

End Of Terrorism in Malaya Leaves Country Firm Legacy

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (UPI) — The year was 1948. It was the year when Communist terrorists opened up a war to make Malaya a "people's republic."

On June 16 of that year, on a rubber estate in northern Malaya, three young Chinese rode up on bicycles to the office of Arthur Walker, 50, a British planter.

"Tabak, Tuan" ("Salutations, Sir") one of them said, and shot Walker through the head. They rode away without touching hundreds of dollars in the office safe.

That same day they killed two other Britons and two Chinese anti-Communists. The slayings forced an uncertain British Malayan government to declare an "emergency," a nice word for what was already in progress — a dirty jungle war.

The emergency was supposed to be over in time for Christmas. The officer commanding the Malayan district, Maj. Gen. Charles Boucher, calmly told the legislative council:

"I can tell you this is by far the easiest problem I have ever tackled. In spite of the appalling nature of the crime, and the ease with which he can hide, the enemy is far weaker in technique and courage than either the Greek or Indian Red."

His statement was one of many wild miscalculations. The emergency lasted 12 years. It endured through the Korean War, continued while one war ended and another began in Viet Nam. By the time the emergency was cancelled on July 31, 1960, more than 11,000 persons had been killed.

The Malayan guerrilla war had many similarities to the present fighting in Viet Nam. It was a hit and run affair in the countryside with terrorism a prime weapon.

The United States has a large body of military "advisors" in Viet Nam, but the British had fighting troops in Malaya and the authority to make any changes, set any military policy they wished.

The British and later the Malayan government won, but they never did crush or smash or obliterate the Communists.

Rather, they starved and isolated them to death. They beat them through rewards, intelligence reports, psychological warfare, new villages and — finally — by getting the vast majority of the Malayan people on their side.

It was a slow, sordid business. The first few years of jungle war were a national nightmare. Terrorists shot up police stations, slashed rubber trees, murdered planters. Either out of sympathy or fear, Malayan villagers smuggled food to the terrorists and generally refused to cooperate with security forces.

Line of Defense
Planters and miners formed the first line of defense. They trained young Malaysians into a special constabulary, ringed their estates, factories, dredges

with barbed wire. Arc lights shone at night and booby traps were rigged to keep the Terrorists away. But everything outside those perimeters was a jungle of terrorism.

The years 1950 to 1951 were the crisis years. The war was in doubt and the Terrorists were staging their biggest raids.

In May, 1950, Lt. Gen. Sir Harold Briggs, came out of retirement to become military director of operations. He was a veteran of the African desert and the Burma campaign.

Under Briggs, the British pushed forward with a new concept — the new villages or strategic hamlets in which farmers were pulled together into communities and both guarded and placed under guard. He ordered a food control program designed to starve the Terrorists from the jungles.

Briggs developed the idea of "war by committees" in which the military, police and civilians from the capital down to the smaller settlements participated in the fight. The joint planning and exchanges of information gave everyone a stake in the fight.

The resettlement plan was by far the most ambitious. Before it was over, an estimated half million persons, nearly all Chinese squatters, were persuaded, cajoled or forced into 400 "new villages." They previously had provided the Terrorists with a supply line of food and other equipment. Under the resettlement, that could be halted.

In two years the face of Malaya was changed with new villages appearing on the maps where nothing had been before. Briggs drew up the blueprint for victory but no one seemed to know it with the possible exception of the Communist high command. He departed in 1951, a broken man, and died 11 months later.

Moral Sank
A month before Briggs left, Malayan morale sunk to its lowest level. On Oct. 7, 1961, Terrorists killed Sir Henry Gurney, the British High Commissioner to Malaya on a road near the mountain resort of Fraser's Hill, 60 miles from the sweaty capital of Kuala Lumpur.

Winston Churchill personally picked General Sir Gerald Templer, an old line military man, to take command in Malaya, both as higher commissioner and supreme commander of armed forces.

Templer began by pulling together the worried military forces. He made lightning tours. He sent congratulatory telegrams to units which killed Terrorists. He sent angry rockets to those which did not.

He put an entire town of 20,000 on 22-hour curfew because they did not cooperate with the armed forces against Terrorists. He closed all the schools, put everyone on one-half rations. Within a month, the town was free of Terrorist attack.

Propaganda methods were intensified. Intelligence information was increased by use of a post office box number in Kuala Lumpur where informers could send letters. Rewards were inflated — \$84,000 on the head of guerilla leader Chin Peng.

"Voice aircraft" made their appearance. These were slow moving planes which flew over the jungles and beamed loud speakers at the Terrorists. The messages listed guerilla's comrades who were killed or had surrendered the day before.

Templer spent three days and finally memorized a message in Mandarin for use by the planes.

"This is General Templer speaking to all armed members of the Malayan Communist Party. You need not be afraid and can surrender. This is my personal pledge to you. You will not be ill-treated."

Malayan newspapers began running pictures of ex-Terrorists dining on sucking pig and toasting each other with brandy to show how well surrendered guerillas were treated.

One of Templer's best decisions was the introduction of "white areas," regions which had been cleared of Terrorists and where harsh restrictions could be lifted.

Terrorism Control
By the time Templer left in June, 1954, overt terrorism was under control.

