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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Operation Broom will save the Government \$300,000 a year—the cost to maintain and protect the Pulau community of some 350 Hakka Chinese who have been successfully evacuated to a staging camp near the coast where they will stay for a short period before moving to a new area in Trengganu.

The operation was carried out in very heavy rain. Last minute work was put in on the track and the entire population was moved to Gua Musang in trucks, also a fair quantity of their personal goods, all their agricultural implements and their temple furnishings were transported.

Operation Broom has no parallel with Jenderam, which was a punitive measure. In recent months, the Pulau people have been much more cooperative with the Government and security forces although subject to pressure from the bandits.

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Padi, livestock and other pro-



Paul, livestock and other property which the people could not take with them were valued by Government officers and purchased. The Chinese stayed for two nights at Gua Musang where they were allowed to meet relatives and friends.

They were informed by Mr. H. R. Ellis, the District Officer, of the reasons for the move.



The manner in which they took the sudden news to pack up and move from a place their forefathers had settled 300 years ago and where they had lived all their lives could not have been better. There were no complaints or any grouse.

MR. CREER HELPS

Mr. K. J. Creer, who stayed with the Pulai residents for a period whilst operating with Force 136 during the Japanese occupation, was present for the operation and the people were delighted to see him.



The success of the move was very largely due to the whole-hearted cooperation of the residents who carried out instructions promptly and in good heart.

For security reasons it was necessary to keep the Gua Musang inhabitants inside the settlement for three days during the operation, but they took this in a good spirit of co-operation.

This is one of the many recent examples of improved co-operation of the greater majority of the Chinese in Ulu Kelantan.