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ACTIVITIES BEGAN AFTER BIG FIRE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat.— Working quietly and unostentatiously is a group of Muslims in Selangor who are devoting their energies to the welfare of fellow Muslims. They work under a Committee known as the Muslim Welfare Committee, Selangor, with Dato Kamaruddin bin Ibrahim, Territorial Chief of Ulu Selangor as Chairman.

The idea of a welfare committee came to its founder, Secretary Che Abdullah bin Yassin, on a grim day during the Japanese occupation when he had to remove dead bodies from the streets. But it was not till late in 1947 that the committee was formed.

The first occasion when the services of the committee were called was when sixty houses at Kandang Kerbau in Kuala Lumpur were destroyed by fire in April 1948. The committee provided homeless victims with clothes and household utensils.

When national registration came along it assisted the authorities and saw to the registration of



nearly 2,000 people in Kuala Lumpur.

Clothes And Food



The office of the Committee is housed at Jalan Daud, Kampong Bahru, Kuala Lumpur's Malay Settlement. To this house have come an average of twenty destitutes and stranded persons a month for assistance. Some are sent to Federal homes through the Social Welfare Department, others who have relatives to care for them are sent back by the Committee to their kampongs.



The Committee sees to it that before a stranded person is sent away he is given a change of clean clothes and food. If necessary, medical aid is called for.

7 Members of the Committee do not seek the limelight for the work they do. In the words of Che Abdullah, "the work we are able to do is its own reward."



The activities of the Committee have been extended to granting financial assistance to needy Muslim children. It has awarded 20 scholarships of varying amounts to poor students who are not bright enough to become government scholars.



Two of these students are grateful to the Committee. After reaching the school certificates with the assistance of the Committee they succeeded in winning Government bursaries for education courses in England and Australia. Another protege of the Committee is student at the University of Malaya.

The Committee works in close co-operation with the Social Welfare department and the welfare committees of other communities. It is a member of the MAPTB to whose fund it donated \$4,000 last year.

Child Welfare

The Social Welfare Department values the assistance of the Muslim Welfare Committee. The department

invariably refers to the Committee all deadlock Muslim cases.

When some of the Jenderam detainees were found to be "white" and released it was the Committee who found them accommodation in Kuala Lumpur until Government permitted them to go to friends' or houses of relatives.

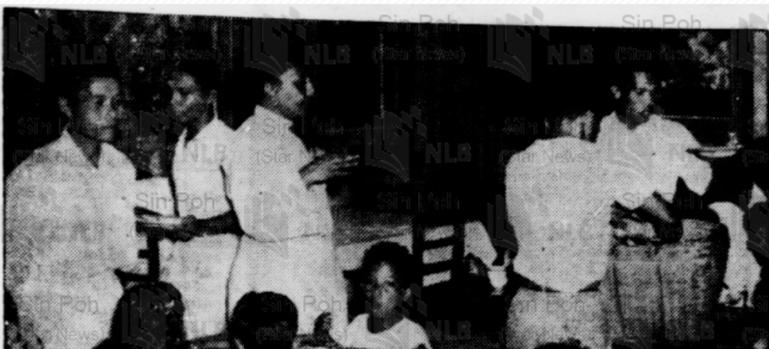
It takes a keen interest in the welfare of children in approved schools. On HARI RAYA days it distributes sarongs and home made cakes to boys at Sungai Buloh and Serendah Boys Schools.

The newly formed Malay section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was sponsored by the Committee. Two members recently volunteered to conduct first aid classes for boys at the Sungei Besi Senior Boys School.

Blind Malay children from Princess Elizabeth School in Johore Bahru use the Committee premises during their stop over in Kuala Lumpur on their way home or returning to school after holidays.

Funds for carrying out the work of the Committee is donated by members and sympathisers. Now and again it holds fun fairs to boost its fund. The Committee is grateful to all communities for patronising these fun fairs.

An urgent need of the Committee is an orphanage for Muslim children and an old folks home. Che Abdullah hopes that a suitable site in Kampong Bahru will be found in the near future.





Some of the poor children enjoying "makan" given by the Muslim Welfare Committee, Selangor.

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