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Editor's Note

Beginning with volume 28, we are reducing the type size for descriptive text from 12 to 11 point. If the print is too small, send your complaint to rprovenc@juno.com.

We, the readership, need to contribute more to the contents of *Berita*. Contributions need not be especially formal, just interesting and useful communication with your colleagues. Professor Jomo Kwame Sundaram provides just that sort of contribution in the **Letters & Commentaries** section of this first issue of 2004.

Virtually all of us know of Jomo K.S.. Many of us know him personally. His contribution to the the **Letters & Commentaries** section of this issue of *Berita* began with his seasonal greeting by e-mail.

He is Professor in the Applied Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and in the Applied Economics Administration, University of Malaya. He is on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute on Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva, and Founder Chair of IDEAs (International Development Economics Associates) (www.networkideas.org).

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He has authored over 35 monographs, edited over 45 books and translated 11 volumes, besides writing many academic papers and articles for the media. He is on the editorial boards of several learned journals. He mentions some of his very most recent and forthcoming authored books in **Letters & Commentaries**. Other recent or forthcoming books authored or edited (but not nearly all) include: (1) *Malaysia's Service Workers* (authored with H.L. Khong); (2) *New Perspectives in Malaysian Studies* (edited with Mohd Hazim Shah & Phua Kai Lit); and (3) *Industrial Policy in Malaysia: A Chequered Legacy* (editor). More details, books and articles are listed in the **Periodicals** and **Books** sections of this issue of *Berita*.

Letters & Commentaries

From Jomo K. S.

I hope this letter finds you and yours keeping well. First, I want to thank many of you for your continued concern and support regarding my various legal difficulties which, because of possible judicial consequences, I will not comment upon.

Two years ago, I wrote that the problems in KeADILan and the BA opposition coalition have become more apparent, with little serious effort among most leaders to resolve them. The situation since September 11 further strengthened the Mahathir regime.

Unless this situation is creatively reversed, we will betray the people's hopes and lose the historic window of opportunity created, most significantly by Anwar's sacrifice. Unfortunately, the situation has not improved significantly despite Mahathir's retirement from the end of October. Abdullah is trying to distance himself from Mahathir while trying to keep M in his embrace. Among Malays, there are attempts to revive ethno-populism, but this is carefully veiled from non-Malay eyes by differential use of the media. Internationally, however, the new regime is trying to project itself as 'back to business as usual' after Mahathir's long rhetorical interlude.

Abdullah balances off his rivals, e.g. by appointing three Deputy Prime Ministers and by releasing Anwar, I will expect him to be PM for two terms. Last year, I also wrote 'Unless the BA gets its act together, which only seems possible if PAS will rise boldly to the challenge of reinventing itself, as Erdogan and AK have in Turkey, the gains of 1999 will be greatly eroded in the next general election.' I hope I am wrong and the opposition gets its act together before it is too late.

I am pleased to report that most of my publishing ghosts from before the 1997-98 crisis have been exorcised. In 2003, Routledge Curzon published *Southeast Asian Paper Tigers? From Miracle To Debacle And Beyond* (elaborating why SE Asia's 'miracles' were 'inferior' to those in NE Asia), *Manufacturing Competitiveness in Asia: How internationally competitive national firms and industries developed in East Asia* and *Ethnic Business: Chinese Capitalism in Southeast Asia* (with Brian Folk). Tulika in Delhi published *Globalization and its Discontents, Revisited* (edited with Khoo Khay Jin). Zed in London has just published *Deforesting Malaysia: The Political Economy and Social Ecology of Agricultural Expansion and Commercial Logging*, a truly collective effort (with Chang Y. T., Khoo K. J. and others), while I rushed out *M Way: Mahathir's Economic Legacy* as a sort of backhanded tribute to the old man as he was retiring.

The new year will also see edited volumes on the 1997-98 East Asian crises and recovery, Malaysian Investment policy, the long 20th century (i.e. the age of imperialism), pioneers of development economics, critical assessments of recent trends in development economics plus co-authored volumes on post-crisis debt restructuring and corporate governance, as well as law and economic development in Malaysia. I have also done the Afterwords to a re-issue of the late James Puthuchery's classic *Ownership and Control of the Malayan Economy* and for the posthumous publication

of Mokhzani Abdul Rahim's LSE PhD thesis on 'Credit in the Malay peasant economy'.

I am also pleased to announce that IDEAs, our new network of heterodox development economists critical of the Washington Consensus, has continued to grow, thanks to crucial work in Delhi led by Professors Jayati Ghosh and C. P. Chandrasekhar. Please visit the website: www.networkideas.org and tell others about it. We will have a strong presence at the forthcoming World Social Forum in Delhi and hope to do more work in Africa and Latin America in the new year. My own website – www.jomo.ws – should be up in early 2004, and INSAN's – www.insan.us – later next year.

I hope this letter finds you and yours keeping well. Best wishes for the holiday season and the new year. I expect significant new developments in the coming year and will keep you informed. In the meantime, I hope our paths cross again before too long and we will continue to work for a better world.

Salam/Peace, jomo

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Periodicals (Relevant to M/S/B Studies)

American Ethnologist

V. 30, n.3 -- Aug 2003 -- (1) Eric C. Thompson, "Malay male migrants: negotiating contested identities in Malaysia" [From the abstract -- Ethnic identity a basic dimension of Malaysian social and political systems in the 20th century -- Recent changes in development policies, feminization of industrial workforce, and rural to urban migration transformed the political economy -- How dissociation of Malay peasant complex in favor of urbanism and entrepreneurship impacts Malay males -- Negotiating intersecting fields of ethnicity, gender, migrancy, religion and class], pp. 418-438.

Archipel

Volume 66 -- (1) Daniel Perret & Kamarudin Ab. Razak, "Un nouvel essai de classification des *batu Acheh* de la peninsul malaise" [Concerned with the distribution and classification of Islamic funerary steles (*batu Acheh*), according to forms and inscriptions, from Acheh in Sumatra north through the Malay Peninsula (to Johor, Melaka, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perlis, Pulau Pinang, Perlis, Kedah, Trengganu, Kelantan, Patani) -- illustrations of the form types, and tables of numbers of steles from different locations, and some discussion of dating of steles], pp. 29-46.

