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Man of Action

IN London to-morrow will be Mesopotamian-born ("I prefer bush jackets to stuffed shirts") **David Marshall**, Singapore's dynamic Premier and Labour Front leader.

He will have talks with Mr. **Lennox-Boyd**, the Colonial Secretary, and senior Colonial Office officials. He will see **Sir Anthony Eden**.

Mr. Marshall has a number of proposals to make here. For he wants a definite date for Singapore's promised self-government; an increase in the number of elected representatives to the Legislative Assembly; and the holding of the Assembly's debates in Malayan, Chinese and Indian as well as in English.

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to be addressed to the Company and not to individual.

28th November 1955

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British Pathe Ltd.

Mr. Williams

Dear Howard:

This is to inform that Singapore's Chief Minister Mr. David Marshall will be arriving at London Airport on December 9th about 6 p.m. accompanied by Mr. S.C.Lim, Press Officer to the Chief Minister.

Newsreel coverage of this visit would be of considerable interest to Singapore, Malaya and other territories in the Far East and I would ask you to cover the item for inclusion in our newsreel.

Mr. Lim will be pleased to answer all enquiries at 44 Curson Street or Malaya House.

Very sincerely,
SHAW BROTHERS LIMITED

Jim Lawler
Publicity Manager

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VISIT OF CHIEF MINISTER OF SINGAPORE TO U.K.

FOLLOWING IS THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT TO LONDON
DECEMBER 9 - 17th OF MR. DAVID MARSHALL, CHIEF MINISTER OF SINGAPORE,
MR. LIM YEW HOCK, MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE AND ENCHE ABDUL
HAMID BIN HAJI JUMAT, MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS.

FRIDAY, 9th DECEMBER

9. 20. 1964. *North Conf Room 6.30*
BBC Legation
7.20 P.M. Mr. Marshall and Enche Abdul Hamid arrive London Airport
(B.O.A.C. Flight No. 871).
(Note. Mr. Lim Yew Hock arrived Dec. 3 and will meet
them at the Airport, as will representatives of the
Colonial Office, Commissioner for Malaya in U.K.
Enche Othman and Secretary of State (Mr. Lennox-Boyd).

SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER

10.00 A.M. Call on Secretary of State (Mr. Lennox Boyd), meet
Sir J. Martin, Assistant Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, and Mr. A.M. MacKintosh and Mr.
R.W. Newsam at Colonial Office.

MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER

A.M. Official talks at Colonial Office.
LUNCH Arranged by Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the
Labour Party, with Mr. Attlee and leaders of the Labour
Party at the House of Commons.
3.P.M. Meet T.U.C. Leaders.
5.P.M. Meet Secretary of State Mr. Lennox Boyd, and dine
with him.

TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER

A.M. Official talks at Colonial Office.
12 P.M. Talks with Sir Norman Kipping (Federation of
British Industries) and others.
5.30 P.M. Conservative Commonwealth Affairs Association,
Cocktails and meeting - Commonwealth Parliamentary
Association.
6.30 P.M. Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and
Commonwealth Labour Party Group.
Dinner 8 P.M. Given by Royal Institute of International Affairs
at Chatham House, St. James's Square, S.W.1.

WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER

11.0 A.M. Meet Lord Reading.
11.30 A.M. Interview with Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden.
1.00 P.M. Lunch, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.
6.00 P.M. Meet and address the House of Commons Conservative
Commonwealth Council, and Conservative Commonwealth
Affairs Committee.

THURSDAY, 15th DECEMBER

A.M. Official talks at Colonial Office.
1.00 P.M. Lunch Malayan League of Friendship (Secretary
Mrs. Lilian Proctor, 198 Knollys Road, Streatham, S.W.16.)
3.00 P.M. Meet Secretary of State.

FRIDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

A.M. Official talks at Colonial Office.
Lunch Mr. Morgan Phillips.
2.30 - 3.30 P.M. Meet Sir Edward Fellowes, Clerk to the House of
Commons.
DINNER To be given by Chief Minister to Secretary of State
and other officials and Commissioner for Malaya in
the U.K., Enche Othman.

SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER

* A.M. Press Conference at conclusion of official talks.
6.30 P.M. Attend Commissioner for Malaya's cocktail party,
Dorchester, (Park Suite).

X Note: Time and place of Press Conference will be notified
to all editors as soon as known.

REASONS FOR THE VISIT.

The Chief Minister of Singapore with two other Ministers is having discussions with the Colonial Office from December 9th - 17th 1955, about talks to be held, probably in April next year, on self-government and independence for the Colony of Singapore.

