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Tras sheltered the killers of Gurney

UNION ATTACKS

From LESLIE HOFFMAN

TRAS, Wednesday.

THE wiping out of Tras, the village which bred, harboured and helped the gang responsible for the murder of Sir Henry Gurney, began today.

By Saturday, Tras, which is seven miles south of Raub, will be a deserted shell. At dawn today, troops, police and civil Government teams moved in to begin clearing the village which has a record as bad, if not worse, than Jenderam's, the Selangor village which was wiped off the map last January

Its record is immeasurably worse than Pusing's, the town which was called the worst in the Federa-

tion.

The operation, which began today, is named "Operation Rodents." It is one of the biggest ever conducted by security or civil forces in the Federation.

From the point of view of the distances involved in transporting its inhabitants to detention camp and the risk involved in this trans-

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8 November 1951 - The village that bred, harboured and helped the murderers of Sir Henry Gurney is being wiped out. At dawn yesterday, troops, police and government teams moved into Tras to begin the operation that will obliterate a notorious Cofimunist centre. Whether action would have been taken against Tras...

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18 July 1957 - RALB. Wed.— Tras, the shuttered "ghost town" of Pahang, will come back to life before the end of the year. The Pahang Government has allotted 61 housing sites for hose wishing to return to the town, at the foot of the central mountain...

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THE SULLEN PEOPLE OF TRAS VILLAGE

8 November 1951 - iFrom LESLIE HOFFMAN TRAS,



portation, the operation at Tras is the most complex ever undertaken during the Emergency.

At one swoop, nearly 2,000 sullen, unco-operative people are to be taken from their homes and placed under detention.

Their screening will begin immediately, but it is expected to take some considerable time.



The Federation Government today issued its indictment of Tras and its inhabitants.

One of its principal crimes, the official statement said, was that it had supported and allowed to operate around it the gang responsible for Sir Henry Gurney's killing.

But Tras' bad record goes far beyond the murder which took place a month ago yesterday.



Captured terrorist documents, the Government said, have referred to the village as a centre of very great importance to the terrorism in Western Pahang.

"It is even more than that," an official spokesman said last night. "It is the centre of all terrorist communications moving north and south, east and west in the Federation."



Specifically, Tras was a "sealed lips town," the most tightly sealed in Pahang, if not in the Federation.

During the last three years, 15 battles have occurred in Tras. In these, 20 people have been killed and 14 wounded.

There have been 25 cases of attempted murder. Of the murders two have taken place in the town itself. One was in broad daylight. That murder was particularly atrocious in its perpetration.

A gang of terrorists walked into the principal club in the town, dragged out a victim and killed him in the sight of many of the townspeople.

Yet, in not a single instance has

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Wednesday. [N] Tras today men and women and little children set up praying tables and asked their gods for a safe journey and quick return. But there will be no quick returns for most of the 2,000 inhabitants of this...

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Big hunt enters its final phase

18 October 1951 - Big hunt enters its final phase RAUB, Wed. THE final phase of the operations against the bandits who killed Sir Henry Gurney is about to start. There has been heavy running, shelling, bombing and patrolling for the past ten days. Raub is the centre of the most intensive operations of...

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3 Reds [one a top man] give up

27 November 1955 - RAUB. Saturday. THREE terrorists, one of them a district committee member, surrendered in a little village on the road between Tranum and Bentong in Pahang today. They walked into the village, stopped the first man they saw and told him. "We want..."

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