The elections brought to power the Alliance Party of Tengku Abdul Rahman. The party combined Malays, Chinese and Indians into one political group for the first time. It was dedicated to ending the emergency and one of its first acts was in granting an amnesty.

The Tengku gained a promise that the Reds would lay down their arms when Malaya won its independence. The promise was never kept; but it was the beginning of the end.

Independence came on Aug. 31, 1957, and it did much to finally win over the majority of the people to the government. The nation now belonged to the Malaysians — Chinese, Malays and Indians and it was now their war to win.

Communists began surrendering in large groups.

Emergency Ends
The factors which finally ended the emergency were these:

- Independence and the amnesty
- Massive deployment of troops in selected areas.
- Intensive intelligence activities.
- Psychological warfare campaigns.
- Rigid controls which denied food to the Communists.
- Massive resettlement and establishment of "new villages."

Today the Malayan government reports there are about 500 Terrorists hiding in the deep jungles along the northern border with Thailand. They seldom do more than steal pigs.

The emergency is little more than a grim memory to most Malaysians. No one ever mentions it. Perhaps its firmest legacy is the fact that Malaya and its successor, Malaysia, remains one of the staunchest anti-Communist nations in the world.

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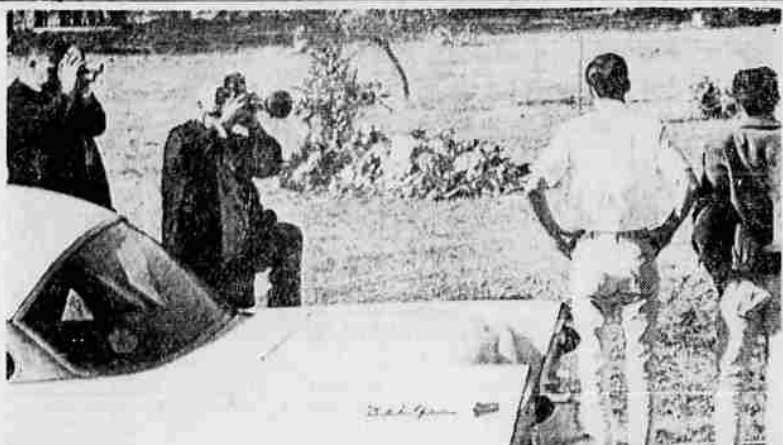
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FILM VISITORS — Movie cameramen from CBS and ABC were filming visitors to Lee Oswald's grave in Rose Hill Cemetery at Fort Worth, Texas, this week. Few visitors were passing by. During one hour period only six passed by, mostly in autos taking a quick glance. (UPI)

IT'S YOUR LAW

Respect for Law Makes Democracy Live

Editor's note: The following article was prepared by the Oregon State Bar and is not intended to be legal advice. Persons having a legal problem should consult an attorney.

WHAT IS LAW?
The English language uses one word, "law," to express two distinct ideas. In many foreign languages these two meanings are expressed by two different words.

When we speak of the "rule of law," we are thinking of the whole body of law, under which we live together in a civilized society.

In Latin the word law in its broad concept is "jus," but for a specific statute it is "lex," from which our word "law" is derived. In French it is "droit" and "loi"; in Spanish, "derecho" and "ley."

The French word for law is identical with the word for "right." This is not a coincidence. The whole purpose of the law is to define and enforce our rights. We are forbidden to speed on the highway so that others may enjoy their right to travel the same road in safety. Laws specifying how wills and deeds shall be made have been adopted for the benefit of the people.

Our rights are in three broad groups. First, specific legal rights; thousands of these have been established through the years as the law strives to keep itself responsive to the changing needs of the people it serves.

Second, fundamental rights such as the right to vote, to bear arms and to participate in government.

And third, there are "basic rights" so basic that they belong to all men everywhere in this country. Call them God-given rights, if you will — rights guaranteed under law and named in the Declaration of Independence — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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FANCY LOBSTER TAILS	8 to 10 Oz.		\$1³⁹
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M-D WHITE TOILET TISSUE	12 ROLLS	\$1
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DEL ROUGE FREESTONE PEACHES	3 No. 2 1/2 TINS	\$1⁰⁰
FISHER'S VACUUM PACKED MIXED NUTS	KING SIZE TIN	79^C
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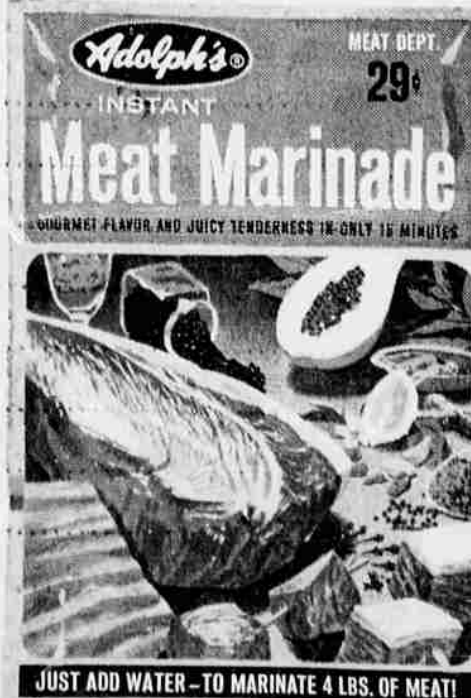
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