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Saturday, 20th January, 1962

The House met at Half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

- The Honourable the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs,
Y.T.M. TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ, K.O.M.
(Kuala Kedah).
- .. the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Minister
of Rural Development, TUN HAJI ABDUL RAZAK BIN
DATO' HUSSAIN, S.M.N. (Pekan).
- .. the Minister of Transport, DATO' SARDON BIN HAJI JUBIR,
P.M.N. (Pontian Utara).
- .. the Minister of Health and Social Welfare, DATO' ONG YOKE
LIN, P.M.N. (Ulu Selangor).
- .. the Minister of Commerce and Industry, ENCHE' MOHAMED
KHIR BIN JOHARI (Kedah Tengah).
- .. the Assistant Minister of Education, ENCHE' ABDUL HAMID
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(Batang Padang).
- .. the Assistant Minister of Rural Development, TUAN HAJI
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- .. the Assistant Minister of Labour, ENCHE' V. MANICKA-
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- .. the Assistant Minister of the Interior, ENCHE' MOHAMED
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- .. ENCHE' ABDUL GHANI BIN ISHAK, A.M.N. (Melaka Utara).
- .. ENCHE' ABDUL RAUF BIN A. RAHMAN, P.J.K. (Krian Laut).
- .. ENCHE' ABDUL SAMAD BIN OSMAN (Sungai Patani).
- .. TUAN HAJI ABDULLAH BIN HAJI ABDUL RAOF (Kuala
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- .. TUAN HAJI ABDULLAH BIN HAJI MOHD. SALLEH, A.M.N., P.I.S.
(Segamat Utara).
- .. TUAN HAJI AHMAD BIN ABDULLAH (Kota Bharu Hilir).
- .. ENCHE' AHMAD BIN ARSHAD, A.M.N. (Muar Utara).
- .. ENCHE' AHMAD BOESTAMAM (Setapak).
- .. TUAN HAJI AHMAD BIN SAAID (Seberang Utara).

The Honourable ENCHE' AHMAD BIN HAJI YUSOF, P.J.K. (Krian Darat).

- „ TUAN HAJI AZAHARI BIN HAJI IBRAHIM (Kubang Pasu Barat).
- „ ENCHE' AZIZ BIN ISHAK (Muar Dalam).
- „ DR. BURHANUDDIN BIN MOHD. NOOR (Besut).
- „ ENCHE' CHAN CHONG WEN, A.M.N. (Kluang Selatan).
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- „ ENCHE' CHAN YOON ONN (Kampar).
- „ ENCHE' CHIN SEE YIN (Seremban Timor).
- „ ENCHE' V. DAVID (Bungsar).
- „ DATIN FATIMAH BINTI HAJI HASHIM, P.M.N. (Jitra-Padang Terap).
- „ ENCHE' HAMZAH BIN ALANG, A.M.N. (Kapar).
- „ ENCHE' HANAFI BIN MOHD. YUNUS, A.M.N. (Kulim Utara).
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- „ TUAN HAJI HASAN ADLI BIN HAJI ARSHAD (Kuala Trengganu Utara).
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- „ ENCHE' KANG KOCK SENG (Batu Pahat).
- „ ENCHE' K. KARAM SINGH (Damansara).
- „ CHE' KHADIJAH BINTI MOHD. SIDEK (Dungun).
- „ ENCHE' KHONG KOK YAT (Batu Gajah).
- „ ENCHE' LEE SAN CHOON (Kluang Utara).
- „ ENCHE' LEE SECK FUN (Tanjong Malim).
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- „ ENCHE' MOHAMED NOR BIN MOHD. DAHAN (Ulu Perak).
- „ DATO' MOHAMED HANIFAH BIN HAJI ABDUL GHANI, P.J.K. (Pasir Mas Hulu).
- „ ENCHE' MOHAMED SULONG BIN MOHD. ALI, J.M.N. (Lipis).
- „ ENCHE' MOHAMED YUSOF BIN MAHMUD, A.M.N. (Temerloh).

- The Honourable TUAN HAJI MOKHTAR BIN HAJI ISMAIL (Perlis Selatan).
- .. NIK MAN BIN NIK MOHAMED (Pasir Mas Hilir).
- .. ENCHE' NG ANN TECK (Batu).
- .. ENCHE' OTHMAN BIN ABDULLAH (Tanah Merah).
- .. ENCHE' OTHMAN BIN ABDULLAH, A.M.N. (Perlis Utara).
- .. TUAN HAJI REDZA BIN HAJI MOHD. SAID (Rembau-Tampin).
- .. ENCHE' SEAH TENG NGIAB (Muar Pantai).
- .. ENCHE' D. R. SEENIVASAGAM (Ipoh).
- .. ENCHE' S. P. SEENIVASAGAM (Menglembu).
- .. TUAN SYED ESA BIN ALWEE, J.M.N., S.M.J., P.I.S. (Batu Pahat Dalam).
- .. TUAN SYED HASHIM BIN SYED AJAM, A.M.N., P.J.K. (Sabak Bernam).
- .. TUAN SYED JA'AFAR BIN HASAN ALBAR, J.M.N. (Johor Tenggara).
- .. ENCHE' TAJUDIN BIN ALI, P.J.K. (Larut Utara).
- .. ENCHE' TAN PHOCK KIN (Tanjong).
- .. TENGKU BESAR INDERA RAJA IBNI AL-MARHUM SULTAN IBRAHIM, D.K., P.M.N. (Ulu Kelantan).
- .. DATO' TEOH CHZE CHONG, D.P.M.J., J.P. (Segamat Selatan).
- .. ENCHE' TOO JOON HING (Telok Anson).
- .. ENCHE' V. VEERAPPEN (Seberang Selatan).
- .. WAN SULAIMAN BIN WAN TAM, P.J.K. (Kota Star Selatan).
- .. ENCHE' YAHYA BIN HAJI AHMAD (Bagan Datoh).
- .. ENCHE' YEOH TAT BENG (Bruas).
- .. ENCHE' YONG WOO MING (Sitiawan).
- .. PUAN HAJJAH ZAIN BINTI SULAIMAN, J.M.N., P.I.S. (Pontian Selatan).
- .. TUAN HAJI ZAKARIA BIN HAJI MOHD. TAIB (Langat).
- .. ENCHE' ZULKIFLEE BIN MUHAMMAD (Bachok).

ABSENT:

- The Honourable Mr. Speaker, DATO' HAJI MOHAMED NOAH BIN OMAR, S.P.M.J., D.P.M.B., P.I.S., J.P.
- .. the Minister of Internal Security and Minister of the Interior, DATO' DR. ISMAIL BIN DATO' HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN, P.M.N. (Johor Timor).
- .. the Minister of Finance, ENCHE' TAN SIEW SIN, J.P. (Melaka Tengah).
- .. the Minister of Works, Posts and Telecommunications, DATO' V. T. SAMBANTHAN, P.M.N. (Sungai Siput).
- .. the Minister without Portfolio, DATO' SULEIMAN BIN DATO' HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN, P.M.N. (Muar Selatan) (*On leave*).
- .. the Minister of Agriculture and Co-operatives, ENCHE' ABDUL AZIZ BIN ISHAK (Kuala Langat).

