped according to their interest in Malay, Chinese, Tamil or English material as at 15th November, 1968; and (b) how many books, giving separate figures for Malay, Chinese, Tamil and English books, have been purchased by the Library between 1st January, 1967, and 15th November, 1968.
- *12. Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Culture whether the National Library will be entirely air-conditioned and whether the branch Library in Queenstown will also eventually be air-conditioned.
- *13. Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Culture whether TV Singapura has any plans to organise and telecast debates in Malay, Tamil and English by students.
- *14. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Culture (a) whether exhaustive plans are being worked out to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Singapore next year; and (b) whether such plans will be co-ordinated with the industrial and commercial sectors so as to achieve the maximum world-wide publicity of the event.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Estimates of Expenditure of Singapore for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 1968) — Committee of Supply. (*Progress: 16th December, 1968. (3rd Allotted Day).*)

Amendment moved (16th December, 1968), "That the sum to be allocated for Head 0701 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 1153." — (Mr. L. P. Rodrigo).

Resumption of Proceedings on the Amendment.

[For Amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 5 dated 13th December, 1968.]

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- 2. National Museum (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Science and Technology) — Second Reading.†
 - 3. Financial Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
 - 4. Customs (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
 - 5. Cinematograph Film Hire Duty (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
 - 6. Seamen's Registry Board (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Communications) — Second Reading.†
 - 7. Legitimacy (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
 - 8. Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
 - 9. Copyright (Gramophone Records and Government Broadcasting) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†

†It is intended to move the Committee Stage and Third Reading immediately after the Second Reading.
