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BUSFARE HIKE 78 THE IRRECONCILABLE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN SBS & THE PEOPLE

Everybody will be affected

The announcement of a second full scale busfare hike came as a rude shock to most people, as the frustrating memories of the 1974 hike is still wavering in our mind. The laymen feel indignant over the increase but it seems to him that there is nothing he can do

to stop the Singapore Blood Sucker from oppressing him. Almost everybody was affected: the students, the workers, the policemen, the military men.



J. K. Tan

What the SBS says

Although the busfare hike will affect our livelihood but we are reasonable people; we would not just put the blame onto SBS WITHOUT even probing into the reasons for the hike. However, it seems that this time, the official 'reasons' given were again the same old stories told in 1974.

Briefly (but accurately) the official reasons were:

- 1) Cost of spare parts increased since 1974
- 2) Cost of fuel increased since 1974 (1974---19¢/litre, Present---25¢/litre)
- 3) Cost of buses increased since 1974 (1974---\$50000/bus, Present---\$100000/bus)
- 4) Improvement of condition of buses, SBS workshops and other conditions
- 5) Purchasing of more buses to meet increasing demands
- 6) To meet the future fuel hike

Unacceptable excuses

SBS and the Ministry of Communication (who have agreed to the hike) probably thought us, the people of Singapore, as great suckers. A closer look at the SBS Prospectus (dated 27th April '78 and published in the Straits Times) will reveal the truth.

(FIGURES IN MILLIONS)

YEAR:	*1974	1975	1976	1977	1978(5 months ended 31/3/78)
TOTAL REVENUE:	121.44	141.92	160.09	174.89	75.60
TOTAL COST:	107.38	136.35	156.78	159.18	68.68
PRE-TAX PROFIT:	10.61	3.35	0.52	15.71	6.92

(*Since SBS Ltd. was incorporated in July 1973, the financial statement for this year ended 31st Oct. '74 relates to 15 months account.)

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INDONESIA

— a brief history.



Indonesia is a rich land, buried with minerals like tin, bauxite, copper etc., covered with vast areas of timber-rich forests, fertile land for the growth of cereals and rubber; drown heavily with oil. Ironically, her people are one of the poorest in the world. The Dutch colonised Indonesia in 1602, after having driven out the Portuguese. Like all other colonists the Dutch exploited the land greedily and ruled its people cruelly.

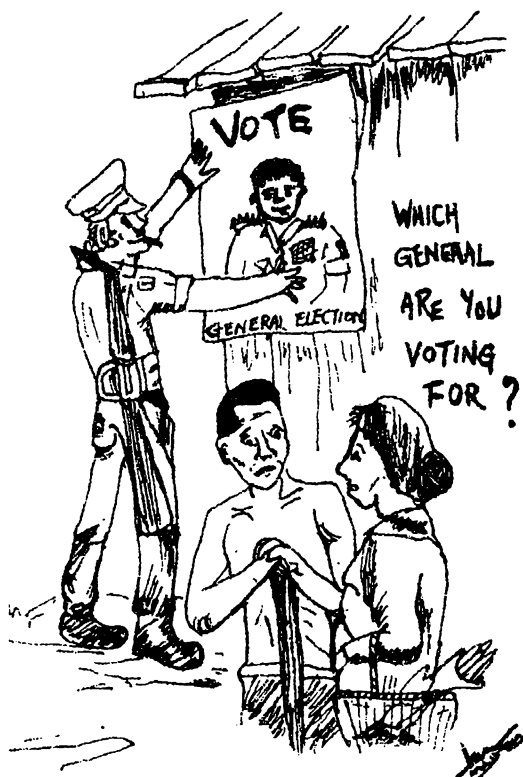
Despite the cruel suppression from the Dutch the deluge of the people's struggle for independence could not be stopped. Massive nationalist movement swept through the whole of Indonesia and the Indonesian won their independence in 17.8.1945. Indonesia was then, led by the Nationalist Party leader, Sukarno and the Partai Komunis Indonesia who was working closely with Sukarno.

During his term of office as the President of Indonesia, Sukarno brought many changes to Indonesia. Many foreign owned industries were nationalised and local capital were allowed to remain and develop with the aid of the government. Some foreign capitals were also allowed to remain. Indonesia, for once, became ruler of their own land.

After independence, Sukarno accepted 'aids' from the United States to speed up development, and the Americans seized the opportunity to send in American professors to teach in Indonesian Universities. Sukarno, in the beginning, rejected this large influx of American professors into Indonesia; but later permitted it when the Americans threatened to cut off all 'aids'. Under the Ford Foundation's programmes, many top Indonesian military personnels were invited to U.S.A. for training

(free of charge, of course!) and among those military personnels were Suharto and all the others who played an important role in the 1966 coup de tat. Meanwhile, the American professors in Indonesia were Americanising the Indonesia and cultivating the Universities' students to suit America's interest. When Sukarno began to realise that something was wrong, it was already too late; for it was the American-trained military men who held the gun, not him. In late 1965, demonstrations led by the Indonesia pro-American students broke out and soon a coup d'etat was staged by the Army. The 1966 coup d'etat was one of bloodiest one seen in the history of mankind. Hundreds of thousands of PKI members, trade unionists and nationalists were massacred; hundreds of thousands of them were thrown into

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5.8 正義的要求！

(这首诗是为了纪念今年五月八日一群同学在校園内靜坐以要求得到两间课室来方便新生入会手續的过程。)



这不是一场军事演习
但镇暴队来了
是那么的无声无息
他们来了
轻机枪、盾牌、木棍
和只叫命令的立召者

这不过是和校长商谈
但他和他的幕僚们
却是那么的狡猾
他们顽固的、有心的
躲避我们提出的问题
他们搬出了尊严的面孔
现出了神圣不可侵犯的一世
但揩开了面具
是丑恶、憎恨的脸孔

这不过是场靜坐要求
要求两间课室 要求解释
为什么不能有这些要求
同学们来了，他们是
清白的、团结的、高歌的
他们了解事端的真谛
这绝不是奢侈的要求
这是必需的要求
是正义的要求