- The Honourable the Minister of Labour, ENCHE' BAHAMAN BIN SAMSUDIN (Kuala Pilah).
- „ the Minister of Education, ENCHE' ABDUL RAHMAN BIN HAJI TALIB (Kuantan).
- „ the Assistant Minister of Commerce and Industry, ENCHE' CHEAH THEAM SWEE (Bukit Bintang).
- „ ENCHE' AHMAD BIN MOHAMED SHAH, S.M.J. (Johor Bahru Barat).
- „ ENCHE' GEH CHONG KEAT (Penang Utara).
- „ ENCHE' LIM JOO KONG, J.P. (Alor Star).
- „ DR. LIM SWEE AUN, J.P. (Larut Selatan).
- „ ENCHE' QUEK KAI DONG, J.P. (Seremban Barat).
- „ ENCHE' TAN CHENG BEE, J.P. (Bagan).
- „ ENCHE' TAN KEE GAK (Bandar Melaka).
- „ ENCHE' TAN TYE CHEK (Kulim-Bandar Bahru).
- „ WAN MUSTAPHA BIN HAJI ALI (Kelantan Hilir).
- „ WAN YAHYA BIN HAJI WAN MOHAMED (Kemaman).

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, TUN LEONG YEW KOH, S.M.N.

PRAYERS

(Mr. Deputy Speaker *in the Chair*)

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ENCHE' M. N. CUMARASAMI, J.P.

The Prime Minister: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like, with your permission, to move under Standing Order 14, a tribute to one of the old Members of this House who had passed away.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to take a few minutes of this House's time in order to pay a silent tribute to the memory of a person, who had served as an Honourable Member of this House for a term, at a time when this House was still a Legislative Council. I refer to the late Mr. M. N. Cumarasami, J.P., a lovable character who, I regret to say, passed away on the 18th of January.

Mr. Cumarasami was a three-generation Malayan. His grandfather came here as an officer of the Sepoys. When he was here at the end of his service, he decided to stay on and had lived here

until his death; and Mr. Cumarasami's father also served in the Government service as a Chief Interpreter.

The first time I met the late Mr. Cumarasami was in the very early days, in 1923, when I was an undergraduate at Cambridge, and from that time until his death we became very, very firm friends. He returned to this country to set up his practice in Kuala Lumpur. He did well as a lawyer, but he was more an adviser and a friend to his many clients. He was well loved and liked by those who had the good fortune to know him. He was an Indian by race; he was a true Malayan by nationality and patriotic to the core. There is one thing which I would like to say of him, which he always said to me. He always said to me: "Look after this country, for it is one in a million." He was one of those who really loved this country, and he said to me time and time again: "I will do all I can to help you run this country in our own little way." He spoke like a true Malayan and he lived like a true Malayan. He spent much of his

valuable time in voluntary work and also indulged in the same sporting activities which I do myself. He served in the Legislative Council for a term. He was a member of the Film Censors Appeal Board and also a member of the University Court. He served on the Selangor State and Municipal Councils, and had served as a member on the Board of Governors for the Federation Military College, the Victoria Institution and the Maxwell Road School. He was quiet, unobtrusive and unassuming. In that state he passed away. We did not even hear of his illness. Therefore, most of us were shocked to hear of his death. Had he lived for another six months, he would have died in the service of the country, which he loved too much, as a Judge in the Supreme Court. As I said, he was quiet, he was unobtrusive and unassuming; and he died the way he had lived—the quiet way, the way he liked.

His death is mourned by his thousands of friends and relatives. He left behind a widow, who is also a Malayan Chinese, and two children. May his soul rest in peace.

May I ask Honourable Members of this House to honour his memory by standing up in silent tribute to him for just one minute.

(House stood in silence for one minute)

BILL

THE SUPPLY BILL, 1962

Order read for resumed consideration in Committee of Supply (Ninth Allotted Day).

House immediately resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

SCHEDULE

Heads 24 and 25—

Resumption of debate on amendment proposed, "That the sum allocated for Head 24 be reduced by \$10 in respect of Item 1 of Sub-head 1. (Enche' D. R. Seenivasagam) (19th January, 1962).

Mr. Chairman: Honourable Members, I would like to remind Honourable Members that the debate should solely be confined to the amendment moved by the Honourable Member for Ipoh.

Enche' V. David (Bungsar): Mr. Chairman, Sir, since I have been restricted to speak on the amendment itself, I think it will be proper for me to say that the move made by the Honourable Member for Ipoh is quite justified. The attention directed to the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has been directed by the Minister to the Members of the Opposition. The spotlight has been diverted from the Honourable Minister of Health and nobody will dispute the fact that his Ministry is today in a chaotic state, and the remarks made in this House on the various occasions have been later discovered to be true which even the Minister will not be in a position to deny to this House. The Honourable Minister has gone to the extent now to pose as the champion of his officers who, in fact, constitute one of the main grievances.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, good health is one of the most important assets of the nation, yet our people are held in the hands of a fumbler. Can we afford this any longer? Every year the problem grows bigger. Sir, in 1950 there were only 210,000 sick people admitted to hospitals in this country and in 1960 the figure has increased. We know that throughout the country thousands are turned away because of shortage of beds and of no proper facilities in hospitals.

Sir, the other day the Minister had made charges that I made serious accusations about the General Hospital. In fact, he has challenged whether the charges I made against the General Hospital can be repeated outside this House. Mr. Speaker, Sir, to be honest, I am prepared to repeat the charges which I made against the General Hospital outside this House if the Minister would do the same, i.e., to repeat what he has said in this

House outside. Sir, if he is prepared to do the same, I am prepared too.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, there is no need for me to bear witness about the Hospital: there are thousands of people in this town who would know the deteriorating state of the General Hospital, and they would even come forward, if an enquiry is held, to give their views about the Hospital. Therefore, Sir, I submit that, since a challenge has been issued by the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Welfare, I take the challenge to repeat my charges against the Hospital outside this Chamber if the Minister could do the same. Thank you.

Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Saaid (Seberang Utara): Tuan Pengerusi, saya bangun untuk mengambil bahagian di-atas usul yang telah pun dikemukakan oleh Yang Berhormat wakil dari Ipoh. Saya dan rakan² saya dari Backbenches bagi pehak Kerajaan ingin menegaskan bahawa pendirian kami sa-bagai Backbenches pehak Kerajaan ada-lah mengalu²kan kejayaan dengan sa-penoh-nya terhadap Yang Berhormat Menteri Kesihatan dan Kebajikan Masyarakat (*Tepok*) kami berasa chukup puas hati di-atas kerja² yang telah di-laksanakan dan mendapat kejayaan yang chemerlang-nya. Kalau kita perhatikan segala keterangan yang di-nyatakan oleh Yang Berhormat kelmarin di-atas kemajuan² itu dengan tidak di-bantu oleh sa-orang Menteri Muda dapat dia melaksanakan kerja² yang sangat chemerlang itu. Ini-lah satu yang sangat saya junjong tinggi di-atas kerja² Yang Berhormat itu dan kami berharap kepada Yang Berhormat Perdana Menteri untuk memberikan pertimbangan-nya supaya menaikkan gaji-nya atau memberi bonus di-atas kerja² yang sangat chemerlang itu. (*Tepok*). Sa-bagai parti pemerintah yang mengawal dasar dan tanggung-jawab bersama, kami bagi pehak Backbenches sedia menerima apa² juga daripada pehak pembangkang.