Asian Affairs

V. xxxiv, n. iii -- Nov 2003 -- (1) Anthony Stockwell, "Malaysia: the making of a grand design" [The making of Malaysia by Britain was neither a grand design nor a neo-colonial conspiracy, because Britain was not able to control either its timing or its shape -- Lee Kuan Yew's consistent advocacy of merging Singapore with Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman averse to merger -- The Tunku's ambitions in Borneo for a "greater Malaysia" -- *Confrontasi* with Indonesia -- Lack of cohesion of Whitehall policy and the power of the Commonwealth Relations Office -- Lack of coordination in policy-making and lack of clout in policy implementation -- What an exploration of British official record reveals about the making of Malaysia: A 'Greater Malaysia' concept was central to the British pre-occupation with their post-colonial role in Asia], pp. 227-242.

Asian Journal of Communication

V. 13, n. 1 -- 2003 -- (1) Katherine T. Frith, "Advertising and the homogenization of cultures: perspectives from ASEAN" [(From the abstract) In the past few decades ASEAN countries have constructed coherent national identities through national ideologies based on unified sets of cultural values -- International advertising intrudes into the nation-building projects -- Globalization as a homogenizing force -- ASEAN governments respond by regulating the cultural content of advertising -- A focused examination of Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam, which share geographical proximity, but differ in political ideology and cultural and economic systems; and each protects local cultures through unique methods of regulating advertising], pp. 37-54.

Asian Journal of Social Science

V.31, n.3 -- 2003 -- (1) Hans-Dieter Evers, "Malaysian knowledge society and the global knowledge gap" [From the Abstract -- Knowledge the most important factor of production in a new economy -- Malaysia's ambitious plan to use knowledge as base for economic development and by-pass 'earlier' stages of Industrialization -- Some experts doubt this premise and that this strategy will expand the gap between rich and poor -- Author argues that this 'knowledge gap' is actually a precondition for development -- Malaysia is falling behind industrialized countries, but moving ahead of other ASEAN countries], pp. 383-397; (2) Rudolphe De Koninck, "Wessex Estate: recollections of British military and imperial history in the heart of Singapore" [From the Abstract -- Wessex Estate preserves some of the military heritage of Singapore through the names of the blocks of flats, all referring to military feats in British history, some going back to the 18th century, clearly

printed on the facades of 26 block of flats which were built for British non-commissioned officers prior to or just after WWII -- Names refer to battles or theaters of war in which the 67th or South Hampshire Regiment might have been involved], pp. 435-451; (3) Martine Julia van Ittersum, "Hugo Grotius in context: Van Heemskerck's capture of the *Santa Catarina* and its justification in *De Jure Praedae* (1604-1606)" [From the Abstract -- A reconstruction of Jacob van Heemskerck's second voyage to the East Indies and his capture of the Portuguese merchantman *Santa Catarina* in February 1603 -- Full manuscript 163 folios long, recaps all or most of the voyage and places visited -- Relevant to the historiography of the Malay Peninsula and Singapore], pp. 511-548.

Asian Studies Review

V.27, n.3 -- Sep 2003 -- (1) Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid, "Inter-movement tension among resurgent Muslims in Malaysia: response to the state clampdown on Darul Arqam in 1994" [From the conclusion -- Among *dakwah* proponents there was a 'holier than thou' attitude... through the 1990's, each movement held that it only had a truly Islamic approach, in spite of religious works advocating a diversity of movements -- Inter-movement diversity greater than in the Arab world -- As long as these fierce rivalries persist, there is no hope for a unity of Islam], pp. 361-387.

V. 27, n. 4 -- Dec 2003 -- (1) Yasser Mattar, "Habituation and choice in the process of consumption: a case study of popular music in Singapore" [Looks at the segmented market for popular music in Singapore -- Shows the way that Malays consume hard rock/heavy metal while middle-class Chinese youths consume Indie rock music with an alternating cycle of habituation and choice -- Identifies a process of abstinence from the genre of music associated with the other social group -- Consumption and abstinence equally conspicuous and socially consequential and reinforce symbolic boundaries.], pp.443-461.

Borneo Research Bulletin

Vol. 33 -- 2002 -- (1) Clifford Sather, "Notes from the editor" [Provides an abstract and introduction to memorials for Derek Freeman and for Anthony John Noel Richards -- Both conducted and published research on Sarawak, as well as other places], pp.1-4; (2) James J. Fox, "Memorials: Derek Freeman, 1916-2001", pp. 9-12; (3) Donald Turzin, "Derek Freeman remembrance", pp. 12-15; (4) Michael Heppel, "Memorials: personal impressions of a student", pp. 15-18; (5) Robert Reece, "Memorials: Anthony John Noel Richards, 1914-2000", pp. 18-26; (6) Temenggong William Linang (interviewed by Jayl Langub, Nicholas

Bawing, Clifford Sather), "Anthony Richards--Remembrances", pp. 27-29; (7) Dato Tra Zehnder, (interviews by Jayl Langub, Nicholas Bawing, Clifford Sather), "Anthony Richards--Remembrances", pp. 30-33; (8) W.G. Morison, "Memorials: Remembering Anthony Richards", pp. 33-34; (9) A.J.N. Richards—"Research Notes: a brief autobiographical note, 1981", pp. 35-44; (10) John R. Postill, "The mediated production of ethnicity and nationalism among the Iban of Sarawak (II), 1977-1997" [Second installment of a 2-issue article -- Expanded Malaysianization of the media in Sarawak with television replacing radio in both urban and rural areas -- Sibu as well as Kuching as centers -- An expanding Iban culture industry], pp. 100-126; (11) Quentin Gausset, "A short history of birds' nests management in the Niah Caves (Sarawak)" [Begins a very brief history of the exploitation of birds' nests in Brunei and Sarawak from 17th century to present, noting importance of Niah Caves -- By the end of 1950's collection of birds' nest a dying business, but local system of Penan traders still intact -- Increase in price in 1980s followed by economic crisis in 1990s -- Penan owners and traders replaced by Chinese in 1980s and 90s & less respect for the caves as resource], pp.127-139.

