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Jenderam Compared To Lidice

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 hundreds 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.
“This undoubtedly shows Gov-
ernment means business but
what kind of business? Jen-
deram was provocative. But to
blot out a town is a new line
in British administration.
“Communist propaganda will
try to make Jenderam as
notorious as say Guernica and
Lidice.”

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