Dan juga saya ingin menegaskan bahawa kami terima dan berdiri tegap

di-atas apa yang telah di-chakapkan oleh Menteri Kesihatan dan Kebajikan Masyarakat waktu menjawab tuduhan dan kechaman daripada pehak pembangkang. Ada-lah usul ini dikemukakan oleh Yang Berhormat itu pada pendapat saya tiada hanya untuk menegakkan benang basah sahaja. Tetapi payah-lah saya hendak betikam lidah dengan sa-orang Lawyer kerana saya bukan sa-orang Lawyer tetapi pada pendapat saya per-chakapan-nya itu—di-waktu dia menyebutkan perkara sa-orang kaki pada pendapat yang tinggi yang selalu pergi ka-Koko's Mess dan berjumpa dengan contractor². Ini jika tidak ada ingat jahat daripada Yang Berhormat itu kerana apa dia mesti menyebutkan Koko's Mess.....

Enche' D. R. Seenivasagam (Ipoh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, on a point of order—Standing Order 36 (6) which says that “No Member shall impute improper motives to any other Member.” I submit, Sir, that the Honourable Member is imputing an improper motive when he suggests that I had a motive behind my motion.

Mr. Chairman: Mengikut fasal 36 (6) sa-saorang Ahli tidak di-benarkan mengeluarkan sangkaan yang jahat kepada sesiapa Ahli² Yang Berhormat yang lain. Jangan-lah membuat sangkaan yang bukan² kepada-nya. Proceed.

Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Saaid: Tuan Pengerusi, saya chuma hendak menunglang perchakapan Yang Berhormat wakil dari Ipoh yang mengatakan Koko's Mess dan melibatkan nama Dr. Abdul Majid bin Ismail selalu pergi ka-sana dan berjumpa dengan contractor², ada-kah itu boleh dia menafikan yang dia tidak ada berkata bagitu.

Enche' D. R. Seenivasagam: Mr. Chairman, Sir, on a point of order—Standing Order 36—no Member shall misconstrue a speech. If the Honourable Member reads my speech in the English language, he will find that I have never said that Dr. Majid goes to Koko's Mess.

Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Saaid: Tuan Pengerusi, pehak Backbenches sekarang sudah tahu-lah yang beliau mengatakan Dr. Majid ta' pergi ka-Koko's Mess. Dan kalau Dr. Majid ta' pergi ka-sana beliau telah menyatakan pegawai² tinggi daripada Pejabat Perubatan. Jadi, di-sini kerana apa di-sebutkan Koko's Mess kerana perkara itu tidak termasuk di-dalam perbahathan ini sebab itu perkara 'am, apa sebab jika tidak ada niat untuk menimbulkan shak wasangka bagi kaki tangan yang berkhidmat dengan Kerajaan. Ini sa-bagai circumstantial evidence yang menunjukkan mesti ada satu sebab di-sebutkan dalam meshuarat ini kerana perkara ini tidak kena mengena langsung. (*Ketawa*).

Dan beliau menyebutkan pula Koko ia-lah nama timangan bagi Dr. Abdul Majid sa-waktu ia maseh kechil. Apa ada kena-mengena dengan perbahathan kita? Tidak ada langsung, sebab itu saya menegaskan Ahli Yang Berhormat itu mesti ada ingatan-nya yang tidak sihat kapada pehak yang di-tudoh.

Lagi satu perkara berkenaan dengan yang di-sebutkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat itu tentang Dr. Bhupalan. Dalam ulasan² terhdap pemberhentian beberapa doctor dan di-sebutkan-nya Dr. Bhupalan, apa sebab di-bawa Dr. Bhupalan jikalau tidak hendak menunjokan bahawa Dr. Bhupalan telah di-sebabkan dengan satu perkara yang memaksa Dr. Bhupalan berhenti kerja. Wal hal dengan surat yang di-tulis oleh Dr. Bhupalan terang dan nyata yang beliau berhenti kerja dengan sendiri-nya—tidak di-paksa oleh sesiapa. Ini menunjokan perkara yang di-sebutkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat itu hendak melibatkan perkara yang kait-mengait dengan apa yang di-chakapkan, dan saya ingin menyatakan atas perkara tuduhan di-atas Dr. Underwood. Saya ta' payah chakap tentang Dr. Underwood itu. Sa-masa saya di-Pulau Pinang ia berada sa-tempat dengan saya. Tahu-lah saya Dr. Underwood itu. Ia selalu

suka menunjul²kan nama-nya supaya dapat kebesaran dan sa-bahagian daripada orang² lain, sekian. (*Tepok*).

Enche' V. Veerappen: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to support the Honourable Member for Ipoh in the hope that this unpleasant episode in this House will not be repeated. I shall also try to show how the Minister has consciously or otherwise tried to mislead this House over a variety of matters.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, the other day, the Minister tried to show this House that the doctors who resigned from Government service did so for personal reasons. He tried to show us that there was no dissatisfaction. In fact, Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have reason to believe that the Minister did try to mislead this House. To substantiate his statements, he read out a letter from a doctor who, I think, has not yet resigned. Today, Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have in my possession a copy of a letter written by a doctor to the Director of Medical Services expressing genuine dissatisfaction. I wonder if a reply was given to that doctor refuting his allegations—or not. However, the Minister may be in the dark. Therefore, I shall read, with your permission, Sir, the letter dated 1st October, 1961:

"The Director of Medical Services,
Federation of Malaya,
Kuala Lumpur.
Through: proper channel.
Sir,

I wish to tender three months' notice of resignation from the service of the Federation from 1-10-1961. The reasons for my resignation are as follows:

- (i) I am the only Doctor in the Federation of Malaya with Diploma in Obstetrics of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, holding only a Medical Officer's post while even a Medical Officer who joined after me and with the same qualifications, is given a Clinical Specialist's post. I have been recommended for the Clinical Specialist's post by two Chief Medical and Health Officers and yet I have not been appointed as one.

(ii) In March, 1960, you required a Doctor to do surgery on obstetrics and gynaecology in Trengganu and I served you the purpose until the posting of one Surgeon Specialist in February, 1961. In spite of this good work and having successfully performed major and minor operations, the reward I get from you is that I am not allowed to cross the Efficiency Bar in August, 1960 as it should be, and instead I am told that I could only cross the Bar in April, 1961. Your machinery in the D.M.S. Office is so efficient that even this has not yet been implemented.

I will cease work after 31-12-1961."

Mr. Chairman, Sir, professional ethics does not permit me to reveal the name of the Doctor, but I am sure the Minister already knows to whom I was referring. If he does not know, then I could tell him if he requires it.

However, Mr. Chairman, Sir, the reasons given, to my mind, definitely appear to be dissatisfaction over discrimination in promotion. If that is not dissatisfaction, then I do not know what else it could be.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister told us that those who resigned did so on personal grounds and some did not give reasons for their resignation. Well, as the Member for Ipoh asked, what were the personal reasons? Could it be ill-health, going for further studies? Did the Doctor strike a lottery, or was he actually dissatisfied with the salary and conditions of service which he did not want to state in his letter?

Mr. Chairman, Sir, we know of several doctors who have left the service to go into private practice, because they could earn more. We know of doctors who have been very, very much overworked in grossly overcrowded hospitals. We know of doctors, who have to work on holidays and even on Sundays, especially in one-doctor hospitals. When I asked a question some time ago about this, I was told by the Minister that if they worked on holidays and Sundays, they get other days off. What other days are the doctors "off"? We know

of doctors who should have been promoted but were not promoted, because of discrimination and favouritism.