他们现出了狼狽
如无中之龟
他们忧虎 渡日如年
啊！他们找到了救星
哦：是拿着武器的人
是沾满血腥的人

他们是一伙
他们否认
但事实胜于雄辩
帛包不住火
他们要赶我们走
看他们命令了

这不是军事演习
但镇暴队来了
这不是泰国
啊！我们是赤手空拳，手无寸铁
我们並沒有制造任何破坏，
任何东西

这只是一场要求和解释
但他们怕了
他们叫来了

为保他性命的人
但我们只是学生
我们是在我们的校园里
我们被迫走了
因为我们还有理智
我们只是一名学生
但我们是清醒的

我们高歌团结
我们知道 为什么
我们要求、提出要求

天空是那么的幽暗
星星眨眼月不圆
空气越凝越冷了
但我们的心的是越来越热
因为我们热了
事实教育了我们
更加深了我们

高涨的情绪
加深了我们的……

FUEMSSO

C.P. Goh

(FEDERATION OF UNITED KINGDOM AND EIRE, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE STUDENTS ORGANISATION)

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

FUEMSSO is a federation of students' organisation that is open to all Singapore and Malaysian students studying in the various parts of Britain. Its' constituent unions of students come from many colleges in different cities such as London, Leeds, Sheffields and Birmingham. The running and the leadership of FUEMSSO is open to and elected by delegates from the constituent Unions. Annual General Conference is held where all the delegates representing their respective constituent Unions participated and exchange their ideas and views. It is also during the Annual General Conference that general directives for the ensuing years is put forth to all the constituent unions. Thus this kind of conference has become also the highest decision-making body of FUEMSSO.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF FUEMSSO

In recent years, much influenced by the development in Singapore and Malaysia, the students movement in FUEMSSO has grown into an active patriotic and progressive students' movement which concern itself not only with the welfare and interests of the Malaysia and Singapore students in UK, but also the welfare and interests of the people back home in Malaysia and Singapore.

During their last (15th) Annual Delegates Conference in Dec. '77, the theme "Neo-colonialism and Democratic Rights" was adopted as a follow-up of the previous theme "Know your country and serve the People". As evident from the themes adopted at the Annual Delegates Conference, the present leadership is working towards a unified and coherent programme for the students with the objectives of arousing social awareness and in support of the just struggling of the people.

THE CAMPAIGN AND PROTEST AGAINST 15 YEARS OF DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL IN SINGAPORE

An expression of indignation against repression back home, FUEMSSO launched an intensified campaign to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Feb. 2nd Mass Arrests in Singapore 15 years ago. Supported by some foreign friends, some 130-odds Malaysia and Singapore students demonstrated by marching from Hyde Park Speakers Corner in London to the Singapore High Commission on the 1st of Feb. '78. They carried along with them banners and placards exposing their nature of the repressive regime in Singapore and bring to light the plight of some of the victims of repression. Open letters were also handed out to the public, clarifying the reasons and background of the demonstration.

Following the demonstration, a public rally was organised by the University of London Union. Two prominent speakers, who were invited, both strongly criticised the blatant acts of suppression by state machinery in Singapore and Malaysia. They were Dr. Malcolm Caldwell and Prof. Ernst Utrecht. (Both had been doing studies on the contemporary situations in S.E. Asia.)

Activities organised to commemorate Feb. 2nd, however, were not confined to students. FUEMSSO also initiated petition circulating in UK and Europe appealing to democratic individuals and organisations to condemn the repression in Singapore. The response and reactions were overwhelming and had creat much publicity though it had not been released to the public in Singapore.

In UK, 83 MPs signed a motion calling upon the British government to take up the case of detainees in Singapore which Britain is also partly responsible.

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谈“劉三姐”

影迷



日夜盼望，向往已久的“劉三姐”终于上映了，未看电影之前，就收集了好些有关劉三姐的资料，从而知道劉三姐是广西僮族的歌仙，甚至广东也有个劉三妹，这些传说中的人物都是唱山歌的能手；我从小就喜欢唱歌，心中暗想，倘若不看“劉三姐”，那就真是枉自称为“爱歌之人”了。

看过劉三姐之后，对于饰演刘三姐的女主角——黄婉秋的一举一动，一颦一笑，都留下了深刻的印象，尤其是他与秀才对歌时的表情，自豪而又不骄跋，把一个聪明美丽而又不畏强权的歌手，表现得活灵活现。

虽然“劉三姐”片中有美丽的女主角，悦耳动听的山歌，但我心中总有点不满足。全部影片以“三姐”一人为主角，大家的注意力都集中在她身上，对其他角色未免有所忽略；全片影片对劉三姐的出身背景，也没有很好的介绍。我们不知道劉三姐的歌为什么会唱得那么好？影片中虽然有交待说，人们拥戴“三姐”是因为她唱出人民的心声，反抗地主，但这都不具体，只凭影片中的几句对话，我们无法对劉三姐产生敬意。

影片中的歌词精炼，对仗工整，都是从民间传唱的歌词加以修改而成，有些根本就不用删改。谁说“野語村言，登不得大雅之堂？”他们的文字更接近口语，易唱易懂又大众化，寓言深刻，词锋尖锐。如“穷人血汗他喝尽，他是人间强盗头”，“财主心肠比蛇毒，塘边洗手鱼也死，路过青山树也枯”，“风吹云动天不动，水推船移岸不移”……这些都是很出色的词句。



STAR WAR

a 20th century fairy tale.



INTRODUCTION:

"Jaws" was a sensation and a great money spinner. Everyone thought that it would be impossible to break its record. However, within a matter of 2 years, the record was already smashed ----- by

THE STAR WAR.

