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The recent killing of two notorious terrorists, Hithir and Manap, and the cleaning up of Jenderam, have brought—if only coincidentally—a halt to serious incidents. But the general situation has only slightly improved, although 14 bandits were killed in North Selangor in 24 hours recently.

In recent months the State has had an unenviable record, particularly as regards attacks on rubber estates, and it is probably true, as many planters claim, that until more troops are available it is unlikely that there can be a substantial improvement.

The long view

"MILKING" of the Special Police, in order to build up the regular force, is an unfortunate factor which is not very helpful at the moment although of course it is the long view which has to be taken.

Planters fear that some

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21 July 1950 - 'OPERATIONS IN JOHORE ENCOURAGING BRIGGS REVIEWS ANTI BANDIT WAR From Our Staff Correspondent KUALA LUMPUR, Thursday. 'pHE results of the new operations against the terrorists in Johore, which started on June 1, are "so far encouraging," Lieut.-Gen. Sir Harold Briggs, Director of Operations, told at Press conference in Kuala Lumpur...

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estates will be much more exposed to attack temporarily anyhow, and while conceding the necessity of strengthening the regular police they naturally wish some other way could be found of doing it than by moving trained Specials from certain estates and defended areas.

Selangor's problems derive partly from the fact that it is not a "priority" State, so that some districts have become a refuge, as it were, for terrorists who have found Negri Sembilan and South Pahang too hot.

Terrorists normally active in South Perak have also



operated in the Tanjong Malim district, which is now one of Selangor's worst areas.

The terrorists nevertheless have paid the customary penalty for increased activity. February, when 20 terrorists were killed, was a good month for the security forces, and the March bag has been even better.

One of the luckiest chances to come authority's way, however, is a much older though as yet untold story.

It began with the killing last year of Wui Hon, a Min Yuen leader on whose head was a \$15,000 reward.

As a result, the police in Kuala Lumpur were able to smash the Kuala Lumpur town committee of the Malayan Communist Party, abruptly ending a campaign of murder and sabotage which the Reds had just planned and begun.

A great deal of efficient, unobtrusive police work, about which the general public never hears, has recently kept Kuala Lumpur free of serious incidents.

K.L. is difficult



THIS happy state of affairs, however, is not regarded with complacency by the police. They have a hard task—handicapped by manpower demands as they are—in guarding and policing this difficult, sprawling town.

"The Malayan Races Liberation Army's" 1st Regiment, operating in Selangor, may be about 350 strong. It has divided the State into two areas—North and South Selangor.

The north has a man named Long Pin as Communist leader. He is believed also to command the 1st Regiment.

In the south is the notorious Liew Kon-Kim, arch-enemy of the Suffolk Regi-



ment which, based at Kajang, still pursues him.

Kuala Lumpur appears to be the headquarters of the local supply organisation for the bandits. The Min Yuen in the capital has several



and working in those areas of Johore, Selangor, Perak, Pahang and other States which have a large Chinese population of estate workers, squatters and villagers have come to the conclusion that the military and administrative strategy...

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Security Men Kill 6 More Bandits

25 January 1951 - From Our Staff Correspondent KUALA LUMPUR, Wednesday. QIX more bandits have been killed and another four wounded, the Federation police reported tonight. Two of the bandits were killed in the Kuala Kubu area of Selangor this morning. A security forces patrol was moving through...

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PLANTER DIES FROM WOUNDS

15 August 1950 - Bandit Ambush In Kedah From Our Staff Correspondent KUALA LUMPUR, Monday. A EUROPEAN assistant estate manager died of wounds a few hours after he was ambushed in Kedah this morning. Two special constables in the same vehicle as the assistant were seriously wounded, but the party...

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hundred members and large Chinese business firms are not assisting the fight against them—they continue to pay "protection" money.

Resettlement of squatters in the State has, as in other States, proved a thorn in the flesh of the Min Yuen. Not a single scheme begun in the State has not been preceded by bandit attempts to terrify the squatters.

In South Selangor, particularly in the Kajang district, and in North Selangor the fight against the bandits is warming up.

In South Selangor, quite apart from the 700 Malay kampong guards in one valley alone, there are the several hundred Home Guardsmen in Kajang town who are slowly training to take over certain commitments which will release regular police for jungle companies until more trained men are sent out from the Police Training Depot.

In Broga area, just outside Kajang, the bandits are reported to be living on food dumps and "being forced to move like fury."

Perhaps one of the most satisfactory signs from this very difficult district is that the police are beginning to get information of bandit movements.

The significant point is that this information is not held back for several hours until it is useless, but is brought in immediately.

Intimidated

SEVERAL thousand estate labourers (mostly contract labourers) have been intimidated in South Selangor. As a result, they have not been to work for weeks.

This intimidation by the Communists is believed to be aimed against the labourers' regrouping. It can be countered only by more security for the estates affected, and by better propaganda.

Another serious aspect here is the Communist attempt to indoctrinate Malay kampong people and utilise their assistance with food supplies.

The terrorists did actually succeed in Jenderam, which had a largely Indonesian population.

The two bandits who concentrated on this job were Hithir and Manap. Hithir organised quite a successful campaign in Ulu Selangor.

It is, however, still too early to say whether the killing of these two men has had a salutary effect on Malay banditry in the State.

In the kampongs

HITHIR'S presence in North Selangor, far away from his usual haunts, raised

the belief that he had been spreading the Communist cult in the Malay kampongs of the area.

Everything possible is being done to prevent food supplies from moving out of the Kuala Lumpur markets and shops to the bandit groups living off the trunk roads to Perak and Pahang.

Timber kongsis and squatters have been resettled behind wired enclosures in the valleys off the road. The village of Ginting Simpah, at the summit of the pass, has been moved to a point higher up the hillside.

Just when Selangor will be declared a "Briggs priority area" is not known, but for a large number of planters and civilians it cannot be too soon.



LIEW KUAN HUI
The Suffolks still pursue him