The Alumni Association in 1957 pointed out in no uncertain terms the shortage of doctors and staff and the appalling conditions under which they worked. Will not such things give dissatisfaction, Mr. Chairman? I am sure they will. I will be dissatisfied myself. Even the Minister himself will be dissatisfied, if that happens to him. He never told us a word. All that he did was to produce a letter and say that that would finish the Member for Ipoh.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I feel very strongly that the Minister was wrong to challenge the Honourable Member for Ipoh to repeat those words outside. As a Minister and as a Member who has served in previous Legislatures, he should have known better. What was the intention of the Minister in challenging the Honourable Member to repeat outside? The intention of the Minister was to get people to initiate legal action against the Honourable Member—maybe. Mr. Chairman, Sir, I say with all humility that in doing so the Minister, consciously or unconsciously, belittled the dignity of this House and its powers and privileges. He also, in my humble opinion, insulted the Chair. I say this because there are sufficient provisions under the Standing Orders and also under the House of Parliament (Privileges and Powers) Ordinance, 1952. This Ordinance, Mr. Speaker, Sir, gives absolute power for any Member to express what he wants. Under Clause 3, it says—

"There shall be freedom of speech and debate or proceedings in the House and such freedom of speech and debate or proceedings shall not be liable to be impeached or questioned in any court or tribunal out of the House."

I repeat "out of the House". I take it from here that there is no restriction except that which is placed by the House itself on its Members under the Standing Orders. Therefore, if the

Minister had any regard for this House he should have brought up the matter as a substantive motion for abuse of privilege or contempt of the House by the Honourable Member, or bring it to your attention, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for referring to the Committee of Privileges to be dealt with in the most appropriate manner. Even if any Member should be aggrieved by what has been said or done in this House, I think he has redress only in this House, through the Speaker and no Member can refuse to submit to this, as Section 10 (b) reads as follows—

“Refusing to be examined before or to answer any lawful or relevant question put by the House or any sub-committee, unless such refusal be..... provided under Section 20 of this Ordinance is contempt of the House.”

Therefore, Sir, I repeat that the Honourable Minister should have had a better regard for the powers and privileges and not issue a challenge. If he found that the Member was telling untruths and misusing his powers, it was for him to bring it to your notice or that of the House.

Before I conclude, Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to say that we have not been elected to this august House to challenge and accept challenges. I, for one, am in no position to accept any challenge that would incur an expenditure of money, especially if it is a libel case. It is with that intention that I submit that protection has been given to Members of Parliament. It is our duty to bring to the notice of this House the grievances and complaints of the people and we would not do so if we did not believe that those grievances or complaints were genuine and of national importance. We take those grievances and complaints in good faith. We do not have the means or the facilities to verify all the facts. But, Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is for the Government with its Secretaries, experts, specialists and thousands and thousands of files and records to disprove or deny our allegations or our statements.

Enche' Hassan bin Mansor: On a point of order.

Mr. Chairman: Apa itu?

Enche' Hassan bin Mansor: Ahli Yang Berhormat itu bacha uchapannya.

Mr. Chairman: Tidak. Proceed.

Enche' V. Veerappen: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I will repeat it to the Honourable Member if necessary—that it is for the Government to disprove or deny all or any of our allegations because with their many secretaries, their records, their files and the whole paraphernalia of the Government at their disposal they should be in a position to do so. I feel, Mr. Chairman, that it is for this House alone to judge whether those allegations were true or not true. I feel that I have said enough and I hope, Mr. Chairman, Sir, that Mr. Speaker would make a ruling on this forbidding the issuing of challenges in this House in future.

Enche' S. P. Seenivasagam (Menglembu): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise in support of this motion, or this amendment, and before I proceed I would like to make a request to the other Members of the Alliance Party who may wish to speak after me. The Member for Ipoh yesterday cleared the name of Dr. Majid Ismail of any corruption—of any intention to impute any corrupt motives to him. I think any Member of the Alliance who wishes to speak again about Koko's Club or what goes on there, or attempts to drag Dr. Majid Ismail's name into this debate again is doing a great disservice to Dr. Majid Ismail, because we will not be able to restrain other Members from this side of this House from making allegations even though they may be reckless. In the interests of Dr. Majid Ismail, whose name has already been cleared, I would like to suggest that Koko's Mess and Dr. Majid Ismail be left out of this debate in future. But, of course, if Members think otherwise, then it is up to them, and the responsibility

falls on their heads for the consequences. We are ready, of course, to re-agitate and reopen the question of Koko's Mess at any time and to bring further facts which will shock this House today, and without further notice to us we are ready for that if you wish so.

I support this motion because I feel that the Honourable the Minister of Health has not regarded the allegations made against his Ministry with the care and attention which one expects a Minister to bestow on utterances from Members of this House. The Honourable Minister has displayed an unfortunate tendency, not only now but previously, to treat very lightly allegations which are made against his Ministry. To illustrate that, I would go back to some time ago when, Members of this House will remember, the question of the Central Mental Hospital in Tanjong Rambutan was in the forefront. In this House we made certain allegations, certain grave allegations—allegations, for example, that female patients in the Central Mental Hospital were being exposed to grave moral danger, that they had been interfered with by attendants or other members of the subordinate staff in the C.M.H., Tanjong Rambutan. What was the attitude of the Minister? "Oh, the Opposition wants sensationalism; they have nothing to talk about except dirty things" and so on. What happened later? Later, perhaps the Honourable Minister is aware, there were two men charged in the Ipoh Magistrate's Court for committing rape upon female patients in the Central Mental Hospital, Tanjong Rambutan. Were our allegations baseless? Were our allegations without foundation? And further to substantiate our allegations, they were convicted in the Magistrate's Court. The House will also recollect that we had occasion to criticise the Superintendent of the Central Mental Hospital, Dr. Johnson. Again to the Honourable Minister of Health at that time Dr. Johnson was a hero. He was doing a great piece of work in Malaya. But what is the subsequent history

of Dr. Johnson? The Honourable Minister knows it. Perhaps all Honourable Members of this House know it. As soon as he went back to India on leave he was arrested by the police in India and sentenced to imprisonment in India for offences committed while he was a Medical Officer in India. Again, were our allegations baseless? Or were they true? And is it not a fact that the Honourable Minister did not care to investigate properly, or if he did care to investigate properly, and if he knew the truth, he chose to suppress it from this House?

The Honourable Minister has also committed an act of disregard, disregard of the respect, which should be given to this House and to the Members who sit in this House. *Prima facie*, every Member in this House, who makes allegations, is supposed to make them honestly, *bona fide*, upon information received by him. It was his duty, however grave the allegations were, to have said to this House: "I have heard grave allegations. I will cause an enquiry to be made, and will let you know the result." But that is not what he did. What did he do? Within a few hours, he comes into this House and says: "All lies. My Department has got honest, brilliant heroes. Here are the rotten Opposition trying to throw dirt on them." Is that the attitude we expect of a Minister—a Minister who is charged with the administration of the health of this entire nation? On the contrary, he goes further, and without regard to the consequences, he flings out a challenge, and in a spirit of bravado, he said: "Go out and repeat if you dare." I do not know if the Honourable Minister sought legal advice before he threw out that challenge; I do not know if the Honourable Minister is aware whether or not that if this speech is repeated outside anybody can sue for libel at all. My knowledge of the law of libel may be limited but it is my opinion that if the Honourable Member for Bungsar, or the Member for Ipoh, if either of them were to repeat every word they said in this

House outside, still there will be no cause for action. (AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Repeat it outside.) Of course, it will be repeated. We are not dishonest men like some people who interrupt us when we speak. (*Laughter*). We have said that we will repeat it—and we will repeat it. I hope that the Member, who is discourteous enough to the Chair to interrupt a Member when he is speaking, will have the decency to turn up and to hear what we have to say. May I, Mr. Chairman, Sir, on this occasion congratulate the Member for Bungsar for the attitude he has adopted—he has maintained the dignity of the Opposition.