Comparative Politics

V.36, n.1 -- Oct 2003 -- (1) Dan Slater, "Iron cage in an iron fist: authoritarian institutions and personalization of power in Malaysia" [Assesses the conceptual and theoretical implications of Mahathir Mohamad's statement that 'Contrary to the usual belief that I am a dictator, I actually work as a team' in the context of his growing personalization of power since the 1980's -- Malaysia challenges the assumption that personalization signifies weak institutionalization -- Malaysia confirms that highly institutionalization of authoritarian organizations facilitate the personalization of power], pp. 81-101.

Contemporary Southeast Asia

V.25, n.3 -- Dec 2003 -- (1) Leszek Busznski, "ASEAN, the Declaration on Conduct, and the South China Sea" [Includes some separate discussion of the interests, policies and actions of Singapore and Malaysia], pp.343-362; (2) Pamela Sodhy, "U.S.-Malaysian relations during the Bush administration: the political, economic, and security aspects" [From the abstract -- Examines the closer and more complex relationship between the U.S., as the sole superpower, and Malaysia, a leading ASEAN nation, during the Bush administration and the closing years of the Mahathir administration -- Begins with historical context of the

relationship toward the end of the Clinton administration, then goes into the relationship during the Bush administration, and then examines the economic ties which have continued to grow, and ends with the growing security ties regarding terrorism which is now the dominant theme of the relationship], pp. 363-386; (3) Barry Desker, "The Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) phenomenon in Singapore" [From the abstract -- Traces the global and regional roots of the organization from the Middle East conflict thru the Iranian Revolution and the Soviet-Afghan War to Osama bin Laden, the Al-Qaeda and the call to jihad -- Harnessing religious orthodoxy and politicizing the ummah -- Not just a recent phenomenon, but an evolution of political, social and educational practices across the region -- Progressive states like Singapore not immune to its presence], pp. 489-507.

Far Eastern Economic Review

Nov/27/03 -- (1) "Regional briefing: exports lead the region's economic recovery" [Broad economic recovery reflects slowdown of SARS outbreak and US and China demand for regional exports -- Non-oil exports in Singapore increased 21% and the overall economy grew 1.7% in the quarter to September 30], p. 12; (2) Leslie Lopez, "Malaysia: the Islamic challenge" [Parti Islam Se Malaysia (Pas) raises the stakes in the battle for the hearts and minds of ethnic Malays with a plan for a fully fledged religious state -- Malays less than 40% of Malaysia's population, but constitutes largest ethnic segment -- Many Malays disaffected with UMNO, the linch pin of the ruling coalition, because of Anwar Ibrahim's imprisonment -- UMNO slippage began in 1998, and although it won 70% of constituencies contested in 1999, this represented a sharp decline from the 90% attained in national polls of 1995 -- Malaysia's democracy still subject to civil law with some matters (related to Muslims) governed by sharia law -- Pas has presented a plan to make Malaysia an Islamic State in order to lure Malays away from UMNO -- Hopes to win young Malay voters in states usually controlled by secular political parties, such as Selangor], pp. 24-25; (3) Chris Prystay, "Marketing: from a little banyan grows a big brand" [Despite a series of crises in the Asian travel sector, the luxury resort chain Banyan Tree has found ways to profit and popularity and considers expansion -- Son of family that runs Singapore-based Wah Chang Groups created growth of a chain of luxury resorts in Southeast Asia by opening spas in hotels owned by others, spinning off into Asian craft stores, and cross-marketing techniques to promote properties], pp. 36-38.

Dec/04/03 -- (1) Andrew Mohanraj, "Letters: Abdullah's

way" [Referring to "Nov. 6 – 'The new way: think small' failed to highlight two important points... Abdullah Badawi's interest in the war on graft in government and improving the efficiency of the civil service], p.4; (2) "Editorials: Hubris"[Last week the editor-in-chief of the New Straits Times was sacked for an opinion article on Saudi Arabia -- According to PM Abdullah, sacking not for articles on UMNO, but about editorial on Saudi excesses and the Wahabi sect], p. 8; (3) Trish Saywell, "High returns on drugs" [With scores of patents due to expire soon, companies with strong research and development departments and manufacturing capabilities are poised to grow -- Relevant to SARS and Singapore], pp. 43-45; (4) "Travelers tales" [Soon, dead people will be buried standing up because of shortage of space for graves in Malaysia -- cemeteries close to full capacity -- proposal for "standing graves" being considered as a solution], p. 51.

Dec/11/03 -- (1) "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [Pirated copies of Microsoft's next generation operating system, to be released more than a year from now, are already available in Malaysia -- Said to be the most audacious theft of software ever], p. 14; (2) "Regional briefing: Singapore" [Government announces that foreigners will be banned from the board of the Air Line Pilots Association of Singapore because the union has become too confrontational -- Union membership fired entire leadership for agreeing to controversial wage cuts during travel slump caused by SARS outbreak], p.15; (3) Michael Vatikiotis, "Currents: the struggle for Islam" [The rise of Islamic extremist terrorism has obscured a basic shift in Islam, rising conservatism in the mainstream -- Not a debate between mainstream and extremists, but within the moderate majorities in Malaysia and Indonesia -- Some discussion of Wahabism, Jemaah Islamiah, etc. -- Increased circulation of *Sabili*, a 'hard-line' Muslim affairs magazine in Indonesia -- Half-page cut-out on page 57 titled 'Recovering Islam's roots' by same author provides an outline history of Islamic conservatism in Asia], pp. 54-58; (4) Nuri Hitachi "Travellers' tales: monkey business" [Discussion in the Malaysian Senate on how to get rid of wild monkeys in new housing developments -- Lau Yin Pin proposes monkeys be given alcoholic drinks until intoxicated, then removed to the jungle -- Creativity alive in the Malaysian Senate], p. 59; (5) Don Greenlees, "Books: lost opportunity" [A review of *Islam in Southeast Asia: Crucible of Terror*, authored by Zachary Abuza (Simmons College) -- Political dilemma of the Christian intelligence chief of Indonesia, Al Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiah, extremist Islamic organizations in the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia exploiting

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bonds formed in Afghanistan in the 1980s and early 1990s], pp. 60-61.

