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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon.—While the squatters in Besut were removing their property and assembling at the spot, which has served as the headquarters of the bandits, mortaring of a swampy area which, it was feared the Communists would use as an escape valve, was being vigorously carried out.

In the midst of mortar firing, the babble of voices as squatters packed their belongings and moved off to the assembly place, there was a domestic occurrence. The officer-in-charge of "C"

sector — the entire area has been divided into three sectors — was informed that a woman was suffering ante-birth pains. He telephoned for a doctor and was asked how long it would be before the woman was delivered.

He heard the cries of a newborn babe and answered back, "She has delivered."

An ambulance was sent and the mother and child removed. What surprised the officer-in-charge was that shortly after the woman had given birth to her sixth child—a boy—she was busily engaged in doing housework.

Tan Nee Loong and his wife are 42 years of age and once he had seen the mother and child carried away on stretchers, he set about collecting sheets of rubber.

GIRL'S BID FAILS

Another incident was the un-



successful bid made by a girl to join her boy friend in Salak. The moment she heard what was to happen, she dolled herself up in her "Sunday best" and tried to slip out. She did not go far, however, and was brought back broken-hearted.

The inhabitants of one house, which became the headquarters of "C" sector, completely disappeared after the issue of the pamphlets. They left behind all their property and only removed themselves and their pet dog.

A truck load of Chinese arrived just before the Press left, to claim their stocks of rubber. These were smallholders for whom the squatters acted as tappers. With them came a licensed rubber dealer who is expected to purchase the entire stock unclaimed by the smallholders.

The squatters were packing up their things cheerfully. No protest was raised about their transfer to a joint one mile away from Kajang. They were laughing, talking and joking as though about to set off on a picnic.

This, probably, is due to the fact that the authorities have taken a more lenient attitude towards them than in the case of Jenderam. The anti-bandit organization has accepted the explanation that these squatters, due to absence of any police protection have been compelled to dance to the tune of the bandits.

The people have been told that



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