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KING FOR FIVE YEARS:

Tuanja Sir Abdul Rahman is installed as Paramount Ruler of Malaya. The Duke of Gloucester represents the Queen at this solemn ceremony - first of its kind in the newly-independent Malaya state. Before the assembled Sultans, the Grand Chamberlain, reads the proclamation which names Sir Abdul as "yang di-Pertuan Agong" - he-who-is-made-lord. Ready for handing over is the Kris Panjang - the sword of state. It will be the symbol of Sir Abdul's authority for the next five years - for under the new federal constitution, the head of each Malayan state, in rotation, will hold the title of Paramount Ruler for a five-year-term.

Once the oath has been taken, Yang di-Pertuan Agong is officially in power. The ceremony is over, and the ruler and his consort leave the hall. A heavy responsibility rests on his shoulders - to lead the twelfth member of the Commonwealth through the first difficult years of self-government.