STORY:

It will be hard for one who have read "The Star War" by George Lucas to believe that a film based on it would ever become the biggest money spinner. The story is a typical "beautiful princess and the handsome prince" story brought into the realm of science fiction. Instead of riding on a white horse carrying a sword and shield, the 'prince' in Star War drives a space ship and carries a light sabre. The story starts with a certain imperial galaxy which is rich and powerful. However, a certain group of evil men led by a Darth Vader (somekind of a black knight in the King Arthur's story) has managed to seize power and imprisons the 'princess' of the imperial galaxy. They have also made an all-powerful weapon of destruction call the 'death Star'. The 'princess' is one of the leaders of the a rebel group; she knows their whereabouts and, most important of all, she knows the only vulnerable point of the 'death Star'. Lucky enough, she is able to transmit her message thro' a robot Artoo Detoo, who is later found by a young farm boy. After a lot of difficulties, he manages to destroy Darth Vader and the 'death Star' and the 'princess is rescued. And they lived happily ever after.

WHY IS STAR WAR A HIT?

Despite the above weakness, Star War is able to hit the world's highest box office record. And this is mainly attributed to the realistic scenes and its many special effect techniques. The fighting between space craft in the Star War is, by far, the best ever seen on the screen. In order to produce the required effects, George Lucas spent 8 weeks just to film the 10-minute space scene at the end of the show.

CONCLUSION:

The Star War will certainly attract many audience in Singapore, especially children. However, it will not be able to surpass or even come near the sensation achieved by "Jaws" and "3rd Sister Liu", the latter being rescreened at the same time as the 'Star War'. If you want to watch a realistic science fiction, then the 'Star War' would probably disappoint you---because it is more a scientific fairy tale.

- FRANKIE CHEAH

马新英苗 - Ho Piow -

学生联盟



简介:

Fuemsso 是马新英苗学生的一个学生组织，它属下的学生会来自伦敦、莉丝菲和伯明翰 (Leeds - Sheffield and Birmingham)。其领导与行政部是公开管由各属下的学生会代表选出来。常年会议时，各学生会将派遣其代表，互相交流看法。并且经过这次会议，确定来年的工作方针与工作计划，因此，这样的会议就成为 Fuemsso 解决问题的最高场所。

Fuemsso 近况

近几年来，Fuemsso 已茁壮成长为一般活跃的爱国与进步学生力量，不仅关心马新英苗学生的福利与兴趣，同时也关心到千里迢迢的祖国人民生活。

在去年十二月的常年会议大会中，继承了前年的“了解祖国，为人民服务”提出了“新殖民主义与民主权力”这项工作方针。由此可见，现今的领导层正为着实现学生们的统一战线，提高社会觉醒与支持祖国人民的正义斗争而努力！

下，游行到伦敦的 Hyde Park Speakers Corner 的新加坡领事馆，他们手执布条和佈告指示被压迫者的愿望。公开信也发给公众人士，澄清示威的理由与背景。

紧折着示威后，伦敦大学学生会在校内举办一个群众大会，被邀请的两位有名人士强烈抨击在新马两地利用国家机器来血腥镇压人民的行为。他们是 Malcolm Caldwell 医生与 Ernst Utrecht 教授(两位曾经研讨东南亚的近况)。

十五年元审讯的竖禁——提出抗议

Fuemsso 胸燃怒火，为了反对祖国人民的被压迫，发起了一项规模庞大的运动，纪念十五年前的二·二六逮捕事件。二月一日那天有大约一百廿多名新马学生，在一些外国朋友的支持

二·二六纪念日活动范围不只是局限在学生内。同时在英国与欧洲各地，Fuemsso 同时也在发起答请愿书运动，寻求民主主义人士与组织谴责在新加坡的残酷压迫。这次，公众人士的反应相当热烈并引起了很大的舆论。虽然在星加坡的公众人士一无所知。



一九七八年巴士车资加价

—— SBS 与人民利益的冲突是个不可调和的矛盾

— S. K. Tan —

每个人将会被影响

当一九七四年巴士车资加价的阴影仍然激荡于人们的脑海里，第二次再加价的宣布实在给予广大人民一个更大的打击。人们对于这次加价的确是感到愤慨，然而对于如何抵制这样的压迫却显得力不从心，几乎每个人都被影响：学生、工人、警察、军人。

SBS 怎样说

虽然这次车资加价影响我们的日常生活，但我们是理智的人，绝不因为没有探讨加价原因而一味把埋怨向 SBS 发，然而，横观这次加价的“理由”，未免又是 74 年的老生重谈。

简而言之（但正确的）其理由是：

- (1) 自 74 年零件价钱增加。
- (2) 自 74 年油价增加（1974 年——1 公升 194，目前——1 公升 254）
- (3) 自 74 年巴士购价增加（1974 年一辆达 \$50,000，目前一辆达 \$100,000）
- (4) 改善巴士工场及其它设备。
- (5) 购买更多巴士以应服需要。
- (6) 应服来年的石油加价。

不成理由

SBS 与交通部（同意这次加价）把广大的新加坡人民当羔羊来宰割。只委我们过目一下 SBS 的报告书（78 年 5 月 27 日，刊于海峡时报），这事实将摆在眼前。

年度	1974	1975	1976	1977	结束于 1978/3/31
总收入（百万元）	121.44	141.92	160.09	174.89	75.60
总价值	107.38	136.35	156.78	159.18	68.68
未抽税的利润	10.61	3.35	0.52	15.71	6.92

从上面的格表可以看出 SBS 于 1974 年所得收入最多，1978 年也将会更多。

SBS 指说 1974 年石油已涨价，可是 1974 年车资已提高了一次，事实上，1977 年那年，石油供应价、修理费等已由 \$45.79 + \$737（53.16 百万）降至 \$38.51 + 11.45（49.96 百万）（资料来自 78 年报告书）

因此我们唯有这样说 SBS 与有关当局企图愚弄广大的新加坡人民并从他们身上榨取最后的一滴血。

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It is clear from the table that the SBS IS MAKING MOST MONEY (15.71 millions) IN THE YEAR 1974 AND IS EXPECTED TO MAKE EVEN MORE MONEY IN 1978. SBS claimed that the fuel has increased since 1974 but THERE WAS ALREADY ONE HIKE IN 1974. In fact, in the year 1977, the cost of fuel supplies, repair and maintenance depreciation HAS DROPPED from \$45.79 + \$7.37 (53.16 million) to \$38.51 + \$11.45 (49.96 million).

