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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Prime Minister if he will make a statement on the outcome of his talks with the British Premier and his Ministers in London regarding the proposed withdrawal of the British Bases in Singapore; and what steps will be taken to ensure that the economy and defence of Singapore will not suffer as a result.
- *2. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Finance the number of non-citizens in Division I appointments in the Civil Service.
- *3. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Finance how many Government officers are at present on secondment or loan to Statutory Boards or other organisations.
- *4. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Finance what is the policy of the Government in respect of the terms and conditions of service of Government officers who are or have been seconded for service outside the Government Service for the purposes of their confirmation or promotion to higher posts in the Service.
- *5. Mr. Ho See Beng: To ask the Minister for Finance whether he will state categorically that no Government officer's career in the Civil Service will be adversely affected merely by reason of his secondment for service outside the Government Service.
- *6. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Finance, with a view to promoting and protecting local industries whose production capacity can meet the demands of local consumption, if he will consider prohibiting the importation of products similar to those of such local industries.
- *7. Mr. P. Selvadurai: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement on the achievements of the conference of ASEAN Foreign Ministers held at Bangkok recently.
- *8. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement on the outcome of the Conference of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) held at Bangkok recently and state in what way Singapore can benefit by being a member.

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- *9. Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Education how many teachers of religion in Malay Schools have been recruited this year and whether he is aware of the shortage of such teachers.
- *10. Mr. Tay Boon Too: To ask the Minister for Education, in the process of nurturing qualities of bravery, intelligence and patriotism in the future generation, if all Principals in secondary schools will be instructed to keep detailed records of each pupil's intelligence, physical fitness, sense of loyalty, home background, etc., so that the Ministry and the schools concerned can have a better understanding of every pupil.
- *11. Mr. Ang Nam Piau: To ask the Minister for Education if he will request the appropriate authorities to examine the possibility of examinations being set by Nanyang University for the old-system students of Ngee Ann College and the conferment of degrees by Nanyang University on those students who pass the examinations.
- *12. Mr. Lee Teck Him: To ask the Minister for Education when work will commence on the proposed integrated primary school in Jalan Membina in Kampong Tiong Bahru.
- *13. Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Minister for Education whether he will take action to get all school teachers, both men and women, to observe a modest and uniform standard of dress as befits their profession as it has been seen that some school teachers are dressed indecorously in certain forms of ultra-modern attire when discharging their official duties.
- *14. Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Minister for Health the number of licences withdrawn from hawkers who are not Singapore citizens in the last six months.
- *15. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Health the number of workers dismissed during or immediately after the strike by cleansing workers early this year, giving figures by races and whether citizens or non-citizens; and whether the Government has re-instated any of the dismissed workers and the number re-instated.
- *16. Dr. Chew Chin Han: To ask the Minister for Health (a) the number of cases of hæmorrhagic fever in Singapore annually since 1962 and the mortality rate; and (b) whether any research on this disease has been carried out in Singapore particularly in the search for a better and more effective treatment, or has there merely been the exchange of views with African countries, Thailand and the Philippines.
- *17. Dr. Chew Chin Han: To ask the Minister for Health whether the present methods used in anti-mosquito control are also effective in the extermination of the *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito which is responsible for the transmission of hæmorrhagic fever and which is resistant to D.D.T.

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- *18.** Dr. Chew Chin Han: To ask the Minister for Health why the Poisons Advisory Committee includes representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Singapore Dental Association and the Malayan Pharmaceutical Association but none from the Singapore Medical Association; and, as the members of the Singapore Medical Association (which has a membership of more than 600) have much more direct dealings with drugs and poisons daily than, say, dentists and pharmacists, if he will consider representation of that Association on the Committee.
- *19.** Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister of Defence how many non-citizens wishing to enter Singapore to take up employment at a salary of less than one thousand two hundred dollars per month have been issued with Employment Passes by the Controller of Immigration and what is the policy of the Immigration Department in the issue of Employment Passes to such persons.
- *20.** Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs how many Kathis there are altogether in the Republic and how many of them are paid by the Government.
- *21.** Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs if he will ascertain from the National Theatre Trust the number of employees employed by the Trust, giving breakdown figures of (i) full-time employees; (ii) part-time employees not employed elsewhere; and (iii) part-time employees with employment elsewhere during the day-time.
- *22.** Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development, in view of the increased population in the Somapah area and the newly built schools at Jalan Tiga Ratus and the heavy traffic along the 10 milestone, Upper Changi Road, if he will consider the erection of an overhead bridge for pedestrians in that area.
- *23.** Mr. Teong Eng Siong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development when Jalan Maha at the Indian Village in Ulu Sembawang will be made up.
- *24.** Mr. Teong Eng Siong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether and when a wooden jetty will be constructed at Kuala Simpang (Muslim Cemetery).
- *25.** Mr. Teo Hup Teck: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will consider the improvement of Yio Chu Kang Road between 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ m.s. and 11 m.s., including widening of the road and provision of side-walks.
- *26.** Mr. Teo Hup Teck: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will consider the provision of more parking lots for motorcycles and scooters in the City area.

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- *27. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if consideration will be given to the installation of street-lights along Northumberland Road and Gloucester Road so as to light up those areas around Farrer Park and to make it safer for the people living there against robbery.
- *28. Mr. Tay Boon Too: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development when work will commence on (i) the repair of Lorong Dendam off Bartley Road; and (ii) the improvement of drains along Jalan Telega and along the road off Jalan Telega, which had been requested more than a year ago.
- *29. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government will consider building a footbridge across the Geylang River for school children travelling on foot between Dakota Crescent housing estate and Broadrick Road Primary School.
- *30. Mr. Ng Yeow Chong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development the numbers of squatters' families, marginal industries, workshops, trades and warehouses affected by the Golden Mile scheme and whether they have been rehoused or relocated in alternative sites.
- *31. Mr. Lee Teck Him: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development when work will commence on the proposed conversion of Tiong Bahru Road into a dual carriage-way.
- *32. Mr. Lim Cheng Lock: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development how much money was spent in each constituency during the period 1st January, 1967 to 31st July, 1967 for (i) labour and (ii) materials for levelling off road side-tables and planting of roadside trees; how much money the Ministry has spent or proposes to spend for these two items in each constituency during the period from 1st August, 1967 to 31st December, 1967; and what further steps is he taking to implement the Prime Minister's call to make Singapore a garden city.
- *33. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware of the low price of eggs in recent months and the hardships encountered by poultry farmers as a result; and what steps he proposes to take to maintain a stable price all the year round so as to enable poultry farmers to make a living without much economical hardship.
- *34. Madam Chan Choy Siong: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Housing and Development Board has any scheme to develop the open ground behind the Bukit Ho Swee Community Centre into either a small park or a children's play-ground, as this open ground is overgrown with tall grass.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Vigilante Corps Bill — (Minister of Defence) — Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 8th September, 1967].
- 2. Development Fund (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
- 3. National Records Centre Bill — (Minister for Culture and Social Affairs) — Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 8th September, 1967].

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

- 4. Ngee Ann College Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 9 of 1967) — (Minister for Education) — Third Reading.

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 1 (8) (b)):—

Mr. S. V. Lingam (Member for Aljunied)	... Undesirable activities of certain foreign-orientated organisations in Singapore.
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