I also condemn the Honourable Minister for the attempt he made to mislead this House into believing that there had been no resignations really, or no resignations to speak of as a result of dissatisfaction with the service. The Honourable Member for Seberang Selatan has produced a letter and has read it; and now I ask the Honourable Minister of Health, why was that letter suppressed from this House? Why was it not admitted that at least one doctor has put it in writing that there was favouritism or discrimination or unfair treatment? With Dr. Underwood's letter, it makes two of them. Let the Honourable Minister explain why this letter of resignation, read out by the Honourable Member for Seberang Selatan, was suppressed from this House. Instead of that, on the contrary—and I would say with a deliberate aim of misleading this House—the Honourable Minister produced a letter from Dr. Bhupalan—and I observed that letter when it was produced, and if I am not wrong, the letter itself was not even folded; it was not even placed in an envelope. Obviously, it was signed, whether on the dotted line or not, I do not know; but it was signed and, in double quick time, handed to the Honourable Minister for use in this House. Now, I again charge the Honourable Minister for not having investigated the circumstances in which that letter was written before he made use of it; and that is another reason

why I support this motion. The letter stated that Dr. Bhupalan resigned for personal reasons. Now, what does that mean to us? What meaning does that convey to anybody—personal reasons? If you kick a man, it is something personal to him; he is the man who gets the kick, therefore it is personal; if you are unfair to him, of course, it is a personal reason—it is personal to him, therefore it is a personal reason. Now, I would like to submit that from the tone of the letter itself, the Honourable Minister should have known better than to use it because it was contradictory in its terms. Here was a man who said, "I am leaving the service for personal reasons. I will be happy to serve again, whenever called upon to do so, voluntarily. But I am leaving for personal reasons." If you analyse it, as the Honourable Minister should have analysed it before he used it in this House, what does it mean? It could only mean "I am leaving the service because I do not wish to be in the service. I am leaving the service to make more money outside, but I am prepared to come back, whenever you want me, to do extra work." Perhaps the learned doctor feels that there would be a dual source of income—I do not know. But a letter if written in those terms should never have been used in this House because it reflects the character of the man who wrote that letter. And in this connection, my final observation is this: that having the experience of doctors of the type of Dr. Bhupalan, who for no apparent reason wants to leave the service to make more money outside, in future when he recruits doctors he should be careful to make proper agreements, restrictive agreements if necessary, to make sure that people do not come into the Government service to gain experience there, get to know the people in the locality, and then leave the service to make more money. That is the type of people the Medical Service Department is dealing with—persons, for example, of the type of Dr. Bhupalan. To protect the people of this country, the Minister should have been aware of this fact long, long ago. But he has been in

blissful ignorance. He takes the words of his officers as gospel truth and the words of the elected representatives in this House as false, lies and malice. It is for that reason, for the irresponsible attitude of the Honourable Minister, that I support this motion.

Enche' Mohamed bin Ujang (Jelebu-Jempol): Tuan Pengerusi, dalam mengambil bahagian dalam perbahathan ini terlebih dahulu saya suka-lah menguchapkan sa-tinggi² terima kaseh kepada Menteri Yang Berhormat yang berkenaan kerana jasa² yang telah di-berikan kepada ra'ayat Persekutuan Tanah Melayu ini. Sa-benar-nya kita tidak boleh menafikan bahawa banyak kemajuan² yang telah di-buat sa-masa Yang Berhormat itu memegang Kementerian ini pada tahun yang sudah. Dengan ada-nya Anggaran Perbelanjaan yang di-hadapan kita ini akan kita dapati satu kemajuan yang lebeh lagi di-masa yang akan datang. Dengan keadaan yang sa-umpama ini saya ada-lah memandang usul yang di-kemukakan oleh wakil dari Ipoh tadi sa-olah²-nya satu usul tidak perchaya kepada Menteri kita sa-balek-nya saya fikir Menteri yang ada sekarang ini patut di-tambahkan lagi gaji-nya di-dua kali gandan supaya dia dapat menjalankan tanggungan² yang lebeh² daripada masa yang sudah².

Tuan Pengerusi, saya di-fahamkan dalam pembukaan perbahathan usul ini semalam wakil dari Ipoh telah menyebutkan bahawa ia telah mengulangi satu ucapan-nya yang meminta di-ulangi dahulu di-Port Dickson. Kalau tidak salah ingatan saya perkara ini berbangkit manakala wakil Ipoh itu menudoh sa-orang D.P.P. di-Ipoh sa-olah² dia di-perchaya ada membuat "corruption". Saya ucapkan terima kaseh-lah kepada wakil Ipoh itu kerana menurut kata-nya dia telah pun membuat ucapan itu balek di-Port Dickson tetapi malang-nya, Tuan Pengerusi, saya tidak pernah berjumpa ucapan itu di-keluarkan di-mana surat khabar. Tuan Pengerusi, yang sa-benar-nya tujuan saya meminta.....

Enche' D. R. Seenivasagam: Sir, on a point of order—Standing Order 36 (1)—a Member shall not misconstrue the speech by another Member. I never said "the D.P.P. of Ipoh" That is a lie. What I said in this House I repeated in Port Dickson. The Honourable Member perhaps, just wisely stayed away!

Mr. Chairman: Kenyataan itu tidak berkait dengan kenyataan yang di-terangkan-nya.

Dato' Ong Yoke Lin: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order—Standing Order 36 (1) does not mention about misconstruction.

Mr. Chairman: Standing Order 36 (1) does not say about misconstruing.

Enche' Mohamed bin Ujang: Tuan Pengerusi, saya menyebutkan hal ini kerana perkara itu telah di-bangkitkan oleh Wakil dari Ipoh. Maksud saya berkehendakkan Yang Berhormat itu mengeluarkan balek di-luar Dewan ini bukan-nya hendak menyaman dia, sa-mata² hendak beri peluang untuk yang di-tudoh itu membersehhkan diri daripada tudohan yang tidak bertanggong-jawab. Tuan Pengerusi, apa yang saya tahu yang di-chakapkan oleh Wakil Ipoh di-Port Dickson itu adalah ucapan² yang tidak bertanggung-jawab yang boleh menaikkan semangat perkauman benar² dalam negeri ini. Saya tahu dalam satu meshuarat itu apa yang di-kata-nya "Apa² Kerajaan buat semua untuk orang Melayu, untuk orang China tidak di-buat, untuk orang India tidak di-buat." Ini adalah satu perkara yang boleh menaikkan semangat perkauman dalam negeri ini. Saya di-beritahu, Tuan Pengerusi, ucapan² yang telah di-buat oleh Wakil Ipoh itu sa-mata² untuk menaikkan semangat perkauman dan tiba-lah masa-nya bagi Menteri Yang Berhormat membuat satu Undang² menahan Ahli² Dewan ini walau siapa pun membuat ucapan yang boleh mendatangkan perkauman dalam negeri ini.