------(SOURCE: SBS PROSPECTUS '78)

We can only conclude that SBS and the authorities concerned are ONLY TRYING TO FOOL THE PEOPLE OF SINGAPORE AND SQUEEZE THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD FROM US.

If SBS wants to buy new buses they should have taken it out of their own pockets --- why did they choose to increase the busfare? Increasing the efficiency and improving the service will only increase the income of the SBS because more people would take to travelling by bus.

And of all the excuses, SBS chooses to say that the hike is in anticipation of a future oil hike, while Mr Yamani, oil Minister for Saudi Arabia has already announced on behalf of OPEC that the price of oil will be frozen until next year.

Government Stand

It was most deplorable to hear that not only did the government agree with the hike, they had actually collaborated with the SBS to 'justify' the increase. It led us to question whose interests the authorities are protecting.

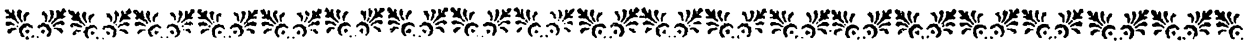
SPSU's Stand

Having conducted some preliminary surveys and interviews, ascertaining that the people are indeed most affected and dissatisfied with the increase, SPSU decided to take up the Anti-Busfare Hike Campaign.

No doubt the SBS had given us a concession of \$18 but majority of our students are not selfish individuals and we viewed the concession as a bribe to silent us from taking up any action.

Though the month-long campaign had not been able to prevent the increase in busfare, the respond from the public had however proved to be most encouraging. In a matter of a few days, ten thousands over signatories were collected from the general public in a petition to the Ministry of Communication. The reply was disappointing. Not only did the Minister flatly rejected the appeal, he even refused to meet the representatives from SPSU when the petitions were handed in.

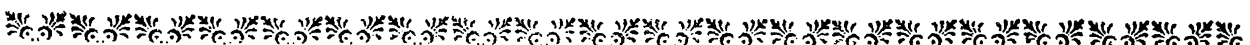
Our failing to achieve anything materially from the campaign would not deter us from carrying on with what we are doing. SPSU will continue to voice out for the people against any injustices and social disparities around.



We welcome all articles, contributions, letters, suggestions and criticisms for the improvement of this magazine. Please send them to:

SPSU Union House,
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Singapore 2.

* N.B. Opinions expressed in signed articles need not necessarily coincide with that of the Editorial Board.





Protest

By S.K. Lim

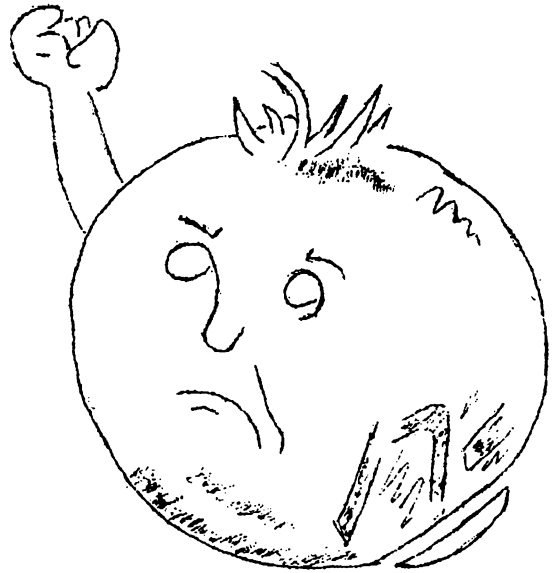
I welcomed the formation of SBS
For, according to them
SBS means better service
This I appreciated.

But immediately they announced a hike
They needed the extra, I was told
Since things were not that bad
Though unwillingly, I paid.

Hell! But this is too much
Only 4 years after that first hike
And I just can't see why
They needed so much to survive.

This time I wouldn't swallow it anymore
All the reasons or excuses --- so raw
I want to know exactly
Which, what, how and why??????

At last I have found the reason
It was not for 'better service' and all those nonsense
We had to eat less and suffer more
Because those big bosses of the SBS----
Are looking for more blood to suck.



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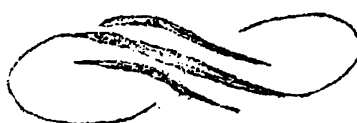
The silent One



He lies amidst the planks and stones;
His head tilted just as when he
takes a nap at noon.
No more perspiration from the heavy work,
Not disturbed by the noise around
And no more Kepala sniffing about.

Someone heard a cracking sound and a yell,
And quickly the supervisor threw down-----
a broken helmet,
And a safety belt.

Yes, dead and no accusation can he make.
Only faces around him expressing
sympathy and concern.
And eyes burning with anger.



MAY 22nd INCIDENT

THE VICTIM

I have ever questioned myself about my involvement in the Union. Are we doing something very wrong? Why are there so many forces trying and always trying to stop us from what we are doing? Why do our friends and family keep discouraging us from what we are doing? Whenever these questions pop up in my mind after an incident, I would come to a conclusion: What we do is perfectly right and justifiable. You may not agree but maybe after reading the following incident, you can judge best whether what we are doing is right or wrong.....

It happened on the 22nd of May, the start of the second week of the Freshmen Orientation 78/79 (first week being a camp). Early that morning, new students started streaming into the Ayer Rajah Campus and were divided into 7 colour groups. Soon they started learning and singing their colour group song to boost up the group's spirit. Things went on quite well until a group of ragers started gathering in the campus. These ragers came with a specific purpose: To derive fun out of freshmen by humiliating them! The programme that was being carried out then was a mini concert and those ragers interrupted now and then with hooligan calls and vulgar language. They even went to the extent of throwing packets of water at the freshmen! Yes, they ARE all Poly students.

