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LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter)—Mr. Tom Cook, Colonial Under-Secretary, told the House of Commons today that the detention of 1,600 inhabitants of Jenderam, Malaya last month was exceptional.

Replying to questions by Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Cook said: "The reason for this action was that Jenderan had long been a hotbed of Communist activities. It had been a centre for providing supplies and recruits for terrorist bands operating in South Selangor. No information whatever had been forthcoming from the inhabitants."

The people are being well cared for and will receive compensation for goods they were unable to take with them. Those who are eventually resettled will of course receive government assistance in the normal course.

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