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QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Education whether he has any information as to the probable date of receipt of the Interim Report on the 6-day Week from the Commission of Inquiry into the Government's Education Policy.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Business Motion

Prime Minister:

PROCEEDINGS ON MOTIONS ON REFERENDUM ON REUNIFICATION OF SINGAPORE AND FEDERATION OF MALAYA, REFERENDUM ON MERGER, AND OPPOSITION'S STAND ON MERGER: That the proceedings on the motion in regard to a referendum being held for the people to decide between two alternatives of reunification standing in my name, and the motion in the names of the Members for Anson and Queenstown that the people of Singapore shall be asked only one question on Polling Day and that Government shall name Polling Day as a day four weeks from the date of the Order therefor, and another motion in the names of the Members for Queenstown and Upper Serangoon that the House condemns the Government for its dishonest and malicious distortion of the Opposition's stand on the merger issue, shall all be brought to a conclusion at 12 midnight on the 11th July, 1962.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Final Appropriation (1961) Bill (Minister for Finance)—Second and Third Readings (*Allotted Day*). (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)
- 2. Singapore National Referendum Bill:

Motion made and Question proposed (5th July, 1962), "That the Bill be now read a third time."—(Minister for Home Affairs).

Amendment proposed (5th July, 1962): To leave out from "That" to the end of the Question and to add instead thereof—

"this Assembly, conscious that this Bill was introduced for the purpose of holding a Referendum to ascertain the wishes of the people in relation to the issue of reunification of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya, declines to give it a third reading on the ground that the provisions therein are inappropriate and inadequate for that purpose".—(Mr. David Marshall).

Resumption of Debate on Question (5th July, 1962), "That the words proposed to be left out, be left out."

3. Prime Minister:

REFERENDUM ON REUNIFICATION OF SINGAPORE AND FEDERATION OF MALAYA: That this House resolves that the people of Singapore be asked to express their choice on the mode and manner of the inevitable reunification of the two territories and that a referendum be held for the people to decide between the alternatives of reunification on the basis of

- (a) the constitutional arrangements set out in Paper Command 33 of 1961 giving Singapore autonomy in education and labour; or
 - (b) a complete and unconditional merger as a state on an equal basis with the other eleven states in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Federation of Malaya.
- 4. Pensions (Amendment No. 2) Bill (Minister for Finance)—Second Reading.†
 - 5. Advocates and Solicitors (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Health and Law)—Second Reading.†

† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

For Amendments to Bills, if any, see Supplement No. 21 dated 6th July, 1962.

- 6. Public Utilities Bill (Prime Minister)—Second Reading. (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)
[The Government intends that this Bill, after being read a second time, be committed to a Select Committee.]
- 7. Local Government Integration Bill (Minister for Finance)—Second Reading. (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)
[The Government intends that this Bill, after being read a second time, be committed to a Select Committee.]
- 8. Planning (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Finance)—Second Reading. (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)
[The Government intends that this Bill, after being read a second time, be committed to a Select Committee.]
- 9. Pensions (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Finance)—Second Reading.
[The Government intends that this Bill, after being read a second time, be committed to a Select Committee.]
- 10. Housing and Development (Amendment) Bill (Minister for Finance)—Second Reading.
[The Government intends that this Bill, after being read a second time, be committed to a Select Committee.]
- 11. Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):
Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):

REFERENDUM ON MERGER (FEDERATION OF MALAYA/SINGAPORE): That this Assembly calls upon the Government to make arrangements (a) to ascertain the will of the people of Singapore in respect of the proposed constitutional changes by way of a referendum on the following question only: "Do you accept the proposed closer constitutional relations with the Federation of Malaya as incorporated in Command Paper No. 33 of 1961, a copy of which is attached to the Order for this Referendum"; and (b) to name Polling Day as a day four weeks from the date of the Order therefor.

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12. Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):
Mr. Chan Sun Wing (Member for Upper Serangoon):

MERGER (OPPOSITION'S STAND): That this House condemns the Government for its dishonest and malicious distortion of the Opposition's stand on the Merger issue, whereby it seeks to mislead and confuse the people in the forthcoming referendum.

13. Mr. S. T. Bani (Member for Thomson):
Mr. Low Por Tuck (Member for Havelock):

MEETINGS OF WORKERS, ETC., TO DISCUSS REFERENDUM BILL: That this House deplores the undemocratic action of the Government in preventing representatives of the workers, students, rural dwellers and professional organisations from exercising their civic rights in discussing matters of a national importance affecting all of them and condemns the Government for using its Police Force on 9th and 16th June, 1962, to intimidate and prevent meetings that were to be held at the premises of the Singapore Motor Workshop Employees' Union to discuss the Referendum Bill; and calls upon the Government to immediately stop its repressive actions in denying the people and their organisations their fundamental democratic rights and civil liberties.