After the concert, the individual colour groups were led to the classrooms to have some get-to-know-you games. The unruly ragers followed behind and tried to enter the rooms. After a few unsuccessful attempts, they finally saw a door half-opened. Just as they wanted to go in, a lady Union Official tried to close the door. But those ragers kept pushing and the door was closed only when some freshmen helped the lady Union Official, Miss Kuek. Those ragers got angry and started kicking at the door, spitting saliva on the knob and threatening Ms. Kuek with all sorts of remarks. Finally, the ragers left the block when some Disciplinary Officers (D.O.) of the Orientation approached them.

At 1.45 p.m. after lunch, Miss Kuek suddenly found herself being surrounded by a group of seniors, some trouble-makers and others, acting as audience. The trouble-makers, Lim Eng Seng, Roy Tan, Honda (a nickname well-known in Poly) and a few others wanted Miss Kuek to apologise for 'SLAMMING' the door at them. Miss Kuek, knowing that she did not slam the door nor is she at fault, refused to apologise. But those few ragers started scolding vulgar and abusive language as well as making obscene signs directed at the lady official. As the tension began to build up, Miss Kuek, in order to avoid more troubles, finally said 'sorry'. The few ragers (I can't find any word in the dictionary that describes them best) insisted that the correct word to be used was "I am sorry". But those few God-damn bastards said that they were not satisfied. They wanted her to re-apologise. Miss Kuek then apologised for the third time but they were still not satisfied.

Miss Kuek, seeing that they won't be satisfied thus refused to talk anymore. Instead she sat on the table behind her. Those few started to insult her again. Lim Eng Seng went to the extent of using words like 'You are not fit to be in Poly, you are fit to be in Desker Road!' Then Roy Tan started to pull, yes I say PULL, Miss Kuek down from the table and gave her a punch in the stomach. Lim Eng Seng tried to punch her but was blocked by another Union Official at the scene. Another rager hit Miss Kuek from behind with a bottle! Simultaneously, the six male Union officials at the scene were being assaulted. All of them received quite serious head injuries. One of them even lost his tooth. Eventually, four of the Union Officials were being sent to the hospital. A report was made to the police and after consulting a lawyer, the lawyer said that by all means, we can file a civil suit against them. Compensations up to \$1 000 for a tooth can be expected!!

Still the main problem is why are there such seniors (though a very small minority) around in the campus? Why is there no action taken against

FORUM - A Flop?

The other night (the night of the forum), I happened to be passing by the SPSU Union House at about 6.45p.m. when I was attracted by the decorative lightings and set-up within. Only then did I recalled that SPSU was organising an Anti-Cusfare Hike Forum that very night.

As I was not occupied with anything at that moment, I, too, squeezed my way into the Union House premises after signing my name at the counter. Being a cultured man, and the first time attending such a forum, I couldn't think of sitting on the floor though ground sheets were provided. Curious to see what could possibly come out of such a forum, I lingered around near the porch.

It didn't take me long to notice two ladies, one a Chinese and the other not, lording about within the SPSU compound. They seemed to be having some encounters with the students manning the gate counter and the staircase leading upstairs. (I learnt later that the two ladies were reporters from the Straits Times Press.)

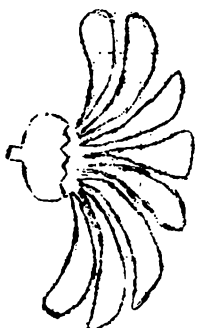
By about 7.15pm., the premises was already quite packed and I would estimate the crowd to be at least over 1 000 people. There were still quite a number who could not get in and were lining along the pathway. However, I was indeed shocked when the next day, Straits Times reported only 250 students attending the forum and dismissed it as a flop. It is hard to imagine how a press reporter could possibly made such a blunder at estimating the crowd. (Bless my soul if it is their usual practice to give figures at their own fancy!)

As the forum proceeded, some of the 'audience' wanted to leave. However, they were prevented from doing so. A student at the gate explained that it was for security reasons as they feared that the anxious crowd outside might tend to squeeze in. The above said 2 ladies (after some unhappy arguments and perhaps not following the forum as the most part of it was carried out in Chinese) decided to leave. They, too, received ^{the} same treatment as the others. However, without really understanding the explanation given by the students, ^{they} began to create another scene and threatened to call the police. Possibly to avoid further ugly incident, the students let them out.

Though personally I do not quite agree to the students for closing the gate and keeping the public within, I feel that we need to understand their reasons for doing so. Surely as a reporter, she must have ^{come} across many situations and should have well known how to handle it. To make use of the press to seek revenge (which she herself had personally vowed to do) is indeed irresponsible to the public and an abuse of her position.

Commenting on the forum itself, it is indeed disappointing to many who have turned up hopefully to listen to the representatives from the various bodies concerned---- Ministry of Communication, Singapore Bus Service and the Consumers' Association of Singapore. However, it is comforting (at least to me) to know that there are still so many Singaporeans who care for issues that concern them. This forum had partly changed my impression of a typical Singaporean.

QUOTATION



Good intentions make poor statistics, stop dreaming, start doing!!

Train up a child in the way he should go-- but be sure you go that way yourself first!!

REMOTE

SHORT STORY

CONTROL LOVE

1. AH CHAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Money is power. This simple fact of life is common knowledge. Unbelievably, this is how Ah Chan got himself a wife. Ah Chan is a young and capable salesman. Products that come into his hands are always sold out like hot cakes. However, there is one thing that he couldn't sell : himself. Just then, when he rang Marie Wong, she told him not to disturb her again.

