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It is distressing that Tanjong Malim should become a party issue at Westminster. After the little flare-up in the Commons, has come the debate in the Lords. It is right that Parliament should speak to its brief, and take seriously its responsibility for British policy in this part of the world. But there seems to have been too generous an intrusion of party politics in these two short debates. Even in the House of Lords, where the tone of debate usually is most urbane, there have been signs of heat and temper and, on the part of Labour Peers, a strange forgetfulness of measures which Mr. James Griffiths approved.

Labour critics have entirely overlooked the cases of Pusing and Jenderam. to mention only two occasions on which drastic action was approved by the Labour Government certainly on no better grounds than Tanjong Malim. Jenderam was razed, and its inhabitants motored off to detention camps where they were held for several months until a long process of interrogation was completed. And Jenderam had become what it was mainly because the authorities had not taken sufficient precautions despite the pleas of villagers in the district who had many times urged the

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8 April 1952 - Ld. Salisbury defends^ Sir Gerald's measures VILLAGERS WARNED LONDON, Tuesday. Marquess of Salisbury, Leader of the House of Lords, stated yesterday that there I was no thought of applying the policy adopted j in the silent town of Tanjong Malim generally J in bandit infested...

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9 April 1952 - Sir Gerald has full support of Govt. Minister LONDON, Tuesday. I ORD SALISBURY, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, last night defended the imposition of a curfew, ration cuts and other punishments on the people of Tanjong Malim following an ambush there by bandits in which 12 people...

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10 April 1952 - About forty arrests were made in Tanjong Malim yesterday, and in the afternoon the 22 hour curfew was lifted. The area as a whole is now under house curfew*from midnight to five in the morning, with a dusk to dawn curfew in parts of the district. There...

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Government to do something. There had also been Government negligence in the case of Pusing, a township which was fined and put under strict curfew. But no Labour Peer or M.P. protested.



Lord Salisbury's expression of complete confidence in the High Commissioner will be echoed in Malaya. There will be a relaxation of the punishment when it is clear, as it should be soon, that the measures taken have been effective. It is the duty of the authorities in the meantime to see that food supplies are adequate, and that the curfew order is not interpreted stupidly. To forbid the use of outside latrines is quite wrong. Lord Salisbury's reminder that General Templer has been given full discretion supports, of course, General Templer's warning that similar punishment will be imposed on other districts if their record merits it. Tanjong Malim was punished not because it was a black spot, but because it allowed the terrorists to thrive. The distinction is quite clear. There is no thought of applying a policy of severe restrictive measures indiscriminately in every terrorist infested area.



24 April 1952 - LONDON. I DOUBT if any news item from Malaya has received wider publicity than General Templer's "too many cocktails, too much Kolf" speech to the Rotariaas in Kuala Lumpur. Even the New York newspapers published extracts. Meanwhile, 248 M.P.s are supporting the motions and amendments arising...

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