At present Singapore has an Assembly of 25 elected and 7 non-elected members (32 in all). The last elections were on April 2 1955, when Mr. Marshall's Labour Front won 10 seats. He formed a coalition Government supported by the Alliance of United Malays National Organisation, Malayan Chinese Association and the Malayan Union.

There is a ministerial form of government, with 9 members responsible for Government policy in all fields except external affairs, internal security and defence.

The Governor of Singapore, Sir Robert Brown Black, has reserve powers to act against decisions of the Legislative Assembly in the interests of public order, public faith and good government.

Mr. Marshall has stated that he wants an elected Assembly of 50 members; and self-government by 1957.

With compliments from John Batten Information Officer, Malaya
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Please ring Whitehall 9837 for enquiries about the visit; ask for
John Batten or Mr. S.C. Lim, Mr. Marshall's Public Relations Officer.
Late night enquiries to John Batten at FREemantle 2274
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR. DAVID MARSHALL, CHIEF MINISTER OF SINGAPORE,
MR. LIM YEW HOCK, MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND WELFARE AND ENCHE ABDUL
HAMID BIN HAJI JUMAT, MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS.

David Saul Marshall, Chief Minister and Minister for Commerce and Industry: Born Singapore March 12, 1908, education at the Catholic Convent, St. Joseph's Institution, St. Andrew's School and Raffles Institution; is a bachelor. On leaving school Mr. Marshall worked as a salesman and later became Secretary in a business firm in Singapore. Taught French in his spare time. In 1934 he went to England to study law and was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple three years later. He returned to Singapore in 1937 and started legal practice.

Mr. Marshall joined the Singapore Volunteer Corps as a private at the time of the Munich crisis in 1938 and was taken prisoner by the Japanese when Singapore fell in 1942. He served in P.O.W. camps in Singapore and Japan, being liberated by the Allies in 1945. Mr. Marshall was founder-secretary of the Singapore War Prisoners' Association; and is an active member of Singapore Rotary Club, and represented Singapore at the Rotary International conference in Mexico City in 1952. Mr. Marshall also belongs to several public bodies and has served for seven years as President of the Jewish Welfare Board.

He told the Press 11 days after his Government came into power, "We intend to work for Singapore's complete internal self-government right from the word go. We consider complete internal self-government, above all things, to be the mainspring of the well-being of this country. Whatever the details of our official duties, however we may become engrossed in day-to-day administration, we will never lose sight of our main object. My feeling is that as soon as we have complete internal self-government - at whatever stage of the Assembly's life that may be - it would be appropriate to recommend the dissolution of the Assembly and hold fresh elections."

Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat, Minister for Communications and Works: Aged 39, born in Singapore and educated at Raffles Institution. His father, Haji Jumat, came to Malaya from Ceylon, and served the Courts as Senior Malay Interpreter. Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat is Chairman of the Singapore Branch of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), serves as a member of the Malay Welfare Council and the UMNO-Malay Chinese Association Alliance Council. He also serves on a number of Malay welfare bodies in Singapore.

Up to the time of the elections he was engaged in the import and export business between Singapore and Indonesia. He is married. One of his daughters recently won first prize in a baby competition sponsored by Government.

Lim Yew Hock, Minister for Labour and Welfare: Born Singapore 1914, educated Raffles Institution; married with four children. Started life as a junior clerk drawing 15 shillings a week. Loved shorthand, is an excellent shorthand-typist, worked his way up commercial ladder to post of confidential stenographer. Mr. Lim may often be seen taking shorthand notes during Legislative Assembly debates to answer criticisms from his opponents.

Interested himself in public affairs after the war. Became full-time Secretary of the Singapore Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union. First Singapore man to receive British Council scholarship, and visited England through the British Council in 1947, where he made an intensive study of Trade Union and Co-operative movements. Served as a Nominated member of the Singapore Legislative Council from 1948-51. Contested Legislative Council elections 1951 and secured highest number of votes.

Was first Singapore man to receive United States Information Service grant in 1951. Visited U.S.A. where he studied Trade Union movement and political organisations.

Was adviser to several Chinese industrial trade unions and kindred organisations. Attended the preparatory Asian conference of the International Labour Organization at New Delhi in 1947 as Singapore's delegate. Elected President of the Singapore Labour Party in 1950.

Was formerly President of the Singapore Trades Union Congress and adviser to several non-English-speaking trade unions. Is Chairman of the Singapore Labour Front, the ruling political party in Singapore of which the Chief Minister, Mr. Marshall, is a member of the Governing Council.