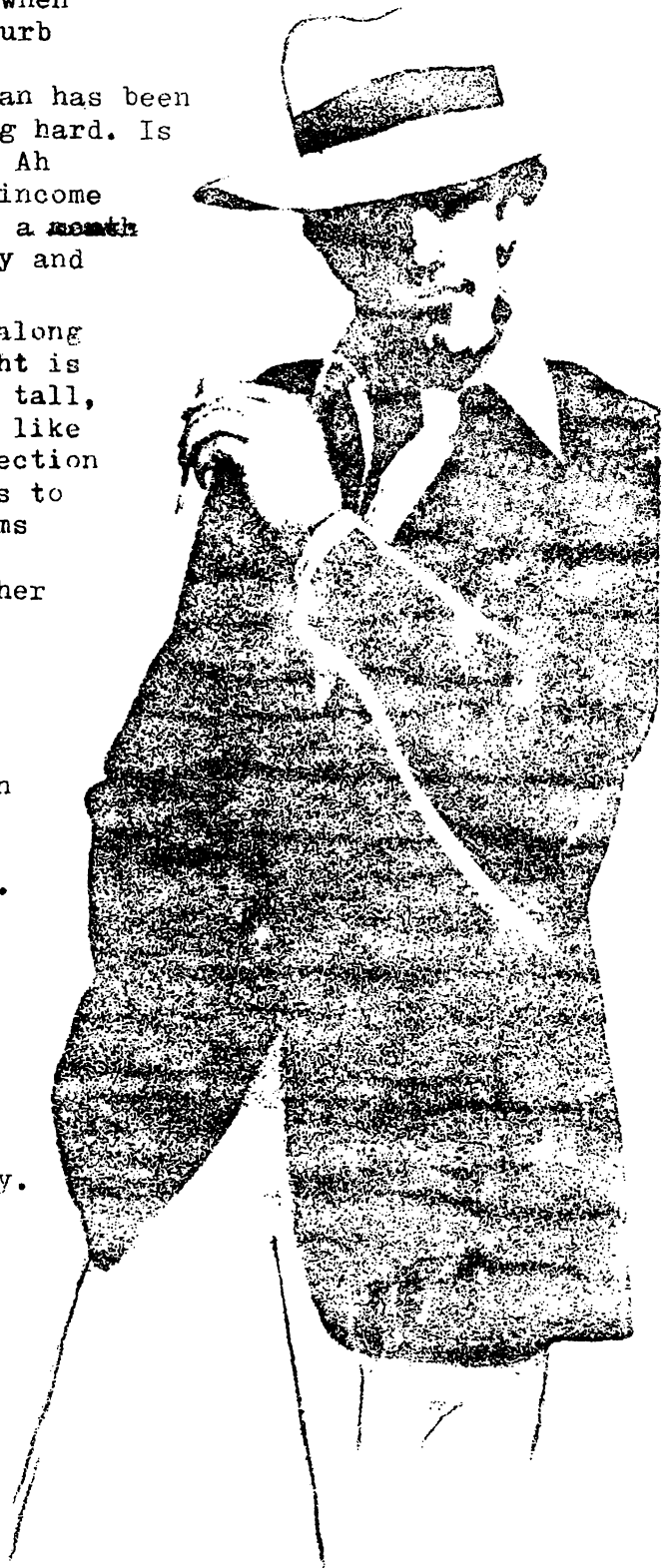
Depressed, greatly depressed.... Ah Chan has been walking on the road for a long time, thinking hard. Is he ugly ? No, he is better looking than that Ah Wong who sits behind him in the office. His income isn't that bad too --- a thousand HK dollars a month excluding commission. Moreover he is friendly and sociable.

Walking and walking, he found himself along the harbour and it was already nine. The night is depressing with its thick layer of mist. The tall, white skyscraper on the opposite shore looks like a piece of gravestone with its lifeless reflection in the wavering seawater. Suddenly he decides to take his own life and solve all those problems once and for all.

One of his legs is already over the other side of the railing when a hand taps on his shoulder. (Of course, if he is dead, then there is no more story to tell). Shocked. Ah Chan turns his head and sees a chauffer-like man smiling politely at him. He bows and invites Ah Chan to follow him. Puzzled, Ah Chan does not know what he should do. Finally he decides to follow the man, who leads him to a limousine which is parked near the harbour. (Probably it's a Rolls Royce, the type which has a carriage as big as a small sitting hall). Four men are sitting in the car; an American big shot, an English Gentleman, an Arabic sheik, the last.... cannot describe.

"Young man", the American big shot starts. "Why take your own life?" Ah Chan's English is usually fluent but this time, it takes him quite an effort to finish his story.

"Ha.... Ha..." the four are already laughing fanatically before Ah Chan can finish his story. "It's not worth!" the American big shot exclaims and then turns to the others. "Just now we were talking about the power of money and Mr. Jonast doubted what we said. He said that there are things which money cannot buy, like friends, love etc., O.K. Let's conduct an experiment and at the same time help our young friend here." He turns to Ah Chan, "You only want a wife of your choice, isn't it?" Without waiting for a reply, he turns to his companions, "Let us make some adjustment of our CAPITAL and see what it can do."



The others, finding his suggestion interesting, nod their heads in agreement. Ah Chan, thinking that they are planning to lend him some money, explains "But I've got no money to pay you back if you ^{lend} me money."

"No need to borrow or lend," that big shot explains, "We only need to transfer our CAPITAL and then.....this.....that...." After a brief thought, Ah Chan gets down the car and before he can convince himself that he is not dreaming, the car has already sped away.

2. MYSTERIOUS MAN AT THE BANK

Early next morning, an executive-like man comes to Ah Chan's house all necessary arrangements and preparations are made.

It's noon, at the City Centre. Ah Chan doesn't know if he should go into the bank because he still cannot convince himself if all this is true. He is familiar with this bank. He has been here many times. All the female employees of this bank are beautiful and young, especially those who stand behind the counter to help customers to write cheques and other documents. Among them, is a girl of whom Ah Chan has noticed long ago. She is the most beautiful girl here Ah Chan has ever seen. Good,.... let's try on her.

He straightens his tie, plucks up his salesman's guts and walks slowly towards her.

3. ATTACK

Ah Chan is greeted by her bright smile and he blushes.

"Sir?"

"I... er... withdraw.... one hundred."

In seconds, the cheque is written.

"Please go to that window."

"....."

"Sir, please go to that window."

It's time now.... it's time now....

"Miss,... can...can I invite you out for a cup of coffee."

Puzzled.

She immediately recovers her posture and says, still smiling, "It's the company regulation that we don't accept any invitation of any kind from the customers." She turns her 'wedding ring' emphatically as she said this. But Ah Chan knows that the wedding ring is probably only a camouflage to avoid disturbances. Anyway, it is understandable for she is such a pretty girl. Ah Chan does not say anything more and leaves.