Dec/18/03 -- (1) "Regional briefing: budget airlines look set to blossom in Asia" [Singapore Airlines announced that it will enter the very competitive budget-airline market by launching Tiger Airlines which will join European Ryanair to form the new company to compete with Virgin Blue (Australia) and AirAsia (Malaysia/Thailand)], p. 14

Dec/25/03 -- (1) Carool Kersten, "Letters: Saudi intervention" [Praises FEER's editorial 'on the blatant intervention by Saudia Arabia in Malaysian press politics], p. 3; (2) "Intelligence: Goh and Abdullah to meet in Johor" [Singapore PM Goh Chok Tong accepts invitation from Malaysian PM Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to attend a Jan. 25 Lunar New Year open house, in Johor Baru, Malaysia -- First meeting of either's home country since Abdullah took office October 31 -- Senior cabinet members of both countries to attend also -- Malaysian-proposed new causeway between Malaysia and Singapore, to which Singapore objects, a probable topic], p. 8; (3) Leslie Lopez, "He's no Mahathir, and that's OK" [Not even 2 months in office, PM Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has begun to distinguish himself from his well-known predecessor by shelving a huge infrastructure project and shaking up the government's long-running status quo], pp. 12-14; (4) S. Jayasankaran, "Petronas strikes gold" [At last, the national oil company takes the top spot, and high time too; It's profitable, global and well managed -- Return on net revenue was 33% last year, among the highest in the global oil industry], pp. 70-71; (5) Trish Saywell, "SIA weathers the storm" [Despite the double whammy of a war in Iraq and SARS, the Singapore national flag carrier maintained its top spot and even opened new routes], pp. 76-77; (6) Trish Saywell, "Purrfect timing" [The Lion City launches another ferocious feline, Tiger Airways -- But it may turn out to be a pussy cat], p. 100; (7) Rehman Rashid, "My city: from the ground up" [Nearly 20 years ago a group of Negri Sembilan royals and local architects retrieved the then 50 year old Central Market from its fish-scaled & curry-powdered dotage and turned it into a ravishing art-deco repository of the city's road-side businesses], p. 118.

Jan/08/04 -- (1) Elsie Lamb, "Letters: unconvinced" [Not convinced by 'vague quotes' in FEER article of Oct 30, 'One angry man', regarding a Mahathir speech which 'implied that Mahathir is instigating the Muslim world against Jews' -- Says if you read the whole speech it is clear that he asked Muslims not to seek angry retaliation or revenge], p. 3; (2) "Intelligence: gambling's back door into Malaysia" [In October, the Hilton Group

appointed Malaysian private company Scicom to take calls from customers in Asia for Ladbrokes, Hilton's betting and gaming division... Hilton chose Malaysia as its Asian all-center hub at Cyberjaya... about 35 miles from KL], p. 8; (3) "Regional briefing: Malaysia-Singapore" [Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Goh Chok Tong to exchange visits in January to improve relations], p.11; (4) Regional briefing: Singapore" [Manufacturing output fell by 10.3% in November], p. 11; (5) S. Jayasankaran, "Malaysia: police report" [An investigation into the powerful police department is a crowd-pleaser with political heft -- Just 2 months after taking office the new Malaysia PM announced that government would set up a royal commission to undertake a comprehensive review of the police force corruption and abuse], p. 17; (6) Farish A. Noor, "Sharia gambit in Malaysia" [About the contentious debate over sharia (Islamic law) and hudud (Islamic punishment) and the Islamization 'race'], p. 22; (7) "Travellers' tales: Datuk data" [A 'plague' of *datuks* and *tan sris* among the nouveau riche of Malaysia], p. 52; (8) Cris Prystay, "When blackouts count" [Human resources experts advise executives to spend quality time with their employees... Sanjay Mirchandani elevates it to an art form], p.54.

Jan/15/04 -- (1) Patrick Chen, "Letters: UMNO's prospects" [The new PM's personal faith will lend him a certain credibility among the Muslim electorate, and help depoliticize the issue of religion], p. 3; (2) Trish Saywell, "4th Young Inventors Awards: promising prospects" [There is growing demand in Asia for experts in science and technology sectors, good news for bright young researchers and inventors -- 92 nominations, 5 for Malaysians and 37 for Singaporeans] pp. 36-42; (3) S. Jayasankaran, "Malaysia: tycoons in trouble" [Malaysia's new PM has introduced a markedly different style of governance from that of his predecessor, and has big business worried], pp. 50-51; (4) Tris Saywell, "Singapore: a question of jobs" [Even as the economy recovers from prolonged recession, it will be a while before growth translates into new jobs], p. 52.

Jan/22/04 -- (1) Kate Harriden, "Letters: don't forget Australia" [Disappointed that there was no mention in 'The perils of bilateral deals' regarding Singapore-U.S.free trade agreement affecting the Singapore-Australia free trade agreement -- Suggests that only the economic goals of the U.S. are worth talking about],p. 3; (2) "Intelligence: airport acronym dogfight" [Company that runs Changi Airport, Singapore Airport Terminal Services or 'SATS' already had problems because of declining traffic related to fear of SARS; now, media

taking its name in vain by using the same acronym for Senai Airport Terminal Services in Johor, so in response to Singapore 'sats' complaint the Johor 'sats' has changed its acronym to 'seats', etc.], p.8; (3) "Regional briefing: Singapore" [Hewlett Packard plans to invest \$1 billion over the next 5 years in Singapore computer manufacturing facilities], pp. 10-11; (4) Shawn W. Crispin, "Terrorism: strife down south" [The spectre of international terrorism in Thailand's southern (Malay) regions -- Regional security experts say that some suspected terrorists from Malaysia fled to southern Thailand -- Thai troops in the southern regions on patrol], pp. 12-14; (5) Trish Saywell, "4th young inventors awards: material advantage" [Gold medalist, young Singapore scientist builds minuscule scaffolds for human cells to grow on -- Applications include new skin for burn victims, new muscle and blood vessels for transplants -- Bronze medalists, young Singaporeans, Joanna Tan & Ginny Tan (not related) developed a new hot-house irrigation system], pp.36-38 & 40; (6) "Travellers' tales: armless enough" [Women in Trengganu, Malaysia banned from wearing short-sleeved blouses and any boss employing a woman who bared her arms would be fined -- A critic of the rules pointed out that 'Malaysia is a humid, tropical country'], p. 59.

