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Standard London Correspondent

LONDON, Tues.—The town of Jenderam may become as notorious as Guernica or Lidice, the Manchester Guardian worries today.

In an editorial entitled "The Strong Arm?" The Guardian comments: "There are some rather startling reports of vigorous action by the Army and the Police in Malaya.

"The small town named Jenderam in Selangor had become the headquarters of a Malay Communist leader and of his deputies. From it came a stream of Communist propaganda.

"A Malay school master had been murdered and this had for some time been hushed up. It seems clear that part of the inhabitants either sympathise with Communists or have been terrorised into collusion. But retribution has been extraordinarily radical.

"Jenderam seemed simply blotted out. Nobody, it is true has been killed but Troops and Police arrived at dawn one day last week and carried off the entire population of 1,500 to settlements a hundred of miles away.

"What these people could not



carry in trucks sent for them—their livestock for example—will be auctioned. Houses for a radius of 12 miles will be destroyed. In Poh Sin Poh

"This undoubtedly shows Government means business but what kind of business? Jenderam was provocative. But to blot out a town is a new line in British administration. In Poh Sin Poh (Star News) (Star News)

"Communist propaganda will try to make Jenderam as notorious as say Guernica and Lidice." In Poh Sin Poh (Star News) (Star News)

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