The next day, 12.00 p.m., Ah Chan is here again!

"Withdrawal....\$200."

Writing of cheques.

"Miss, can I invite you out for a cup of coffee?"

Again puzzled. The girl looks up closely. Oh, it's that man, "Company's regulation sir." still smiling.

The third day,

"Withdrawal....\$400."

She looks up; it's him again.

"Miss, can I invite....."

"Sorry, it's company....."still smiling.

Fourth day; \$800.

This time there is more than one smiling face because many other girls around are covering their mouths with their hands to prevent themselves from laughing.

Fifth day.

"Will he come today?..." everybody s asking.

As usual, Ah Chan comes at 12.00 p.m. sharp.

"Withdrawal....\$1 600."

The people in the bank starts to realise that his withdrawal is doubling everyday. And the girl with the bright smile, smiles no more for everyone in the bank is teasing her.

On the 10th day; \$10 000, the 11th--\$20 000, the 12th--\$40 000.....

Out of curosity, someone secretly checks his account. The result is appalling : this young man has a deposit which amounts to an astronomical figure and even the biggest computer in the bank is unable to give the answer.

Everyone, including the top executive who used to lock themselves in their office, are puzzled. Will he come tomorrow? And if he comes tomorrow, the withdrawal should be \$3200 000.....! (story to be cont'd in the next issue.)



五月二十二日 事件

我时常自问自己参与学生会是否是做错了什么事？为什么我们所做的事情总是受到许多压力和阻挠？为何我们的朋友和家人会不大鼓励我们所做的事？每当发生一些事情过后，这些疑问就会出现在脑海里，但我总是这么对自己说：我们所做的事是完全正确与合理的。你可能不赞成我的说法，但当你读完下页后，你也许会同意我的说法，同时你也能在对与不对的答案之间自己下个判断。

事情是发生在今年78/79年迎新周的第二个星期，5月22日早上，许多新生汇集在Ayer Raja学院内后，就分成七个颜色组，并编起组歌来提高气氛，节目在欢乐的气氛中进行，过后一批旧生涌入校园内，旧生到来是有其目的性的——

以戏弄新生来取乐！他们乘‘文娱表演’（迎新节目之一）正在进行时借机会扰乱秩序，甚至向新生丢水包看！这些就是所谓的‘POLY’学生。

‘文娱表演’过后，新生被带到课室去继续其他游戏节目，而那些野蛮的旧生也跟在后面设法闯进课室内，在拥挤下门半开了，他们就想乘机溜进去，这时一位学生会的成员负责同学就要把关上，可是那批旧生却不甘愿，硬要把门推开，直到后来在一批新同学的帮助下才好不容易把门给关上，那些旧生就动怒的对着门拳打脚踢吐口水，还向那位姓郭的女同学骂些不三不四的话，直到迎新纪律委员来驱赶他们，他们才离开。

在同日下午一英四十五分左右，郭同学发现自己给一群旧生、闹事者和观众包围着，林永感、罗莱陈、汉达（人名皆译音）（在POLY出了名的外号）这些闹事者和其他同学要她向他们道歉，他们藉口说她关门时撞到了他们，但郭同学知道他们是在胡说，因此拒绝向他们道歉，于是那群滋事者就骂起粗话来，还露出一付凶恶残暴的咀脸来对待她，在这样的情况下，为了避免麻烦事情发生，她就说声“对不起”，可是，那群旧生（我无法从字典中找出更巧当的字眼来形容他们）却顽固地要她说：“我对不起你们！”以所谓较正确的词来回答他们，因此郭同学只好照说了，可是这群无耻的家伙还是觉得不满意，要她重说，她也再说了一次，结果他们还是不满意。

这时郭同学知道，尽管她再重说几次，他们还是不会满意的，她就索性坐在背后的桌子上，懒得去理睬这些无聊的家伙，那群旧生却对她侮辱起来，林永感就胡来一番，对她说“你不适合当在POLY，你适合当在Desker Road！”过后，罗莱陈把郭同学从桌上拉下来，还向她肚子击了一拳，林永感也想再打一拳时，学生会负责同学及时的阻止了他，跟着另一位旧生拿瓶子往



如果SBS要购买新车,他们应该从自己的口袋里拿——为什么选择提高车费呢?提高的效果与服务只会增加SBS的收入,因乘客将会增加。

除了这些藉口外,SBS还说车费提高是为了预防来年的石油加价,但同时,沙地阿拉伯石油部长、亚马尼代表石油机构宣布将冻结油价以至明年。

政府的立场

令人感到遗憾的是,政府不只是同意这次的巴士车费加价,同时还与SBS“合作”千方百计的要把这次加价“合理化”,到底他们是在维护谁的利益呢?

学生会的立场

经过了初步的调查与访问,了解到广大人民事实上受到很大的影响,同时也很不满意这次的起价后,工院学生会决定发起“反对巴士车费加价”。

无可否认巴士公司当局有给予我们每月十八元的优待,但大部份的同学都不是自私自利的,我们发觉这个优待只是被利用来作为塞咀布,使我们不采取任何行动罢了。

虽然这次长达一个月的运动并没有阻止这次的加价,但公众人士的热烈反应却是非常令人鼓舞的,只在短短的几天内,我们就收集到了超过一万个签名以呈上一封请愿书至交通部,但交通部的答复却是令人失望的,交通部长不但连直折告诉我们他拒绝这次的要求也做不到,甚至还拒绝会见我们的代表。

虽然,从这次运动中我们没有达到任何物质方面的要求,但这却不能阻止我们继续着我们的工作,工艺学院学生会将继续为广大人民发出他们心底的呼声,反对任何臭熏熏,不公正的社会现象。



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Indonesia — a brief history (cont'd)

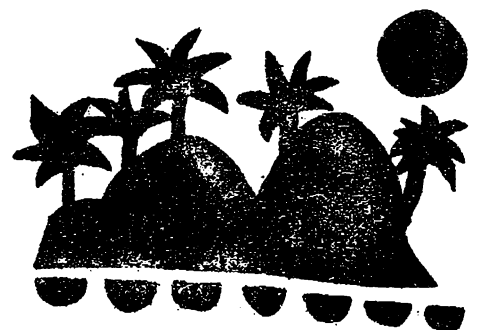
massive temporary concentration camps and most of them are still in detention today. Sukarno was also detained and he died under prison conditions in 1970.

