

By proper measure

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ONE week has passed since Nomination Day. You should know their faces by now. They've been shaking hands with you and your neighbours in the markets, speaking at ceramahs in the humid nights. Their days are long. No doubt that's what happens during any campaigning period.

INTEGRITY



- Robert Kuok, on Tun Dr Ismail
(interview Feb 10, 2006) as featured in
The Reluctant Politician, by Ooi Kee Beng

Don't be fooled by the title. This is not a book about the "80/20 rule" or "Pareto's Law." It's a book about how to tell,

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ACCOUNTANT



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“How can I do that? I have to make sure the other constituencies have this service first before Sg Siput. I have to work for good of the nation, not one group. Otherwise, I am guilty of favouritism.”

- VT Sambanthan, Minister of Works, Posts and Telecommunications, when asked (in 1970) why there weren't yet any public phone booths in his constituency of Sg Siput.

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STEWARDS



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“You pass this Bill, but remember that one day somebody else, perhaps not as democratic as you are, may be sitting on that very Bench; and when that time comes you—perhaps not you but the children of those who to-day support this Bill—will say ‘My God! We regret the day we introduced this Bill into this House’.”

- D.R. Seenivasagam, MP Ipoh, in Parliament on the then-proposed ISA in the year 1960

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“...There is absolutely no mention whatsoever in the White Paper of the UMNO crisis, the UEM controversy and other well-known financial scandals that took place over the last few years and were raised by the detainess before the crackdown last year. Why?... precisely because they were the real reasons and causes of the crackdown.”

*- Fan Yew Teng, on the White Paper
“Towards Preserving the Nation’s
Security” detailing Ops Lalang (1987)*

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EMPATHY



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“Time and again I have called on the government to take effective measures to improve the educational and health facilities as well as the overall standard of living of the Orang Asli. We should not treat the Orang Asli, the true sons of the soil in this country, as museum pieces.”

- Dr Tan Chee Khoo, MP Batu, on the lack of concern for the Orang Asal (article: The Orang Asli of Malaysia and Modernisation, 1985).

Vote for substance over style. Malaysia states(wo)men, not politicians.