Tuan Pengerusi, saya dapati perkara doctor berhenti itu atau tidak mahu bekerja dengan Kerajaan itu sudah menjadi besar benar dalam Majlis ini. Tetapi kalau kira-nya kerani atau peon dan sa-bagai-nya sa-orang pun tidak ambil peduli. Saya dapati yang sa-benar-nya fasal doctor itu hendak berhenti ada-lah perkara ini sekarang sudah menjadi kebiasaan ia-itu dia boleh menchari duit lebeh. Ada sa-orang doctor muda di-Seremban bila di-arahkan dia supaya di-tukarkan satu tempat, kata-nya, saya tidak mahu, kalau di-tukar juga saya akan berhenti kata-nya. Ini-lah satu perkara yang patut kita fikirkan benar² dalam masa kita menimbangkan shor yang di-kemukakan oleh Wakil dari Ipoh tadi. Tuan Pengerusi, memegang jawatan Kerajaan ini berkehendakkan sa-saorang itu bertanggung-jawab kepada ra'ayat dengan sa-benar-nya terdahulu daripada kepentingan diri-nya sendiri. Saya nampak Dr. Underwood, atau Underground-kah, sekarang ini menggunakan Wakil Ra'ayat untuk membesar²kan diri-nya dalam Dewan ini. Kalau-lah kita dalam Dewan ini hendak menerima aduan daripada ra'ayat yang tidak bertanggung-jawab umpama itu kita tidak boleh menjalankan kerja dalam negeri ini. Tadi, Wakil dari Ipoh, bukan, Wakil dari Bungsar telah di-desak oleh Wakil dari Ipoh supaya hadir hari ini supaya menjawab chabaran itu. Tetapi, saya rasa apa yang di-chakapkan hari itu tidak sa-bagaimana yang di-chakap-nya dahulu. Sa-kira-nya hendak mengeluarkan apa yang di-katakan oleh Menteri itu mesti-lah sa-benar-nya apa yang di-chakapkan di-luar tadi. Sekarang ini Wakil dari Bungsar sudah lari, jadi, saya nampak tengkah-laku Wakil dari Bungsar ini ada-lah membuat satu tektik tidak hendak mendengar apa yang di-chakapkan kepada diri-nya sendiri. Kalau bagini sa-benar-nya bukan puak berani tetapi puak pengechut.

Tuan Pengerusi, sa-belum saya dudok saya suka mengingatkan kepada Dewan ini terutama sa-kali pehak Wakil Ipoh jangan-lah biasa sangat berchakap di-mana² yang boleh

mendatangkan perasaan perkauman dalam negeri ini. Kita dalam negeri ini dan kita dalam Kerajaan Perikatan.....

Enche' S. P. Seenivasagam: Sir, on a point of order.....

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Sit down!
(*Interruption*).

Mr. Chairman (To Enche' Mohamed Ujang): Please sit down. (*To Enche' S. P. Seenivasagam*): What is your point of order?

Enche' S. P. Seenivasagam: The question of communalism is entirely irrelevant. Under S.O. 36 (1) that is irrelevant—the question of communalism does not arise in this Amendment or in this debate.

Mr. Chairman (To Enche' Mohamed Ujang): Yes, that is irrelevant. Itu tidak ada berkait dalam perkara yang di-chakap-nya.

Enche' Mohamed bin Ujang: Saya menguchapkan terima kaseh kepada Tuan Pengerusi, tetapi pada mula tadi saya telah berchakap perkara itu berbangkit di-dalam ucapan Yang Berhormat tadi yang di-buat-nya di-Port Dickson itu ada-lah berbau communism (*Ketawa*). Communism atau communalism saya ta' tahu-lah. (*Ketawa*).

Saya suka menegaskan sa-kali, Tuan Pengerusi, ia-itu parti-Perikatan atau Kerajaan Perikatan berdiri tegoh atas perpaduan bangsa² yang ada di-dalam Persekutuan ini dan kalau ada di-antara kita Yang Berhormat men-chuba hendak memecahkan perpaduan ini maka ini-lah satu perkara yang mendukachitakan dan tidak akan jaya sampai bila² masa pun.

Tuan Pengerusi, berkenaan dengan doctor hendak berhenti itu saya juga hendak menerangkan perkara yang terjadi di-Seremban pada satu malam saya di-kejutkan oleh sa-orang untuk pergi ka-hospital kerana meminta pertolongan satu perkara. Apabila saya sampai ka-hospital kira² pukul 11.00 malam dan saya bertanya

kapada orang itu di-atas satu perkara bagini² keadaan-nya, kemudian dia kata, ini bukan tanggung-jawab saya, kata doctor itu. Saya bertanya kapada State Medical Officer pula dan beliau mengatakan bahawa itu ada-lah kewajipan dia. Jadi, sa-benar-nya doctor itu tidak datang kerja hari itu. Di-sini nampak-lah bahawa mereka itu tidak berapa indahkan kerja-nya kerana mereka berfikir kalau tidak hendakkan dia, dia boleh berhenti. Apa yang mendukachitakan kita ia-lah sama ada doctor² itu mahu berkhidmat kerana orang ramai atau tidak. Kalau sa-kira-nya untuk menchari wang saperti Dr. Underwood itu jalankan-lah suka hati-nya, tetapi jangan-lah menggunakan Wakil Ra'ayat supaya menonjol²kan diri-nya.

Jadi, pada penghabisan-nya, Tuan Pengerusi, saya berharap soal pegawai Kerajaan ini mengadu kapada Wakil Ra'ayat macham mana yang berlaku tadi hendak-lah kita fikirkan benar² dan apabila kita bawakan dalam Dewan ini hendak-lah kita kemukakan dengan perasaan yang bertanggung-jawab kerana satu² perkara² yang dikeluarkan dalam Dewan ini akan disiarkan dalam surat khabar. Jadi, saya harap-lah kapada Yang Berhormat itu supaya jangan membuat chara itu pada masa yang akan datang ini.

Tuan Pengerusi, saya rasa itu-lah sahaja yang saya dapat terangkan di-sini atau pun mengambil perbahathan berkenaan dengan mengurangkan peruntukan Menteri ini tadi dan sa-belum saya dudok suka-lah saya minta pandangan kapada Menteri yang berkenaan berkenaan dengan perkara² yang terjadi di-tempat saya sendiri, tetapi saya akan berpeluang lagi berchakap atau perkara ini. Saya ingat setakat itu-lah sahaja saya mengambil perbahathan dalam Majlis ini dan saya berharap terutama sa-kali wakil dari Ipoh hendak-lah berhati² menerima aduan daripada orang itu terutama orang² dari Ipoh sana.

