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A Selangor State Councillor, Raja Mohamed bin Raja Alang, has made "a last plea" for the return of Jenderam's former residents to the village they were forced to abandon seven years ago. For nearly two years the authorities have been making up and unmaking their minds over Jenderam. This once notorious village was evacuated under the Emergency Regulations in 1951. In March 1956 the Selangor Government announced that the exiles

might be allowed to return to their smallholdings, said to be among the richest in the State. A similar assurance was given in the Federal Legislative Council in May. But nothing happened until October when the State Government summoned the energy to announce a million-dollar plan to re-open the village as soon as this was safe from the security point of view.

But once more a curtain of silence descended until in October 1957 the Prime Minister told a delegation that they would be sent back to their homes if the State War Executive Committee had no objection. The S.W.E.C. had none. Then in March the Selangor State Secretary confessed that plans had been delayed because of "unforeseen

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technical difficulties. The technical difficulties turned out to be financial. There was a difference of opinion between the State Government and the Federation Government as to who should pay — and how much. The State Government once again hopes to declare Jenderam a residential area in a month's time. This may be no more than another declaration of good intentions, but it is to be hoped that this time the promise will be kept. It is wrong that people who have been kept away from their land and property for over seven years should be teased in this fashion.



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