Peninsule: Etudes interdisciplinaires sur l'Asie du Sud-Est -Peninsulaire

n. 45--2002(2) -- (1) Natalie Hoffman, "Le depart de Mahathir, l'amorce de bouleversements politiques en Malaysia?", pp.165-177.

Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia

V. 18, n. 2 -- Oct 2003 -- (1) Chan Kwok Bun & Chia Sing, "Migrant family drama revisited: Mainland Chinese immigrants in Singapore" [Unfolds the drama of mainland migrant families in Singapore in terms of their gender and generation politics], pp. 171-200; (2) Yau Souchou, "After *The Malay Dilemma*: the modern Malay subject and cultural logics of 'national cosmopolitanism' in Malaysia" [Explores the 'psychological depth' of Dr. Mahathir's understanding of 'the problem facing the Malays' and 'the relentless othering of the Chinese'], pp. 201-229; (3) Aaron Koh "Global flows of foreign talent: identity anxieties in Singapore's ethnoscape" [Draws on Appadurai's concept of ethnoscaapes -- Singapore's foreign talent policy to tap global pool of talent to make up shortfalls in the indigenous work-force], pp. 230-256; (4) Han Mui Ling, "From travelogues to guidebooks: imagining colonial Singapore" [Knowing about places through travel -- Travel experiences not in a vacuum, but filtered by preconceived images and expectations -- Examines

travel representations of Singapore 1819-1940], pp.257-278; (5) Elizabeth Koepping, "A game of three monkeys: Kadazan Dusun villagers and violence against women"[Based on long-term detailed anthropological research in one Sabah village -- Male violence against females an everyday yet secret village experience], pp.279-298.

The Economic History Review: a journal of economic and social history

V. lvi, n. 2 -- May 2003 -- (1) W.G. Huff, "Monetization and financial development in Southeast Asia before the Second World War" [Concentrates on vent-for-surplus growth in Southeast Asia and assembles for the first time the financial statistics available for the period 1870-1939 -- Analyzes financial development in Southeast Asia -- Assesses growth in light of the primacy of good formal finance in the development process -- Data on Malaya, Burma, Indochina, Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines], pp. 300-345.

The Economist

Dec 13th-19th -- 2003 -- (1) "South-East Asia: banking on education to propel a new spurt of growth" [Southeast Asian leaders terrified that their countries will lose foreign investment and economic growth unless they find more skilled workers -- Malaysia and Singapore enthusiastic about private education because it is better insulated from political meddling], pp. 37-38.

Dec 20th-Jan 2nd -- 03/04 -- (1) "Singapore: No more Mr. Nasty Guy" [Lee Kuan Yew is famously severe -- His successor, Goh Chok Tong is much friendlier -- This has prompted many Singaporeans to write him off as a 'mere seat-warmer' for Lee Kuan Yew's son... although Mr. Goh has been prime minister for 13 years -- Yet B. G. (Lee Kuan Yew's Brigadier General son) is supposedly set to become Prime Minister in 2005 -- Although Goh Chok Tong has suggested that B.G. should try to show his "softer side" -- Local media trying to show B.G's 'softer, familial side' -- Not to worry, in Singapore it is Parliament and not the electorate who choose the PM], p. 55

Jan 3rd-9th -- 2004 -- (1) "South-East Asian stockmarkets: a vote for equities" [After a good 2003, will 2004 be better -- Markets in both Singapore and the Philippines have risen more than 30% in dollar terms], p.52.

Jan 24th-30th - 2004 -- (1) "The World this week: politics" [Malaysia's court of appeals refused bail for Anwar Ibrahim], p. 6.

Jan 31st- Feb 6th-2004 -- (1) "Malaysia: not yet out of Mahathir's shadow" [Abdullah Badawi has done some good things, but the new PM had fought shy of the most important issues -- Is he a cautious reformer or merely a less vocal version of Mahathir? -- More openness and

accountability -- Fewer expensive prestige projects and more rural development -- Does not seem to differ with Mahathir concerning civil liberties], pp. 36-37.

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Books Books books books (Relevant to M/S/B)

Abuza, Zachary

2003 *Militant Islam in Southeast Asia: Crucible of Terror.* Boulder, Colorado & London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc. x, 281 pp. Hb ISBN1-58826-212-X. Pb ISBN 1-58826-237-5. [From the inside back cover: Drawing on intensive on-the-ground investigation and interviews with key militants, the author explains the emergence of radical Islamic groups in the region, examines Al-Qaida's role as organizational catalyst, and explores individual and multilateral state responses to the growing and increasingly violent Islamic political consciousness -- Singapore and Malaysia covered in some detail throughout the book, and Brunei mentioned as well.]

Bakker, Age F. P. & Bryan Chapple, eds.

2003 *Capital liberalization in transition countries; lessons from the past and for the future.* Cheltenham, UK & Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar. xiii, 263 pp. Hb. ISBN 1-84376-345-1.

[See especially: Ch. 4, Yung Chul Park & Chi-Young Song, "Managing capital account liberalization: Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea and Thailand", pp.59-84.]

Bunt, Gary R.

2003 *Islam in the Digital Age: E-Jihad, Online Fatwas and Cyber Islamic Environments.* London & Sterling, Virginia: Pluto Press. viii, 237 pp. Hb. ISBN 0-7453-2099-6; Pb. ISBN 0-7453-2098-8. [From the Introduction -- This volume is about 'electronic jihad' and 'online fatwas' -- Chs. 2 thru 5 focus on the embodiments and understandings of 'electronic jihad' -- Chs. 4 thru 6 are about Cyber Islamic reactions to 9-11 -- Ch. 7 considers fatwas and other forms of decision-making and authority in 'cyber Islamic environments' -- Chs. 8&9 deal with Sunni religious authority on the Internet -- Ch. 10 deals with Islamic diversity and authority online -- and Ch. 11 draws together the essential points of the book -- Its has notes, glossary & bibliography, including URLs -- Author can be contacted at www.virtuallyislamic.com -- Malaysia is covered in only 2 full (consecutive) pages of text.]

Frey, Mark & Ronald W. Pruessen, & Tan Tai Yong, eds.

