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A PETITION to the Singapore Muslim Advisory Board for women representatives on four of their seats will be made by Che Zahara binte Noor Mohammed, President of the Malay Women's Welfare Association, Singapore. If this fails, she may be forced to seek aid from the government. At the moment only government nominees are qualified to sit on the board. An elected body in their place would be better, Che Zahara thinks.

Dr. Purcell, author of many books on Malaya and Principal Adviser on Chinese Affairs to the British Military Administration in Malaya in 1945, was speaking to an indoctrination meeting for leaders of the United Nations Association.

The imposition of collective punishment, announced by the Federation Government during the early part of December, 1950 was also criticised in Malaya recently by the president of the Saberkas Association, Kedah, Che Mohamed Khir.

This association, which is affiliated to the UMNO, was of the opinion that the "branding of any particular community as evildoers tended to increase rather than reduce communal friction."

The latest example of collective punishment was the evacuation of the entire population of



the **NLB** township of Jenderam in Selangor.

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The two recent outstanding instances of collective punishment in the Federation were the fining of the villages of Sungkok in Kedah and those of Pusing in Perak.

Sungkok villagers were fined \$25,000 and Pusing villagers \$40,000.

According to a gazette notification published in Kuala Lumpur in December last year, no appeal shall lie from any order made under the regulation governing collective punishments, nor shall any such order be called in question in any court whether by writ or otherwise.

“Any person who has failed to pay a part of any fine or cost of additional police and has no movable property which can be turned into cash to pay the fine, neglects or refuses to do roadwork or other public works in the area is liable to rigorous imprisonment for a term exceeding three years.”



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