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"THIS is the first time since the Emergency started in 1948," observed Utusan Melayu, "that a Malay leader has had the guts to refer publicly in the Council to those Malays who are suffering under the Emergency regulation."

The leader in question was Capt. Hussain Onn who asked a question about Jenderam. Up till now, continued Utusan the attitude of Malay leaders had been that if they had asked questions about detainees they would have been treated as bandits by the Government.

Utusan claimed that it had attempted to do what it could to raise questions about detainees, but they are glad that Capt. Hussain has not taken the matter up.

The paper hoped that Capt. Hussain's question would result in a wholesale review of the cases of Malay detainees who have languished in detention camps for nearly three years.

Since the Emergency is not likely to end within the next three years, Utusan felt that some of the detainees cases must be reviewed with a view to releasing them.

Utusan then mentioned the case of Ishak bin Haji Mohamed, president of the defunct M.N.P. It felt that there was no reason for his continued de-

Government and Councilors to do what they can to secure the release of Malay detainees.

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