2003 *The Transformation of Southeast Asia: International Perspectives on Decolonization.* Armonk, NY & London: M.E. Sharpe, Inc. xiv, 358 pp. Hb. ISBN 0-7656-1139-2. [See especially : (1) Paul H. Kratoska, "Dimensions of decolonization", all of ch. 1; (2) J. Thomas Lindblad, "The economic impact of decolonization in Southeast Asia: economic nationalism and foreign direct investment, 1945-1965", ch. 3, particularly pp. 44-51; (3) Karl Hack, "Theories and approaches to British decolonization in Southeast Asia", ch. 7; (4) Nicholas Tarling, "British attitudes and policies on nationalism and regionalism", ch. 8; (5) Tan Tai Yong, "The 'grand design': British policy, local politics, and the making of Malaysia, 1955-1961", ch. 9; (6) Kumar Ramakrishna, "Making Malaya safe for decolonization: the rural Chinese factor in the counterinsurgency campaign", ch. 10; (7) Albert Lau, "Nationalism in the decolonization of Singapore", ch. 11; (8) Wang Gungwu, "Afterword: the limits of decolonization", ch. 17. -- The other nine chapters are relevant, too, of course.]

Ghosh, R.N. & M.A.B. Siddique & R. Gabbay, eds.

2003 *Tourism and Economic Development: Case studies from the Indian Ocean region.* Hampshire, England & Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing. xiv, 167 pp. Hb. ISBN 0-7546-3053-6. [The most relevant chapter for M/S/B is (1) ch. 6, by Christine Lim "A tale of two cities: modeling inbound tourism from Hong Kong and Singapore into Australia", pp. 63-83 -- But there are many other references to Malaysia and Singapore throughout the book.]

Hew, Cheng Sim

2003 *Women Workers, Migration and Family in Sarawak.* London & New York: RoutledgeCurzon. xiii, 176 pp. Hb. ISBN 0-7007-1744-7. [A study of Bidayu women living through transformative times, who are immigrants from rural areas and first generation urban wage earners in the personal services sector -- Comparisons with research in other parts of Asia in the first two chapters as a means of sorting through pre-packaged Western concepts, feminist ethnography, and concepts drawn from published research on other Asian cultures, such as 'household', productive to find appropriate guidance for the research at hand -- Chapter 3 continues with the author's concern with factors affecting the quality of ethnography by exploring the possible effect of her being not a Western educated stranger in a foreign place, but a Western educated ethnographer/native in her own home town -- Other chapters on "The socio-economic context of change," "To market to market: rural-urban migration and

becoming modern," "Overqualified and underpaid: wage work in the personal services sector," "Sex and salaries: single women migrants in the city," "Marriage, money and men: working mothers and their households," "The hand that rocks the cradle leaves wage work: Bidayuh housewives," "Holding their own: four women and their stories," "Conclusion" -- A very interesting read!]

Kahin, George McT.

2003 *Southeast Asia: a Testament*. London & New York: RoutledgeCurzon. xxiv, 350 pp. Pb. ISBN 0-415-29976-4; Hb. ISBN 0-415-29975-6. [From the back cover -- Offers a unique perspective on American involvement in Southeast Asia, from the 1940's to the 1970s -- Biting critique of postwar American policy towards the area -- An enthralling account of the author's personal experiences in revolutionary Indonesia and Vietnam, and of his attempts to bring US policy into accord with Southeast Asian realities -- See especially, Chapter 7, "Struggle over Malaysia" -- Also see an excellent but brief review of Kahin's new book in *Asian Studies Review* V.27, n.4 -Dec2003, pp. 530-531, by John Legge].

Keshishoglou, John & Pieter Aquilia

2003 *Electronic Broadcast Media in Singapore and the Region*. Singapore: Asia Media Information & Communication Centre & School of Communication and Information, Nanyang University. xii, 299 pp. Pb. ISBN 9971-905-96-5. [From the "Forward" by Eddie C.Y. Kuo -- The first textbook of its kind for students in the region, using regional materials -- A close-up look at the ever-changing electronic and broadcast media in Singapore and the region -- The impact of media on adults and children based on research -- Separate chapters on Malaysia & Indonesia (ch. 11) and Brunei (ch.13).]

Martin, Susan M.

2003 *The UP Saga*. Copenhagen: NIAS Press. xii, 356 pp. Hb. ISBN 87-91114-33-0. Pb. ISBN 87-91114-20-9. [From the back cover -- The story of United Plantations Berhad (UP), an oil palm firm of Scandinavian origin that spanned both colonial and independent regimes in Malaysia -- It evolved along lines very different from the usual British imperial business -- The author had full access to all the voluminous records of the company -- Descriptions of the crisis years of economic depression, Japanese Occupation, the turmoil of the Emergency, followed by *Merdeka* and the years of spectacular economic growth -- Success of the firm based on an extraordinary combination of agricultural, engineering and marketing innovation coupled with the company's engagement and commitment to its local environment.]

Miksic, John N., ed.

2003 *Earthenware in Southeast Asia: Proceedings of the Singapore Symposium on Premodern Southeast Asian Earthenwares*. Singapore: Singapore University Press. xxiii, 370 pp. Hb. (large size) ISBN 9971-69-271-6. [This volume represents research reported upon at the Singapore Symposium on Premodern Southeast Asian Earthenware held July 9-11, 1998 -- Some chapters in the volume were not reported on at the symposium, but were added later to provide the most comprehensive coverage of the topic possible, one paper on Laos was published elsewhere, and a paper commissioned for Brunei was unavoidably cancelled at the last minute -- Nonetheless this volume provides a comprehensive view of research, including bibliography, on premodern earthenware in Southeast Asia -- It covers the whole area of Southeast Asia, but the Malayan Peninsula and Borneo were very important in the prehistory and early history of earthenware in Southeast Asia -- maps, pictures, figures galore.]

Sen, Raj Kumar (ed.)

2003 *Economic Reforms and Development: Essays in Honour of Professor Suresh Chandra Srivastava*. New Delhi: Deep & Deep Publications Pvt. Ltd. xxx, 401 pp. Hb. ISBN 81-7629-437-3. [Chapter 19, "Cyclical fluctuations in ASEAN and India", pp. 282-296, by Smriti Mukherjee is the only chapter directly relevant to Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei studies -- The chapter attempts to compare cyclical economic fluctuations in ASEAN and India during the period 1975-2000 -- Overall, judging by linear trend, most ASEAN nations and India experienced three cycles during 1975-2000: First cycle 1976-85 for India and 1979-87 for ASEAN; second cycle 1985-93 for India and 1987-94 for ASEAN; and third cycle 1993-99 for India and 1994-98 for ASEAN -- some discussion of Malaysia and Singapore].

