

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1957

No. 36

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare if he is aware that Japanese girls are being permitted to enter the Colony to be secondary wives of local residents; and why this is being allowed.
- *2. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether he is aware of the inconvenience to people in having to wait in a long queue, and of the hardship to them in having to incur transport expenses, when collecting allowances under the Public Assistance Scheme at the Social Welfare Department; and whether he will arrange for such allowances to be paid at the post offices nearest to their homes.
- *3. Mr. SOH GHEE SOON: To ask the Chief Secretary, with reference to the Singapore Sports Stadium,—
- (a) how many members are at present serving on the Board of Management;
 - (b) how many vacancies are there in the Board;
 - (c) whether any action has been taken to fill the vacancies;
 - (d) whether the Government will provide the Board of Management with the necessary funds and facilities to build a sports stadium;
 - (e) whether any land has been earmarked for the building of such a stadium; and
 - (f) whether he is aware of the inactivity of the Board of Management and the reasons therefor.
- *4. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Financial Secretary whether and what action has been taken to set up a Committee to review the Income Tax Ordinance (Cap. 166).
- *5. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether, in view of the anxiety of the officers of the Singapore Improvement Trust regarding their future terms of employment or retirement, he will state—
- (a) when the proposed new Housing Authority will be established;
 - (b) whether it is intended that the Authority will take over the staff of the Singapore Improvement Trust; and
 - (c) how such staff will be affected in respect of their terms of employment or retirement by the taking-over.
- *6. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
- (a) whether he is aware that land development is being held up and what are the reasons therefor;
 - (b) whether he will state how soon the Government's policy in respect of the Master Plan will be made public; and
 - (c) whether this House will be given an opportunity to debate this policy.
- *7. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he is aware of the unsightly conditions of the Crown Land between Duncearn Road and Bukit Timah Road from Newton Circus to the Farrer Road junction; and whether the necessary steps will be taken to make this area on a main highway more attractive.

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- *8. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
- (a) when he will issue titles to the new settlers in the Colony's various settlements, particularly Ama Keng Settlement; and
 - (b) what is to be the tenure of each title.
- *9. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing, with reference to the 200 low-cost houses in the Bukit Panjang Settlement,—
- (a) how many persons have applied to rent them;
 - (b) what is the monthly rent per unit; and
 - (c) when will the houses be ready for occupation.
- *10. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he is aware that, after the seizure of the fishing boat *Hock Huat* on 30th July last, two Singapore fishermen in distress were arrested by an Indonesian police patrol boat last month and imprisoned for two weeks; whether he has inquired or will inquire into the incident; and whether he will make a statement on the matter.
- *11. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will make a statement on the progress of the Lim Chu Kang Experimental Veterinary and Husbandry Station.
- *12. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry how many of the following classes of co-operative societies have been formed, up to date, with the help of the Government—
- (a) Farmers' Co-operative Societies; and
 - (b) Fishermen's Co-operative Societies.
- *13. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will consider causing a daily broadcast in Chinese and Malay by Radio Malaya of the wholesale prices of livestock, poultry, eggs, fish, vegetables, bananas and coconut.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bill

The Attorney-General—

Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 2. Raffles Museum Bill—Second Reading.†
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)
- 3. Raffles National Library Bill—Second Reading.†
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)
- 4. Botanical Gardens Bill—Second Reading.†
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)
- 5. Singapore Citizenship Bill—Second Reading.‡
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

6. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$903,821 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 1957.

7. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 106 of the Income Tax Ordinance (Chapter 166), resolves that the Rubber Industry (Anti-Inflationary Cess) Fund Board, Federation of Malaya, be added to the First Schedule to the said Ordinance.

8. Mr. Lee Kuan Yew (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

That this House deplores the inaccuracies contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 33 of 1957 published by the Government on the 23rd August, 1957, in justification of the recent purge.

- 9. Labour (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†Subject to these Bills passing their Second Reading, the Members in charge will move their Committee Stage and Third Reading.

- †4. *Botanical Gardens Bill:*

The Assistant Minister to the Chief Secretary will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 1:*

In page 1, line 4: to leave out “Botanical” and insert “Botanic”.

Consequential amendment:

Consequential on the amendment to clause 1, to leave out “Botanical” wherever it occurs in clauses 2 and 3, and the First Schedule and insert “Botanic”.

- (ii) *Title:*

In page 1: to leave out “Botanical” and insert “Botanic”.

- ‡5. *Singapore Citizenship Bill:*

The Attorney-General will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 2:*

- (a) *In page 1, line 13:* to leave out from “means” to the semi-colon in line 5 in page 2 and insert—

11 and 12 “any country for the time being included by Act of
Geo. VI. Parliament in subsection (3) of section 1 of the
C. 56. British Nationality Act, 1948”.

- (b) *In page 2, line 7:* at end, to add “but does not include the Republic of Ireland”.

- (ii) *Clause 8:*

In page 3, line 36: to leave out from “Colonies” to the end of line 41 and insert—

“(2) The Minister may by notification in the *Gazette* direct that subsection (1) of this section shall apply to a citizen of any Commonwealth country or of the Republic of Ireland in like manner as it applies to a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies.”.

Note:—Consequential renumbering of sub-clauses (2) and (3) to be made.

(iii) *Clause 19:*

(a) *In page 6, line 33:* to leave out from “shall” to the end of line 6 in page 7 and insert—

“become a citizen of Singapore by registration or naturalization unless he has taken an oath of renunciation and allegiance in the form prescribed in the Schedule to this Ordinance:

And where by the law of that foreign country a person—

(a) can either before or at the time of taking the oath of renunciation and allegiance divest himself of the citizenship or nationality of that foreign country by making a declaration of alienage or otherwise such person shall not be a citizen of Singapore until he so divests himself of such citizenship or nationality of that foreign country, unless in any particular case the Minister in his discretion otherwise directs; or

(b) may only divest himself of the citizenship or nationality of the foreign country after acquiring another citizenship such person shall, unless in any particular case the Minister in his discretion otherwise directs, cease to be a citizen of Singapore on the expiration of twelve months from the date of his becoming a citizen of Singapore unless within that period he divests himself of such foreign citizenship or nationality”.

(b) *In page 7, line 9:* after “Singapore”, to insert “on attaining the age of twenty-two years”.

(iv) *The Schedule:*

In page 11, line 10: to leave out from “renounce” to the end of line 15 and insert—

“all loyalty to any foreign Sovereign or State or Country and I do further swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law and to Her Majesty’s Representative in Singapore and that I will be a true, loyal and faithful citizen of Singapore and observe the laws and Constitution of Singapore”.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1957

Date ordered to be printed

L.A. 15. Minutes of Proceedings of the Third Meeting of the House Committee (Second Session) 27th August, 1957.

Date presented

Cmd. 33. The Communist Threat in Singapore ... 23rd August, 1957.

Cmd. 34. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ... 2nd September, 1957.

Cmd. 35. Annual Report of the Customs and Excise 1956 7th September, 1957.

S.L. 16. The Singapore Port Rules, 1957 ... 23rd August, 1957.

S. 7. Report of a Court of Inquiry into the Trade Dispute at the Singapore Harbour Board 6th September, 1957.