Tuan Haji Abdullah bin Haji Abdul Raof: Tuan Pengerusi, saya bangun membangkang dengan sa-

keras²-nya di-atas usul ini yang hendak mengurangkan wang allowance Menteri Kesihatan sa-banyak \$10. Saya perchaya pehak Kerajaan juga akan mempertahankan chadangan ini dan menolak usul ini. Kami ada-lah berpuas hati di-atas usaha² Kementेरian ini tentang memperkuat, memperbaiki serta juga memperelokan kerja² jabatan ini yang mana kita telah dapati hospital² bertambah baik dan juga kaki-tangan, doctor, nurses saperti mana dalam ucapan-nya semalam kita dapati bertambah² dari satu masa ka-satu masa. Dan juga usaha-nya di-masa hadapan ia juga hendak membuat satu usaha yang sangat besar untuk menambahkan lagi kaki-tangan supaya dapat di-jalankan tujuan pembangunan luar bandar ini dengan sa-penoh²-nya. Jadi dengan ada-nya perbuatan yang kita saksikan pada masa yang lampau maka tentu-lah kita semua berpuas hati, dengan sebab itu rasa saya usul ini tidak-lah menasabah untuk di-terima bahkan sa-patut-nya memberi pujian kapada Menteri itu. Dengan itu, Tuan Pengerusi, tentu-lah kita hendak mengkaji atas sebab²-nya yang di-kemukakan usul ini. Kalau kita kaji kapada sebab² yang di-kemukakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Ipoh maka kita dapati 3 sebab. Yang pertama sa-kali kata-nya beberapa kali telah di-komplen atau di-bawa perkara yang ta' memuaskan hati dalam Dewan ini maka jawapan-nya ta' memuaskan hati.

Kedua sebab-nya berbalek kapada pemberhentian Dr. Underwood dan seterusnya kapada perkara Koko Club. Saya suka menyebutkan tentang Koko Club. Sunggoh pun Ahli dari Menglembu mengatakan jangan disebut²kan, tetapi saya terpaksa kerana perkara ini sudah pun di-keluarkan oleh mereka. Kalau sa-kira-nya kita kaji di-atas alasan yang pertama ia-itu complain atau pun perkara² yang di-bawa kapada Kementेरian ini supaya menyelideki perkara yang tidak memuaskan dan sa-sudah itu mendapat pula jawapan² yang tidak memuaskan, ini satu perkara yang ta' begitu besar yang mematutkan ia membawa usul

ini, kerana perkara yang ta' memuaskan hati bukan sahaja daripada Ahli dari Ipoh bahkan juga dari kami Ahli² Perikatan ia-itu banyak perkara² yang kami bawa dalam Dewan ini menerangkan perkara² yang kami ta' puas hati. Kami perchaya yang Menteri ini bukan membuta tuli dan mendiamkan sahaja, tetapi tentu-lah ia menyiasat dan menyelideki hingga ia puas hati atas perkara itu, dan jikalau tidak ada alasan² yang tepat maka tentu-lah ta' dapat di-terimanya. Dari jawapan yang di-bawa oleh Menteri ini kami sangat-lah berpuas hati.

Kedua ia-lah perkara Dr. Underwood yang di-bawa-nya juga menjadi alasan usul ini. Dr. Underwood telah pun berhenti dari jawatan-nya—bukan dengan paksa—tidak. Dia berhenti dengan permintaan-nya sendiri, sebab²-nya saya ta' tahu, Ahli dari Ipoh pun saya rasa ta' tahu dan, Tuan, pun ta' tahu melainkan ia sa-orang (Dr. Underwood) sahaja yang tahu. Perkara ini ada-lah sangat susah kita memikirkan, ada-kah kita hendak letakan salah ini kepada Menteri Kesihatan oleh sebab ia berhenti? Jadi ini-lah perkara yang kita semua hendak menyoal, hendak menjawab-nya tentu-lah susah melainkan Dr. Underwood sendiri.

Berkait pula dengan Koko Mess yang telah di-sebut²kan itu yang mana saya rasa tidak-lah ada kena-mengena dengan perkara Rumah ini, tetapi oleh sebab ada berkaitan dengan Dr. Underwood maka perkara ini telah di-sebut²kan. Menurut ucapan-nya yang pertama ia-itu salepas daripada ucapan Menteri Kewangan, sebab-nya Dr. Underwood itu tidak mahu masuk dalam Mess itu atau pun menjadi member maka dengan sebab itu colleague Dr. Majid tidak mahu berchampur dengan Dr. Underwood itu. Jadi Dr. Underwood itu sa-olah² macham sa-orang yang tidak ada gulongan.

Itu-lah sebab-nya Dr. Underwood berhenti. Pada fikiran saya tidak-lah menasabah oleh sebab Dr. Underwood

tidak mahu masuk clique Kelab Koko itu menyebabkan ia berhenti. Jadi ini satu perkara yang tidak dapat di-terima oleh akal. Dan ia juga menyebutkan kalau saya tidak silap ada dalam newspaper ia-itu Kelab Koko ini semua orang tahu, polis pun tahu. Pada fikiran saya kalau pehak polis tahu maka tentu baik perkara di-dalam-nya. Saya sendiri telah bertanya² siapa-kah ahli² kelab ini dan saya dapati ahli²-nya ia-lah doktor² yang berpangkat tinggi, Dato², Manager² bank dan orang² yang berpangkat² yang di-hormati oleh masyarakat. Jadi ada-kah perkara yang burok dalam kelab ini di-lakukan? Jadi saya rasa Kelab Koko ini tidak patut kita babitkan.

Jadi dengan itu maka tentu-lah kita tertanya² apa-kah sebab yang sa-benar-nya perkara ini di-bawa atau apa-kah sebab yang sa-benar-nya usul ini di-bawa ka-Majlis ini? Maka tentu-lah kita menchari jawab-nya? Saya rasa jawab-nya ia-lah tidak lain dan tidak bukan sa-telah Menteri Kesihatan sendiri menjawab kepada tudohan² yang di-buat-nya itu, yang mana Menteri itu telah menyebutkan perkataan² yang pedah terhadap diri-nya. Jadi saya rasa ia terasa pedas dan hati-nya pun sakit tentu-lah hendak menchari jalan bagaimana-kah hendak membela balek. Jadi saya rasa itu-lah sebab-nya usul ini muncul ia-itu hendak mengurangkan gaji Menteri ini sa-banyak \$10. Jadi bagitu-lah tujuan-nya ia-itu sudah sampai kepada "personal".

Saya rasa perkara ini tidak-lah patut di-bawa ka-dalam Dewan ini. Perkara ini kita patut tolak dengan tidak ragu², bukan sahaja daripada pehak PPP bahkan pehak pembangkang yang lain itu saya rasa tidak akan beserta di-atas usul yang di-bawa-nya ini.

Jadi saya tegaskan sa-kali lagi ia-itu saya ada-lah perchaya penoh kepada Menteri ini, dan dengan sebab itu saya dengan kuat-nya menolak usul yang di-bawa oleh Yang Berhormat dari Ipoh.

Enche' Lim Kean Siew (Dato Kramat): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am afraid a lot of hot air has passed over this motion, a lot of which is irrelevant, and it appears to me that the row has started over what is now well-known as Koko's Mess. But let us examine the situation properly. Is it about Dr. Majid Ismail that we are talking about? Is it about the Mess that we are talking about? Is it about certain doctors, like Dr. Underwood or Dr. Bhupalan, or Dr. Paramalam that we are talking about? No. We are talking about the unsatisfactory way in which the hospital services are being run and these are only examples. We must remember that first of all government servants are public servants. As public servants, their lives come under closer scrutiny than private individuals. Now, in spite of these arguments, it is not denied that there was a mess, and there is still a mess, called Koko's Mess. It is not denied that top government officials go there, as has been admitted by the Honourable Member for Kuala Kangsar. Now, I know of this mess. I also know of other messes, but it has not been my attitude to talk of personal affairs. However, where a mess, even though it is private, is concerned with public matters, then it is no longer a private matter; it becomes a public matter and as such it must come under the scrutiny of this House.