Sharma, Shalendra D.

2003 *The Asian financial crisis: Crisis, reform and recovery*. Manchester, UK & New York: Manchester University Press, distributed by Palgrave in USA. vii, 400 pp. Pb. ISBN 0-7190-6602-6, Hb. ISBN 0-7190-6602-6. [Focused on Thailand, Indonesia, Korea and China; No chapters specifically about M/S/B, but some brief references to Malaysia and Singapore.]

Sien, Chia Lin (ed.)

2003 *Southeast Asia Transformed: A Geography of Change*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. xxiv, pp. 452. Pb. ISBN 981-230-117-8, Hb. ISBN 981-230-119-4. [No chapters on individual

countries, but Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei mentioned in most chapters -- (1) Chia Lin Sien & "Introduction", pp. 1-46; (2) Vivian Louis Forbes, "Geographical change: direction and continuing issues", pp. 47-94; (3) Graeme Hugo, "Demographic change and implications", pp. 95-142; (4) Tony Greer & Martin Perry, "Environment and natural resources: towards sustainable development", pp. 143-190; (5) Rodolphe De Koninck, "Southeast Asian agriculture post 1960: economic and territorial expansion", pp. 191-230; (6) Jonathan Rigg, "Evolving rural-urban relations and livelihoods", pp. 231-256; (7) Philip F. Kelly & T.G. McGee, "Changing spaces: Southeast Asian urbanization in an era of volatile globalization", pp. 257-286; (8) Peter J. Rimmer, "The spatial impact of innovations in international sea and air transport since 1960", pp. 287-316; (9) Neil M Coe, "Information highways and digital divides: the evolving ICT landscapes of Southeast Asia", pp. 317-354; (10) Martin Perry, "Business networking and the changing industrial landscape", pp. 355-384; (11) Jessie P.H. Poon, "Trade networks in Southeast Asia and emerging patterns", pp. 385-408; (12) Wong Poh Poh, "Tourism development in Southeast Asia: patterns, issues, and prospects", pp. 409-442.]

Wang Gungwu

2003 *Anglo-Chinese Encounters since 1800:*

war, trade, science & governance. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. ix, 202 pp. Pb ISBN 0-521-53413-5. Hb ISBN 0-521-82639-X. [From the back cover: A penetrating study of the relationship between China and the Chinese with imperial Britain, the book examines the possibilities, as well as the limitations, attached to their encounters ... Takes the story beyond the clichés of opium, fighting, and diplomatic skills needed to fend off rivals and enemies, and probes some areas of more intimate encounters, not least the beginnings of a wider English-speaking future between the two countries.]

Welsh, Bridget (ed.)

2004 *Reflections: The Mahathir Years.* Washington, D.C.: Southeast Asia Studies Program, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. Printed and bound in Malaysia. xix, 505pp. ISBN 0-615-12487-9. [From the editor's copy of Contents -- (A) "Notes on Contributors", x-ix. -- (B) Bridget Welsh, "Introduction: Reflecting on 'Reflections'", pp. 1-12 -- (C) PART 1: *Dr. Mahathir and Domestic Politics*, pp.13-250--(Ch.1) Clive S. Kessler, "The Mark of The Man: Mahathir's Malaysia after Dr. Mahathir", pp. 15-27; (Ch.2) Patricia Martinez,

"Perhaps He Deserved Better: The Disjuncture between Vision and Reality in Mahathir's Islam", pp. 28-39; (Ch.3) Shamsul A.B. and Wendy A. Smith, "Serious Issues, Popular Desire: Paradoxes of Mahathir's Morality", pp. 40-47; (Ch.4) Karl D. Jackson, "Dr. Mahathir Mohamad: A Career in Comparison", pp. 48-56; (Ch.5) Rehman Rashid, "Destinies Delayed (But Not Denied)", pp. 57-66; (Ch.6) In-Won Hwang, "Malaysia's 'Presidential Premier': Explaining Mahathir's Dominance", pp. 67-76; (Ch.7) William Case, "Semi-Democracy in Mahathir's Malaysia", pp. 77-86; (Ch.8) Anil Netto, "A Black Eye for Human Rights", pp. 87-95; (Ch.9) Graham Brown, "The Enemy of My Enemy? Opposition Parties 96 during the Mahathir Years", pp. 96-109; (Ch.10) Meredith L. Weiss, "Mahathir's Unintended Legacy: Civil Society", pp. 110-118; (Ch.11) Bridget Welsh, "Shifting Terrain: Elections in the Mahathir Era", pp. 119-133; (Ch. 12) John Funston, "UMNO: What Legacy Will Mahathir Leave?", pp. 134-143; (Ch.13) Saliha Hassan, "Women's Political Participation during the Mahathir Years and Beyond", pp. 144-158; (Ch.14) Maznah Mohamad, "Mahathir's Malay Question", pp. 159-167; -- (Ch.15) John Funston, "The Mahathir Years: The Rural Malay Heartland", pp. 168-176; (Ch.16) Lee Kam Hing, "Mahathir's Administration and the Chinese" pp. 177-188; (Ch.17) Ong Kian Ming, "Chinese-in-a-Box?: The Future of Chinese Parties in Peninsular Malaysia", pp. 189-198; (Ch.18) Danny Wong Tze Ken, "Weaker Kingmakers? Chinese Politics in Sabah under Mahathir", pp. 199-219; (Ch.19) P. Ramasamy, "Malaysian Indians under the Mahathir Era", pp. 210-219; (Ch.20) Colin Nicholas, "Malaysia's Invisible Minority: The Orang Asli", pp. 220-230; (Ch.21) Graham Brown, "Restraining Autonomy: Politics in Sabah during the Mahathir Years", pp. 231-239; (Ch.22) James Chin, "Autonomy: Sarawak during the Mahathir Years", pp. 240-250; (D) PART 2: *Political Economy*, pp. 251-304--(Ch.23) Jomo K.S., "Mahathir's Flawed Economic Policy Legacy", pp. 253-262; (Ch.24) Greg Felker, "Mahathir and the Politics of Economic Policy in Malaysia", pp. 263-269; (Ch.25) Lee Hwok Aun, "The NEP, Vision 2020, and Dr. Mahathir: Continuing Dilemmas", pp. 270-281; (Ch.26) Lorraine Carlos Salazar "'First Come, First Served': Privatization under Mahathir", pp. 282-293; (Ch.27) Mohamed Aslam, "Mahathir's Unorthodox Measures: Assessing Capital Controls", pp.294-304; (E) PART 3: *Foreign Policy*, pp. 305-352--(Ch.28) Johan Saravanamuttu, "Iconoclasm and Foreign Policy – The Mahathir Years", pp. 307-317; (Ch.29) Lee Poh Ping, "The Look East Policy, the Japanese Model, and Malaysia", pp. 318-324; (Ch.30) Khadijah Khalid, "Malaysia-Japan Relations under

