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SOROTAN KE-4 / HIGHLIGHT #4: Suruhanjaya Perlembagaan REID Reid Constitutional Commission



Ahli-ahli Suruhanjaya Reid di Majlis Makan yang diadakan oleh Dato' Tan Cheng Lock di No. 111, Heeren Street, Melaka pada 17 Ogos 1956.

Members of the Reid Commission during a dinner hosted by Dato' Tan Cheng Lock at No. 111, Heeren Street, Malacca on 17 August 1956.

Sebuah suruhanjaya bebas yang dikenali sebagai Suruhanjaya Reid dibentuk pada 21 Mac 1956 untuk mengkaji dan mengesyorkan Perlembagaan Persekutuan Tanah Melayu sebagai persediaan mencapai kemerdekaan pada 31 Ogos 1957. Suruhanjaya Reid dipengerusikan oleh Lord William Reid (Hakim Mahkamah Rayuan England) dan dianggotai oleh Sir Ivor Jennings, Sir William Mac Kell (bekas Gubenor Jeneral Australia), Tuan B.S. Malik (Ketua Hakim Mahkamah Tinggi India) dan Tuan Abdul Hamid (Hakim Mahkamah Pakistan). Suruhanjaya ini telah mengadakan sebanyak 118 persidangan dan menerima 131 memorandum daripada pelbagai lapisan masyarakat dan organisasi untuk dikaji dari bulan Jun hingga Oktober 1956. Antara perkara penting yang dibincangkan oleh Suruhanjaya ini ialah pembentukan sebuah Kerajaan Pusat, kuasa autonomi negeri dalam bidang tertentu, kedudukan istimewa Raja-raja Melayu, pelantikan seorang Ketua Negara berpelembagaan dan pengkalan hak istimewa orang-orang Melayu. Draf perlembagaan dan laporan yang dikemukakan oleh Suruhanjaya Reid diterima dengan pindaan dan diluluskan oleh Majlis Perundangan Persekutuan pada bulan Julai 1957.

An independent commission known as the Reid Commission was formed on 21 March, 1956 to review and recommend the Constitution of the Federation of Malaya in preparation for independence on 31 August 1957. The Reid Commission was chaired by Lord William Reid (Judge of the Court of Appeal of England), consisting of Sir Ivor Jennings, Sir William Mac Kell (former Governor General of Australia), B.S. Malik (Chief Judge of the Indian Supreme Court) and Abdul Hamid (Pakistan Court Judge). The commission held a total of 118 conferences and received 131 memoranda from all walks of life and organisations to be studied from June to October 1956. Among the important matters discussed by this Commission were the establishment of a central government, state autonomy in certain areas, the special rights of the Malay Rulers, the appointment of a Head of State and the retention of the special privileges of the Malays. The draft of the constitution and the report submitted by the Reid Commission was passed with amendments and approved by the Federal Legislative Council in July 1957.

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