

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY
TOAST
VICE PRESIDENT'S DINNER
KUALA LUMPUR
November 3, 1967

Tonight, our final evening in your country, I wish to share a few thoughts with you about the peace . . . the stability . . . the social justice which you seek, which the nations of Southeast Asia seek.

Basic to all of this is security from aggression.

It is hardly necessary for me to explain this story to you.

For 12 years you fought -- and I suppose there were some who said, "what folly to mobilize troops against an idea."

-- and others who said, "don't you realize the futility of a military solution?"

But you knew that your enemy was not an idea man peddling his ideology, handing out leaflets, hoping to win power through peaceful parliamentary methods.

His chosen instrument was not the hand bill, but the hand grenade.

He was an armed terrorist, an agent of a totalitarian ideology who was trying to impose a new form of imperialism upon you at the very moment of your emergence into freedom.

He was an agent of tyranny, not a spokesman for Merdeka.

You wanted freedom, and fought for it, and won it -- just as the people of the Republic of Vietnam are going to win theirs.

In your case, allies from the British Commonwealth came to your assistance. In Vietnam, we and other nations are helping the young Republic survive its birth pangs.

But the process is the same: The only goal we have in Vietnam is to make it possible for the Vietnamese to control their own future in the same way that you in Malaysia determine yours.

Nothing has given me more heart than the progress you have made. You have given the world a case study in the vital inter-relationship that must exist between national security and national development.

Without security, you would be victims of the new imperialism.

Without national development, the military effort would have been futile -- an endless war in a vacuum.

I wish every American could come to Malaysia and see with his own eyes your triumph of democratic nation-building.

When brute force and terrorism are turned back . . . when people are no longer victims of violence, the vitality and energy of freedom can go to work -- to build and to create.

That vitality and energy are a living fact in Malaysia. You are building a free and just society. And you are helping others to do the same through new initiatives toward regionalism. We also want to help. We join you in a partnership of progress and nation-building.

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Once you directed from there the struggle against insurgency and Communist imperialism. Now it is the new center of your war against poverty, disease and ignorance.

It is this continuity of effort which has given to Malaysia its special character in the battle that can never close -- here, in all of Asia, throughout the world . . . the battle against humanity's oldest enemies.

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