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Fri/Mar5/10:45am-12:45pm (1) Session 46 , "Round-table: What became of Southeast Asia's liberal moment? " **(a) Greg B. Felker**, Chair & **Edmund Terence Gomez** discussant – **(2) Session 47**: "Youth and sexuality in Southeast Asia " ; **(a) Michael Peletz**, "Youth, gender, and sexuality in Malaysia: the pink triangle and the struggle for sexual equality".

Fri/Mar5/3:15-5:15pm (1) Session 87 , "Muslim experiences in contemporary Southeast Asia"; **(a) Robert Rozehnal**, "From Karachi to Kuala Lumpur 'charting Sufi identity across the Indian Ocean" **(b) Anna M. Gade**, "Qur'anic education and interiority in Island & Mainland SEA".

Sat/Mar6/10:45am-12:45pm (1) Session 127 : "Southeast Asian regional identities" (sponsored by M/S/B—SG) **(a) Eric Thompson** , Chair & "Placing Singapore on the cognitive map: regional and global identities", **(b) Donald K Emmerson & Anthony Reid**, discussants.

Sat/Mar6/5:00-7:00pm (1) Session 163 , "Roundtable: piracy & robbery in the Asian seas", **(a) Mark Valencia** discussant – **(2) Session 166** "Political leaning? Understanding student activism in Southeast Asia", **(a) Suzaina Kadir**, "All's quiet on the student front: campus activism and the political status quo in Singapore", **(b) Meredith Weiss**, "With the people? The checkered path of student activism in Malaysia".

Sun/Mar7/8:30-10:30am (1) Session 185, "Firm & network in the study of SEA business history", **(a) Paul Kratoska**, Chair, **(b) Wei Leng Loh**, "Business networks in transition: Penang trade & shipping firms at the turn of the 20th century".

Sun/Mar7/11am-1pm (1) Session 205 , "Visions of the Malaysian state: transnational, domestic, and local perspectives", **(a) James V. Jesudasan**, Chair, **(b) Kikue Hamayotsu**, "Nationalization (de-privatization) of *madrasah* and cooptation of Islamic authority: state capacity and battles against (trans) national religious 'extremism'", **(c) Eric Kuhonta**, "The politics of equitable development: state formation and social reforms in

Malaysia & Thailand”, (d) *Natasha Hamilton Hart*, “The state as client: government agencies and external consultants in Malaysia and Indonesia”, (e) *Kazuo Takamura*, “Living in-between: formation of the Thai-Malaysian borderland from the Chinese perspective”, (f) *James V. Jesudason*, discussant.

A letter from the Chair

Dear MSB Members:

The program for the 2004 Association for Asian Studies Meeting has been mailed to participants and members. The good news is that it includes over ten multidisciplinary presentations related to Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei featuring a number of MSB members, as well as panels on topics related to Southeast Asia more generally. This is a record number and indicates a strong showing on the part of members and increased attention to MSB. The list is attached and includes one panel devoted to Malaysia on Sunday. This year’s AAS meeting features over thirty panels on Southeast Asia, which will make for interesting discussion and indicates greater attention to the region.

I invite all of you to the MSB dinner on Friday evening, March 5th. We are asking members to meet in the lobby at 7:30, after the AAS Reception. Please let me know if you are attending, so we can wait for you. This year we will discuss MSB issues at the dinner in lieu of the regular meeting. I will be circulating an agenda later this month. If you are interested in including any items, please contact me. Please pass the word to members and participants who might be interested in attending the dinner. You will see that the annual meeting for MSB is not listed on the program, so it is important that we pass the word to participants who might be interested in attending.

We are still undecided on the dinner location. As you may know, the hotel is rather far from the town, so choosing a location for the dinner has been difficult. There does not appear to be a decent Malaysian restaurant in San Diego. Tentatively we will head to old town, which offers a range of restaurants, and is relatively close to the hotel. The closest options are Indian or Chinese food. I welcome restaurant suggestions from members who are more familiar with the San Diego area.

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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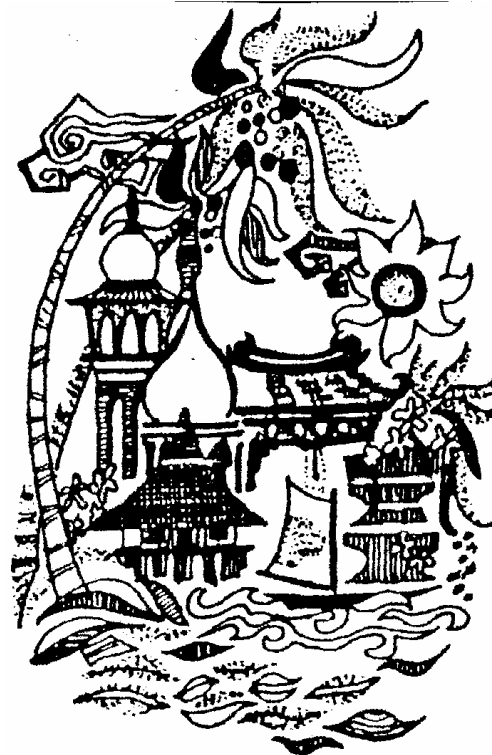
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