To divert the whole issue, the Suharto military junta also unleashed anti-chinese racial riots in which thousands of Indonesia Chinese were slaughtered. Foreign assets nationalised by Sukarno were returned to the foreigners and further domination of Indonesia was encouraged.

After 12 years of military rule, Indonesia is at present in a ter-

rible state of affair. Indonesia is well-known for its corruption. Corruption has become so much a way of life in Indonesia that little attempts are being made to cover it up. Wages in Indonesia is one of the lowest in the World and the life of the working people is comparable to life during the post industrial revolution period. In 1974, some industries which retrenched workers in Singapore actually expanded operations in Indonesia because of the even cheaper labour available. Illiteracy is

widespread, especially in the rural areas, and it seemed that the government is making little attempt to rectify the situation. Political repression is, of course, outright. In 1974, over a hundred students were executed for staging an Anti-Japanese Demonstration.



郭女同学头上敲去！同时在场的六位学生会负责同志也被围攻，许多同学被击中了头部，其中一位同学被踢断了一根牙齿。事后，四位学生会负责同志被送入医院，也向警方作了报告，还折洽律师，律师认为负责同志有权力并且可以提出合情理的诉讼来控告他们，而且还能拿到达至二千元左右的赔赏费。

但是主要的问题仍旧存在，就是为什么会容许这类的学生(虽是少部份)留在POLY内？为何没有任何行动来对付他们？虽然，佈告上写着“拖屍是犯法的”但为什么“拖屍大王”这类的同学留在学院内？以上的问题也是存在许多人脑海的疑问，如果我们仔细去研究一下问题，就会发现问题的根源，佈告上虽注明“拖屍是犯法的”，但对进行拖屍者又不采取任何行动。更糟的是，助理注册主任布列士屯·三合士先生(Mr. Preston Schanhorst)在驱赶一批想进行拖屍者时说“现在请你们离开这些人，我已折接控诉，我不得不命令你们停止你们的娱乐”，除此之外，我们尊敬的三合士先生还说“不用担心，你们还有大把机会去拖屍！”照这么看来校方是在怂恿他们还是在禁止他们拖屍???

这年的迎新工作，院方没有与学生会召开纪律委员会会议，而七位被攻击的四位却是纪律委员会(学生会)的同学，院方难道是在鼓励那些旧生继续下去吗？相仗你可以做个公平的裁判吧！院方是在鼓吹还是尽量阻止这类的行动???

在报案后的两天，我们被召往见女皇镇警察局的犯罪调查主任。我们各别的向警探叙述详情。郭同学在作报告时，犯罪调查主任就进来告诉她，这事可以说是件暴动事件，而她是这事件的起义点，他还恐吓她，叫她离开学生会，否则她将会发现自己在漳宜监狱里。其他的学生会负责同志也受到同样的“劝告”，叫他们离开学生会。

我们不竟要问：在工院内存止这类流氓行为，难道是闯了大祸吗??? 如果我们没有做错任何事情，为什么在警局内又会受到恐吓呢???

我的结论是，我们做的事到底还是正确的，我们也将保持下去，争取更好的成绩，恐吓是永远阻止不了我们要做正义事业!!!

朋友，看完了上文后，你有什么感受??????

一位目击者

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them?? Though notices put up stated very clearly that RAGGING IS AN OFFENCE, why is ragging still existing?? No action had ever been taken on a ragger. Even people like the Assistant Deputy Registrar, Mr Preston Schanhorst, dispersed a group of ragers ragging a freshman by saying "Now you all please leave this person alone. I've received a complaint so I have to stop your fun." More than that, our 'honourable' Mr Schanhorst even told the ragers that 'don't worry, you all still have plenty of chance to rag them!' So, are the Administration promoting or stopping ragging? You are the best judge. Throughout this year's Orientation, no meeting of the Disciplinary Commission had ever been called and incidentally, out of the 7 assaulted ones, 5 are D.O.s (Disciplinary Officers).

2 days after the report was being lodged at the Police, we were told to see the O/C crime of Queenstown Police Station. When we reached the Police Station, we were split up and a police Inspector took down a statement from each of us. As Miss Kwek was giving hers, the OC crime entered her room and told her that the case was considered to be a riot and she was the spark of the riot. He then asked her to stay away from Union or she would end herself in Changi Prison. Similarly, the others were given the same warning.

We are not doing anything wrong, why should they threaten us?? Dear friends, what do you think??

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This campaign waged by the Malaysian and Singapore students had been most successful and signified a milestone development in the students movement there.

FUEMSSO, apart from organising official conferences, also carried out various activities. Sports, educational workshops sight-seeing, film and slide shows, cultural activities, talks and forums were also organised to bring the students together to achieve the objectives of raising the consciousness and a sense of responsibility in the students.

Besides, FUEMSSO has been publishing a fortnightly magazine called the FUEMSSO News Services to enlighten on events and happenings in South East Asia particularly in Malaysia and Singapore. This publication is also available for subscription (For address, please see foot note).

The trend of students' movement in FUEMSSO had been encouraging and can be seen as a positive force working hands in hands with the brothers and sisters back home, towards a better society.



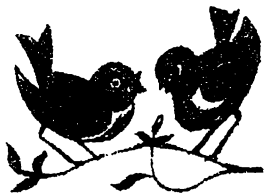
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在英国，有八十三名国会议员签署了一项决议，要求英国政府注意新加坡的局势。英国于此事也有其责任。除了举办官方式的大会外，FUEMSSO还举办了许多活动，如康乐、教育工场、旅游、电影与幻灯片、文娱演出和座谈会，其目的在予组织学生们以达到提高觉悟与责任感。

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