The motion before this House is that the Honourable Minister's salary be reduced by a token sum of \$10. It is in fact a motion of no confidence. Now because it is a motion of no confidence, it is essential that we should go back and see what has been said and if what has been said is true. As regards terms of service, it is now admitted that there are resignations from hospitals: it is now admitted that resignations are for private reasons or because of dissatisfaction of the service. We are not concerned here as to whether finally Dr. Bhupalan is right, or whether finally Dr. Underwood is right, but whether fundamentally there is dissatisfaction. And there is something

rotten under the new bricks of the new buildings that we are putting up that will one day corrupt the buildings to such an extent that they will collapse like a pack of cards. The essential thing in the Medical Services is not the look of the building, which the Ministry is so fond of talking about, but the type of service that we are going to provide for the people. There were accusations before of pregnant women giving birth whilst actually waiting to go into hospital; there was one case in Telok Bahang, where a woman gave birth under a tree—those accusations have not been disproved; there was another accusation of another person giving birth in the waiting room, after waiting for more than two hours—that also has not been denied; there was another instance of a person, who had to be admitted into hospital, because he was suffering from a disease which apparently would condemn him to death in a few months, and he was not allowed to go into the hospital because there were no beds; there was another instance of an old man, who was dying and who had not been admitted, because the disease was chronic. Now that deals with the question of beds, which my Honourable friend from Tanjong will be talking later on as to whether or not the figures given by the Government are correct; the question of Tanjong Rambutan has been dealt with by my Honourable friend from Menglembu. The whole issue before the House now is whether or not the Honourable Minister of Health is fit for his post, and we on this side say he is not, but people on the Alliance side say he is, which is natural. (*Laughter*). (*Interruption*). All right, do not shout. I can hear you quite clearly. (*Laughter*).

It is very unfortunate, however, that in this debate everyone has been challenging everybody else to repeat what is said inside this House outside. I must however inform the House that there may be a shortage of boxing gloves if these challenges to fight are continued. It is not difficult to solve this situation. I ask the

Honourable Minister of Health whether or not he will set up a commission of inquiry to enquire: first, into the terms of service of our doctors and medical staff—that is very reasonable—and if they are not happy or if they are dissatisfied, we can secondly examine as to why they are dissatisfied, so that we may change their terms of service if necessary; another term of reference for the commission of inquiry should be the relationship between the public and the administration, to see whether or not the attitude of the doctors today is the correct attitude, as my Honourable friend from Kuala Kangsar said that there was a doctor who said: "If you transfer me, I will resign." Well, that is not the attitude for the doctor to take—and it is the responsibility of the Minister of Health to see that he takes a proper attitude. It is an accusation on the Minister of Health that such doctors are allowed to be in the service, and to threaten his superior officers when he is being transferred. Therefore, I would propose, Mr. Chairman, Sir, that we set up this committee of inquiry, and we will know at once whether or not the hospital services are as they should be. And I will say this: I am prepared to go as a witness before this commission of inquiry, and I am quite prepared to talk of things which I would not like to say in this House and for which I do not wish to claim any privilege. I am quite prepared to go to the commission of inquiry as a witness and state what I know, not only with regard to contractors, not only with regard to doctors, but also with regard to a number of other persons; and if it is necessary, and if the commission of inquiry is prepared then to take action, I am quite prepared to go to Court. Thank you.

Enche' Tajudin bin Ali (Larut Utara): Tuan Pengerusi, saya bangun menentang chadangan yang di-ke-mukakan oleh wakil dari Ipoh. Tuan Pengerusi, saya berpendapat ada-lah usul yang di-majukan oleh-nya itu tidak-lah bijak. Kerana Ahli Yang Berhormat itu saya kenal

sangat—dia kawan saya tetapi kerja yang di-buat sa-bagai wakil ra'ayat selalu-nya di-putar²kan-nya. Di-Ipoh, Tuan Pengerusi, umpama-nya apabila ada gangster kena tangkap dan di-bawa di-Polis Station maka Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Ipoh terburu² datang, mana dia.....

Enche' V. David: Mr. Chairman, under Standing Order 36, the subject which the Honourable Member is discussing is irrelevant.

Mr. Chairman: This is quite relevant.

Enche' Tajudin bin Ali: Jadi, Tuan Pengerusi, patut-nya kita hendak-lah bersabar. Sa-bagai wakil ra'ayat kita mesti-lah tahu di-mana hendak kerja dan apa patut hendak buat. Umpama-nya perkara yang di-bangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Ipoh itu orang yang bertanggung-jawab dia tentu sa-kali berjumpa dengan Yang Berhormat Menteri menyatakan apa yang tidak puas hati dan kerap kali perkara semacam itu 100 peratus kalau Kerajaan Perikatan mesti dapat di-selesaikan.

Tuan Pengerusi, berkenaan dengan tanggung-jawab Menteri Kesihatan dan Kebajikan Masyarakat ini sangat berat. Dalam 4 tahun Kementerian ini telah menjalankan usaha²-nya ka-arrah kesihatan dan kebajikan masyarakat dalam Persekutuan Tanah Melayu dengan chemerlang-nya. Saya bernasib baik, Tuan Pengerusi, apabila saya dapat peluang dengan Yang Berhormat Menteri itu melawat ka-Australia di-mana menunjukkan bahawa Yang Berhormat itu telah bekerja kuat; saya boleh katakan dalam Dewan ini, dia bermesuarat dengan ahli² yang datang daripada Amerika, Australia berkenaan dengan kesihatan khas-nya sampaikan pukul dua, tiga dan empat malam. Berkenaan dengan kesihatan yang diketuai oleh beliau di-junjong tinggi oleh dunia bebas. Di-Persekutuan Tanah Melayu ini, Tuan Pengerusi, kita tengok-lah Hospital—rumah² sakit telah pun di-bena dengan tersergam, Clinic berjalan dengan

motor boat, di-tempat² ada hubatan² yang susah di-bawa dengan basikal. Di-kawasan saya di-dalam hutan belantara kerja² membena Clinic telah di-jalan selama 24 jam tiap² hari kerana hendak chepat di-sebabkan ra'ayat berkehendakan perubatan. Kita nampak, Tuan Pengerusi, ada tegoran yang tidak bertanggung-jawab daripada pehak pembangkang kerana boleh di-katakan tegoran² itu seperti ayer sa-titek jatuh dalam lautan. Tuan Pengerusi, berkenaan dengan Dr. Underwood saya rasa tidak patut di-buat tegoran kerana Dr. Underwood ada-lah di-hantar oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan belajar berkenaan dengan Plastic Surgery di-Jepun dan memakan belanja yang banyak dari wang ra'ayat jelata. Moto Dr. Underwood kalau tidak silap saya, Tuan Pengerusi, ia-lah bekerja untuk membantu manusia. Jadi, kita amati² berkenaan dengan Dr. Underwood berkhidmat apa-kah yang di-buat-nya terhadap ra'ayat apabila dia telah lulus dalam Degree

Plastic Surgery yang wang-nya di-keluarkan oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan Tanah Melayu dan dia balek bukan hendak melayan.....

Mr. Chairman: The time is up.

House resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Transport (Dato' Sardon): Sir, I beg to move that further consideration of the business now before the House be deferred to the next sitting day and that the House do now adjourn.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Enche' Mohamed Khir Johari): Sir, I beg to second the motion.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker: The House will now stand adjourned till 10 a.m. on Monday, 22nd January, 1962.

Adjourned at 1.00 o'clock p.m.